

National news

- A new discount shop has opened in our high street
- A woman was fined £500 after leaving furniture outside for people to take for free
- The UK has elected a new Prime Minister
- A climate protester has been sentenced to five years in prison
- A rare Roman mosaic has been discovered in a village



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New discount shop:

<https://www.kidderminstershuttle.co.uk/news/24608786.kidderminster-new-shop-brands4less-opens-town-centre/>

Woman fined £500: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c9qvvp9rw4o>

UK elects new prime minister:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/cxx2pd3r538o>

Climate protester sentenced to five years:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/article/2024/jul/18/five-just-stop-oil-supporters-jailed-over-protest-that-blocked-m25>

Rare Roman mosaic found:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/ceq599eqxdro>

International news

- A fence has been put up to stop tourists taking too many pictures of Mount Fuji in Japan
- A new vaccine for malaria could save lives in Ivory Coast
- Six new train stations will be built in Hawaii
- A bear has been spotted climbing over a fence in the USA
- Mexico has elected its first woman president



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Mount Fuji fence: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/68904168>

Malaria vaccine: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/c4ng4wd4n68o>

Hawaii train stations:

<https://www.newsweek.com/hawaii-huge-milestone-rail-construction-project-hart-skyline-rapid-transit-1941045>

Bear climbing fence: <https://apnews.com/article/bear-climbs-fence-connecticut-governors-mansion-3b1aaf00afa14dc1c7e12ac0faf9d1b4>

Mexico elects first woman president: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cp4475gwny1o>

Science & environment news

- The last coal power plant in the UK has been shut down
- Two astronauts are stuck in space after problems with their spaceship
- Some beaches in Singapore have turned black after a massive oil spill
- Record numbers of sea turtle nests have been recorded in a Greek island
- Many rare plants have been found in an army training base



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Last coal power plant closes:

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2024/sep/30/end-of-an-era-as-britains-last-coal-fired-power-plant-shuts-down>

Astronauts stuck in space:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/cv2gydjy683o>

Oil spill in Singapore:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/cyjj9rx7l4po>

Record number of sea turtle nests:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/sep/28/its-hugely-moving-record-numbers-of-sea-turtle-nests-recorded-in-greece>

Rare plants on military base:

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2024/oct/16/plantwatch-military-training-ground-offers-surprise-haven>

Entertainment & culture news

- Frank Cottrell Boyce has been named the new children's laureate
- A local theatre has closed down after running out of money
- Bafta awards will be given to children's TV shows from next year
- Taylor Swift has donated \$5 million to charities after a hurricane caused major damage in the USA
- A piece of art featuring 125 inflatable penguins will go on display



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Cottrell Boyce named children's laureate:

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/article/2024/jul/02/frank-cottrell-boyce-new-childrens-laureate>

Local theatre closes down:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy9xp5x5ekgo>

Bafta awards for children's TV:

<https://www.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2024/sep/22/cbeebies-at-the-baftas-awards-aim-to-revive-magic-of-kids-tv>

Taylor Swift donates to charity:

<https://www.theguardian.com/music/2024/oct/10/taylor-swift-donates-5m-hurricane-relief-efforts-helene-milton>

Art installation with 125 inflatable penguins:

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2024/oct/10/frieze-london-art-fair-penguins>

Sport news

- Paralympic swimming champion visits local primary school
- 16-year-old darts player has reached the final of the world championship
- Football fans are complaining about pigeon poo at their football team's stadium
- An American woman won the Gloucestershire cheese-rolling competition for the second time
- Nearly 2,000 runners attended a parkrun* event on its 20th anniversary

*a free 5 km fun run that takes place every Saturday in parks all over the world



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Paralympic swimming champion: Based on real event, but no published news report available.

16-year-old reaches darts final: <https://news.sky.com/story/luke-littler-16-year-old-reaches-world-darts-championship-final-with-victory-over-rob-cross-13041063>

Football fans complain about pigeon poo:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvg318x7zzlo>

American woman wins second cheese-rolling title:
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/article/2024/may/27/gloucestershire-cheese-rolling-race-coopers-hill-international-appeal>

2,000 runners attend parkrun anniversary event:
<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2024/oct/05/parkrun-at-20-years-old-how-a-gentle-jog-turned-into-a-5km-saturday-morning-obsession>