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NEW YEAR HONOURS FOR THE LIONESSES



England celebrate winning the Women's Euro final against Germany at Wembley

WHAT ARE THE HONOURS?

BEM: British Empire Medal

MBE: Member of the Order of the British Empire (right)

OBE: Officer of the Order of the British Empire

CBE: Commander of the Order of the British Empire

Knighthood: When you get to be called Sir or Dame



FOUR players from England's Euro 2022-winning Lionesses team got awards in the 2023 New Year Honours list.

The list recognises great achievements by people across the UK and Commonwealth. Some are famous and come from areas like sport, entertainment and politics, but people who are doing great things in other areas such as business, education, health, science or charities also get awards.

Anyone can be put forward for an honour, but a special group of people are chosen to narrow down the names before the shorter final list is shown to the public.

There are different names for different types of awards, like a knighthood, CBE, OBE, MBE and BEM (see below left), but they all basically mean someone has done something positive to get it.

The honours are announced twice a year – at New Year and for the monarch's birthday. These New Year Honours are the first awards in King Charles III's name, following the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

After England won the UEFA Women's Euro 2022, Lionesses captain Leah Williamson was given an OBE, while player of the tournament Beth Mead got an MBE along with team-mates Lucy Bronze and Ellen White.

First News friend Tanya Steele, from animal charity WWF, was made a CBE. Francesca Simon, who created the children's character Horrid Henry, was made an MBE.

The youngest person to get an honour this year was 18-year-old Dara McNulty from County Down in Northern Ireland. He got a BEM for his environmental work and help for people with autism. The oldest was 100-year-old Peter Offord Davies from Macclesfield, who received a BEM for his work as a reading volunteer at a local primary school.

Questions on: 'New Year Honours for the Lionesses'

1) Who are the Lionesses, and why do you think four of them got an award?

2) What does the BE stand for in all of the awards?

3) When are the honours announced each year?

4) Why will this be the first awards in King Charles III's name?

5a) Which one of the four Lionesses mentioned did not get an MBE?

5b) What did she get instead?

6) Match the names to the award they were given.

Tanya Steele

MBE

Leah Williamson

CBE

Francesca Simon

OBE

7) Fill in the information about the youngest and oldest winners.

	Dara McAnulty	Peter Offord Davies
Age:		
From:		
Given a:		
Awarded for:		

8) Who would you choose to get an award, and why? You could pick anyone, from a member of your family to someone famous.