

HOPE



The photo was taken when I attended the annual relay for life event in Middleton. The photo is of numerous candles spelling the word hope, people purchase a candle to represent a loved one they lost to cancer. The reason for it being a relay is people take shifts walking around the lights to honour those we have lost. For me this photo represents “things aren't always as they seem”. It looks like a beautiful photo, but it was taken at a very emotional event and time, as we honoured a loved one. This photo captures the lights and how beautiful they all look spelt out on the grass, but the moment is not clearly represented and can be interpreted in many ways. To me this photo represents a memory of sadness, silence and loss.

The saying “things aren't always as they seem” is pretty much represented in this photo. I use this photo as a clear sounding board for my life at present. I present myself daily in a joyful happy disposition, I choose to smile rather than express or show my sadness. I am not ready to share with anyone just yet my true emotion or the pain I live with daily. Like this photo, I am seen by friends in a different way. My life was turned upside down when I was diagnosed with an incurable illness. I pretty much suffer in silence, I live in constant pain, and I am restricted in my life as a teenager. However I choose to put a smile on my face, whether I am actually happy or just smiling for show to hide my true emotions. So sure, people think I'm the happiest, smiling person ever but they don't see what goes on the inside or what's truly happening in my life. As the photo shows “hope”, this is not always what it seems, is it the “hope” that one day I will feel better living life like a normal teenager or “hope” that no one truly discovers how I feel. I “hope” I have expressed “things aren't always as they seem”, and you too can take your own interpretation from this photo.