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Watch: Suella Braverman laments Tory MPs joining Reform before her own defection

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Suella Braverman ruled out ever defecting to Reform UK , resurfaced video shows after the former Conservative MP announced on Monday (26 January) that she would be joining Nigel Farage 's party.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/tv/news/suella-braverman-defects-reform-video-b2907812.html>

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Braverman becomes third sitting Conservative MP to join Nigel Farage's party in little more than a week UK politics live – latest updates Suella Braverman has defected to Reform UK, the third sitting Conservative MP to join Nigel Farage's party in little more than a week. The former cabinet minister, who has been an MP

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Ex-Tory Home Secretary Suella Braverman defects to Reform UK

BBC (UK) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 15:41:24 GMT

The MP was unveiled as Reform's latest recruit by leader Nigel Farage at a rally, bringing the number of the party's sitting MPs to eight.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c1evq263e49o?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c1evq263e49o?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Former Tory home secretary Suella Braverman defects to Reform

Independent (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 15:36:46 GMT

Braverman becomes latest right-winger to desert Kemi Badenoch's Conservative Party in favour of Reform - as Labour blasts Farage's party as 'full of failed Tories'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/suella-braverman-reform-nigel-farage-defection-b2907645.html>

Ex-home secretary Suella Braverman becomes the latest Tory to DEFECT to Reform UK, saying 'it feels like I have come home'

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 15:20:32 GMT

The former Conservative home secretary was unveiled by Nigel Farage at a Veterans for Reform event in London today.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15498403/Ex-home-secretary-Suella-Braverman-latest-Tory-DEFECT-Reform-UK-saying-feels-like-come-home.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15498403/Ex-home-secretary-Suella-Braverman-latest-Tory-DEFECT-Reform-UK-saying-feels-like-come-home.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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**Nigel Farage** makes bombshell by-election prediction after Andy Burnham is blocked

Daily Express (Politics) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 15:15:00 +0000

Reform UK leader says his insurgent party is now in with a 'serious shout' of winning the crunch ballot

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/2162747/nigel-farage-andy-burnham-by-election>

Suella Braverman defects to Reform UK

BBC (Politics) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 15:05:35 GMT

She becomes the third sitting Tory MP to join Nigel Farage's party in the last eleven days.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/c1lz9yy10jzo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/videos/c1lz9yy10jzo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Suella Braverman latest: **Farage** blames Tory defector's 'useless' government record on ECHR as she joins Reform

Independent (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 15:01:30 GMT

Suella Braverman was unveiled at a Reform rally for veterans in London as the eighth MP for the party

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/suella-braverman-reform-farage-starmer-burnham-latest-news-b2907666.html>

**Nigel Farage** vows to hand out 'Royal pardons' to Troubles veterans facing 'vexatious prosecutions' for their service in Northern Ireland

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 13:55:27 GMT

The party said it would end the scandal of elderly British soldiers being 'dragged in front of the courts for repeated and vexatious prosecutions', while terrorists 'walk free'.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15498467/Nigel-Farage-vows-hand-Royal-pardons-Troubles-veterans-facing-vexatious-prosecutions-service-Northern-Ireland.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15498467/Nigel-Farage-vows-hand-Royal-pardons-Troubles-veterans-facing-vexatious-prosecutions-service-Northern-Ireland.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Suella Braverman defects to Reform UK

City AM (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 13:06:52 +0000

Former home secretary Suella Braverman has defected to Reform UK, the latest transfer from the Conservative benches to Nigel Farage's party. Braverman, a former Tory leadership contender, had been a critic of policy positions held by the Tories. She was not a member of Kemi Badenoch's shadow cabinet. The to

<https://www.cityam.com/suella-braverman-defects-to-reform-uk/>

**Nigel Farage** vows to hand out 'Royal pardons' to Troubles veterans facing 'vexatious prosecutions' for their service in Northern Ireland - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (nigel farage) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 12:43:34 GMT

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMi9wFBVV95cUxNMHZMMVZlaWRWTmdkVmJKYXpfR285djZieWcyOW12MIBGSFRIT0s1TFh3Q2Zad1NnOWx0UGpGNm9kMjI2akN2UUx0RktFRkIxaxJXeDI4bl9WUFg0S19NMXBkTkFkZEFRQTIMcmxDdXM3NVc4UEhDdkJpLWRYRkFtWXJXY2J2UVIUd3lha2QyUUg1ci0tN3d0bGxtZ085b3VxTE9MdnRQMWRBani1aW5mTG9TUvBU2pDODRHNUxJUnY1LTRfZDXMEUwN0ZfSTVfNnBaZkoyd190TmVnN1FpX2pPbWNtYnI5NmVnN29JdG9YWThNN2t30gH8AUFVX3lxTE51M281dzhRUXNHYWRUMnNPYm15cXR6VWQyVGFVMTNRRE9JaV8yempSRktqMGdROGtJbjhzOHp6QXAxeE5xMnowODIGRVppWURYzI8tdUVMZzYzUmg0N0tDMWIzSlhBRm1ESDg3bDNnbVAXr09weW8yd1p2S0FsVF9DVENTanNrS0VHLTRsWU0wS3hEUXNSY0dMWFRGdXgza3hPTHB2a0gwcFJyRmdXUFZnM1dGQkpJdFFfd0IIlUM4VIJLOTkwcU1GeDZPLU5Ma2JFOUVHdGhPN3QxV0djbjhGd1piSUtMQ3RmR3VSvlkzSkFsc0E1UjBUTmxpTQ?oc=5>

Full list of Tories who have defected to **Farage**'s Reform after Suella Braverman becomes latest recruit

Independent (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 12:37:30 GMT

The former home secretary has become the latest right-wing Tory to join Nigel Farage's party

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/reform-conservative-defectors-nigel-farage-suella-braverman-b2907653.html>

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Couple who built a 'granny-annexe' in their garden 'without planning permission' before moving their elderly parents in are left stunned after learning they have been ordered to demolish it

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 09:07:56 GMT

Hannah Edwards and partner Elzan Seraj turned a modest detached garage at their £625,000 Milton Keynes home into a three-bedroom annexe - without obtaining any permissions.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15480041/Couple-built-granny-annexe-garden-without-planning-permission-moving-elderly-parents-left-stunned-learning-ordered-demolish-it.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15480041/Couple-built-granny-annexe-garden-without-planning-permission-moving-elderly-parents-left-stunned-learning-ordered-demolish-it.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Schools in England should be phone-free all day, education secretary says

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 08:20:52 GMT

Bridget Phillipson says pupils should not use mobiles at any point, as Ofsted prepares to inspect compliance UK politics live – latest updates Schools should be phone-free throughout the entire day, the education secretary has told headteachers in England, stressing that pupils should not use the devices even as calcul

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2026/jan/26/education-secretary-mobile-phone-ban-england-schools-ofsted>

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Here's the lesson of the Andy Burnham saga: Labour needs a new leader – fast | Polly Toynbee

Guardian (Politics) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 15:29:54 GMT

Keir Starmer's dismal decision to block the Greater Manchester mayor has bought him time, but it won't  
change his fate Labour's impulse for political self-harm defies belief. It is as if some enemy within guides it  
unerringly along the wrong strategic path. Declaring war on Andy Burnham anoints him as a northern  
martyr

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/26/andy-burnham-labour-new-leader>

Crucial by-election set for FEBRUARY 26 as **Starmer** rushes contest after blocking rival Andy Burnham...  
with potential Labour candidate having backed 'Marxist' teachers to counter right-wing parenting

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 15:21:38 GMT

The 'writ' for the Gorton and Denton contest has been moved, with the date for the vote expected to be  
February 26.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15497871/Starmer-Andy-Burnham-Labour-lose-Manchester-byelection-Reform-PM-MPs-blocking-rival.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15497871/Starmer-Andy-Burnham-Labour-lose-Manchester-byelection-Reform-PM-MPs-blocking-rival.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** defends blocking Andy Burnham from by-election run after backlash

BBC (UK) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 15:18:08 GMT

The Manchester mayor had applied to stand as a candidate for the upcoming parliamentary by-election in  
Gorton and Denton.

[https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cjdg8jg4gnyo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cjdg8jg4gnyo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

Why is Andy Burnham such a threat to **Keir Starmer**? Everyone likes him | Zoe Williams

Guardian (Politics) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 15:17:29 GMT

Labour may have successfully blocked the mayor of Greater Manchester from running for parliament, but  
this definitely hasn't solved their problems Some people call Andy Burnham Labour's prince across the  
water and others call him the King of the North. Those are two pretty different symbolisms – the first  
referring to

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/26/why-is-andy-burnham-such-a-threat-to-keir-starmer-everyone-likes-him>

Burnham is right – **Starmer**'s veto will make the Manchester by-election much harder for Labour  
Independent (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 15:17:25 GMT

As Burnham is the key to stopping Reform in both Manchester seats, the prime minister faces a conundrum whatever decision he makes, writes David Maddox

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/burnham-starmer-veto-gorton-denton-manchester-byelection-b2907618.html>

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Pete Songi on Andy Burnham being barred from the Gorton and Denton byelection – cartoon

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**Keir Starmer** to head on 'kowtowing' trip to China TOMORROW as Labour civil war rages

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 14:45:37 GMT

Keir Starmer will travel to Beijing with Rachel Reeves and a business delegation as he bids to boost trade.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15498491/Keir-Starmer-trip-China-TOMORROW-Labour-civil-war.html?ns\\_m\\_channel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15498491/Keir-Starmer-trip-China-TOMORROW-Labour-civil-war.html?ns_m_channel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

**Starmer** government accused of avoiding scrutiny with plans to scrap aid watchdog

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Exclusive: Development minister is considering closing Independent Commission for Aid Impact A close ally of Keir Starmer is drawing up plans to scrap the UK's aid watchdog, prompting concerns that the government is attempting to escape scrutiny while implementing "brutal" cuts. Jenny Chapman , the development minister

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2026/jan/26/starmer-ally-plans-scrap-aid-regulator-watchdog>

Burnham blocked: Has **Starmer** messed up? – podcast

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 13:06:19 GMT

The Labour party has once again been plunged into turmoil after the NEC blocked Andy Burnham from standing in the Gorton and Denton byelection. Will the row quickly fade, or does it risk piling further pressure on the prime minister? Meanwhile, Pippa Crerar will be joining Keir Starmer on his trip to China – but can he

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/audio/2026/jan/26/burnham-blocked-has-starmer-messed-up-podcast>

**Keir Starmer** to head on 'kowtowing' trip to China TOMORROW as Labour civil war rages - Daily Mail

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POLL OF THE DAY: Is **Keir Starmer** running scared by blocking Andy Burnham's bid to become an MP?

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 12:02:01 GMT

Prime Minister Keir Starmer is being warned that the by-election block on Andy Burnham has made it more likely he will face a leadership challenge.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15498101/Poll-Keir-Starmer-running-scared-Andy-Burnham-MP.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15498101/Poll-Keir-Starmer-running-scared-Andy-Burnham-MP.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

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**Starmer** defends Burnham snub: 'The fight is with Reform'

City AM (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 11:42:03 +0000

Keir Starmer has defended a decision to block Andy Burnham from standing as a candidate to run as an MP in an upcoming by-election, claiming political resources should be allocated towards Labour's "fight with Reform". Less than a day after Labour's National Executive Committee (NEC) – which Starmer is a member of – vo

<https://www.cityam.com/starmer-defends-burnham-snub-the-fight-is-with-reform/>

Burnham's botched coup will only quicken **Starmer**'s exit - and awful though he is, this is why any successor would almost certainly be much worse: STEPHEN GLOVER

Daily Mail (Articles) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 11:38:00 +0000

Millions of people in our unhappy country are suffering from a painful and persistent new illness. It's called Starmeritis.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15496967/Burnhams-botched-coup-Starmer-exit-successor-worse-STEPHEN-GLOVER.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15496967/Burnhams-botched-coup-Starmer-exit-successor-worse-STEPHEN-GLOVER.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

**How Starmer** could still be ousted by Labour as Streeting and Rayner prepare to pounce after Burnham meltdown

Daily Mail (Articles) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 11:12:14 +0000

In many ways stopping Burnham was always going to be the easier victory for the Prime Minister as he tries to keep hold of power.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15498155/How-Starmer-ousted-Labour-Streeting-Rayner-Burnham.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15498155/How-Starmer-ousted-Labour-Streeting-Rayner-Burnham.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

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Burnham warns of by-election loss after Labour blocks him from standing

Financial Times (World) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 10:32:19 GMT

Greater Manchester mayor seen as rival to Keir Starmer as party leader

<https://www.ft.com/content/c553a072-432b-42ca-aa9f-bfb4df98f0e1>

Diminished **Starmer** at the limit of his powers

Financial Times (World) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 09:30:10 GMT

Andy Burnham veto leaves government where it started — with a weakened PM struggling to push controversial policy through parliament

<https://www.ft.com/content/687515f4-0933-46dd-af0a-9b5fd6f6a481>

**Starmer** dismisses fury at blocking rival Andy Burnham from MP bid saying it would cost Labour too much money - as revolt mounts - Daily Mail

Daily Mail via Google (nigel farage) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 08:54:20 GMT

Starmer dismisses fury at blocking rival Andy Burnham from MP bid saying it would cost Labour too much money - as revolt mounts &nbsp;&nbsp; Daily Mail

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMi1AFBVV95cUxOQzZCNU44bnPkuWxLUmdmbUh6NGt1OWVZXzZhQjJLZklxaVRkT2pjB9KMEExsekhaEdJrUmRWVXBizJlcU96NjhufFc4N2ljTUduV0FSRkZ0cmNDNkLRfi6YjEtQ3VWMmthdGhmSzYxamNPN3pjNXVwdGd2TjF0cWR4RE5mckRodmtfdWxINEk4Q3Q4dlp0Ui1Rb0N6eldHWVFtQnhpRXV1V2hzZS14VHZ2c3pOVINPLWJOUUstdFVVRTd6RmpxYzFBQmpPaGJiSTlZv9IB2gFBVV95cUxQRDUzX1JPVmh6Ty1ZRkpPVHVEcHliSDZoWHzqOW9EUk9ETXZ5aWjiN0wxSVMxakdZeWRCQzVUNGpZR1VzYXpBZEE0dkISVTFoQkZYT3VhdzBiUHZ2MzRaMXR6XzJwSVU2WHhfUk55dmVOZjR1YINCM1VoWUFoc2hISDBTMXZxTUFYOXZweXppQmtyMHE4MXVCTUISR0wwcS1YWHlyRTZVeUhUVzltSHE2WlkJiZm5EM2VYbkxaUURteDjqeIN5MGRwd0Zfx2xTNHdyUTBkWXFTQnlyUQ?oc=5>

Schools in England should be phone-free all day, education secretary says

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 08:20:52 GMT

Bridget Phillipson says pupils should not use mobiles at any point, as Ofsted prepares to inspect compliance UK politics live – latest updates Schools should be phone-free throughout the entire day, the education secretary has told headteachers in England, stressing that pupils should not use the devices even as calcul

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2026/jan/26/education-secretary-mobile-phone-ban-england-schools-ofsted>

'Huge mistake': Labour in turmoil as Burnham blocked from byelection race

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 07:21:05 GMT

Allies of Greater Manchester mayor say No 10 has 'chosen factionalism' as decision leads to a furious backlash The Labour party faced the prospect of civil war on Sunday night after Keir Starmer and his allies blocked Andy Burnham's return to parliament to stave off a potential leadership challenge. There was widespread

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/25/andy-burnham-blocked-from-byelection-race-by-labour-ruling-committee>

Lame duck **Starmer** has 'only hastened his demise' after he personally helped block Burnham's return

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 07:20:30 GMT

On a dramatic day yesterday, the Prime Minister was accused of running scared after personally leading efforts to stop the Greater Manchester mayor's bid to become an MP.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15497087/Starmer-block-Burnham-return.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15497087/Starmer-block-Burnham-return.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Labour's Burnham veto has made a tricky Manchester byelection much harder

Guardian (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 06:00:32 GMT

Preventing the mayor from returning to Westminster deprives the party of its most potent candidate in Gorton and Denton When Labour dignitaries gathered at the Titanic hotel in Liverpool on Friday night, one question loomed above all others: to change captain or not? For many, that question has become even more pressing

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jan/26/labour-andy-burnham-veto-manchester-byelection>

Lame duck **Starmer** has 'only hastened his demise' after he personally helped block Burnham's return - Daily Mail

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<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiiwFBVV95cUxNcjN4dGIYVkh6WENvVjRiVm0xWTU5cXNZSUpfYVNETEpyNXh5V1Y4R2Z2NkRfSlkzOUtpdjJ0VU9EMkJENDhIOGN4LWVBWTNXZnNfOVY4ZzFjeU8tS0dJY21zd2hleDgwX0VIOTF6eWJFV0N5NG9IM1U4a09RNHIIkFDbEMTVZkTXIB0gGQAUFX3lxTE1KdHotYmRQUIBYmxVM2VSv1tV2Rpa3JYUGJ6MTRORG44NmctdjJY3A0SS1jU3dpSVV3Tm0tRIFSLTUydVJHQjlwR0ZGdHR2VnJwRUVJSINFZmNKbjdhVktDT19WZkk1eEZCTk8xSjBnSDNaQTNGNFdXUGI0V0VHZ3BoMmY5MXk2eHB6V25Mdg?oc=5>

## Kemi Badenoch

Former Tory home secretary Suella Braverman defects to Reform

Independent (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 15:36:46 GMT

Braverman becomes latest right-winger to desert Kemi Badenoch's Conservative Party in favour of Reform - as Labour blasts Farage's party as 'full of failed Tories'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/suella-braverman-reform-nigel-farage-defection-b2907645.html>

## Suella Braverman defects to Reform UK

City AM (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 13:06:52 +0000

Former home secretary Suella Braverman has defected to Reform UK, the latest transfer from the Conservative benches to Nigel Farage's party. Braverman, a former Tory leadership contender, had been a critic of policy positions held by the Tories. She was not a member of Kemi Badenoch's shadow cabinet. The to

<https://www.cityam.com/suella-braverman-defects-to-reform-uk/>

Tory pair group launches to attract seven million 'politically homeless' centre-ground voters

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 06:21:33 GMT

Former West Midlands mayor Sir Andy Street and former Scottish Tory leader Baroness Davidson will urge Kemi Badenoch not to lurch right.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15497127/Tory-pair-group-launches-attract-seven-million-politically-homeless-centre-ground-voters.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15497127/Tory-pair-group-launches-attract-seven-million-politically-homeless-centre-ground-voters.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

## ***John Swinney***

The Traitors winner Stephen Libby opens up on major show 'mistakes' that left him 'shocked' to take home huge cash prize which has allowed him to 'leave his job' - as he reveals behind-the-scenes wardrobe secrets

Daily Mail (Articles) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 14:56:12 +0000

The TV star, who was announced as the winner of the BBC series alongside Rachel Duffy last Friday night by host Claudia Winkleman, took to This Morning in the wake of the big reveal.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tv/article-15498415/the-traitors-stephen-libby-mistakes-bbc-win.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&it o=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tv/article-15498415/the-traitors-stephen-libby-mistakes-bbc-win.html?ns_mchannel=rss&it o=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Traitors' Stephen Libby quits job after BBC win and shares huge plan for prize money

Daily Mirror (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 14:21:31 +0000

Traitors winner Stephen Libby managed to scoop half of a £95,750 prize as the hit BBC game show came to an end but is planning to use the money just to "survive" after quitting his job

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/tv/tv-news/traitors-stephen-libby-quits-job-36616161>

## ***Ed Davey***

Why is Andy Burnham such a threat to Keir Starmer? Everyone likes him | Zoe Williams

Guardian (Politics) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 15:17:29 GMT

Labour may have successfully blocked the mayor of Greater Manchester from running for parliament, but this definitely hasn't solved their problems Some people call Andy Burnham Labour's prince across the water and others call him the King of the North. Those are two pretty different symbolisms – the first referring to

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/26/why-is-andy-burnham-such-a-threat-to-keir-starmer-everyone-likes-him>

Is improving your home still worth it? The renovations that can leave you up to £55,000 out of pocket... and the ones that add value

Daily Mail (Articles) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 11:53:57 +0000

Home improvements may once have paid off handsomely when it came time to sell, but many homeowners are now disappointed to find this isn't the case for them.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/mailplus/article-15496409/improving-home-renovations-worth-add-value.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/mailplus/article-15496409/improving-home-renovations-worth-add-value.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

Philly officials suing after Parks Service removes slavery exhibit 'presumably' at the behest of Trump

Independent (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 08:14:19 GMT

Pennsylvania city files lawsuit seeking temporary injunction after information boards explaining the lives of George Washington's slaves abruptly taken down without explanation

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/philadelphia-slavery-exhibit-george-washington-b2906553.html>

### **Rhun Ap Iorwerth**

— no mentions today —

### **Mary Lou McDonald**

Tragic teenaged qualified accountant, 18, among two killed following late-night car crash after he and a friend popped out for a McDonald's

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 13:08:00 GMT

George Herd - described as 'one in a million' by his heartbroken family - died at the scene of the accident. A 60-year-old man in another car, who hasn't been named, passed away in hospital.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15496367/Tragic-teenaged-qualified-accountant-18-two-killed-following-late-car-crash-friend-popped-McDonalds.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490&ito=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15496367/Tragic-teenaged-qualified-accountant-18-two-killed-following-late-car-crash-friend-popped-McDonalds.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490)

Donald Trump ushers in 2026 with series of white-collar pardons

City AM (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 12:10:34 +0000

US President Donald Trump has pardoned or reduced the sentences of 10 people convicted of fraud and other white-collar crimes over the past 10 days. Out of the 21 clemency grants Trump has issued since 15 January, 10 were for people convicted of fraud and white-collar crimes, according to the Financial Times. This foll

<https://www.cityam.com/donald-trump-ushers-in-2026-with-series-of-white-collar-pardons/>

### **Gavin Robinson**

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