



Applause for Carers

Why did people clap?

- On 26th March, at 8 p.m., people applauded NHS workers.
- People did this to say thank you.

Illustration: People clapping carers.

People Unite to Thank NHS Workers

On Thursday, people around the UK went to their doorsteps or windows to clap workers in the NHS.

They wanted to thank **healthcare** workers who are helping those in need. Healthcare workers can include doctors, nurses, carers and **volunteers**.

People didn't just clap to show their thanks. Some people let off fireworks! Others even banged pots or waved flags. Some people made their own banners.

A lot of people wrote messages of thanks on social media. The royal family shared images of themselves clapping carers.

Prince William and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, wrote a thank-you message to "all NHS staff working **tirelessly** to help."

Famous buildings were lit up in blue, the colour of the NHS, including Wembley Stadium and the London Eye.

On social media, the NHS thanked people for clapping. They said it was "emotional".

A group called Clap for Our Carers tried to get as many people as possible to join in. They said that NHS workers needed "to know that we are grateful."

Clapping carers hasn't just happened in the UK. People in other countries are doing it too. In France, the Netherlands and Spain, people have clapped for healthcare workers.

Glossary

NHS	National Health Service, responsible for UK healthcare.
healthcare	People who work to improve people's health, such as doctors.
volunteers	People who work without being paid.
tirelessly	To work really hard to help others in need.

Questions

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- 2. _____
- 3. _____

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- ☐ helpful
- ☐ kind
- ☐ thankful

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6. Tick the headline that best summarises the story.

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Accept any three from the following: doctors, nurses, carers and volunteers.

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Accept any answer that refers to the story, e.g. I think they wrote, "Thank you NHS!" to show their support for those working to help people in need.

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