

Here are Home News stories from the British Isles. Read the stories and then try the puzzle. To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the stories – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!



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● Bull’s bum causes blackout

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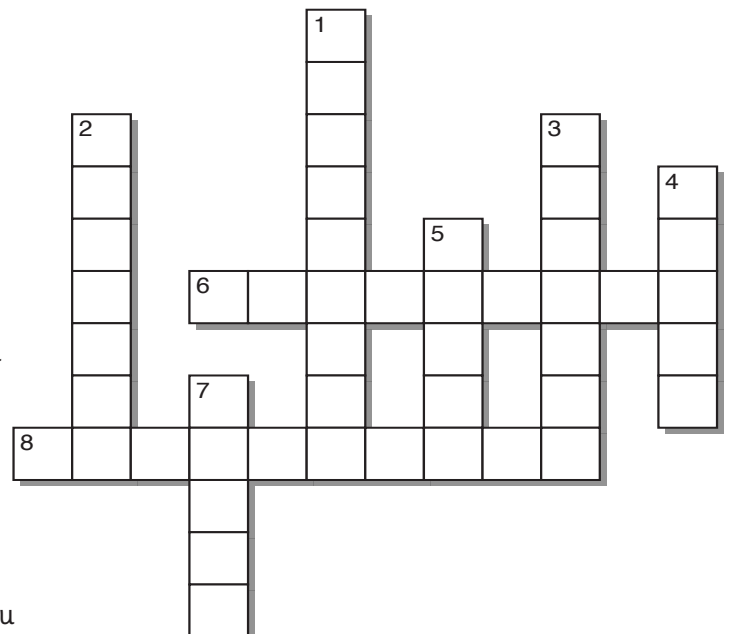
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ACROSS

- 6) A talk with someone, eg, on the radio, where questions are asked and answered (noun 9)
- 8) A place where people built homes to live in a community together (noun 10)

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- 1) Magical and beautiful; dream-like (adjective 9)
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- 4) Electricity supply (noun 5)
- 5) Group of humans living together under one leader (noun 5)
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