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## **Nigel Farage**

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 12:38:16 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)

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

Independent (Politics) · 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>

Ex-Tory Home Secretary Suella Braverman defects to Reform UK

BBC (Politics) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 12:36:37 GMT

The MP was unveiled as the party's latest recruit by leader Nigel Farage at a rally.

[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)

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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)

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

**Farage's** revenge on the banks proves he is more Trump than Thatcher

City AM (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 05:56:00 +0000

Nigel Farage's promise to tax banks more shows his Trumpian revenge coming out to play, writes Eliot Wilson.

<https://www.cityam.com/farages-revenge-on-the-banks-proves-he-is-more-trump-than-thatcher/>

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Burnham is right – **Starmer**'s veto will make the Manchester by-election much harder for Labour

Independent (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 12:23:55 GMT

The prime minister faced a conundrum – knowing Burnham is the key to stopping Reform in both Manchester seats, David Maddox writes

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

Andy Burnham latest: **Starmer** defends blocking mayor's bid to become MP as Labour rebellion ramps up

Independent (News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 12:21:46 GMT

Manchester mayor also voices criticism about 'way party is being run' and hits back at those supporting blocking of path back to Westminster

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/andy-burnham-keir-starmer-labour-latest-news-b2907471.html>

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

BBC (UK) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 12:08:01 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/cjdi8jg4gnyo?at\\_medium=RSS&at\\_campaign=rss](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cjdi8jg4gnyo?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=rss)

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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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Daily Mail via Google (keir starmer) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 12:00:11 GMT

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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/>

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

Daily Mail (UK News) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 11:38:31 GMT

Andy Burnham voiced frustration after the PM led a dramatic move by the ruling national executive committee to prevent him standing.

[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)

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-Starmers-exit-successor-worse-STPHEN-GLOVER.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-15496967/Burnhams-botched-coup-Starmers-exit-successor-worse-STPHEN-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 (UK) · 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 (UK) · 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>

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

Guardian (Politics) · 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>

## **Starmer** prepares for Chinese charm offensive

Financial Times (World) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 05:00:28 GMT

UK prime minister will use his visit to build ties with Beijing on issues from illegal migration to financial services

<https://www.ft.com/content/801c2f56-bde5-428f-b974-2569aa47cb40>

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Ms Braverman joins her ally Robert Jenrick and other rightwing Tories as being the latest senior figure to desert Kemi Badenoch's Conservative Party in favour of Reform

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

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)

ANDREW PIERCE: Kemi is queen after Jenrick's defenestration

Daily Mail (Articles) · Mon, 26 Jan 2026 00:24:55 +0000

For the first time since December 2024, one month after she became leader, Mrs Badenoch has soared to the top of news website Conservative Home's shadow cabinet league table.

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/columnists/article-15496825/ANDREW-PIERCE-Kemi-queen-Jenricks-defenestration.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/columnists/article-15496825/ANDREW-PIERCE-Kemi-queen-Jenricks-defenestration.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

## **John Swinney**

— no mentions today —

## **Ed Davey**

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>

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## **Mary Lou McDonald**

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/>

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 12:00:58 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)

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