Could we live without laws?

Laws describe relationships. There are many types of laws; scientific laws, government laws or mathematical laws. Even if it were not necessary to have all these laws, it certainly provides a much more practical, logical and organised lifestyle.

In theory, it is not impossible to live without laws, if everybody were cooperative with each other. Laws only help everyone agree on what is right and wrong, then bring consequences to those who disagree. It makes the human race work because it gives rights and responsibilities; a cycle of work, trade, reward. This could all happen without written rules, just as long as everyone, or at least the majority, respected things needed to be done whilst respecting each other, if everyone did their part to create a safe, sustainable environment for everyone. This freedom not being abused, lawlessness could potentially prevent destruction and hateful crime because people no longer feel they are being oppressed by authorities or restricted from having a voice and opinion, there's no need to fight for it. It may make things like substance use more safe, there could be less peer pressure, no dangerous dealing, no county lines and awful exploitation. People might be more open about and to certain things, less judgemental about peoples' situations because they haven't been influenced about what's "good" and "bad". Homosexuality used to be a crime, women did not have the vote and if you were black you were not deemed to deserve rights. Some laws aren't actually right, but because the leader tells you it is, you believe it. Without laws, it's possible everyone, no matter the identity, might have equal opportunities and input and acceptance.

On the other hand, however, if bad things did happen, who would deal with the mess? Who would bring justice? Without laws, would the person get away with hurting someone? Would they be punished at all or *too* harshly? What will spring to most peoples' minds first is lack of rehabilitation and punishment to criminals. Without law enforcement who should prevent theft, robbery, rape, arson and murder? Not only would people already ignoring law most likely escalate in their crimes (do worse things more frequently on a larger scale), but many who would normally follow legal requirements may cave to weak morals more easily and also begin to steal, vandalise or assault. If there's no "getting caught" and no consequence, crime would become an uncontrollable issue, there are no prisons to ever stop recurring offences or courts to bring justice.

Leading on from this issue, law enforcement is only possible because of tax, and tax is an example of the relationship between law and morality. It needs to be a law because society is more efficient when everyone shares - whether that be their skill, wealth, hospitality or insight. But sharing doesn't get by as an expectation because some simply don't want to so it becomes enforced. Currently, our government is responsible for funding policing, education, healthcare, housing accommodations, social services, defence and more. The only way the government afford carrying out

these duties is because citizens regularly have to pay tax. No tax, no NHS, a more diseased population with higher death rates. No environmental protection causing our earth to die at a much faster rate than even today's. No public education means limited opportunities to lots more people impacting the economy greatly on top of who should redo roads, and build more apartments, and make sure offices have precautions in place in the hazardous event of a fire? There would be no traffic laws so people could drive drunk, speed, wouldn't know when to stop and give way: roads would be massively more dangerous.

And that's just government laws: with scientific rules we know about gravity keeping us tied down to our planet, forces helping us move things, Hooke's Law helping engineers use springs to improve designs. Additionally, we use mathematical laws to aid us in everything we build; equations have to be accurate to be able to create things, help cars work on the roads safely, plan city layouts, get a rocket into space, calculate why we are seeing stars' past states.

The whole universe, everything around us has laws whether we have names for them or not. Laws keep everything running smoothly together, despite some people breaking government regulations, overall it means our society can build and improve our evolving civilization, have an efficiently running economy and, hopefully, a fair justice system. Law is relationships within the universe. Scientific law is the relationship of the ecosystem, energy and matter, governmental law the relationship of mankind's morals and actions, mathematical laws the relationship between abstract numbers, quantity and space. Laws help us use these relationships to improve the quality of life.