

Lock-down boost for local radio



“It is good to know that some-one down the road is listening to the same thing as you. It helps you to feel you are not on your own.”

That is what listeners like about small local radio stations.

Some new local radio stations have set up since lock down started. They mix happy music and fun. They give health information and local news.

The hosts say that running the radio stations helps them too.

“I like to know that we make listeners happy. And we do useful shows like Kids’ Story Time.”

There are now more than 300 community radio stations in the UK. They hope to carry on even after lock-down.

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Reading questions

1. What is the article about?

- Local radio stations
- Local TV stations
- National radio stations

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2. Which of these do you NOT get on local radio?

- Local news
- Happy music
- DIY shows

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3. Will the radio stations carry on after lock-down?

- Yes
- No

(E1.8, E1.9, E1.10, 1 mark)

4. How many local radio stations are there in the UK?

- Two hundred
- Three thousand
- Three hundred

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