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Roars, Paws and Claws!

A brand-new BBC nature series, called Kingdom, is coming to our screens soon. It tells the story of four animal families in Africa – lions, leopards, wild dogs and hyenas. The series was filmed in Zambia, in a river valley full of wildlife. The camera teams stayed there for five years, watching the animals grow, change and survive. The Luangwa Valley is known as one of the wildest places on Earth. It's bursting with life, from buzzing insects to huge elephants splashing in the water. Sir David Attenborough will be the voice of the show. He has spent his life telling stories about animals, and the BBC says this new show is full of drama and excitement. Each episode



Pictured: Lions and hyenas which both feature in the new BBC show! **Source:** Canva.

shows how the families hunt, care for their young and protect their homes. The valley is full of other creatures too. Crocodiles hide in rivers, buffalo move in herds, and hippos splash in muddy pools. Baboons, zebras and elephants often wander by, crossing paths with the main animal families. 'I can't wait for this!' said one person commenting on social media. **Do you know anything about any of the animals featured already?**

Half the Treats, Healthier Eats!

Supermarkets in England are changing their rules. Soon, they will no longer be allowed to do 'buy one, get one free' offers on snacks that are high in sugar, salt or fat. That means not as many special deals on crisps, biscuits and chocolate bars.



Pictured: An empty supermarket shopping trolley. **Source:** Canva.

The government says this will help people make healthier choices. Special offers can sometimes make people buy more food than they planned to.

There will still be treats being sold, but the hope is that more families will pick up healthy food like fruit and vegetables instead.

One shopper said, 'It would be great to see offers on apples and carrots for a change!'

What do you think about the new rule changes?

Would you be tempted to buy more if there was a special offer?

What can we learn from people who prove others wrong?



Never underestimate anyone!

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Waxcap Watch

A recent survey, Plantlife's Waxcap Watch, has revealed that rare fungi have been discovered in record numbers across the UK. Hundreds of new sites for some of the nation's rarest and most striking grassland fungi were reported. The fungi were found in cemeteries and on lawns, verges, and other amenity grasslands. Pink Waxcap, also known as the ballerina waxcap because its candy-pink cap flares out like a pirouetting dancer, is present in three hundred new locations! Violet Coral, a purple and pink fungus that resembles coral, was spotted in 18 new locations. Dr Aileen Baird, from Plantlife, said, 'These results reflect both the incredible enthusiasm for fungi and the power of citizen science. With more people than ever taking part in Waxcap Watch, we're gathering the essential data needed to protect these extraordinary species. We still have much to learn – more than 90% of fungi species remain unknown to



Pictured: Fungi from left to right – Ballerina/Pink Waxcap, Scarlet Waxcap, Scarlet Elfcup, Parrot Waxcap, Turkeytail, and Fly Agaric. **Source:** Plantlife: saving wild plants on Facebook.

science – and climate is also influencing fruiting patterns. But what's clear is that anyone, anywhere can play a role in the discovery and conservation of fungi.'

Do you enjoy looking for fungi?

Have you seen any of the ones pictured above?

Say Cheese!

Emilia D'Albero has become the first American to win a gold medal at the 'Cheesemonger World Cup'. The Mondial du Fromage is an event held every two years in Tours, France. It celebrates the cheese and dairy industry, with competitions and tastings, and aims to show off the best in cheese-making. A cheesemonger is a cheese expert who chooses, buys, stores, sells, and educates customers about cheese. 18 candidates from 14 countries competed for the coveted title of 2025 Best Cheesemaker Competition. D'Albero had to compete in four events, a blind taste, the 'perfect cut,' a cheese sculpture, and a 100-centimetre-square plateau centred around a theme. 'In other parts of the world, like Europe, being a cheesemonger is seen as a really respected career,' Emilia said.



Pictured: Emilia D'Albero.
Source: Emilia D'Albero on Instagram.

'In America it's not as respected as it should be. It's definitely skilled labour. We have to have an encyclopaedic knowledge of the cheeses in the case.'

Do you know any cheese facts?

What is your favourite?

What other professions would you like to see compete in a world cup?

What can we learn from people who prove others wrong?



That you can be anyone or anything you want to be.
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