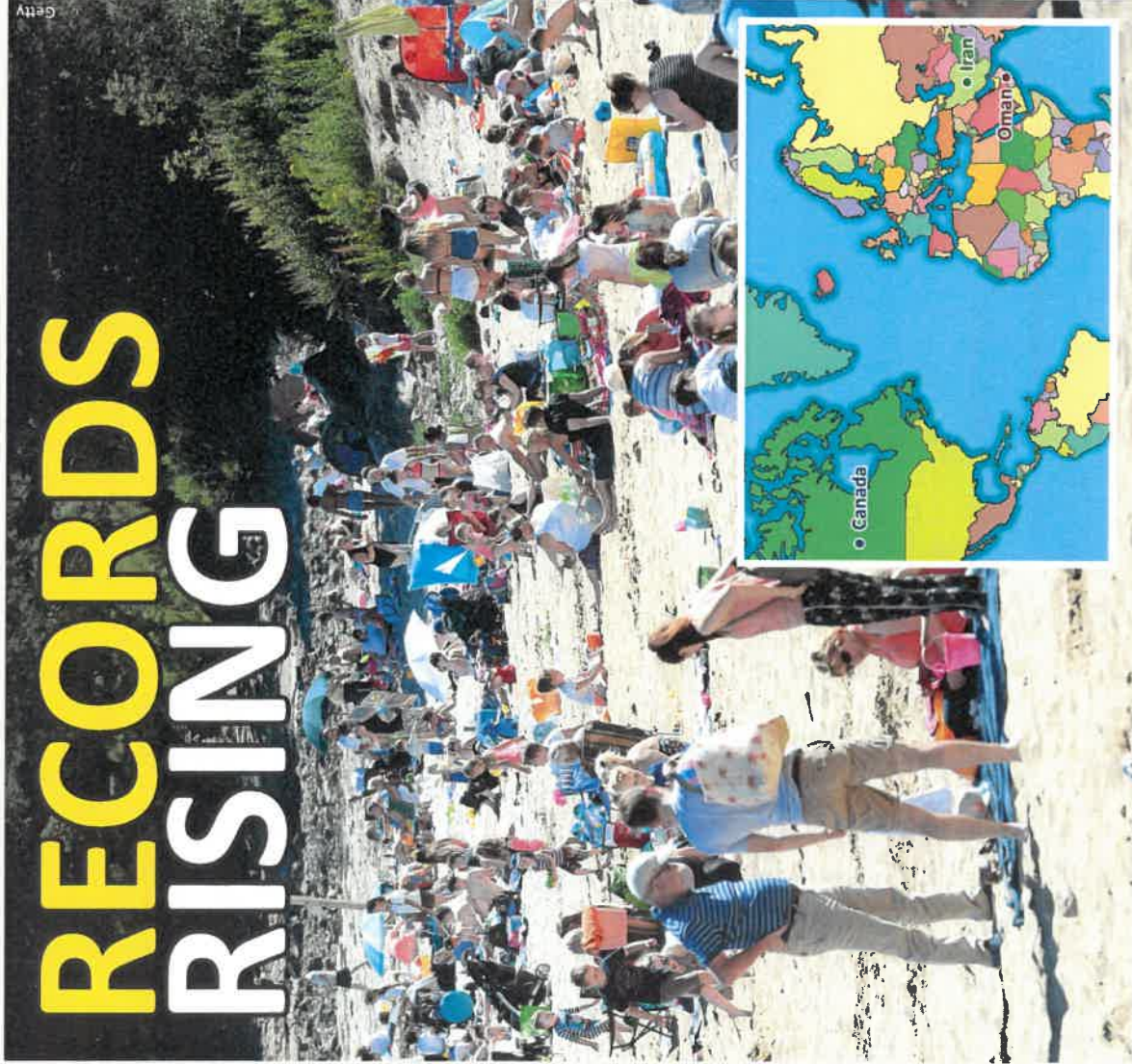


## BIG NEWS

# RECORDS RISING



**THE UK's heatwave continues, but did you know it is part of a global heatwave that has seen temperatures soaring around the world?**

If you're feeling hot over here, spare a thought for those in America, Canada and Iran, who have been experiencing whopping highs of over 40°C recently!

Much of North America has suffered from stifling heat for two weeks now. Ottawa in Canada reached a record 47°C last week – it is usually 26°C at this time of year. Sadly, the sweltering heat caused the death of more than 50 people in the Canadian area of Quebec, and many in Montreal.

Meanwhile, in the Middle East, the city of Ahvaz in Iran had a record temperature of 54°C last week. The nearby country of Oman experienced the hottest night ever recorded on Earth at 42.6°C. Yes, you read it correctly, at night!

While it's not been quite as hot in Britain, thankfully, we've still seen many records broken. Scotland and Ireland have both experienced new record highs. Belfast, in Northern Ireland, reached 29.5°C. The heat has caused tarmac to melt on the roads and train tracks to buckle. Experts are warning everyone to stay safe in the sun and drink plenty of water.

Whether you love it or loathe it, what we all want to know is: will the sunshine stay for the summer holidays?

## Questions on: 'Records Rising'

1) Match the country to the temperature recorded there.

Canada	54°C
Iran	42.6°C
Northern Ireland	47°C
Oman	29.5°C

- 2) Which fact tells you that extreme heat like this can be very dangerous?
- 3) Find the words used by the writer to explain that temperatures around the world have been very hot.
- The heatwave has sent temperatures \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ highs
- \_\_\_\_\_ heat
- \_\_\_\_\_ heat
- 4) Explain the record that was set in Oman last week.

5) Look at the sentence below.

“While it’s not been quite as hot in Britain, thankfully, we’ve still seen many records broken.”

- a) Which word is a comment from the writer?
- b) Explain the writer’s opinion.
- 6) Find two ways that the weather is affecting Britain’s transport networks.

1: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_

- 7) Look at the last paragraph.
- What word has a similar meaning to the word *loathe*?

adore     hate     pity

- 8) Do you like the very hot weather? Do you know anyone who doesn’t like this weather? Why don’t they like it?