

SOMETHING SMELLS FISHY! RESIDENTS OF PONTHIR HAVE A NEW NEIGHBOUR

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Humpback whale in Afon Llwyd river near Barnfield yesterday morning

In the early hours of Monday morning a young humpback whale was sighted swimming in the Afon Llwyd river near Ponthir. Experts say that it has strayed away from its mother. This is worse than when the bottlenose whale was found in the River Thames, because humpback whales can grow up to 16 metres which would be too big to fit in the river.

Humpback whales eat krill, plankton, shrimp and small fish. They keep growing until they are ten years old. When they are fully grown they are the same size as a bus.

Gabrielle Holcombe (9) from Ponthir said “I was very surprised to see a humpback whale in the Afon Llwyd in Ponthir!”.

Brooke Thomas, a Marine Biologist said “It is very unusual to see a humpback whale in a British river. There are many reasons why we can’t just dive in and capture it”.

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