

Riddle of the two headless bears ..

POLICE thought they were probing a double murder when two headless bodies were found in a river.

But when the corpses were dragged to the bank it was found that they were . . . bears.

The bodies, which had been skinned and decapitated, were found floating in the River Lea in London's East End.

And last night baffled police were trying to work out where they came from.

"It's anybody's guess," said a Scotland Yard spokesman. "Bears are not particularly common in the Lea Valley."

One theory is that the creatures were slaughtered for their pelts. A bearskin complete with head is said to fetch about £750.

The 6ft. long bodies were spotted by a weir-keeper who lives near the spot where the river flows through Hackney Marshes.

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