United Utilities has 180 reservoirs across the North West, the biggest is Haweswater in the Lake District which holds 84,839,000 litres of water – that’s the equivalent of 350 million cups of tea.

The water in a reservoir never really gets above 11°C even on the hottest of days. Jumping into a reservoir can cause cold water shock which can kill even the fittest of people within 60 seconds.

Over 700 people drown in the UK and Ireland every year and many more suffer injuries, some life-changing, through non-fatal drowning experiences.

The number of lifeguards on duty at reservoirs is 0 as swimming is strictly prohibited, meaning it could be too late by the time help arrives.

You are more likely to die from drowning than by being hit by a car or in a fire.

Reservoirs contain machinery that can be hidden and dangerous.

If you had a crack at the brain teaser in activity No.1, then here are the answers...

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Thanks for reading, and remember the motto – Keep safe. Keep out.

FURTHER READING

unitedutilities.com/about-us/recreation-sites/reservoir-safety

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