



Our Lancashire Update – Pendle, Ribble Valley & Blackburn – 19/02/2021

Hello!

Welcome to my newsletter which aims to keep you updated across a variety of community related opportunities and information.



This week I've been back out on the frontline at some of our East Lancashire Vaccination Centres, and while I was at the new Burnley Charter Walk Vaccination Centre, one of our grateful attendees came back with a surprise box of cakes to thank the volunteers. 🍰

This **Covid-19 Volunteer Marshal** volunteering opportunity reopened briefly on Monday to enable a further 50 volunteers to apply. And applications will reopen each Monday morning until we reach the amount of volunteers required. Danny, one of our Covid Marshal volunteers made this brilliant short video about his reasons for volunteering. [COVID Vaccination Centre Marshal volunteer Danny shares his reasons for volunteering - YouTube](#)

But it's not just here that volunteers are needed. Supporting the most vulnerable people in our communities is a key priority for LVP and we are looking for volunteer telephone befrienders. As a volunteer you will help to combat feelings of loneliness and isolation by offering telephone friendship. Check out the Lancashire Volunteer Partnership website for all current volunteering opportunities <https://lancsvp.org.uk/>

Our Lancashire Events

In partnership with **The Red Cross** we're looking for representatives from the VCFS who work in the Nelson area. [Time to discuss Nelson community strengths Tickets, Tue 2 Mar 2021 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)

And on **Thursday 4th March at 2pm**, we'll look at how to **Shake Up Your Social Media**. Book your free place <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shake-up-your-social-media-tickets-141021907321>

Please also drop me a message if there's a theme that you'd like to see us cover in the coming months.

For more events and opportunities to get involved you can find these and other events running locally on the [Our Lancashire](#) website.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING ACROSS OUR AREA?

Red Cross - Time to discuss Nelson community strengths

The British Red Cross are currently trying to understand how we can be more community led in our work, and are starting by getting to know more about local communities. One of those communities is Nelson! As people who organise and provide support locally, we would really value the opportunity to hear more from you about the strengths and challenges in the town.

We are hosting a virtual event (on Zoom) where you can tell us about some of the issues affecting your community and some of the great things that exist within the community.

Join us for a 2-hour workshop on **Tuesday 2nd of March** to discuss Nelson, it's strengths, challenges and understand the goals of people locally. [Time to discuss Nelson community strengths Tickets, Tue 2 Mar 2021 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)

ETHEL CARNIE'S *THIS SLAVERY*: A Radical Tale from a Rebel Woman



This event at **6.30pm on Monday 8th March** is an 'in conversation' event for **International Women's Day** with Jules Gibb and Liz Robertson, creators of Mid Pennine Arts new [podcast series](#) exploring Ethel Carnie's 1925 novel *This Slavery* – a radical feminist and socialist tale of love, loss, poverty and politics. Offering a unique insight into why and how this podcast came about, the importance of the text and the impact that Ethel herself had on the

world, the event will also include an exclusive preview extract from the third and final episode of *This Slavery: Blackleg Beer & A New Career*. **Places are FREE but need to be booked in advance via [Eventbrite](#).** [Ethel Carnie's 'This Slavery': A Radical Tale from a Rebel Woman Tickets, Mon 8 Mar 2021 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Spot On Stories

We've been working on a new season of Spot On Stories for all the family to enjoy including loads of creative activities to help with home schooling. This season there's a new take on an Aesop classic by [Sophia Hatfield](#), a beautiful film about Chinese New Year with music and puppetry by [Little Bean Theatre](#) and a tale of valiant Vikings with [Tom Barry](#). We just launched a brilliant new story about birds today by performance artist and poet, [gobscure](#) and there are still more stories to come!

The videos can be accessed via [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or the Spot On [website](#), and all the content is FREE and accessible 24/7. We release a new story every Monday at 10am.

Yes, this season has a big focus on families but the grown-up season content is all still available via our playlists. And perhaps this is the time for putting on a story and making a brew while the kids are occupied?

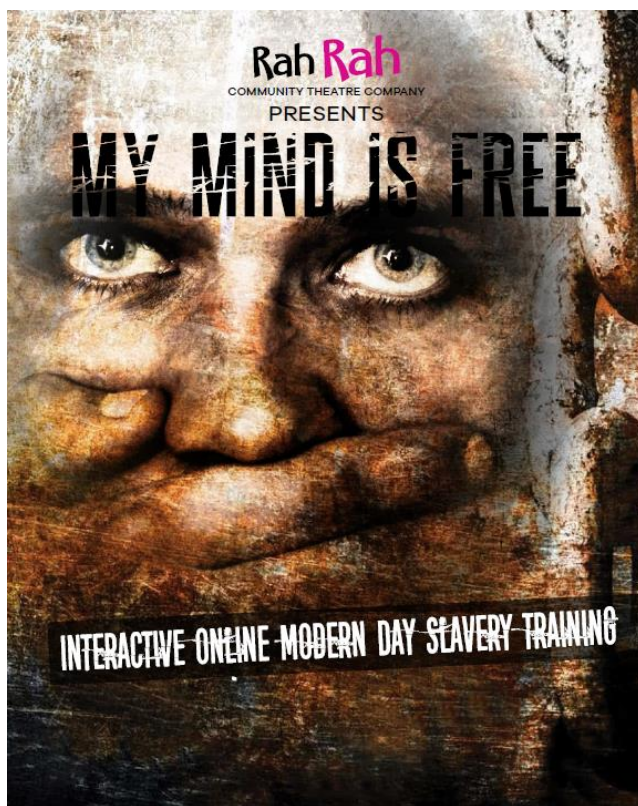
Modern Slavery Awareness Session – My Mind is Free

A limited number of spaces are available for a new online Modern Slavery Awareness Session on Friday 26th February 2021 - 10am – 12:30pm

The event will feature a film entitled “My Mind is Free”; a powerful interpretation of the degradations of human trafficking. It tells the interlinked stories of four people trafficked to and within the UK and their horrifying tales of abuse, exploitation and enslavement. Following this, attendees will then take part in an interactive workshop via Teams giving more insight into spotting the signs of trafficking.

To book your place please email Steffani.Hull@lancashire-pcc.gov.uk with the following details:

- Name
- Organisation
- Role
- Email address



MY MIND IS FREE

Interactive online Modern Day Slavery training

The training consists of the following:

1. An online version of the 5 star rated theatre production “My Mind is Free” professionally filmed with close ups and filmic angles to make the production more accessible and enjoyable for online watching. “My Mind is Free” is a powerful interpretation of the degradations of human trafficking. It tells the interlinked stories of four people trafficked to and within the UK and their horrifying tales of abuse, exploitation and enslavement. The production uses a mixture of physical theatre and multi-role playing to portray the epic journey and terrible risks that desperate people will go to in the pursuit of what they believe to be a better life, only to find that they are then exploited, ending up in a far worse position than when they started.
2. The film is followed by a workshop over Zoom. The workshop is live and interactive enabling those attending to engage more with the material. The workshop gives insight into spotting the signs of trafficking and highlights the difficulties and barriers when dealing with slavery victims.

‘THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ACTORS WAS INCREDIBLE... LONG-LIVE THIS THEATRE PRODUCTION’
Anti-Slavery International

‘NO MATTER WHAT YOUR EXISTING AWARENESS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS, MY MIND IS FREE IS DEFINITELY AN IMPORTANT SHOW TO SEE.’
FemaleArts ****

‘I DEFFY ANYONE NOT TO BE MOVED BY IT.’
WOW Kent

Twitter: @RahRahTheatreCo Facebook: www.facebook.com/MMIFThePlay/
Instagram: @rahratheatrecompany

Lancashire Libraries

Your library at home <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/your-library-at-home/> is full of brilliant reading, learning and information resources for everyone. You will need your library card number, PIN and an email address to use some of them.

- eBooks and audio downloads from BorrowBox
- Audio downloads from RBdigital
- Magazines, comics and graphic novels from RBdigital
- Newspapers from PressReader

Pendle Connects

Our Pendle Connects theme for March is 'Opportunity from Adversity'. Join us at 8.30am on 17 March, to hear from our panel of Pendle business leaders. They'll share their journeys over the last year, warts and all, and the projects they've been working on to support their staff, members, students and communities. Ask them your questions, live - then stay for optional zoom-room networking afterwards.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pendle-connects-opportunity-from-adversity-panel-event-networking-tickets-138735532713>

Canal & River Trust – Become a Volunteer Lock Keeper

This year we're looking for around 1,200 new volunteer lock keepers across 120 sites. You'll meet plenty of interesting people as the friendly face of the Canal & River Trust. You'll assist boaters, welcome visitors and ensure the locks are properly maintained. It's a great opportunity to learn new skills, work as part of a close-knit team and spend your days in the fresh air at some of the most interesting spots in the country.

- [Unlock your potential | Canal & River Trust](#)
- [Lead Volunteer - Pendle | Canal & River Trust](#)
- [Volunteer Lock Keeper 2021 - Barrowford Locks | Canal & River Trust](#)

Pendle Council – Local Plan



We're preparing a **new Local Plan for the borough** and would like **you to get involved** and **help shape the future of the area!** A **six-week consultation is now underway** giving residents, businesses and other interested groups an opportunity to influence development in Pendle up to 2030.

A series of **area-based workshops** will take place over the next six weeks to **help you gain a better understanding of the proposals** in the Local Plan and **how they might affect you**. All of the sessions and how to get involved are on our website. **(All consultation events will take place online.)** [Local plan part 2: site allocations and development policies | Development plan documents | Pendle Borough Council](#)

The closing date for comments is 5pm on Friday 26 March 2021

Our Lancashire

Our Lancashire is a Lancashire wide initiative to bring groups and communities together under the banner – "Let's Join Together" in order to make Lancashire a greater place to live, work and play. We are funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner and joining the Our Lancashire website www.ourlancashire.org.uk is a FREE Offer available to any not-for-profit social action group/CIC/Charity etc. running activities and events in their local community.

Building Bridges Pendle - Cultural Navigators course

A bespoke 5-week course to give people a chance to learn about community work. Last chance to sign up; starts Tuesday 23rd February [Cultural Navigators - \(nelsongroup.ac.uk\)](https://www.cultural-navigators.org.uk) or contact shabaz@buildingbridgespendle.org.uk

Building Bridges Pendle – Mindful You



Building Bridges Pendle in partnership with Mindful You

LET'S BEAT COVID-19 HOW TO BOUNCE BACK MINDFUL YOU

Mindfulness
Discussion
Meditation

FREE
Online

Starting
February 24th
From 7pm - 8pm

**A series of free online sessions
running over 10 weeks!**

The past 12 months have been the most testing of times for all people, regardless of background and circumstances. We have had to rebalance many life challenges such as; managing family, work, Faith, leisure, education and much more, under the shadow of the Coronavirus.

Whatever the circumstances, there is an opportunity for us to come together and share our experiences through discussion and meditation to develop healing, comfort, a positive outlook for the future and find solutions to share with others in our community.

Sessions led by Community Champion Susan Whitehead from 'Mindful You', an experienced practitioner in bespoke meditation, health and well-being programmes



For more information
or to register:

**katie@buildingbridges
pendle.org.uk**



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A series of FREE online sessions, starting on Wednesday 24th February, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm and will run for up to 10 weeks.

NEWS

Consultation - MPs investigate child poverty

A new inquiry on child poverty has been set up by a group of cross-party MPs that make up the Work and Pensions Select Committee. Contact's own research of census data shows that when compared to non-disabled children, disabled children are more likely to live in a household without a car, in a home without central heating and in overcrowded accommodation. You can submit evidence until **Thursday 25th February**. [Call for evidence - Committees - UK Parliament](#)

Consultation - Community Right to Contest

Strand 2 of the Community Right to Contest allows members of the public to request that the government directs the disposal of unused or underused land, including vacant homes and garages, owned by public bodies. This right is little-known and little-used, with only one direction to dispose issued since 2014.

The aim of this consultation is to strengthen the right and make it simpler to use as the new 'Right to Regenerate'. This will provide a quicker and easier route for individuals, businesses and organisations to identify, purchase and redevelop underused or empty land in their area. In turn, the strengthened right will support greater regeneration of brownfield land, boost housing supply and empower people to turn blights and empty spaces in their areas into more beautiful developments.

[Right to Regenerate: reform of the Right to Contest - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) consultation **closes 13th March**

Vaccination Fraud

We're sure you are aware of the roll out of the Coronavirus vaccine, which is a major breakthrough in the pandemic. This is a glimmer of hope for a variety of different people, with various vulnerabilities and underlying health conditions. However, fraudsters are already exploiting this. We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you:

- In the UK, coronavirus vaccines will only be available via the NHS. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a GP surgery or pharmacy local to you, to receive your vaccine.

- The vaccine is **only** available on the NHS and **is free of charge**. If you receive an email, text message or phone call purporting to be from the NHS and you are asked to provide financial details, or pay for the vaccine, **this is a scam**.

- Action Fraud has received reports of fake text messages, claiming to be from NHS, instructing people to sign up for the #COVID19 vaccine. The texts contain a link to an online form, which looks very similar to the real NHS website, where people are asked to input their details. **THIS IS FAKE**. You will **ONLY** be contacted directly to get your vaccine and if you are unsure, you can put the phone down, step away from the text or email and call your GP directly to check if this is genuine.

If you are unsure, **TAKE 5** and ask a friend or family member. For more information, head to: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/vaccine>.

Able Futures - Health and Wellbeing Support

Many of us may be finding it harder than ever to feel well while we're living and working in another lockdown due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

The idea of facing winter, loneliness, parenting responsibilities, changes, loss or bereavement could be affecting any of us at the start of 2021 so we wanted to remind you about how Able Futures may be able to help.

Able Futures knows that everyone is feeling different about the latest lockdown, so they've compiled a list of some simple things you could try to help yourself cope with whatever may be on your mind this lockdown.

Visit the Able Futures website for tips and advice on:

- Coping with loneliness
- Feeling your feelings, of anger, uncertainty or worry
- Taking care of yourself while you deal with bereavement
- Parenting in lockdown
- Facing winter

You can also apply online for nine months advice and guidance from Able Futures online or by calling 0800 321 3137. [Mental health during lockdown | Able Futures Mental Health Support Service \(able-futures.co.uk\)](https://www.able-futures.co.uk)

#LookCloser campaign

The National County Lines Co-ordination Centre, the British Transport Police and The Children's Society have launched the #LookCloser campaign.

The campaign aims to raise awareness of child exploitation and abuse, with a particular focus on public spaces. More information about the campaign can be found at [#LookCloser To Spot Exploitation | The Children's Society](https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/look-closer)

Papyrus

Recently Papyrus launched a guide which offers practical and professional advice to parents and carers who are supporting a young person experiencing thoughts of suicide or self-harm: <https://www.papyrus-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Supporting-Your-Child-A-Guide-for-Parents.pdf>

More News

- [We asked 70,000 people how coronavirus affected them – what they told us revealed a lot about inequality in the UK \(theconversation.com\)](https://www.theconversation.com)
- [Teen Mental Health Is Suffering in Covid Lockdown Isolation. Can Tech Help? - Bloomberg](https://www.bloomberg.com)
- [Sustaining resilience in communities through Covid-19 | The King's Fund](https://www.kingsfund.org)
- [Charity – its unifying force is needed more than ever, yet it's at risk like never before - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

OPPORTUNITIES

Lancashire Elections 2021 – Polling Staff Vacancies

Elections will be taking place across Lancashire on **Thursday 6 May 2021**.

At this election, we will need hundreds of people to help us in the polling stations. You must be at least 18 years old to work as a Presiding Officer or Poll Clerk and be eligible to work in the UK. Proof of your eligibility to work will be required.

If you would like to be considered for work in one of the Lancashire District elections teams (including Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool), please email your details to elections@lancashire.gov.uk, detailing which District/Local Authority area you want to be considered for, by **Friday 26 February**. Given the current pandemic restrictions you should only apply to the local authority for the area in which you live.

TRAINING & EVENTS

All you need to know about submitting a successful application (CIC's)

Sign up to discover what you need to know (from the Regulator's perspective) on submitting a successful application of incorporation or conversion to a community interest company, taking place on **25th February 11am-12pm** [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

This is your chance to get some tips on how to complete a successful application of incorporation or conversion to a community interest company, and to acquire further information on what the Regulator looks at when considering an application and solutions to the common errors that we see.

Tech for Good - startup investment ready & shape your venture for growth.

Reflecting the growth in Tech for Good companies in the North of England, NorthInvest and Bethnal Green Ventures are partnering to increase the access to funding for early stage businesses in this sector.

This practical workshop is a great opportunity for startups at the early stages of building their tech for good startups to work through various aspects of their business and help founders embed purpose at the core of their business models. We will help you think through the stages to get you investment ready. [Bethnal Green Ventures x NorthInvest: Tech for Good Investment Workshop Tickets, Wed 24 Feb 2021 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

RootsTech Connect family history conference

RootsTech Connect is a family history conference dedicated to helping genealogists of all abilities to take their research further. This year's event will be entirely virtual and completely free! From the 25th-27th February you can join in with many experts, Pro-Genealogists and other key speakers for the largest family history celebration. [RootsTech 2021 will be held as a virtual event February 25–27, 2021](#)

Lancashire Adult Learning - Introduction to Developing a Community Project

Lancashire Adult learning will be offering a taster session – Introduction to Developing a Community Project, this will then continue to an 8-week Free course.

Tuesday - 23/02/2021 at 17:30 PM till 19:30 PM

Course content:

-How to Write a Mission Statement - How to Write a Risk Assessment - Becoming a Constituted Group - Roles, Responsibilities and Team Working - How to Write a Project Proposal - Fundraising and Budgeting - Creating a Publicity Plan - Health and Safety - Using the Disclosure and Barring Service - Data Protection - Introduction to Mental Health - Introduction to Equality and Diversity

Register at https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=12359

Safer Sleep Awareness for Professionals

The Live event on MS Teams has been developed jointly with CSAP and colleagues from SUDC Prevention and the Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) as part of the Safer Sleep campaign.

Over the years there has been a significant reduction in infant deaths largely due to an increase in evidence-based knowledge and practice. Despite this, rates within pan-Lancashire remain high and are consistently higher than the national average.

The course is aimed at front line practitioners and managers from ALL agencies who work with children and families, particularly those who make planned or opportunistic visits to family homes.

Please note that all CSAP courses from 1st April including the above course can be booked on the following link. <https://lscb-training.lancashire.gov.uk/>

Going Live; Care Farming North West

This virtual event will take place on **Thursday 25th February 2021 between 10am and 12pm** on the Zoom platform. During this two hour event we will highlight the work of several North West based care farms and will discuss the different ways in which we can all support the growth of care farming and the development of a regional network in the North West. If you are a care farmer, prospective care farmer, health/education/social care/social prescribing or other interested professional based in the North West region then we'd love you to join us at our virtual Going Live event in February.

[GCF Going live: Care Farming North West | Social Farms & Gardens \(farmgarden.org.uk\)](#)

More Training and Events

- ["0 to 1" Programme: What is your purpose? | Meetup](#) Wednesday, 24 February 2021 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm GMT [Manchester Social Entrepreneurs](#)
- [Welcome - The Museum as a Site and Source for Learning - The University of Glasgow \(futurelearn.com\)](#)
- [Entrepreneurship in Nonprofits \(futurelearn.com\)](#)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/digitalcities/schedule> - for people interested in media careers

FUNDING

NOTE - The PCC's Community Action Fund will close at **5pm on Monday 8th March**

Sport England Return to Play Fund For Flood Damaged Facilities

Emergency flood relief funding for community sports clubs and not-for-profit organisations to help them restore flood-damaged sport and physical activity facilities in the areas worst affected by the recent flooding caused by Storm Christoph.

Sport England is providing grants of up to £10,000 and grants exceeding £10,001 for local authorities, leisure operators and other not-for-profit organisations needing funding to repair flood damage facilities. At present, Lancashire is in the list of worst affected areas

Sport England aims to give a decision within three weeks and there are no application deadlines.

[Financial support for flood-damaged facilities | Sport England](#)

The Natural Investment Readiness Fund

Grants are available to non-profit environmental groups, local authorities and businesses to stimulate private investment and mechanisms that improve and safeguard England's domestic natural environment. The Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund has been established to fund nature projects in England which tackle climate change, create and restore habitats, or improve water quality. From an overall budget of £10 million, grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available.

Applications are accepted from not-for-profit organisations in England, including charities, community interest companies and environmental non-governmental organisations. Public bodies such as local councils, national park authorities and academic institutions are also eligible, as are businesses, including sole traders. **The deadline for applications is 26 March 2021.**

[How to apply for a natural environment investment readiness fund grant - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Funding for Projects That Assist Disadvantaged Young People (UK)

Grants of between £200 and £2,000 are available for projects which empower disadvantaged young people aged 11 -25 in the UK to fulfil their potential by providing safe social spaces, mentoring or work, and social skills. The funding is being made available through the KFC Foundation and is available to local charities, registered community interest companies, unincorporated clubs and associations which have a local KFC restaurant in their community. Expressions of interest must be submitted via a two-minute video and a short expression of interest form by the 28th February 2021. [KFC Foundation Community Grants](#)

LANPAC – Keeping Lancashire Safe

LANPAC is continuing to support crime prevention initiatives throughout the County. Are you a community needing support that fit the LANPAC funding criteria? Applications must be submitted by Lancashire Constabulary employees only (*that can be me!*) and must impact on the Constabulary's purposes and objectives to keep the people of Lancashire safe. Contact me if you'd think your idea meets the criteria. LANPAC can provide up to **£2,500** of funding at any time.

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust grants

The trust is providing grants of up to £1,000 to registered UK charities working in areas that have been disproportionately impacted by Covid-19. The application deadline is **Sunday 28 February**. [Home - The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust \(austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk\)](https://austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk)

Rosa and Smallwood Trust Launch Women Thrive Fund

Funding for grassroots and specialist women's and girls' organisations across the UK that are working to enable women and girls to improve their mental health and wellbeing and/or improve their financial resilience.

Depending on their annual turnover, not-for-profit organisations that are run predominantly by, for and with women can apply for grants of up to £15,000 or £40,000.

The funding will pay for the costs of the project activity (project costs) and the costs of running the organisation (core costs). All funding must be spent and activity completed by 31 December 2022.

'How to apply' webinars will be held on **25 February (10am); 8 March (6pm); and 18 March (1pm)**. The deadline for grant applications is **25 March 2021 (5pm)**.

[Homepage - Rosa \(rosauk.org\)](https://rosauk.org) or [Smallwood Trust | Smallwood Trust](https://smallwoodtrust.org)

National Lottery Grants for Heritage

Project funding for grants from £3,000 up to £5 million.

NLHF confirms that it is committed to supporting the same broad range of heritage projects and activities it has always supported, including industrial heritage and sites, castles and historic places of worship, stories and memories of communities, public parks, natural landscapes and native wildlife. However, it is expected that all applications will fully reflect the changed circumstances brought about by the pandemic

In response to the impact of COVID-19, NLHF has revised its approach to what it will fund over the next financial year and published revised priorities for 2021-22.

There are no deadlines. Applications can be made at any time.

[Full range of National Lottery funding resumes with refocused priorities for 2021-22 | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](https://www.national-lottery.com/heritage-fund)

And finally...

If you have any questions, would like support with anything, or would like something sharing in my next newsletter, please contact me, Gail Barton - Our Lancashire Community Engagement Officer for Pendle, Ribble Valley and (temporarily) Blackburn with Darwen.

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