

How to spot Fake News in Newspapers

When: 1 April should get you thinking about April Fool's and begin to question the article.

Who: Newspaper article (Daily Telegraph) with named author. This would suggest it was trustworthy, though potentially biased.

How: The use of headline, photo and map all encourage us to believe the story but include no actual facts.

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White mischief: stranded polar bear floats on to Scottish island

Exclusive
Driven to new shores by the melting ice cap, new resident of North Uist may soon be one of colony

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ANYBODY venturing to Scotland normally has only the midges to avoid, but now there's one more, and more terrifying, not so wee beastie lurking in the woods.

For scientists have disclosed that there is a polar bear living on an island in the Outer Hebrides. The images and video footage were captured by a dog walker on North Uist.

Its authenticity has been verified by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

Scientists believe the bear may have been forced to head south after finding itself stranded on a melting sheet of ice that broke away from the Arctic ice cap.

Data tracking suggests more polar bears are likely to follow the same route in coming months and years as the ice cap continues to diminish.

With the shortness of scale, crowded, the bears could one day head south to Glasgow. Polar bears, the most carnivorous members of the bear family, would likely be able to survive by scavenging in the city's bins for discarded human refuse and other meat.

sea ice and unseasonably high temperatures forced it south in an attempt to adapt to the effects of climate change.

The bear, which has been given the nickname Lirpa Loof – Norwegian for "white and fluffy" – was first spotted less than 400 miles from the north of Scotland to the Arctic Circle.

"Some polar bears have been known to travel more than twice that distance, so this does not come as a major surprise to polar bear experts in the BBC sea ice, we can only predict that polar bears will continue to migrate to Scottish shores. The Arctic is in meltdown."

Scientists are keeping the precise location of the polar bear secret to prevent sightings. However, the island Loch Ness who may be tempted to make the journey.

It is thought polar bears once lived in the Scottish Highlands. A skull dating back 18,000 years was discovered in 1997 by archaeologists looking for a

Reference:

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