

We have quoted a lot of different research in this episode of Which? Investigates, so if you want to do any more reading here are the links to all the articles we came across while doing our investigation.



Since the conflict began - as reported there by BBC News - there have been 7,000 reported civilian deaths, although the true number is thought to be much higher.
<https://www.statista.com/statistics/1293492/ukraine-war-casualties/>

So I've been pouring over the data and looking through some articles from a year ago, and here's a few of the headlines from back then...
<https://www.itv.com/news/2022-02-06/what-the-papers-say-february-6>
https://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/sitemaparchive/day_20220222.html

But let's look at the figures, in February the Office for National Statistics showed the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) rose by 6.2% in the 12 months to February 2022, up from 5.5% in January.
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/bulletins/consumerpriceinflation/february2022>

The Bank of England also released a statement that same month, in which they said they expected inflation to rise to around 7% that spring, and then start to fall back again.
<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/monetary-policy-report/2022/february-2022>

That Bank of England statement is almost laughable in a weird way now isn't it, because of course inflation didn't stop at 7%... at the time of this recording it's sitting at 10.5%, and that's actually down from a peak of 11.1% back in October.
<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2023/jan/18/uk-inflation-dips-people-continue-to-feel-pinch>

According to government data the cost of electricity in the UK rose by 65.4% and gas prices by 128.9% in the 12 months to December.
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/articles/costoflivinginsights/energy>

In 2021 imports of gas, oil and coal from Russia to the UK were worth a combined total of £4.5 billion pounds.
<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-9523/>

I'll put a link to this tracker in the show notes of today's episode.
<https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/supermarkets/article/whats-happening-to-supermarket-food-prices-aU2oV0A46tu3>

And you heard that right, our bills could be going up by more than fourteen percent as early as next month.
<https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/millions-of-broadband-customers-trapped-between-price-hikes-and-exit-fees-of-over-200-aSw513S5J6m3>

