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Bradford welcomes first Pakistani women's business delegation in landmark trade forum



From the world's wool capital to a new era of international enterprise, Bradford has strengthened its business ties with Pakistan after welcoming a delegation of female entrepreneurs and industry leaders to the city for the first time.

Bradford's historic reputation as a global trading powerhouse took on a new dimension as women entrepreneurs from Pakistan joined Yorkshire business leaders, politicians and industry representatives to explore opportunities for investment, exports and commercial partnerships.

The UK-Pakistan Bradford Business & Delegation Networking Forum, held on Friday 6 November at Guardian House, marked the first visit of a Pakistani women's business delegation to Bradford under the initiative.

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KINDNESS FOR KENYA



10 friends raise £145,000 to transform lives in Africa after dinner-table idea

Ten university friends from Blackburn raised £145,000 to bring food, clean water and business opportunities to some of Kenya's poorest communities.

What began as a casual chat over dinner in February soon became a major charity drive, with the friends booking flights the next day.

The group, whose friendship goes back almost 20 years, launched the Kindness for Kenya campaign through The Connect Hub, winning support from local businesses, families and donors across Blackburn.

One of the friends, Farhan, sparked the idea and suggested they join forces to help people facing hardship overseas.

Within months, the team travelled across Kenya, delivering vital aid and helping families build more secure futures.

Their mission took them from Nairobi to Isiolo, Marsabit, Garissa and Mombasa, as well as remote villages where food, water and basic supplies remain a daily struggle.

Clean water, food and vital aid

The team distributed hundreds of food hampers, provided 25,000 litres of water to a remote community, and witnessed the opening of six donor-funded water points.

They also visited schools, maternity clinics, disability centres and an orphanage caring for 56 girls,









delivering clothing, shoes, toys and other essentials.

At one school with makeshift partitions dividing classrooms, the friends donated ten desks and learning supplies.

They also supported a football team at a specialist school for deaf children.

But the campaign went beyond emergency relief, also focusing on helping people earn a living.

Women given shops to start their own businesses

In one of the campaign's biggest projects, 20 women received container shops to start small businesses and support their families.

The handover sparked celebration, with women singing, dancing, and placing colourful scarves and tinsel around the visitors' necks.

The shops give women a chance to earn their own income and gain greater financial independence.

The group also donated sewing machines to women and community projects, and provided 20 laptops to help young people develop computer skills.

Motorbikes were handed to people seeking work, including one man in Mombasa who broke down in tears after receiving his.

For him, the vehicle offered a way to earn money and provide for his family.

Abandoned children receive life-changing wheelchairs.

Some of the most distressing scenes came during visits to centres supporting children with disabilities.

Local charity workers told the team about vulnerable children who had been abandoned, with some reportedly found on the streets or in rubbish bins.

The group provided specially adapted wheelchairs to children and adults with mobility needs, helping them move more freely and take part in daily activities.

The handovers were among the trip's most emotional moments, with families seeing the difference the equipment could make.

£30 food parcels leave families pleading for help

Two desperate women were left pleading for food after charity volunteers ran out of supplies during a visit to one of Kenya's poorest communities.

The women had hoped to receive a basic food hamper costing just £30 - enough to feed their families for up to three weeks.

But there was nothing left to give.

Despite raising an incredible £145,000, the Blackburn volunteers were faced with the heartbreaking reality that there were simply too many hungry families and not enough food to go around.

For the women, £30 was not a luxury. It meant the difference between putting meals on the table and facing days of hunger.

The team could only watch as the women pleaded for help they were unable to provide.

In Mombasa, the scale of poverty was just as stark. Volunteers served hot meals to people sleeping rough, including mothers caring for very young children and women who had travelled miles in a desperate search for work.

Many were surviving on meagre earnings, struggling to afford even the most basic meals.

For the volunteers, the sight of families pleading for food was among the most distressing experiences of their mission - a stark reminder that even £145,000 could not reach everyone in need.

Sewing machines offer women prisoners a fresh start.

The campaign reached a women's correctional facility, where the team delivered food, nappies, and milk for mothers caring for young children.

Eleven sewing machines were donated to support a skills programme to help women find work after their release.

The volunteers also planted fruit trees in gardens maintained by the women.

At a maternity clinic, friends, families and parents from Lammack Primary School in Blackburn distributed clothing collected for expectant and new mothers.

The donations were part of a wider effort to combine urgent aid with longer-term support.

Blackburn rallies behind £145,000 appeal

The campaign drew strong backing from Blackburn residents, businesses, sponsors, and volunteers, with fundraising events helping the friends reach £145,000.

The Connect Hub's first Charity Family Fun Day, held at Bangor Street Community Centre on 26 September 2026, attracted an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 visitors and raised almost £6,000.

Blackburn MP Adnan Hussain and local councillors made a surprise appearance at the event.

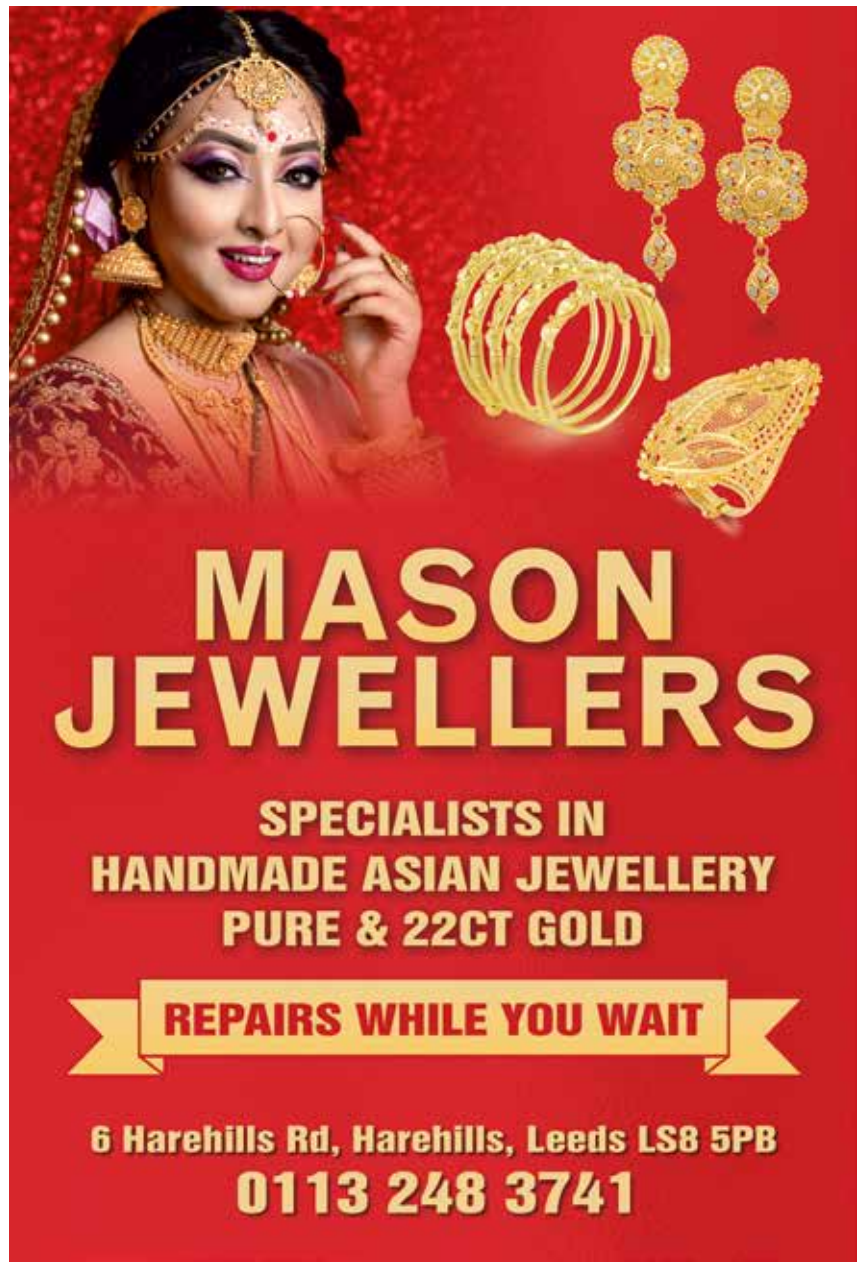
Among those attending were people with family ties to Kenya, including one guest who told the organisers: "Thank you for remembering my country."

Lammack Primary School also supported the campaign by collecting used football kits for children in Kenya.

The ten friends credited the wider Blackburn community with making the mission possible, with donations and practical support coming from residents, local firms, schools and volunteers.

Through Kindness for Kenya, the funds raised supported food and water supplies, mobility equipment, education, skills training and small business projects.

The Connect Hub's work has included 20 women-run shops, 20 laptops for young people, 11 sewing machines for a prison skills programme and six donor-supported water points, alongside hundreds of food hampers distributed to families in need.



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HOST: Andleeb Hanif – Co-founder of Asian Express, and the Business Power Awards (Credit: Film Haus Media)





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Organised by the Pakistan Britain Business Council (PBBC), in collaboration with Women of Fortitude CIC and supported by Inspired Neighbourhoods, the event brought together influential figures from both countries to strengthen economic relationships and champion female entrepreneurship.

The forum was hosted by Asian Express Managing Editor and Business Power Awards founder Andleeb Hanif, who welcomed delegates and led discussions exploring Bradford's industrial heritage, its multicultural business landscape and the potential for greater UK-Pakistan trade.

From Little Germany to global trade

Once recognised as the wool capital of the world, Bradford became an international centre of manufacturing and commerce during the 19th century.

Its thriving textile industry attracted merchants from across Europe, particularly Germany, whose commercial influence was so significant that an area of the city became known as Little Germany.

The district remains a striking reminder of Bradford's history as a city shaped by international enterprise, migration and investment.

That legacy continued through the arrival of Pakistani workers during the post-war decades, many of whom helped sustain Bradford's textile mills before establishing businesses that would contribute to the city's economic transformation.

Today, Bradford's longstanding connections with Pakistan offer opportunities for a new generation of entrepreneurs seeking international markets and commercial collaboration.

Business leaders unite for new opportunities

The event was spearheaded by Aaliya Khan, PBBC Director of Trade and Head of Women's Entrepreneurship, and founder and Executive Director of Women of Fortitude CIC.

Khan brought together business representatives, civic leaders and members of the visiting delegation to encourage practical partnerships between enterprises in Yorkshire and Pakistan.

Among the keynote speakers was Naz Shah MP, Member of Parliament for Bradford West, alongside Bradford Council Leader Cllr Stephen Place.

Rebecca Fitzgerald, President of Bradford Chamber of Commerce and Director of Data and AI at Yorkshire Building Society, represented the region's business community.

Farah Butt, Chair of the Manufacturing Advisory Board at the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, brought a regional manufacturing perspective to discussions about economic development and international opportunities.

Other speakers included Rashid Iqbal, Chief Executive of the Pakistan Britain Business Council, and Owais Hussain Farooqi, Trade and Investment Officer at the Pakistan Consulate.



Together, the speakers represented a broad range of expertise spanning government, manufacturing, finance, international trade and business development.

Pakistani women showcase entrepreneurial ambition

The visiting delegation, led by PBBC representative Saima Sukhera, included women working across sectors ranging from financial services to apparel manufacturing and international trade.

Among them was Saima Sadiq, founder of Value Wears Enterprises, a Sialkot-based manufacturer and exporter producing garments for international markets, including the UAE and Australia.

The delegation also included Muhammad Rizwan Jaffar, founder and chairman of the Made in Pakistan Corporate Club, representing the wider trade promotion initiative.

Each delegate was invited to introduce her business, discuss its activities and identify opportunities for collaboration with British companies.

The programme subsequently moved into a networking session, allowing participants to establish direct connections and explore potential commercial relationships.

For the visiting entrepreneurs, Bradford offered access to an established business community, manufacturing expertise and organisations with experience of international trade.

For Yorkshire businesses, the delegation presented opportunities to learn more about Pakistani manufacturing, export capabilities and emerging commercial partnerships.

Women supporting women across borders

A central theme of the gathering was the importance of women supporting other women in business, particularly when navigating international markets and traditionally male-dominated industries.

The forum highlighted the value of professional networks, mentorship and access to decision-makers in helping female entrepreneurs expand their commercial ambitions.

It also reflected Bradford's evolving identity as a city where its industrial heritage and diverse communities can contribute to new international business relationships.

Organisers hope the introductions made during the forum will develop into sustained partnerships, opening further opportunities for trade, investment and collaboration.



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Foster carers and families could receive financial help to extend, adapt or even move to a larger home under a new Bradford scheme

More room, more families



Bradford Children and Families Trust and Bradford Council have launched the new support fund to help families build extensions that provide additional bedrooms and make accessibility improvements.

In some cases, financial support could also be provided towards the purchase of a larger home.

The initiative builds on the Room Maker scheme, launched in 2024, which provides funding for smaller-scale adaptations to help foster families create additional bedroom space.

The new fund will be available not only to foster families willing to care for more children, but also to a wider range of families who could provide permanent or long-term homes.

This includes special guardians with a special guardianship order and family carers with a child arrangements order, where additional space could allow brothers and sisters to remain together within their family network.

Support could also help a child leave care and live permanently with a family member or family friend.

Adopters who could provide a home for a brother or sister of their adopted child may also be eligible, alongside part- and full-time carers who need adaptations to support children with disabilities.

These could include wheelchair access, stairlifts or accessible bedrooms.

Charlotte Ramsden, Chief Executive of Bradford Children and Families Trust, said: "We're excited to launch this new scheme, which demonstrates our commitment to supporting foster carers, kinship carers and adoptive families across Bradford.

"A lack of space can often be the barrier that prevents a child from staying with family or stops someone from becoming a foster carer.

"By helping families create the space they need, we can increase local care capacity, keep more children close to home and support more children to remain safely within their family networks."

Councillor Sally Birch, Bradford Council's Executive Member for Children and Families, said: "This is an important investment in Bradford district's families and our children.

"We want more children to stay close to home and, wherever possible, remain connected to their family networks.

"If we're asking people to step forward and care for children, we must also look at how we can support them to do that.

"This scheme is part of the wide range of support we provide and will help more families give children the stable, loving homes they deserve."

The initiative aims to keep children close to their communities, help brothers and sisters remain together and enable more children to grow up in stable family homes rather than entering or remaining in care.

It forms part of wider work by Bradford Children and Families Trust and Bradford Council to increase fostering capacity locally and strengthen permanent family options for children across the district.

Families interested in the scheme should contact the relevant fostering, kinship or adoption service for further advice and guidance.

To find out more about fostering for Bradford, visit the website www.bradfordcft.org.uk/fostering.



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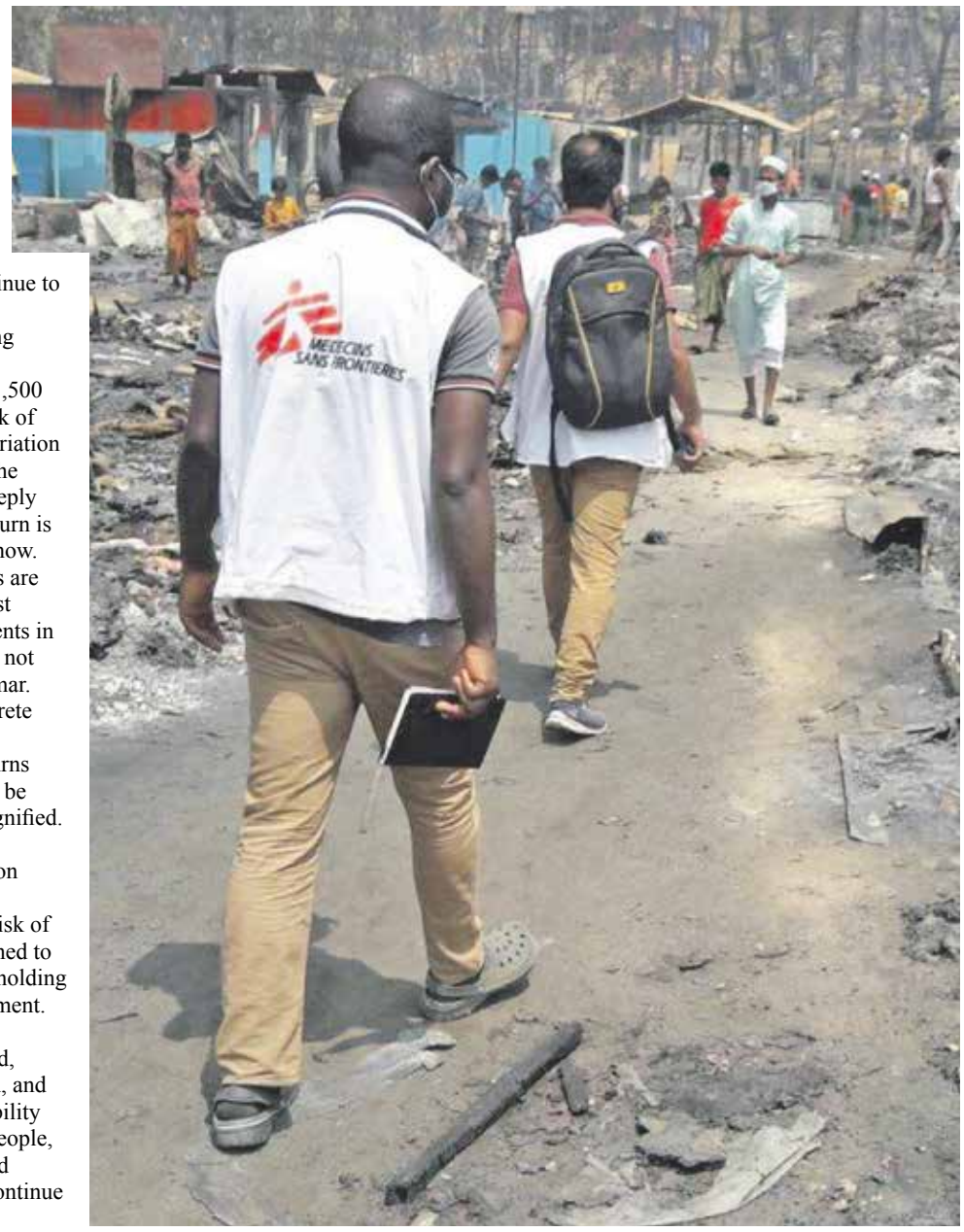
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Stop treating repatriation of Rohingya as a solution when conditions are clearly unsafe”



The United Nations hosted a high-level conference in New York on the situation of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar.

The goal of those in attendance was to propose “a comprehensive, innovative and concrete plan for a sustainable resolution of the crisis, including efforts to create a conducive environment for the voluntary, safe, sustainable and dignified return of Rohingya’ to Rakhine state in Myanmar.”

One year on, the situation for over one million Rohingya refugees living in limbo across the camps in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh, and those remaining in conflict ravaged Rakhine state, remains dire and continues to deteriorate under global neglect.

Civilians in Rakhine State, and across several other areas of Myanmar, face extreme violence. Myanmar’s health system continues to be torn apart by the ongoing violence: medicines and medical supplies are often depleted, unable to reach facilities because of the conflict, or blocked altogether resulting in severely disrupted access to healthcare.

Despite these perilous conditions, regional pressure and dangerous moves toward returning refugees to Myanmar persist, while conditions are not yet safe enough to do so. Notably, Malaysia is planning to return nearly 1,500 refugees back to Myanmar, including Rohingya people, as of 29th September 2026.

In a statement by Dr Javid Abdelmoneim, International President of Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF), he said: “One year on since the conference, Rohingya communities have seen too little action, and too little accountability. There were strong words at that conference, but for people affected, words have not resulted in change.

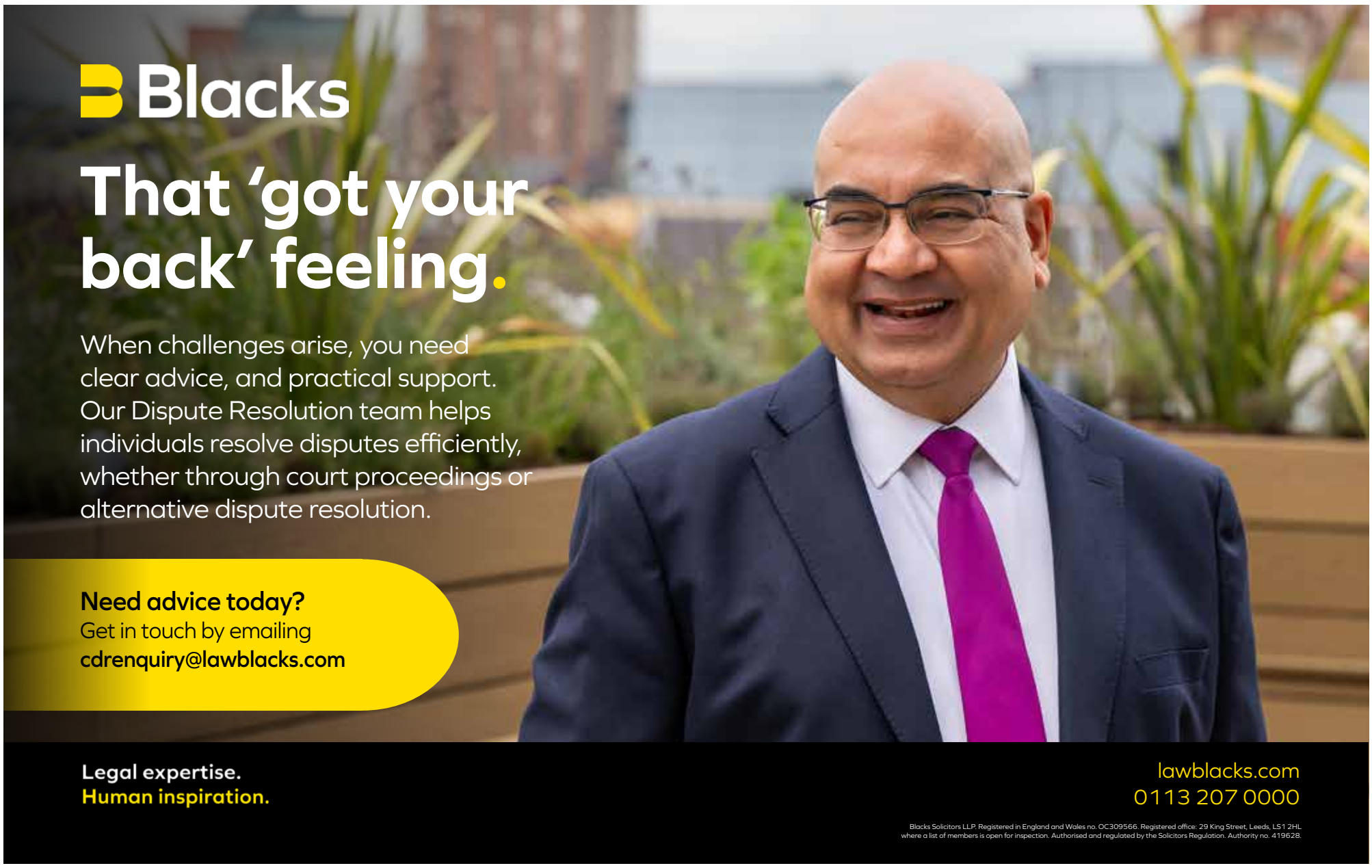
“My message to world leaders is this: stop treating repatriation as a solution when conditions are clearly unsafe. Myanmar remains a place of extreme violence. Civilians are facing aerial bombardment, mass killings, forced recruitment, and severe deprivation. Healthcare, food supplies, education, and livelihoods are all being disrupted by conflict and insecurity.

“MSF activities, like those of others, have contracted drastically because of insecurity. This is not only about the ability to keep our patients and staff safe from bombs and shelling but also the relentless bureaucracy we’re faced with to secure the authorisations to respond, even as needs continue to escalate.

“And yet, we’re still seeing dangerous moves towards return. In Malaysia, nearly 1,500 Myanmar refugees are at risk of being returned under a repatriation programme announced for the end of September. That’s deeply alarming. Let’s be clear. Return is not safe and it is not viable now. Rohingya people themselves are saying this. In our survey last year, 84% of Rohingya patients in Bangladesh said they would not feel safe returning to Myanmar. What is needed now is concrete action.

“Forced or premature returns must stop. Any returns must be truly voluntary, safe, and dignified. Host countries must protect refugees and assess protection needs properly. This means identifying if people are at risk of persecution if they are returned to their home countries and upholding the principle of non-refoulement.

“Humanitarian access [in Myanmar] must be expanded, assistance must be sustained, and there must be real accountability for the violence Rohingya people, and all other conflict affected communities in Myanmar continue to face.”



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10-years-old. 7,000 voters. One big mission. Bahrawar makes it from classroom to City Hall!



Chapeltown schoolboy Bahrawar Zaidan Ahmad elected Leeds Children's Mayor after more than 7,000 young people took part in a city-wide vote.

Most ten-year-olds have plenty to think about between school, homework and spending time with friends. Bahrawar Zaidan Ahmad has added something extraordinary to that list: representing the children of Leeds.

The Year 6 pupil from Dixons Trinity Chapeltown has been elected Leeds Children's Mayor for 2026–2027, following a city-wide election in which more than 7,000 young people voted.

His name was announced at Leeds Civic Hall on Tuesday 13th October, ending months of campaigning and starting a year he hopes will make a real difference to other children.

At the heart of Bahrawar's campaign is something he feels strongly about: children's mental health.

He wants young people to know that feeling worried, anxious or overwhelmed is nothing to be ashamed of and that asking for help should never feel difficult.

"I feel incredibly honoured to have been elected as the next Leeds Children's Mayor and I am truly grateful to everyone who believed in me and supported my campaign," he said.

"Mental health is something I care deeply about because no child should ever feel that they have to face their worries alone.

"I want to help make it easier for young people to find support, speak openly about how they feel and know that there is always someone willing to listen."

FROM A SCHOOL IDEA TO CITY HALL

Bahrawar's journey began when he came across the Leeds Children's Mayor competition and decided on his own to give it a go.

He researched what was involved, put together his manifesto and gave it to his headteacher, Mrs Watson, to submit.

What started as an idea from a determined schoolboy has now taken him all the way to Civic Hall.

His interest in helping others runs through the family.

His grandfather, Haji Riaz Ahmad, devoted many years to supporting people in his community, and that spirit of giving back has continued through the generations.

This family influence has shaped Bahrawar's belief that, even at ten years old, he can do something worthwhile for others.

And he certainly has some ideas.

His manifesto includes a website bringing together mental health services for children across Leeds, so young people and their families can find help more easily.

He also wants schools to have trained pupil wellbeing ambassadors - children who can look out for classmates, offer a friendly ear and encourage anyone struggling to speak to someone who can help.

His third proposal is a city-wide 'Your Mind Matters Day' giving pupils time away from school pressures to enjoy sport, music, art and activities that help them feel good.

They're ambitious ideas, but Bahrawar hopes to work with the Leeds Children's Mayor team to make them a reality.

A PROUD MOMENT FOR THE FAMILY

Away from his new civic responsibilities, Bahrawar is still a regular ten-year-old who enjoys rugby, boxing and spending time with his friends.

Despite the excitement of winning, he hasn't forgotten the people who helped him get there.

He has thanked his school and headteacher for encouraging him, along with the schools, youth groups and individuals who supported his campaign.

His family have been there every step of the way. Bahrawar has spoken warmly of their support, especially the sacrifices his father has made to help him pursue his ambitions.

But perhaps the people he is most keen to make proud are the young voters who put their faith in him.

"I am excited to work with the Leeds Children's Mayor team to bring my manifesto to life," he said.

"This is about more than winning an election; it is about representing young people, listening to their experiences and doing everything I can to make a positive difference."

There will be new faces to meet, civic events to attend and plenty to learn over the coming year.

But Bahrawar already knows what he wants to achieve - he wants children across Leeds to feel that somebody is listening to them - and that when life gets difficult, they don't have to face it on their own.









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£2,310 could be sitting in your name - and 827,000 young people haven't claimed it



Hundreds of thousands of young adults could be sitting on a forgotten pot of cash worth more than £2,000 - without even knowing it exists.

Around 827,000 matured Child Trust Funds remain unclaimed, with an average value of £2,310, according to the latest HM Revenue and Customs figures.

And finding out whether you have one could take just five minutes.

Almost three million accounts belonging to 18 to 24-year-olds have already been claimed or automatically transferred into an Individual Savings Account (ISA) since the first Child Trust Funds began maturing in September 2020.

But with hundreds of thousands still untouched, HMRC is urging young people to check whether some forgotten savings are waiting for them.

Child Trust Funds were long-term, tax-free savings accounts set up for children born between 1 September 2002 and 2 January 2011.

They came with an initial government payment of at least £250, while parents and family members could also add money over the years.

The young person can take control of the account at 16, but the cash cannot be withdrawn until they turn 18. At that point, they can take the money, leave it invested or move it into another savings account.

For some, that money is arriving just when the costs of adult life begin to bite.

How do I find my missing Child Trust Fund?

If you know which bank, building society or savings provider holds the account, you can contact them directly.

If you have no idea where it is - or didn't even know you had one - the Government has a free online service that can track down the provider.

Almost 500,000 young people used the locator in the nine months to August 2026.

To find your Child Trust Fund on GOV.UK, you'll need your National Insurance number and date of birth. HMRC says completing the online request takes around five minutes, and most people should hear back within three weeks.

A government-industry Child Trust Fund Taskforce has now been established to try to reunite more young people with their money.

Economic Secretary to the Treasury Lucy Rigby, who leads the taskforce, said: "The oldest matured accounts are now more than six years old and some young people may not know they have savings waiting for them."

She urged anyone unsure where their money is held to use the free GOV.UK service.

The money isn't sitting with the Government. The accounts are held by banks, building societies and other savings providers.

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‘A City in Frames: Bradford’, opening at Darley Street Market on 6 November, showcases photographs and personal stories created by local people through free mobile photography workshops, guided walks and creative storytelling sessions.

Armed with mobile phones, ordinary Bradford residents are capturing the streets, stories and communities that rarely make the headlines

Bradford has no shortage of stories. But how often do the people who live here get to tell them?

A new photography exhibition is turning the lens on the city itself, handing residents the opportunity to capture Bradford as they know it - through their own experiences, memories and everyday encounters.

And there’s no need for expensive cameras or professional photography skills.

‘A City in Frames: Bradford’, opening at Darley Street Market on 6 November, showcases photographs and personal stories created by local people through free mobile photography workshops, guided walks and creative storytelling sessions.

Running until 20 November, the exhibition celebrates the city’s neighbourhoods, cultural heritage and everyday life through the eyes of those who call Bradford home.

The Bradford you don’t always see

Behind every photograph is a personal perspective - a familiar street, a meaningful place or an ordinary moment that tells a bigger story.

It’s an approach that places residents, rather than professional photographers, at the heart of the exhibition.

Organised by Odyssey Media House CIC with support from Arts Council England, the project is built around a simple theme: “Every Street Holds a Memory. Every City Has a Story.”

Oluwadamilola Adetomiwa, founder and executive director of Odyssey Media House CIC and project producer, said: “A City in Frames is about giving people the opportunity to tell their own stories and see their communities differently.

“Every photograph represents a perspective, a memory or an experience that deserves to be celebrated. We hope this exhibition inspires more people to explore their creativity and recognise the beauty in everyday Bradford.”

When photography becomes a connection

Beyond the images, the project explores how creativity can bring communities together.

Working alongside Move Right Bradford, a community-led initiative by OAK Initiative UK CIC delivering a 12-month health and wellbeing programme, the exhibition connects photography and storytelling with efforts to reduce isolation, improve wellbeing and encourage cultural participation.

Exhibition team members Tobi Olorunmakomi and Mojola Oni outlined their vision in a proposed joint statement: “We want visitors to experience more than photographs on display. Our vision is to create an exhibition that connects people with the stories behind the images and celebrates the creativity, identity and diversity of Bradford’s communities.”

The opening event will feature participant storytelling, expert talks and the premiere of a short documentary charting the project’s journey.

And Bradford is only the beginning - organisers hope the exhibition will become the first chapter in a growing photographic portrait of cities across the UK.

For now, the spotlight belongs to Bradford - not through the eyes of outsiders, but through the photographs and memories of its own residents.

A City in Frames: Bradford runs from 6–20 November 2026 at Darley Street Market, Bradford.



INSPIRING FUTURES

Pupils swap the classroom for Westminster - stepping inside Parliament to see democracy in action



For a group of Bradford primary school children, lessons looked very different last week.

of sitting behind their desks in Manningham, pupils found themselves walking through the corridors of the Palace of Westminster, standing inside the House of Commons and discovering how decisions made hundreds of miles from home can shape their everyday lives.

Children from all six schools in the Priestley Academy Trust travelled to London for a day designed to bring British democracy out of the textbook and into real life.

And there was one message their teachers wanted them to take home: these places belong to them too.

The pupils began their journey at the crack of dawn, travelling by train from West Yorkshire to King's Cross before taking in some of the capital's best-known sights.

They walked through Trafalgar Square and along The Mall to Buckingham Palace, visited St James's Park and made their way along the Thames before arriving at the Houses of Parliament.



Inside Westminster, the children took part in the UK Parliament Education Centre's Parts of Parliament: Building a Law workshop, designed for pupils aged seven to 11.

They learned how an idea can become a bill, how it is debated and scrutinised, and how it can eventually become law.

But perhaps the biggest lesson came when they stepped inside the chambers where those debates actually happen.

Pupils were given a guided tour of both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, bringing to life places many had previously seen only on television.

Mathew Atkinson, Chief Executive of the Priestley Academy Trust, said the experience was about much more than a day away from school.

"We are incredibly proud to offer our pupils this fantastic opportunity," he said.

"Walking the halls of Westminster and seeing where our laws are made is something they will remember for the rest of their lives.

"We want our children to know that these spaces belong to them too, and by raising their aspirations today, we hope to inspire the leaders of tomorrow."

Before beginning the journey home, the group also walked past Downing Street, the official residence of the Prime Minister.

The children will now become ambassadors for the visit, taking what they learned back into their classrooms and sharing the experience with other pupils.

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Our crumbling roads exposed - the worst places to drive revealed



TOP 10 UK AREAS WITH THE WORST ROADS

Rank	Local authority	Percentage of A roads in red status	Percentage of A roads in amber status	Percentage of B & C roads in red status	Percentage of B & C roads in amber status
1.	West Northamptonshire	5%	71%	17.5%	72.5%
2.	Derbyshire	20.4%	44%	27%	47.6%
3.	North Northamptonshire	3%	71%	10%	82%
4.	Bristol, City of	8.8%	63.2%	10%	74.6%
5.	Southend-on-Sea	12.6%	47%	19.8%	51.8%
6.	Bath and Northeast Somerset	5%	56%	17%	60.5%
7.	Bradford	6.67%	62.67%	9.33%	63%
8.	Liverpool	9.8%	45.2%	15%	54.75%
9.	Cheshire West and Chester	1%	64.8%	4.4%	72.4%
10.	Westminster	4%	32%	16.5%	71.5%

Britain's battered roads have been laid bare in new figures revealing huge stretches of the network are deteriorating - with more than nine in 10 smaller roads needing improvement in the worst-hit area.

A new study has exposed a stark divide in the state of the nation's roads, with some areas struggling with widespread deterioration while others have overwhelmingly good surfaces.

Under the road condition system, green means a road is in good condition and does not currently require maintenance. Amber indicates signs of deterioration where maintenance may soon be needed, while red identifies roads in poor condition that should be considered for maintenance.

West Northamptonshire has been named the worst area in Britain for road conditions, followed by Derbyshire and North Northamptonshire.

And the scale of the problem is striking.

In West Northamptonshire, just 9.5% of B and C roads are rated green, leaving more than nine in 10 in either the amber or red categories.

Its major roads aren't much better, with more than three-quarters of A roads falling outside the green category.

The findings come from analysis by Re-flow Field Management of Department for Transport road-condition data.

Derbyshire takes second place - and has the highest proportion of red-rated A roads in the study.

More than one in five - 20.4% - are rated red, while more than a quarter of its B and C roads fall into the same category.

North Northamptonshire comes third, where only 9% of B and C roads are rated green, with the vast majority requiring improvement.

Bristol and Southend-on-Sea complete the worst five, followed by Bath and North East Somerset, Bradford, Liverpool, Cheshire West and Chester and Westminster.

Bradford and Leeds - neighbours, but worlds apart

Perhaps one of the most striking contrasts can be found in West Yorkshire.

Bradford is ranked seventh among the areas with Britain's worst road surfaces - while neighbouring Leeds has the third-best.

In Bradford, almost seven in 10 A roads are rated amber or red.

The picture is even worse on its smaller roads, where 72.33% of B and C roads fall outside the green category - meaning fewer than three in 10 are considered to be in good condition.

Of those, 9.33% are rated red, placing Bradford firmly inside Britain's bottom 10.

Cross into neighbouring Leeds and the picture changes dramatically.

Leeds is ranked third-best in the country, behind only Sunderland and Middlesbrough.

Around 75% of Leeds A roads are rated green, while almost eight in 10 of its B and C roads are considered to be in good condition.

Just 4% of A roads and 2% of B and C roads are rated red.

It means two neighbouring West Yorkshire districts sit at almost opposite ends of Britain's road-condition rankings.

And Britain's best roads?

Sunderland takes the crown for the best road surfaces in the study.

A striking 87.6% of its A roads are rated green, with just 1% falling into the poorest red category. Its B and C roads tell a similar story, with more than eight in 10 considered to be in good condition.

Middlesbrough takes second place, followed by Leeds in third.

Ashley Wing, CMO of Re-flow Field Management, said: "These results show a concerning picture of the UK's road infrastructure, with significant regional disparities in road quality.

"What's particularly worrying is seeing areas like Westminster in the top 10, showing that even wealthy boroughs aren't immune to road maintenance issues.

"What jumped out was that West Northamptonshire has less than 10% of its B and C roads in good condition. For residents driving on those routes every day, that is a shocking statistic.

"These findings come at a crucial time when local authorities are making difficult budget decisions.

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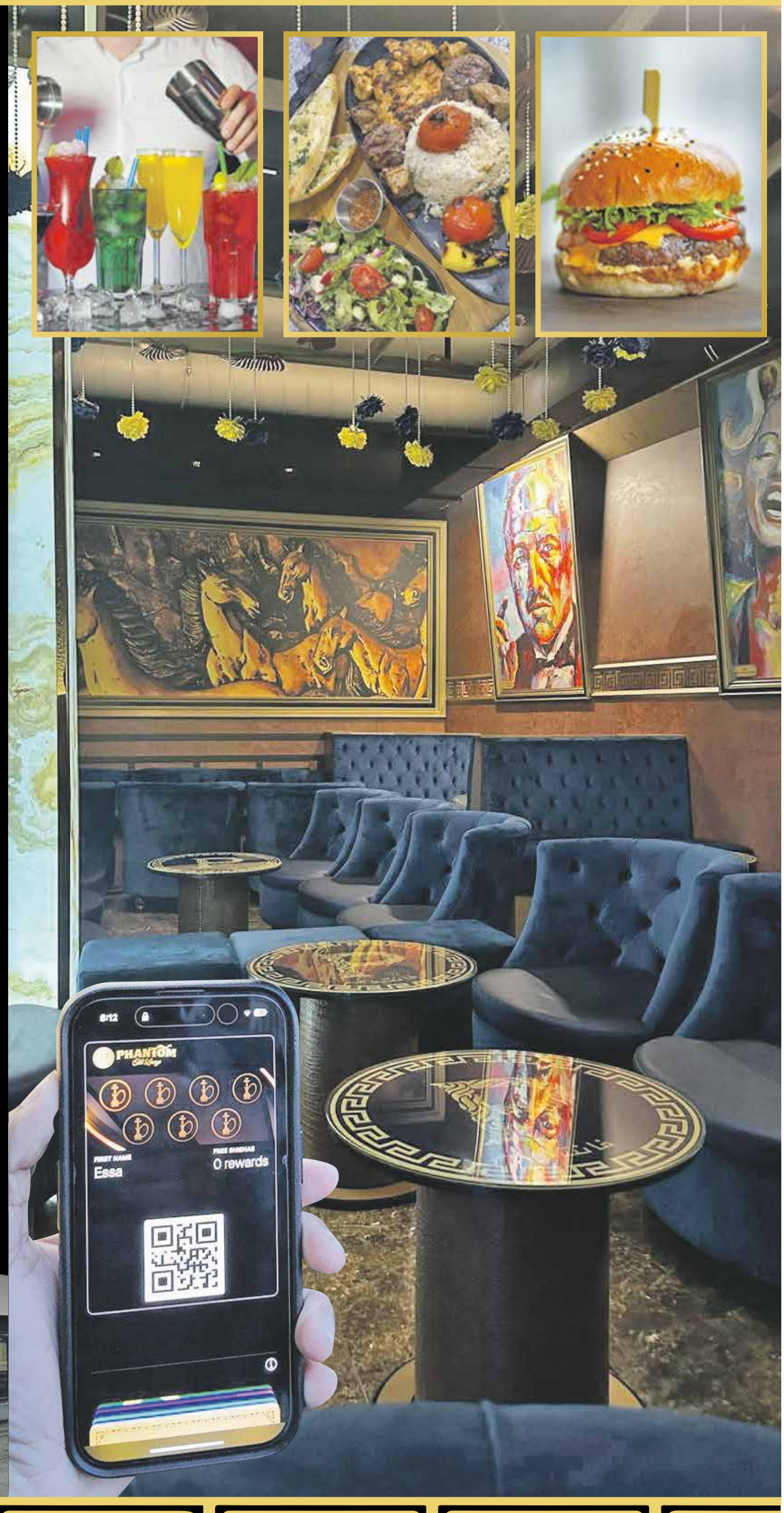
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Muslim doctor tells how patient pointed at her hijab and branded her a 'terrorist' in front of a packed NHS waiting room

Anti-Muslim hate in NHS settings nearly DOUBLES in a year

- **Reported cases in healthcare settings rise by 92% from 2024 to 2025**
- **Muslim NHS doctor says patient pointed at her hijab and called her a 'terrorist' in crowded waiting room**
- **Charity calls for urgent action to protect Muslim patients and NHS Staff**

Anti-Muslim hate in NHS hospitals and GP surgeries has surged by a staggering 92 per cent in just one year, with Muslim doctors, patients and families subjected to abuse and harassment in places meant to keep them safe.

Shocking new figures from Tell MAMA reveal 71 verified incidents were recorded in healthcare settings during 2025 - almost double the 37 cases reported in 2024.

And the hostility appears to be continuing.

Another 29 verified incidents were recorded between January and June this year, prompting warnings that elevated levels of anti-Muslim hate are persisting across healthcare settings.

Among those targeted was a Muslim NHS doctor who says she was branded a "terrorist" by a patient in front of a crowded waiting room.

The doctor said she had simply called the patient's name when the abuse began.

"I chose medicine to protect and care for people when they need it most," she said.

"When I called his name, my only thought was how to help him.

"Having my faith weaponised against me in front of a crowded room was deeply degrading.

"At that moment he pointed at my headscarf and called me a 'terrorist' and the entire waiting area fell silent. Everyone stared.

"Suddenly, the years of studying and exhausting shifts meant nothing; I wasn't seen as a doctor, but as a threat."

She said the incident destroyed her sense of safety within seconds.

"The raw hatred in his voice, suggesting that my headscarf somehow made me dangerous to the very patients I am dedicated to serving, stripped away my sense of safety and professional identity in seconds."

HATE IN PLACES OF CARE

Tell MAMA says incidents have taken place across the NHS - from local GP surgeries and outpatient clinics to hospital wards and emergency departments.

And it is not only healthcare workers being targeted.

Muslim patients and visiting family members have also been caught up in incidents involving verbal abuse, discrimination and targeted harassment.

The monitoring organisation says its figures reveal a troubling year-on-year rise.

There were 37 verified incidents in 2024.

That jumped to 71 in 2025 - a 92 per cent increase.

A further 29 were recorded in the first six months of 2026.

Tell MAMA says the mid-year figures suggest the heightened level of incidents seen during 2025 has not disappeared.

'THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE'

Iman Atta OBE, Director of Tell MAMA, said anti-Muslim prejudice was reaching people during some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives.



Iman Atta OBE

She said: "Hospitals and GP surgeries should be places of safety and care for everyone, regardless of faith.

"These figures show that anti-Muslim prejudice is following people into some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives, and that is unacceptable.

"We are calling on NHS trusts to take this data seriously and to strengthen reporting pathways and staff training so that both patients and healthcare workers are properly protected."

TELL MAMA'S CALLS FOR ACTION

1 Strengthen safeguarding pathways

NHS trusts and ICBs must audit and reinforce incident-reporting frameworks to better support affected staff and patients.

2 Increase reporting visibility

Integrate direct reporting routes to Tell MAMA within NHS complaints, PALS and safeguarding procedures.

3 Mandate targeted training

Introduce mandatory cultural competency and hate-crime awareness modules for all frontline and public-facing NHS staff.

4 Institutional data-sharing

Establish formal data-sharing protocols between NHS bodies and independent monitoring networks to uncover the true scale of underreporting.

Tell MAMA continues to work with police, NHS leaders and community partners to support victims and press for long-term change across the public sector.

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Waqas Hanif was sentenced to three years in prison



Touqir Nasir was handed a 10-month sentence, suspended for a year, and will be subject to a six-month curfew

NHS worker jailed over fake Covid vaccine records sold for up to £150



More than 2,600 suspicious vaccination entries were linked to a Luton health centre during the pandemic

An NHS worker who created thousands of suspicious Covid vaccination records for unvaccinated people has been jailed.

Waqas Hanif, 28, and Touqir Nasir, 31, were caught after a joint investigation by the National Crime Agency (NCA) and NHS England into fake vaccine records sold during the pandemic.

Waqas, who worked as a vaccination programme care co-ordinator at Kingsway Health Centre in Luton, was sentenced to three years in prison at Luton Crown Court.

Touqir was handed a 10-month sentence, suspended for a year, and will be subject to a six-month curfew.

The investigation uncovered more than 2,000 fraudulent vaccination records created between June and October 2021.

People who had not received a Covid vaccine paid for official records showing they had been vaccinated, allowing them to bypass restrictions on activities like foreign travel and large gatherings.

The records were sold through social media platforms including Telegram, with Waqas charging between £80 and £150 for two supposed vaccine 'doses'.

Investigators identified 2,663 suspicious entries linked to Kingsway Health Centre.

Of these, 1,875 were connected to five IP addresses at Waqas's home. Waqas had administrator access to Pinnacle, the NHS system used at the time to generate and record vaccinations.

When NCA officers arrested him at his home in January 2022, they found his NHS ID card, NHS documents, and £7,000 in cash.

The investigation also led officers to a safe deposit box Waqas had rented in Luton, where they seized £136,405 in cash.

CCTV footage showed him visiting the box several times, and officers later found his fingerprints on some banknotes.

Investigators also found around 250 images on Waqas's mobile phone containing personal information about approximately 340 patients.

Waqas admitted creating false vaccination records but claimed he acted under duress from local criminals who paid for the certificates.

Investigators also discovered more than £56,000 had been deposited into a bank account opened by Touqir under the name Adam Parker, which he had legally adopted by deed poll.

Many payments were small deposits between £100 and £400, suspected to be for fraudulent records. Investigators found some depositors later had false vaccination records created.

Bank statements also revealed a £1,000 transfer to Waqas, which investigators linked to the fraudulent records.

Waqas pleaded guilty to offences under the Computer Misuse Act, Fraud Act and Proceeds of Crime Act in March 2025.

Touqir pleaded guilty to a Fraud Act offence in December 2025 and later admitted a Proceeds of Crime Act offence.

Paul Foster, deputy director and head of the NCA's National Cyber Crime Unit, said: "These men cynically abused our healthcare system for financial gain, at a time when the country was going through the turmoil and pain of the Covid 19 pandemic.

"Although receiving the vaccine is a matter of personal choice, such exploitation of our healthcare system to allow unvaccinated individuals to bypass restrictions that are in place to protect the British public is illegal."

He said the joint investigation with NHS England had prevented organised criminals from continuing to undermine the national pandemic response and profit from the scheme.

Janan secures planning approval for Bradford flagship expansion



Bradford-based fashion retailer Janan has secured planning permission for a major two-storey extension to its flagship store and headquarters on Shearbridge Road.

The approval follows a revised planning application after Janan's previous proposal was refused in 2025. Since then, the company has worked with its professional team to address the matters raised and provide the additional information and technical detail required by Bradford Council.

Asif Khan, CEO of Janan Group, said: "We are delighted to have secured planning approval. Following the previous decision, we worked closely with our professional team to address all the queries raised and provide the information and technical detail that were key to the Council being able to make this decision.

"This extension is an important investment not only for Janan, but for Bradford. It will allow us to grow our flagship operation, create more jobs and generate further economic activity locally.

"We also want to attract more visitors from across the UK and overseas to Bradford and help strengthen the city as a shopping destination.

"Bradford is our home and has been at the heart of Janan since we started.

"As we continue to grow nationally and internationally, we want that growth to translate into further investment and opportunity here in the city."

The scheme has been led by Bradford-based Morf Architecture, working alongside Empace Civil & Structural Engineers and Consult North on quantity surveying and project management. The team worked collaboratively with Janan throughout the revised planning process and will continue to support the project as it moves towards delivery.

Ayaz Khan, Principal Architect at Morf Architecture, said: "From the outset, our aim has been to reflect Janan's brand identity through the architecture, with a strong emphasis on elegance, carefully considered façade hierarchy and a distinctive sense of arrival.

"The façade has been conceived as a layered composition, drawing inspiration from fashion, fabric and couture to create depth and a refined visual identity. It is particularly rewarding to be delivering a major investment for an established Bradford business, and we now look forward to progressing the scheme through detailed design and into delivery."

Professor Ummer Daraz, Managing Director of Empace Civil & Structural Engineers and Visiting Professor at the University of Bradford, added: "This is a technically complex project, particularly because the existing store needs to remain operational throughout the development.

"The structural and construction approach has been carefully planned around that requirement, allowing the extension to progress while minimising disruption to the existing business.

"It will also make an interesting engineering case study, and I look forward to sharing aspects of the project with students at the University of Bradford."

Janan will now work with its professional team to progress the development through detailed design and towards construction.

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About Janan

Founded in Bradford in 2011, Janan is a British fashion retailer with a growing retail, online and international presence. The company remains headquartered in Bradford, with its Shearbridge Road site serving as its flagship store and operational base.

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Start Up of the Year 2026

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To Break or Not to Break?

Commercial leases usually contain a break clause. This is a provision in the lease which allows the landlord or the tenant to end the lease on a specific date before the end of the fixed term. Usually, the party wishing to exercise the break has to provide written notice well ahead of time, typically between three to twelve months. The courts have enforced break clauses strictly therefore missing a deadline by even a single day or failing to comply with a condition can invalidate the break option. As a requirement to exercise the break clause tenants must ensure that all rent, service charges, insurance rent and any other charges payable under the lease are paid up in full by the break date; any shortfall can nullify the break clause.

In the recent case of Sterling House Ltd v International Baccalaureate Organisation (UK) Ltd, the High Court had to decide whether a tenant had successfully exercised the break clause when there were outstanding sums due to the landlord.

In that case, the tenant had served notice on the landlord seeking to terminate its lease. The lease required annual rent to be paid in advance on the quarter days and insurance rent to be paid on demand, and it provided that the break notice would be ineffective if any rent remained outstanding at the termination date.



The tenant asked the landlord's agent for details of the sums payable before handing back the premises. However, the rent invoice issued by the agent only covered the period up to the break date, leaving approximately £45,000 outstanding in respect of the balance of the quarter which fell after the break date. The tenant duly paid the amount requested in the invoice. Further, the landlord demanded payment from the tenant of approximately £2,300 of insurance rent at 3.00 pm on the Friday before the Monday break date.

The landlord claimed that the break clause had not been validly exercised because of the outstanding rent including insurance rent. On a strict interpretation of the lease, rent was outstanding at the break date, so the break condition had not been met.

However, the High Court dismissed the landlord's claim. Instead, the Court held that the landlord was estopped i.e. prevented from relying on that shortfall because the invoice which had been issued by its agent amounted to a clear representation of what the landlord wanted for the tenant to exercise the break. The tenant had reasonably relied on that, having specifically requested the invoice well before the break date to ensure that it had the necessary funds to pay the landlord. In respect of the outstanding insurance rent, the Court found that the landlord had not given the tenant adequate time to pay it. That payment was made by the tenant within a reasonable period afterwards.

This decision will be welcome by tenants as usually break clause conditions are construed strictly by the courts and enforced to the letter of the lease. Notwithstanding this, tenants should continue to proceed on the basis that strict compliance of the terms of the lease is required if they are to exercise any break clause.

If you are involved in any landlord or tenant dispute, then the Real Estate Litigation Team at Blacks can provide advice and assistance. Please contact Luke Patel by telephone on 0113 227 9316 or by email at "lpatel@lawblacks.com".

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Britain is building new homes in the WRONG places



BUILD, BUILD, BUILD? Researchers say the real issue is where new homes are being constructed

Housing construction rises where properties are already plentiful while overcrowded areas miss out

Britain is building new homes in the places that need them least while some of the country's most overcrowded communities are missing out, according to new research.

A major study tracking housing across England and Wales over three decades has found a growing mismatch between where homes are being constructed and where people actually need them.

Researchers at the University of St Andrews analysed every local authority district through four censuses between 1991 and 2021.

They found that by 2021, most local authorities had their largest surplus of homes over households for 30 years.

In London, the number of homes exceeded the number of households by 8.7 per cent at the latest census - despite property prices in the capital reaching record levels.

But the researchers say the problem is not simply how many homes Britain has. It is where those homes are located and how they are being used.

Until 2001, areas experiencing population growth and housing shortages generally saw more homes being built.

Since then, researchers found that pattern has reversed.

New housing has increasingly been constructed in places where a surplus of properties already exists, while areas facing the greatest housing pressure have attracted comparatively less development.

The study describes the phenomenon as a 'Concentric Mismatch', with housing pressures spreading outwards from major cities.

Researchers identified a core of second and empty homes in some of London's wealthiest boroughs, including Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster and Camden.

Around major cities, meanwhile, areas including Barking and Dagenham, Birmingham and Oldham have experienced increasing overcrowding.

Further out, commuter areas are increasingly using up spare capacity in their existing homes.

The findings raise questions over the Government's drive to dramatically increase housebuilding across the country.

Ministers have pledged to deliver 1.5 million new homes by the end of the current Parliament, alongside what the Government has described as the biggest council housebuilding programme since the post-war era.

But researchers warn that simply setting a national construction target risks failing to address the underlying problem if new properties continue to be built in the wrong places.

Gauthier Dulout, from the School of Geography and Sustainable Development at the University of St Andrews, who led the research, said: "The answer should be about addressing mal-distribution, not more housebuilding targets.

"1.5 million homes is 300,000 a year - similar to Harold Macmillan's ambitious 1953 figure - but with little control over where they are actually built.

"We should be asking where and for whom should this housing go. How is this problem solved?

"We should be more ambitious and bring forward new systems-thinking to tax, to tenure, to new housing delivery, in order to address this increasing inequality and better use the existing housing stock."



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Business Power Awards

Nominations for the 2026 awards are under way, with organisers looking beyond the biggest companies to recognise family firms, start-ups, professionals and businesses rooted in their communities

For every business success story that attracts attention, there are many more that develop largely out of sight.

They are the family firms that have traded through changing high streets and difficult economic cycles, entrepreneurs who began with little more than an idea, and small businesses whose contribution is measured not only in turnover, but in the jobs and opportunities they create.

It is this broader picture of enterprise that the Business Power Awards 2026 is seeking to capture as nominations continue ahead of the 11th October deadline.

The awards return to Bradford in November, bringing together businesses and professionals from across the region at a time when smaller firms continue to navigate rising costs, changing consumer habits and an increasingly competitive trading environment.

While large companies tend to dominate business headlines, much of regional economies are built around smaller enterprises, independent operators and family-owned firms.

Their stories can be less visible.

For some, progress means moving from a home-based operation into their first premises. For others, it is taking on staff, building a recognisable brand, surviving difficult trading periods or successfully handing a business from one generation to the next.

The Business Power Awards were established to give greater visibility to those different forms of achievement.

Business Power Awards CEO Nadim Hanif said: "Across our region there are incredible businesses and individuals achieving remarkable things, but many simply don't shout about what they do.

"The Business Power Awards are about finding those stories, putting them in the spotlight and recognising the hard work and determination it takes to build something successful.

"You don't have to run a huge company or have a household name. If somebody is doing something exceptional, we want to hear about them."



NOMINATE NOW:
Visit businesspowerawards.co.uk/nominate (Closing Date 11th October 2026.)

The inclusion of both Start Up of the Year and Lifetime Achievement illustrates the breadth of experience the awards are attempting to recognise - from businesses less than two years old to people whose careers span decades.

Family businesses also remain a significant part of that picture.

Often built over many years, they can carry histories closely connected to the towns and communities in which they operate. Their longevity can depend on an ability to change without losing the identity that made them successful in the first place.

At the other end of the spectrum are start-ups operating in a markedly different environment, where businesses can build audiences online, develop brands through social media and reach customers far beyond their immediate location.

Between the two sits the broad SME sector - companies that may rarely become household names but provide employment, services and investment across the region.

Recognition beyond the balance sheet

The presence of Social Enterprise of the Year also reflects a wider understanding of what business success can look like.

Commercial performance remains important, but businesses are increasingly judged by their impact beyond their balance sheets - whether through employment, training, community investment or the way they respond to social needs.

The Professional of the Year and CEO of the Year categories similarly shift some of the attention from organisations to the individuals behind them.

That distinction matters in smaller businesses, where the decisions of a founder or senior leader can shape not only commercial performance but workplace culture and the opportunities available to employees.

Not every potential nominee will necessarily regard themselves as an obvious awards candidate.

That is partly why nominations are open beyond businesses themselves. Entrepreneurs and organisations can put themselves forward, while employees, customers, colleagues, friends and members of the public can nominate businesses or individuals whose work they believe merits recognition.

It creates the possibility of uncovering achievements that might otherwise remain within a company, profession or local community.

Those selected will form part of the Business Power Awards Night & Gala Dinner at Cedar Court Hotel, Bradford, on Wednesday 25th November 2026.

Nominations can be submitted at businesspowerawards.co.uk/nominate. Deadline 11th October 2026.



About the Business Power Awards

The Business Power Awards are an extension of the community and business storytelling that has been at the heart of Asian Express for more than 26 years.

'Business Power' has long existed as a dedicated supplement within the newspaper, documenting the entrepreneurs, family businesses, professionals and emerging enterprises contributing to UK'S economic and community life.

For founders Nadim and Andleeb Hanif, taking 'Business Power' from the pages of Asian Express to a live awards platform was a natural progression.

The concept was brought to life as Asian Express marked its 25th anniversary last year - transforming more than two decades of business storytelling and recognition into an awards platform that could celebrate those achievements on a larger stage.

Today, the Business Power Awards, and the BPA Empowering Women Awards continue that editorial legacy, recognising enterprise, leadership, innovation and impact while giving greater visibility to the people and businesses helping shape the region's economic landscape.

A changing business landscape

The range of categories for 2026 offers its own snapshot of the modern business landscape. Traditional sectors including restaurants, retail, fashion, accountancy and law sit alongside awards recognising entrepreneurs, start-ups, social enterprises, brands and individual business leaders.

16 Categories of Excellence

- Entrepreneur of the Year
- Start Up of the Year - for businesses under two years old
- SME of the Year
- Restaurant of the Year
- Fashion Retailer of the Year
- Family Business of the Year
- Brand of the Year
- Retail Business of the Year
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A small card payment you do not recognise, correspondence about a bank account you never opened, an unexpected mobile phone contract or changes to an insurance policy could all signal that somebody is using your identity.

Card fraud has emerged as Britain's biggest identity theft threat, with almost 88,000 cases recorded in a single year - accounting for more than one in three incidents across the UK.

New figures reveal criminals are overwhelmingly targeting the financial accounts Britons rely on every day, with card and bank account fraud together responsible for almost two-thirds of recorded identity fraud.

There were 87,818 cases involving plastic cards in 2025, representing 36.29% of the 242,003 identity fraud cases analysed.

Bank account fraud was the second biggest threat, with 63,678 cases, or 26.31% of the total.

Together, the two categories accounted for more than 62% of all cases, highlighting the scale of the threat facing consumers.

Cyber security experts are now warning people not to dismiss small or unfamiliar payments, as these could be the first indication that personal information has fallen into the hands of criminals.

The research, carried out by cyber security specialists Inflection Point using the latest Cifas data, examined how stolen identities are being exploited across Britain.

Fraudsters target phones and shopping accounts

Communications fraud was the third biggest category, with 27,659 cases, accounting for 11.43% of the total.

The category can include identity fraud involving mobile phone accounts - particularly concerning as phone numbers are increasingly used to access banking apps, email accounts and security verification systems.

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7 eye changes as you get older - and the warning signs you shouldn't ignore

From troublesome floaters and blurry reading to changes that could threaten your sight, our eyes can tell us a great deal as we age. Here's what may be normal - and what deserves attention.



Getting older changes almost every part of our bodies - and our eyes are no exception.

Perhaps you're holding your phone a little further away to read a message. Driving at night suddenly feels harder. Your eyes seem drier, lights appear brighter, or those annoying little specks floating across your vision have become more noticeable.

Many changes in eyesight are a perfectly ordinary part of ageing. But some symptoms that are easily dismissed as "just getting older" can also be early warning signs of conditions that need treatment.

Here are seven changes worth knowing about.

It's not only the eyeball that ages.

Skin and supporting tissues around the eyes gradually lose elasticity. Upper eyelids can begin to droop and folds of skin may become more prominent.

For most people these changes are largely cosmetic, but significant drooping can sometimes interfere with the field of vision.

Changes affecting one eye more than the other, sudden eyelid drooping or symptoms accompanied by other neurological changes should not simply be assumed to be age-related.

1. Floaters - those annoying dots and cobwebs

Ever spotted a tiny black speck, thread or cobweb drifting across your vision, only for it to dart away when you try to look directly at it?

These are known as floaters.

They become increasingly common as we age because the clear, jelly-like substance inside the eye - the vitreous - gradually changes. Tiny clumps can form within it, casting shadows onto the retina.

A few longstanding floaters are usually harmless.

But a sudden appearance of lots of new floaters, particularly alongside flashes of light, needs urgent attention.

If you also notice a dark curtain, veil or shadow moving across your vision, seek urgent eye care. These can be symptoms of a retinal tear or retinal detachment, which can threaten sight if not treated quickly.

2. Your arms suddenly aren't long enough

There comes a point when restaurant menus, medicine labels and mobile phones inexplicably seem to require longer arms.

The real culprit is usually presbyopia.

As we age, the natural lens inside the eye becomes less flexible, making it harder to focus on objects close to us.

It commonly becomes noticeable from our 40s onwards and may mean reaching for reading glasses or changing an existing prescription.

It's an extremely common part of ageing - but any sudden or significant deterioration in vision should still be checked.

Know the red flags

The reassuring message is that many changes to our eyes are a normal consequence of getting older.

The important thing is knowing when something isn't normal.

A sudden change in vision, a sudden increase in floaters, flashing lights, a curtain or shadow across your sight, significant distortion, severe eye pain or sudden loss of vision needs prompt medical attention.

And don't wait until your eyesight seems wrong before having it checked. Regular eye examinations can identify changes that you may not yet be able to see yourself.

3. Night driving becomes more difficult

Headlights seem dazzling. Streetlights develop halos. Driving after dark isn't as comfortable as it once was.

These changes can sometimes be associated with cataracts, where the normally clear lens inside the eye gradually becomes cloudy.

Cataracts can cause blurred or misty vision, increased glare, difficulty seeing at night and colours appearing less vivid.

They usually develop slowly, so people don't always realise how much their sight has changed.

4. Eyes that sting, burn - or won't stop watering

Dry eye becomes increasingly common with age.

Symptoms can include burning, grittiness, redness, tired eyes and intermittent blurred vision.

Strangely, watery eyes can also be a symptom of dry eye. When the surface of the eye becomes irritated, the body may respond by producing excessive watery tears.

Long periods looking at screens, some medications and environmental factors can also contribute.

Persistent symptoms are worth discussing with an optometrist rather than repeatedly reaching for whichever eye drops happen to be in the bathroom cabinet.

5. Straight lines start looking wavy

This is one change that shouldn't simply be put down to ageing.

If straight lines begin appearing bent or distorted, faces become harder to recognise, or you notice a blurred, blank or dark area in the centre of your vision, it could indicate a problem affecting the macula.

The macula is the small central part of the retina responsible for the detailed vision we use for reading, recognising faces and seeing fine detail.

One condition affecting it is age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

AMD can affect central vision and becomes more common with increasing age. Significant new distortion or changes in central vision should therefore be assessed promptly.

6. Glaucoma can creep up without you noticing

Not every serious eye condition announces itself with obvious symptoms.

Glaucoma can gradually damage the optic nerve and, particularly in its common forms, may initially cause few noticeable changes.

Peripheral vision can slowly deteriorate without someone realising what is happening.

That's one reason regular eye examinations become increasingly important as we get older - an eye test isn't simply about deciding whether you need stronger glasses.

7. Your eyelids change too

It's not only the eyeball that ages.

Skin and supporting tissues around the eyes gradually lose elasticity. Upper eyelids can begin to droop and folds of skin may become more prominent.

For most people these changes are largely cosmetic, but significant drooping can sometimes interfere with the field of vision.

Changes affecting one eye more than the other, sudden eyelid drooping or symptoms accompanied by other neurological changes should not simply be assumed to be age-related.

NEW FIGURES REVEAL CARD FRAUD IS BRITAIN'S BIGGEST IDENTITY THEFT THREAT

BRITAIN'S IDENTITY FRAUD CRISIS

Card fraud accounts for more than one in three cases



ALMOST 88,000
CARD FRAUD CASES RECORDED IN 2025

Online retail fraud accounted for another 17,794 cases, while insurance-related identity fraud was responsible for 16,461.

A further 14,220 cases involved loans.

Asset finance accounted for 1,236 cases, while mortgage identity fraud was comparatively rare, with just 43 cases recorded.

The warning signs you should not ignore

Experts say identity fraud does not necessarily begin with thousands of pounds suddenly disappearing from a bank account.

A small card payment you do not recognise, correspondence about a bank account you never opened, an unexpected mobile phone contract or changes to an insurance policy could all signal that somebody is using your identity.

Criminals also do not need to physically steal a bank card.

Personal information including a name, address, date of birth, telephone number and financial details can potentially be pieced together and exploited.

Iain Godding, founder of Inflection Point, said: "Card and bank account fraud stand out because between them they make up such a large proportion of the identity fraud being recorded."

He warned that people should not assume they would immediately realise they had become a victim.

"An unfamiliar payment is an obvious warning sign, but identity fraud does not always start with somebody taking a large amount of money," he said.

"Sometimes the first clue can be a small transaction, a letter about an account you never opened, a new phone contract you do not recognise or an unexpected change to an insurance policy."

Consumers are being urged to regularly examine bank and card statements and periodically check their credit reports for accounts or applications they do not recognise.

Godding also warned people to be wary of unexpected calls, emails and text messages requesting personal or financial information.

Rather than clicking a supplied link or calling a number contained in a suspicious message, consumers should contact the bank or organisation independently using contact details they know to be genuine.

"If something looks unfamiliar, even if the amount is small, it is better to investigate it than ignore it," Godding said.

IDENTITY FRAUD THE NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

242,003
TOTAL IDENTITY FRAUD CASES RECORDED IN 2025

Card and bank account fraud together account for more than 62% of all cases



RANK	TYPE OF IDENTITY FRAUD	CASES	SHARE
1	Plastic card	87,818	36.29%
2	Bank account	63,678	26.31%
3	Communications	27,659	11.43%
4	Online retail	17,794	7.35%
5	Insurance	16,461	6.80%
6	Loans	14,220	5.88%
7	Other	13,022	5.38%
8	Asset finance	1,236	0.51%
9	Mortgage	43	0.02%
TOTAL		242,003	100%

87,818
Plastic card fraud cases
The UK's biggest identity fraud threat

36.29%
More than one in three identity fraud cases involved plastic cards

63,678
Bank account fraud cases

62.6%
Of all cases involved either plastic cards or bank accounts

WATCH OUT FOR:

- Small card payments you don't recognise
- Letters about accounts you never opened
- Unexpected mobile phone contracts
- Unexplained changes to insurance policies
- Credit applications you didn't make

DON'T IGNORE SMALL TRANSACTIONS

They could be the first warning that your personal details have been compromised.



Ocean adventures make a splash on the big screen

Storms, sharks, starvation and six months adrift on the Pacific Ocean feature in an extraordinary collection of true stories heading to the big screen this autumn.

The Ocean Film Festival World Tour is returning to venues across the UK from September to November, bringing audiences face-to-face with some of the planet's most remarkable ocean adventures.

Now in its 13th year, the festival combines breathtaking marine life with stories of human endurance, conservation and people whose lives revolve around the sea.

Leading this year's programme is The Raftsmen, the astonishing story of 12 adventurers from seven countries who set out to cross the Pacific Ocean aboard three handmade wooden rafts.

With little experience and guided only by the sun and stars, the crew battled storms, hunger and the psychological strain of being at sea for months.

Their epic six-month voyage became the longest raft expedition ever completed.

Half a century later, original 16mm footage of the journey has been restored in 4K, giving audiences the chance to experience the scale of the expedition on the big screen.

The 43-minute film also features previously unseen footage and testimony from survivors of the adventure, which began in 1973 and saw the crew contend with storms, sharks and increasingly frayed nerves.

But high-seas drama is only part of this year's line-up.

Granny Grommets follows an inspiring group of older women who refuse to let age keep them out of the surf.

Some are in their 80s, yet they take to the waves every week – despite the concerns of their grown-up children. The nine-minute film takes its name from the surfing term 'grommet', traditionally used for a young surfing newcomer.

Meanwhile, Tides of Life travels to Uruguay, where entrepreneur Richard Tesore established the country's first rescue and rehabilitation centre for marine mammals.

The 16-minute film follows his work caring for injured penguins, sea lions, otters and other wildlife while protecting the fragile marine ecosystem along Uruguay's coastline.



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UK tour director Nell Teasdale said: "Each film in the 2026 programme will offer something special, whether it's extraordinary adventure, breathtaking marine life or people dedicating their lives to protecting the sea."

She added: "The ocean connects all of us, and this event is a chance to celebrate that connection on the big screen."

The Ocean Film Festival World Tour runs at venues across the UK from September to November 2026. For dates and tickets, visit www.oceanfilmfestival.co.uk



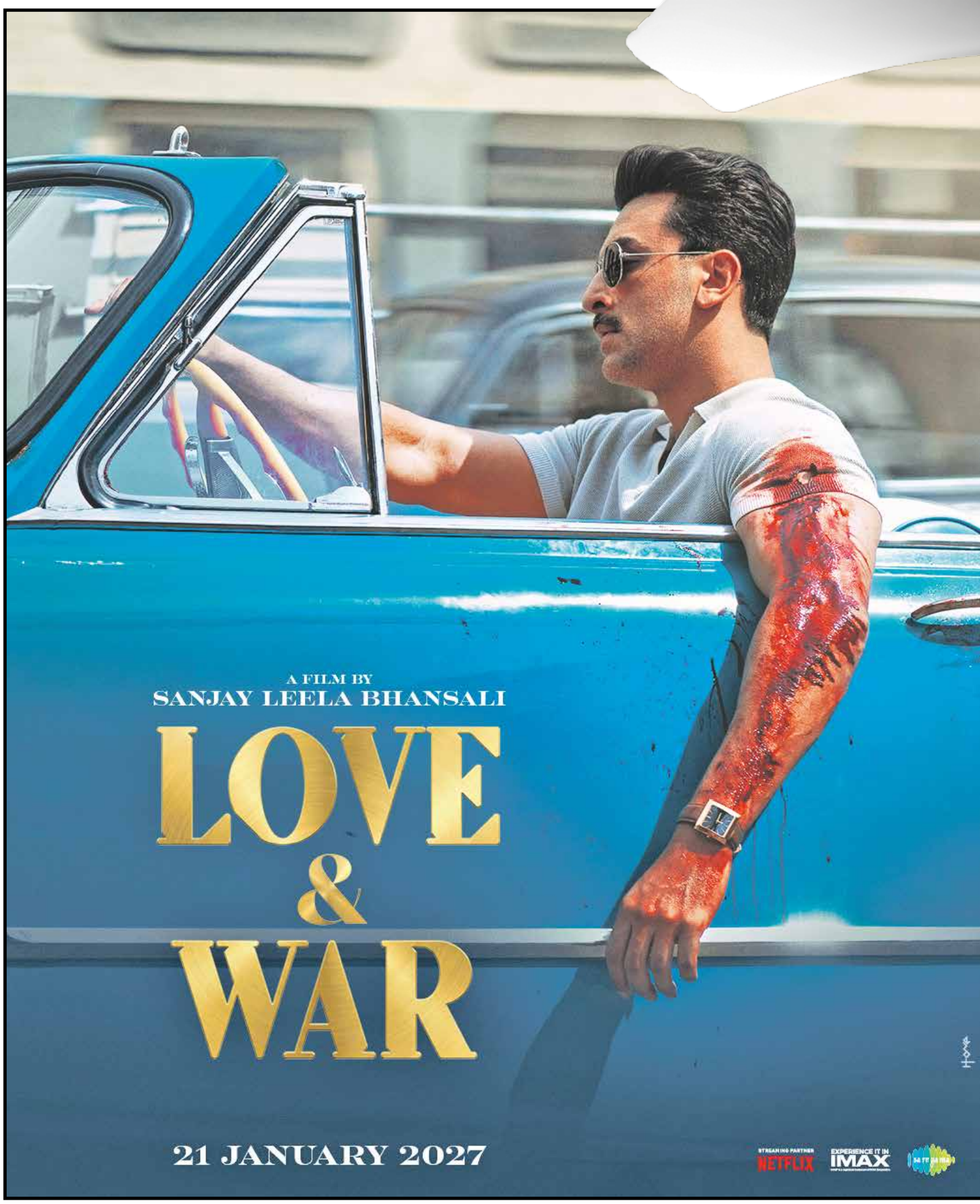
From a six-month Pacific crossing on handmade rafts to surfers in their 80s and a remarkable marine rescue mission, the Ocean Film Festival is returning to cinemas across the UK this autumn



Kelp Collector - photo by Jack Breedon

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LOVE & WAR

In cinemas 21 January 2027 Epic Romance/ Period Drama Directed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali

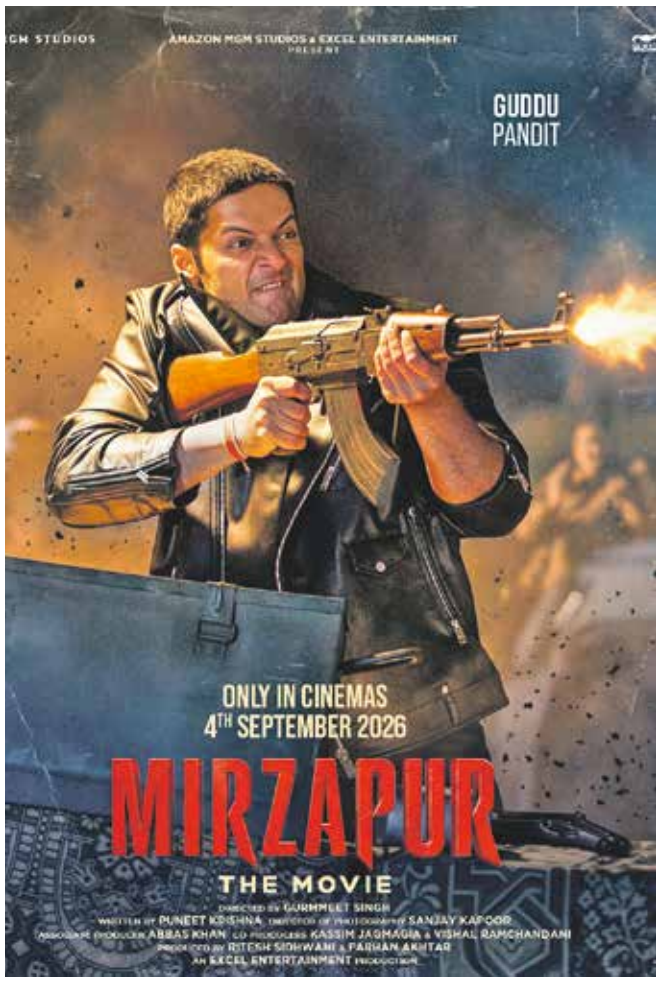
Few filmmakers bring love, heartbreak and spectacle to the screen quite like Sanjay Leela Bhansali, and for Love & War he has assembled three of Hindi cinema's biggest stars - Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt and Vicky Kaushal - for what promises to be a sweeping story of romance, rivalry and conflict.

The film brings Kapoor back together with Bhansali almost 20 years after Saawariya, the 2007 movie that launched his career, while Alia reunites with the director following their hugely successful collaboration on Gangubai Kathiawadi.

For Vicky Kaushal, it marks his first film with Bhansali, creating a formidable trio at the centre of the director's latest big-screen production.

Much of the storyline is still being deliberately kept under wraps, but Love & War is set against a military backdrop, with love and personal loyalties colliding with the realities of conflict. The title itself hints at the emotional battle at its heart, while the first glimpses of the characters suggest Bhansali is once again building a world where romance comes with a heavy price.

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MIRZAPUR

hits the big screen as Kaleen Bhaiya, Munna and Guddu return

The guns are loaded, the Gaddi is up for grabs and some of Mirzapur's most notorious characters are back - this time on the big screen.

The trailer for Mirzapur: The Movie has landed, offering fans their biggest look yet at the cult crime franchise's move from streaming television to cinemas.

Bringing back Pankaj Tripathi as the formidable Kaleen Bhaiya, Divyenndu as fan-favourite Munna Bhaiya and Ali Fazal as Guddu Pandit, the film returns to the brutal battle for power that made Mirzapur one of India's most talked-about streaming shows.

And judging by the trailer, the makers have no intention of toning things down for cinema.

Dark humour, violence, swagger and the franchise's trademark dialogue are all back as old enemies and new contenders enter the fight for the Gaddi.

The story continues from the world established in the first season, but the scale has been dramatically expanded for its theatrical outing.

This time, the action stretches beyond the familiar streets of Purvanchal, with desert landscapes and new locations providing the backdrop for an increasingly fierce struggle for control.

Several familiar faces return alongside a formidable ensemble cast.

The line-up includes Jitendra Kumar, Ravi Kishan, Abhishek Banerjee, Rasika Dugal, Mohitt Maalik, Sheeba Chadha, Rajesh Tailang, Pramod Pathak, Shriya Pilgaonkar, Harshita Shekhar Gaur and Shweta Tripathi.

Sonal S. Chauhan, Anangsha Biswas, Shaji Chaudhary, Satendra Soni, Kulbhushan Kharbanda and Sushant Singh also feature in pivotal roles.

For longtime fans, however, the return of Munna Bhaiya is likely to generate some of the biggest excitement.

The character became one of the defining figures of the original series, while Tripathi's quietly menacing Kaleen Bhaiya and Fazal's increasingly ruthless Guddu helped turn the battle for Mirzapur into a streaming phenomenon.

Presented by Amazon MGM Studios and Excel Entertainment, Mirzapur: The Movie is directed by Gurmmeet Singh and written by Puneet Krishna.

Excel Entertainment founders Ritesh Sidhwani and Farhan Akhtar produce the film, with Kassim Jagmagia and Vishal Ramchandani serving as co-producers.

The move into cinemas marks a major new chapter for the franchise, taking a story built through streaming into a full-scale theatrical production.

LOVE & WAR

Ranbir Kapoor's striking new look certainly sets the tone. Sitting behind the wheel of a vintage blue convertible, sunglasses on and his arm covered in blood, he appears bruised but composed, offering an intriguing glimpse of a character who has clearly been through battle. It is a sharp, stylish image that reveals little while suggesting plenty about the danger ahead.

Bhansali has made a career out of creating cinema on a grand scale, marrying elaborate production design, music and costume with intensely emotional storytelling. From Devdas and Bajirao Mastani to Padmaavat and Gangubai Kathiawadi, his films rarely do anything quietly, and Love & War looks set to continue that tradition.

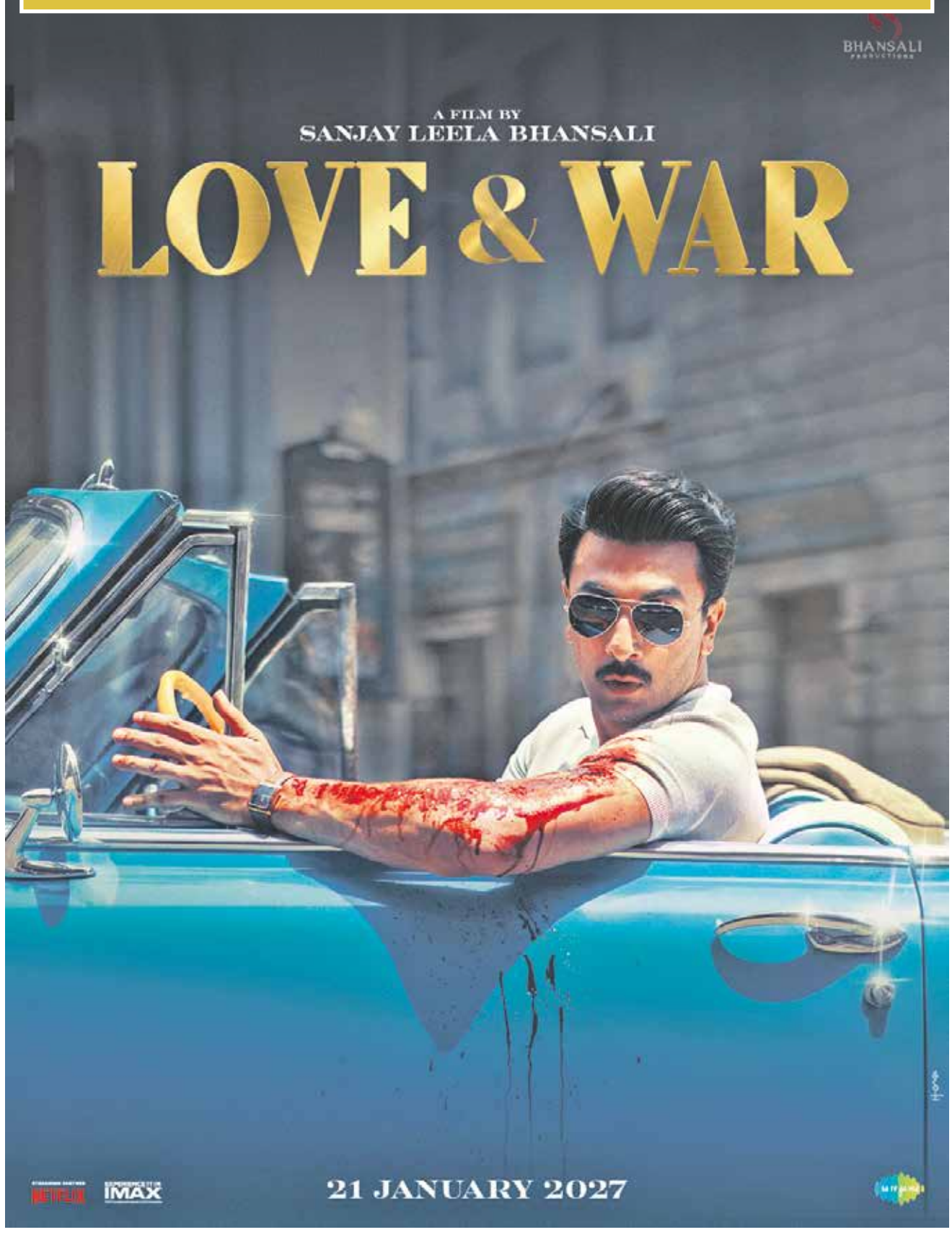
The combination of Kapoor, Bhatt and Kaushal also gives the film considerable dramatic firepower. Rather than simply placing three major stars in the same frame, the promise of Love & War lies in seeing how their characters' relationships shift when romance, friendship, duty and rivalry are tested by circumstances far bigger than themselves.

After a lengthy production and changes to its release schedule, filming wrapped in September and the picture has moved into post-production ahead of its theatrical release. For now, Bhansali is revealing his epic piece by piece, keeping the finer details of the story firmly guarded while allowing its stars and imagery to build the intrigue.

With three powerhouse performers, a turbulent wartime setting and Bhansali's unmistakable taste for lavish, emotionally charged filmmaking, Love & War has all the ingredients of a major Bollywood cinematic event.

Love & War arrives in cinemas on 21 January 2027.

In cinemas 21 January 2027 | Epic Romance/Period DramaDirected by Sanjay Leela Bhansali



WHAT'S ON

in cinemas this month



Other Mommy

Starring: Jessica Chastain, Jay Duplass, Dichen Lachman, Arabella Olivia Clark
Director: Rob Savage
Genre: Horror
Cert: TBC
Release Date: 9/10/2026

THERE'S SOMETHING IN BELA'S CLOSET…

What if the monster hiding in your child's bedroom looked and sounded exactly like you?

Jessica Chastain takes a disturbing turn into supernatural horror in Other Mommy, a chilling new nightmare from Rob Savage, the filmmaker behind Host and The Boogeyman.

At the centre of the story is Bela, an eight-year-old girl played by Arabella Olivia Clark, growing up in a household already strained by problems between her parents.

Then something begins visiting her.

Emerging from her closet is a sinister presence Bela calls "Other Mommy" - an entity that resembles her mother, Ursula, but is very definitely not her. What initially appears to be a strange connection between a lonely child and an otherworldly visitor gradually becomes something far more threatening.

And soon it isn't only Bela who is in danger.

Chastain takes on the unnerving dual role of Ursula and the terrifying presence that imitates her, creating a familiar face that suddenly becomes frighteningly unfamiliar.

The actress has described developing a deliberately disturbing smile for the creature - one that reportedly frightened a child when she tried it during production.

The film is based on Josh Malerman's novel Incidents Around the House, with Jay Duplass and Dichen Lachman joining Chastain and Clark in the cast.

Rather than relying simply on what might be lurking in the darkness, Other Mommy plays with something considerably more unsettling - the fear that the person standing in front of you may look like someone you love, but isn't.

As Bela's home becomes increasingly consumed by the entity, childhood fears, family tensions and supernatural terror collide.

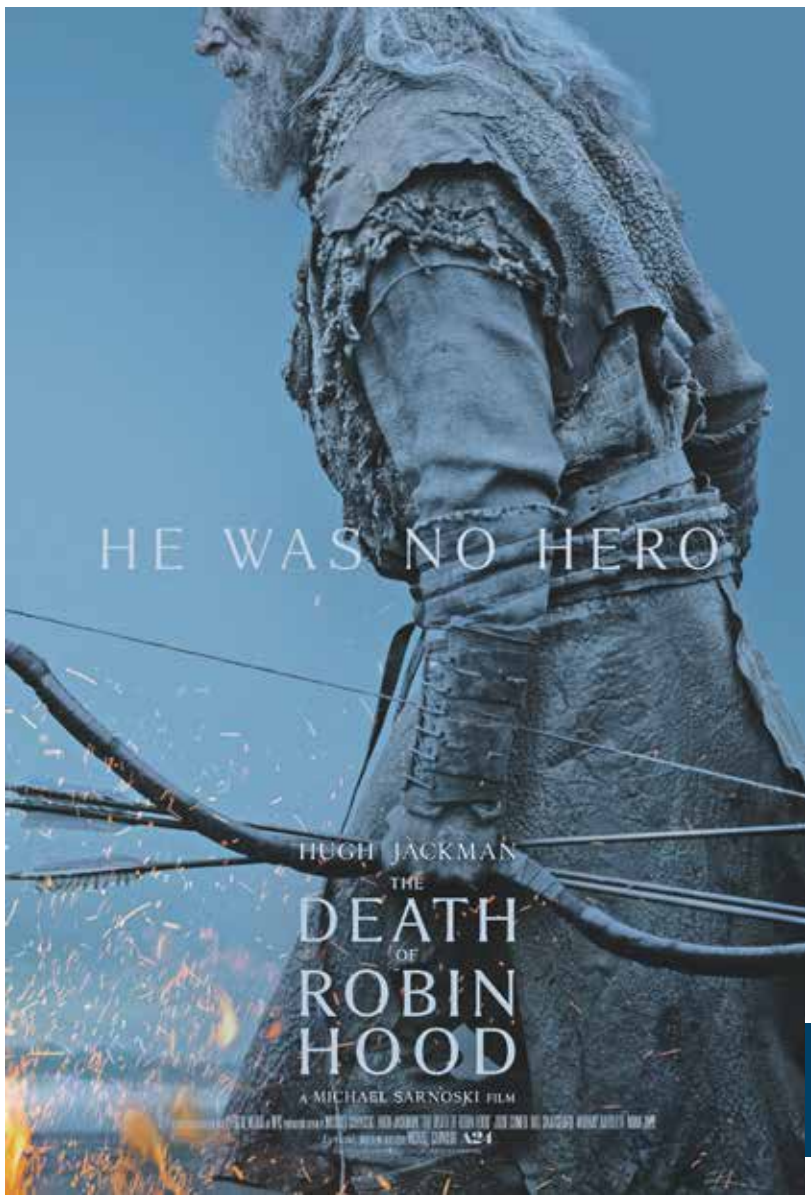
Because sometimes the scariest thing isn't the monster hiding in the closet.

It's when it comes out looking like Mommy.

Other Mommy arrives in cinemas on 9 October 2026.

WHAT'S ON

in cinemas this month



The Death of Robin Hood

Starring: Hugh Jackman, Bill Skarsgård, Jodie Comer, Murray Bartlett, Noah Jupe
Director: Michael Sarnoski
Genre: Action/Drama
Cert: 15 Release Date: 2/9/2026

Forget the merry men and heroic outlaw – Hugh Jackman's Robin Hood is older, bloodier and haunted by a lifetime of killing.

Robin Hood has been reinvented countless times on screen, but you've probably never seen the legendary outlaw quite like this.

The Death of Robin Hood strips away the swashbuckling heroics for a brutal, grown-up reimagining starring Hugh Jackman as an ageing and battle-scarred Robin forced to confront the bloodshed of his past.

This is no cheerful romp through Sherwood Forest. Robin is now a loner who has spent his life committing crimes and killing in the name of his cause. After being gravely wounded in a battle he believes will be his last, he finds himself facing death – and questioning the man he became.

His fate changes when he falls into the care of the mysterious Sister Brigid, played by Killing Eve star Jodie Comer, who offers the dying outlaw something he may never have expected: the possibility of salvation.

Bill Skarsgård, Murray Bartlett and Noah Jupe complete an impressive supporting cast, with Bartlett playing the mysterious Leper and Jupe appearing as Arthur/Godwyn.

Behind the camera is writer-director Michael Sarnoski, the filmmaker responsible for Nicolas Cage drama Pig and A Quiet Place: Day One. Sarnoski has taken inspiration from the old ballad surrounding the death of Robin Hood rather than simply retelling the familiar adventures of the outlaw and his Merry Men.

The result promises something much darker: part medieval action movie, part character study and part reckoning with the mythology surrounding one of Britain's most famous folk heroes.

Jackman is also among the film's producers, while A24 – the studio behind Everything Everywhere All at Once, Midsommar and Uncut Gems – is distributing the movie.

And don't expect the violence to be hidden away. The UK release carries a 15 certificate for strong bloody violence and injury detail, fitting a film determined to show the physical consequences of Robin's violent life.

Much of the production was filmed in Northern Ireland, giving the movie a bleak, windswept medieval landscape far removed from the colourful Sherwood Forest adventures audiences may associate with the character.

For Jackman, it's another striking change of pace following his return as Wolverine, swapping superhero claws for an older outlaw confronting mortality, guilt and the possibility of redemption.

Fall 2

Starring: Virginia Gardner, Grace Caroline Currey, Harriet Slater, Arsema Thomas, Tom Brittney
Directors: Michael Spierig, Peter Spierig
Genre: Action/Drama/Thriller
Cert: 12A
Release Date: 9/9/2026

Scared of heights? Look away now – the nerve-shredding survival thriller is back, and this time the drop is 3,000 feet.

If 2022 survival hit Fall left your palms sweating, its sequel is preparing to take the fear of heights to another terrifying level.

Fall 2 swaps the original film's isolated 2,000-foot radio tower for a precarious plank high above the landscape of Thailand – and this time there's a 3,000-foot drop waiting underneath.

The story follows Jax, played by Outlander and Belgravia star Harriet Slater, who is struggling with the death of her sister Hunter.

Searching for a way to deal with her grief, Jax connects with Hunter's fearless friend Luce, played by Arsema Thomas, best known for Queen Charlotte: A Bridgerton Story.

Together, the pair decide to honour Hunter by attempting the infamous plank walk of Mount Kwan in Thailand. What begins as an extreme adventure quickly turns into a nightmare when a sudden rockslide leaves them stranded on a fragile plank thousands of feet in the air.

With seemingly nowhere to go, Jax must overcome her fear, keep her nerve and find a way down before their precarious refuge gives way.



Runner

Starring: Owen Wilson, Alan Ritchson, Adriana Barraza, Rodrigo Santoro, Leila George
Director: Scott Waugh Genre: Action/Comedy/Thriller
Cert: 15 Release Date: 11/9/2026

Three hours. One life-saving organ. And a ruthless cartel determined to steal it. Alan Ritchson and Owen Wilson are about to have one seriously bad day.

Starring: Alan Ritchson, Owen Wilson, Rodrigo Santoro, Leila George, Adriana Barraza

Reacher star Alan Ritchson swaps military investigations for a frantic race against the clock in Runner, a high-speed action thriller that pairs him with an unlikely partner – Owen Wilson.

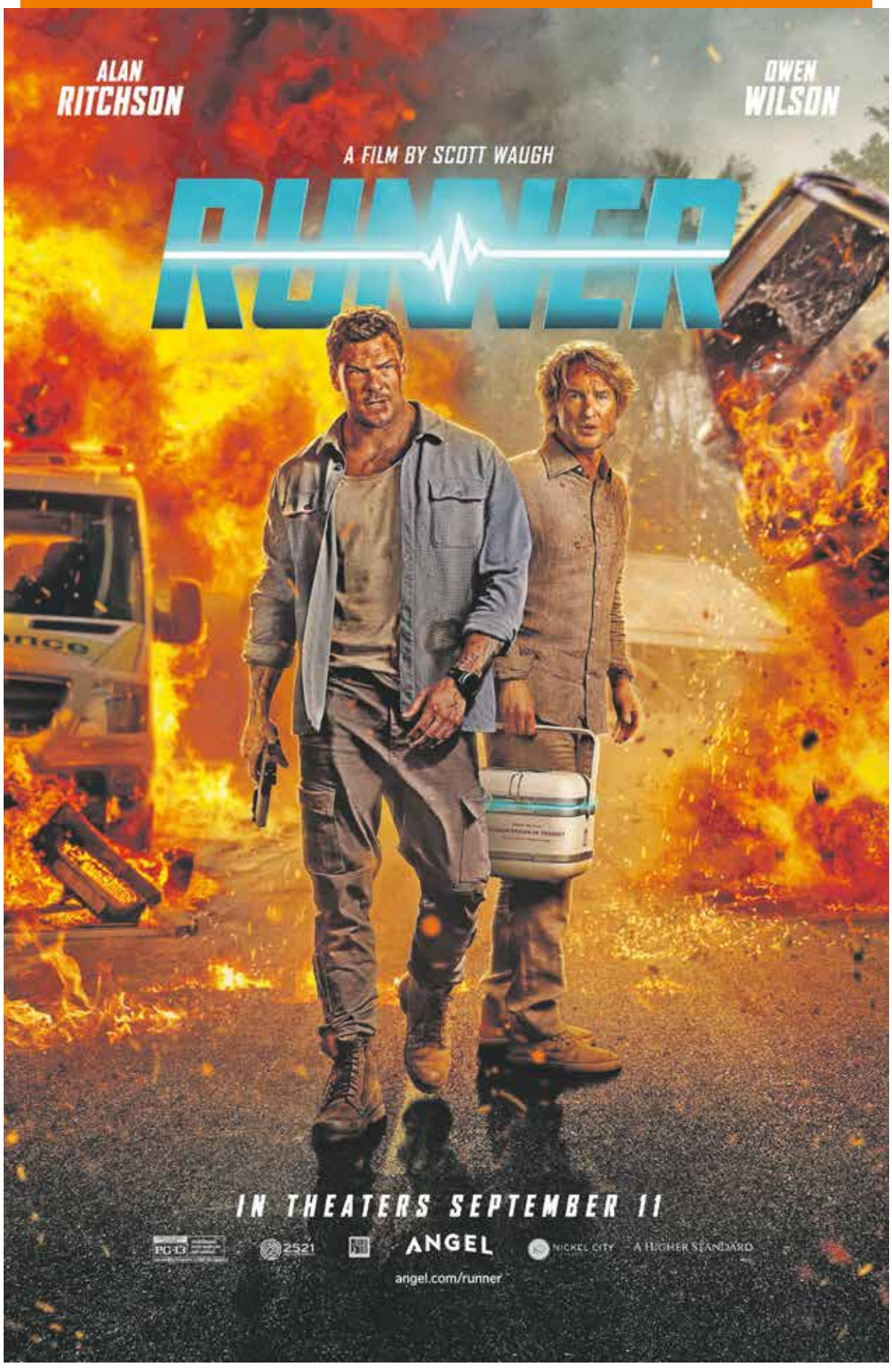
Ritchson plays Hank Malone, a former soldier who now works as a high-end courier. His latest job should be straightforward: transport a vital organ across the city so it can reach a seven-year-old girl desperately awaiting a transplant.

There's just one rather large problem.

A ruthless criminal organisation wants the organ too – and suddenly Hank's delivery run becomes a deadly manhunt involving gunfire, betrayal and seemingly no shortage of people trying to stop him reaching the hospital.

Making the mission even more complicated is Ben Bishop, played by Owen Wilson, the medical courier Hank is reluctantly forced to transport and protect. The mismatched pair have just three hours to complete their delivery before time runs out for the young patient.

With Ritchson providing the muscle, Wilson supplying the laughs and a life-or-death deadline driving everything forward, Runner looks designed as a fast, uncomplicated blast of action-comedy.





Resident Evil

Starring: Austin Abrams, Kali Reis, Zach Cherry, Paul Walter Hauser
Director: Zach Cregger
Genre: Horror
Cert: 15
Release Date: 18/9/2026

The nightmare begins again.

Resident Evil returns to the big screen with a blood-soaked reinvention of the legendary horror franchise, this time in the hands of filmmaker Zach Cregger, the director behind Barbarian and Weapons.

Rather than simply retreading familiar ground, Cregger introduces an all-new story centred on Bryan, played by Austin Abrams, an ordinary medical courier whose routine journey takes a horrifying turn.

Caught in the wrong place at precisely the wrong time, Bryan unwittingly finds himself plunged into a nightmare as one seemingly normal night rapidly collapses into chaos. With danger closing in and events spiralling violently out of control, he is forced into a relentless race for survival.

What begins as another job soon becomes a battle simply to make it through the night alive.

Cregger brings his distinctive brand of unsettling horror to one of gaming and cinema's most recognisable franchises, promising a darker, visceral take built around mounting dread, brutal violence and the sense that catastrophe could be waiting around every corner.

Joining Abrams are Kali Reis, Zach Cherry and Paul Walter Hauser, rounding out a cast thrown headfirst into the carnage.

Rated 15 for strong bloody violence, gore, horror and language, this is certainly not a gentle return to the world of Resident Evil.

Fast, frightening and deliberately ferocious, the new film takes the franchise back into survival-horror territory - where one terrible night could prove impossible to escape.

WHAT'S ON

in cinemas this month

Heart of the Beast

Starring: Brad Pitt, J.K. Simmons, Anna Lambe
Director: David Ayer **Genre:** Action/Drama/Thriller
Cert: 12A **Release Date:** 23/9/2026

Brad Pitt heads into the unforgiving Alaskan wilderness for a brutal fight for survival in Heart of the Beast, an intense adventure thriller from director David Ayer.

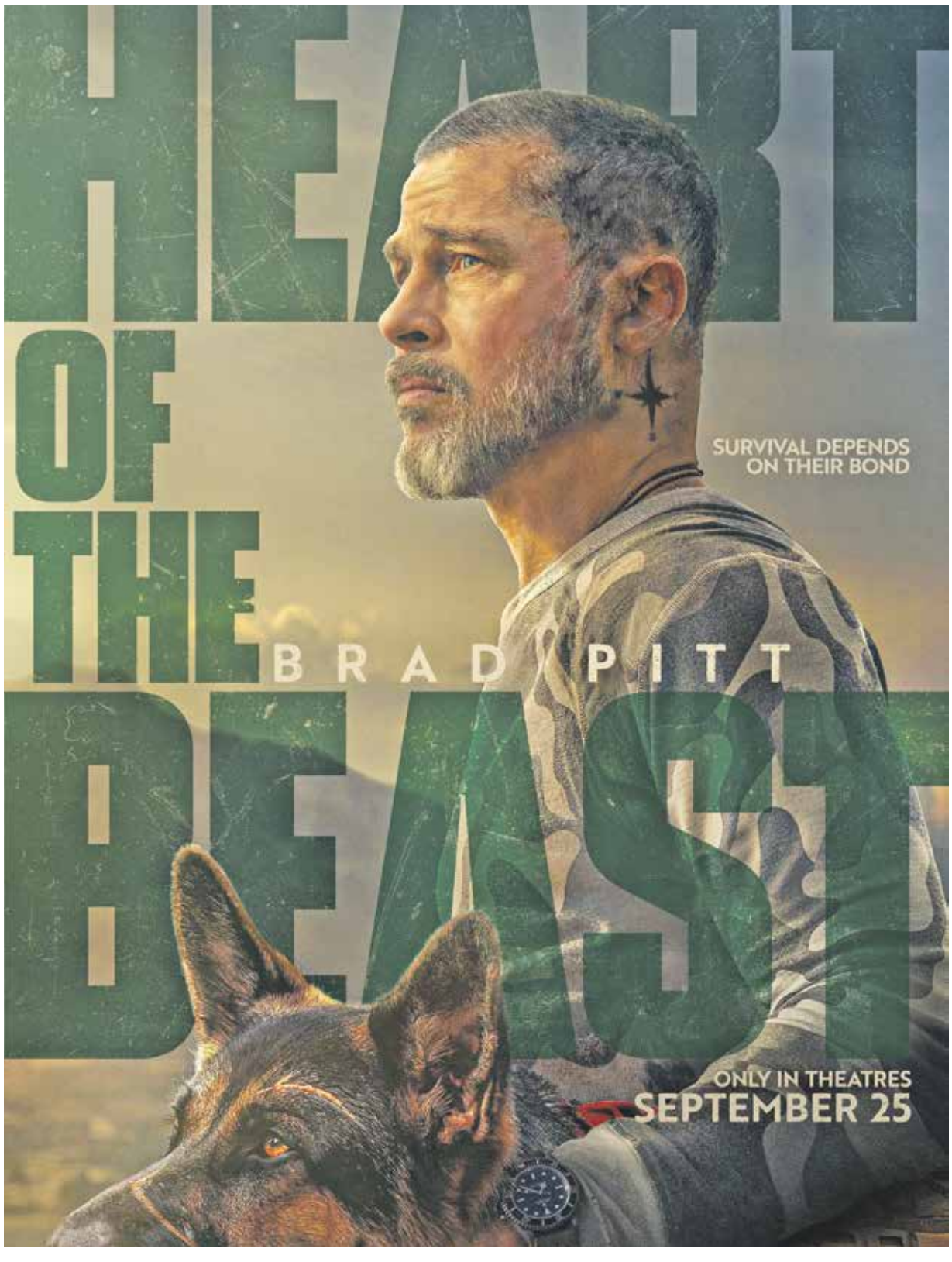
Pitt stars as Special Forces officer James Belmont, whose mission takes a devastating turn when a plane crash leaves him stranded deep in one of the most hostile landscapes on Earth. Alongside him is his combat dog, Odin - and together, man and dog must find a way to stay alive.

Cut off from civilisation and with little hope of rescue, Belmont is forced to draw on every ounce of his military training as the pair battle freezing conditions, treacherous terrain and dangers lurking in the wilderness.

But at the heart of the film is something more emotional than a conventional survival story. Heart of the Beast explores the extraordinary relationship between a soldier and the animal that has fought beside him, turning their struggle to survive into a story of loyalty, trust and companionship under extreme pressure.

Director David Ayer, known for gritty, hard-edged action dramas, puts Pitt firmly through his paces, while J.K. Simmons and Anna Lambe round out the principal cast.

Combining wilderness adventure, drama and thriller, Heart of the Beast promises spectacle with an emotional core - with Belmont and Odin facing a battle in which survival depends upon them trusting each other completely.



The Social Reckoning

Starring: Jeremy Strong, Mikey Madison, Jeremy Allen White, Bill Burr, Wunmi Mosaku, Betty Gilpin, Billy Magnussen
Director: Aaron Sorkin
Genre: Biography/Drama
Cert: TBC **Release Date:** 9/10/2026



Facebook changed the way the world communicates. Now, The Social Reckoning turns the spotlight on what happened when one insider decided the public needed to know what was happening behind the screen.

Written and directed by Aaron Sorkin, the film is a companion piece to his acclaimed The Social Network, returning to the world of Facebook more than 15 years after the original film explored its explosive beginnings.

This time, the story is inspired by the real events behind The Wall Street Journal's landmark investigation, The Facebook Files.

Mikey Madison stars as Frances Haugen, a young Facebook engineer who becomes increasingly troubled by what she discovers inside one of the world's most powerful technology companies. Convinced that its closely guarded internal information must be exposed, she turns to Wall Street Journal reporter Jeff Horwitz, played by Jeremy Allen White.

What follows is a tense journey from Silicon Valley's inner workings to one of the biggest whistleblowing stories of the social media age, as Haugen risks her career to reveal thousands of pages of internal company documents.

Sorkin has assembled a formidable cast, with Jeremy Strong, Bill Burr, Wunmi Mosaku, Betty Gilpin and Billy Magnussen joining Madison and White.

Part biography, part corporate drama, The Social Reckoning explores the human battle behind the headlines - and the consequences of challenging a technology giant whose platforms had become embedded in the lives of billions.

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BENTLEY GOES ELECTRIC - AND IT'S SERIOUSLY QUICK



Meet the new Torcal: 888PS, 0-60mph in 2.8 seconds and 375 miles of range as Bentley enters the electric age

Bentley has pulled the covers off one of the most important cars in its 107-year history - the all-new Torcal, its first fully electric production car and an entirely new fourth model line.

Designed, engineered and built in Crewe, the five-metre luxury SUV packs up to 888PS and a colossal 1,350Nm of torque, making it the highest-torque Bentley ever produced.

And despite all that leather, wool and handcrafted luxury, it is seriously quick.

The flagship Torcal S can launch from 0-60mph in just 2.8 seconds, reaching 100km/h in 2.9 seconds before topping out at 162mph.

Yet Bentley insists this isn't simply an electric performance monster.

"The Torcal is a Bentley first and foremost, created by hand by people who care, using the best available materials and technology to blend heritage with cutting-edge innovation. I believe this is one of the best Bentleys ever," said Bentley chairman and CEO Dr Frank-Steffen Walliser.

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The Torcal also introduces Bentley's first fully active suspension, working with adaptive dampers and standard all-wheel steering.

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Four powered doors can open and close automatically, while facial recognition can identify the driver and load their personal settings.

An EV with the beat of a Bentley V8

The really unusual bit, though, is the noise.

Rather than simply creating a synthetic imitation of an engine, Bentley brought in musicians.

Drums, viola and bass guitar were used to create what it calls the Bentley Dynamic Symphony, with its rhythm inspired by the beat of Bentley's 6¾-litre V8.

The sound changes according to speed and how hard the driver presses the accelerator, becomes more prominent in Sport mode - and can be switched off entirely when silence is preferred.

Even the indicator sound has been given the Bentley treatment. It comes from a recording of a hammer striking leather in the company's upholstery workshop.

Inside, traditional craftsmanship meets some rather modern materials.

Bentley has worked with Somerset textile maker Fox Brothers to develop what it says is the world's first 100 per cent Merino wool automotive fabric, alongside leather, aluminium and new sustainably sourced finishes.

The seats come with 16-way adjustment, heating, ventilation and massage as standard, while an optional Wellness specification can massage the occupant's legs as well as their back and shoulders.

Curved OLED displays, an augmented-reality head-up display and a choice of four experience modes - Bentley, Comfort, Sport and Refresh - complete the transformation.

Two versions will be offered at launch. The standard Torcal produces 821PS and 1,194Nm, reaching 60mph in 3.3 seconds, while the Torcal S turns everything up to 888PS and 1,350Nm.

Bentley describes the Torcal as a template for its future cars, regardless of what powers them.

Electric Bentley has officially arrived - and it's certainly not arriving quietly.

Honda gives the Prelude a rather tasty red makeover for 2027

Limited-run coupe gets deep Garnet paint, a Bordeaux cabin and plenty of red detailing - but keeps Honda's e hybrid powertrain underneath

Honda has decided its reborn Prelude needs a little more drama.

Meet the Prelude 2027 Limited Edition, a Europe-bound special edition dressed in deep red, sprinkled with sporty details and due to arrive from autumn 2026.

Following its debut in Japan, the limited-run model gets an exclusive Premium Crystal Garnet Metallic finish, paired with a rather plush Bordeaux interior.

And yes, there's quite a lot of red going on.

Red outside, red inside

The Garnet paint has been designed to emphasise the Prelude's low, flowing coupe shape, with red accents added to the front and rear bumpers.

Behind the 19-inch black-cut alloy wheels sit vibrant red Brembo brake calipers, giving the otherwise sophisticated-looking Prelude a little more attitude.

Things become even richer inside.

Honda has gone for a full Bordeaux theme using premium materials and contrasting detailing, while red stitching runs across the steering wheel, centre console and dashboard before continuing onto the seats and door trims.

Even the floor mats get red accents.

There's also an embroidered Prelude logo on the dashboard, intended to give each car something of a hand-signed feel.

Tasteful? Quite possibly. Subtle? Perhaps not.

Same hybrid underneath

The Limited Edition is largely about appearance, so Honda hasn't gone fiddling with the Prelude's mechanical recipe.

It retains the e hybrid powertrain and Honda S+ Shift system, which aims to give the electrified coupe a more engaging driving character.

Honda says the inspiration behind the latest Prelude came not from fighter jets or Formula One cars, but from something rather more serene - a glider.

"The characteristics of the Prelude have changed over the years, but what has remained the same is its sportiness and specialty. When you think of a sports car, you think of something sharp, like an F1 or a fighter jet.

"However, I think the theme of this model is closer to the image of a glider that glides through the air with a sense of freedom," said Tomoyuki Yamagami, Large Project Leader for the Honda Prelude.

The Prelude name first appeared nearly 50 years ago, traditionally giving Honda somewhere to showcase new technology wrapped inside a sporty coupe.

This latest generation takes a rather different route from its high-revving ancestors, combining hybrid power with grand-tourer styling and Honda's latest chassis technology.

The Prelude 2027 Limited Edition will be available across Europe from autumn 2026.

Honda hasn't yet revealed European pricing or exactly how many examples will be produced - so for now, "limited" remains pleasingly vague.



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£6M LaFerrari leads hypercar invasion in Zürich



Barely driven McLaren Senna, ultra-rare Ferrari and Lamborghini Superleggera headline a spectacular line-up of performance icons heading under the hammer

Some of the world's most desirable supercars are heading to Zürich – including a Ferrari LaFerrari valued at up to CHF 7.5 million and showing just 92km on the clock.

Broad Arrow Auctions is assembling an extraordinary collection of modern performance machinery for its second annual Zürich Auction, taking place at the historic Dolder Grand on 7 November.

Around 60 collector cars are expected to cross the block, but three headline machines already promise to make this one of the most exciting European supercar sales of the year: a Ferrari LaFerrari, McLaren Senna and Lamborghini Gallardo LP570-4 Superleggera.

And the star attraction comes with an added twist – the LaFerrari is being offered without reserve.

The 2015 Ferrari, estimated at CHF 5.5million to CHF 7.5million, represents one of Maranello's greatest technological leaps.

Unveiled in 2013, LaFerrari became the manufacturer's first hybrid hypercar, pairing a ferocious 6.3-litre naturally aspirated V12 with HY-KERS electric technology derived from Formula One.

This particular car is finished in rare Bianco Fuji with a Bianchi/Neri leather interior and Giallo Modena yellow brake callipers.

More remarkable still is its mileage: just 92km at the time it was catalogued.

Its high-voltage battery was replaced by official Ferrari dealer Rossocorsa in Milan following an inspection, as part of extensive servicing carrying a total invoice of more than €200,000.

Senna: 800hp and just 131km

Sharing the spotlight is a car carrying one of motorsport's most famous names.

The 2019 McLaren Senna was created as an uncompromising celebration of three-time Formula One world champion Ayrton Senna and McLaren's pursuit of extreme performance.

Finished in dramatic Volcano Orange, its 4.0-litre twin-turbocharged V8 produces 800hp and 800Nm of torque, launching the car from 0-100km/h in just 2.8 seconds before reaching a top speed of 340km/h.

Only 500 were hand-built.

The Zürich car is number 181 and has travelled just 131km from new. It also carries more than CHF 40,000 of options and is estimated at CHF 1.1million to CHF 1.4million.

Weighing only 1,198kg, the Senna was McLaren's lightest road car since the legendary F1. Its extraordinary aerodynamics can generate as much as 800kg of downforce at 250km/h.

Paul Gaucher, Head of Consignments, Switzerland at Broad Arrow Auctions, said: "The LaFerrari is one of the hottest collectables in today's market, and the Senna is a car that pushed the boundaries of performance as part of McLaren's Ultimate Series and which carries the spirit of one of the greatest Formula One drivers of all time, Ayrton Senna."

Lamborghini joins the party

Completing the headline trio is a bright yellow 2011 Lamborghini Gallardo LP570-4 Superleggera, estimated at CHF 135,000 to CHF 155,000.

Powered by Lamborghini's 5.2-litre V10, the lightweight, more track-focused Superleggera took the hugely successful Gallardo formula and turned up the aggression.

The Swiss-delivered example is finished in Giallo Midas over Nero Alcantara with contrasting yellow stitching. It has had only three owners and comes with a fully stamped service history.

Karsten Le Blanc, SVP, Head of EMEA Region and Broad Arrow Capital, said: "These cars are true performance icons and we are very excited to present them to international buyers at our upcoming Zürich Auction."

The Broad Arrow Zürich Auction takes place on 7 November 2026 at The Dolder Grand, overlooking Lake Zürich, in partnership with Auto Zürich.

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LAI4BBA £675 ONO (LAIBA) TEL. 07779 050 970
MEIITAB £18,000 (MEHTAB) TEL. 07985 455 057
NOO5HEN £OFFERS TEL. 07870 696 399
OAIIMAD £10,000 (O AHMAD) TEL. 07985 455 057
ROIIANP £15,000 (ROHAN P) TEL. 07985 455 057
S7KCK £1,000 TEL. 07508 341 074

AAII5 £10,000 TEL. 07733 244 444
ASII GER £2,000 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30
BIII NAA £OFFERS TEL. 07557 472 855
CAIISHA £9,000 (C AISHA) TEL. 07985 455 057
EBIIATT £7,000 (E BHATT) TEL. 07985 455 057
FBIIACK £8,500 (F BLACK) TEL. 07985 455 057
HA54NS R £OFFERS TEL. 07866 947 665
JYIINUS £9,500 (J YUNUS) TEL. 07985 455 057
LDIIEEP £7,000 (L DILEEP) TEL. 07985 455 057
MJIIDGE £25,000 (M JUDGE) TEL. 07985 455 057
NI7ILA E £1,500 ONO TEL. 07427 677 989
OA55ERS £5,000 ONO (QASSER) TEL. 07967 350 957
ROIIANX £12,500 (ROHAN X) TEL. 07985 455 057
S777YRA £500 TEL. 07473 865 081

AAZI5 £OFFERS TEL. 07977 612 479
ASIIOKB £9,500 (ASHOK B) TEL. 07985 455 057
BI5 NAD £REASONABLE OFFERS TEL. 07834 016 393
CAIIMAD £10,000 (C AHMAD) TEL. 07985 455 057
EBIIACK £8,500 (E BLACK) TEL. 07985 455 057
FDIIEEP £7,000 (F DILEEP) TEL. 07985 455 057
HAB333B £5,550 TEL. 07867 861 193
JYIISAF £15,400 (J YUSAF) TEL. 07985 455 057
LJIIDGE £15,500 (L JUDGE) TEL. 07985 455 057
MKIIMAR £20,000 (M KUMAR) TEL. 07985 455 057
NIDEM £15,000 ONO TEL. 07774 112 121
OBIIACK £8,500 (O BLACK) TEL. 07985 455 057
RI2I SAM £OFFERS TEL. 07962 394 890
S8XXY £2,995 ONO TEL. 07949 891 313

ABIOCHO £OFFERS NO WITHHELD No TEL. 07754 852 402
ASIIOKC £9,500 (ASHOK C) TEL. 07985 455 057
BI6 KMY £2,500 TEL. 07405 763 319
CA55Y ME £OFFERS T: 07740 784 983 privateplates@hotmail.co.uk
EBIIACK £8,500 (E BLACK) TEL. 07985 455 057
FDZI4 £2,495 TEL. 07954 389 874
HAV3N £16,000 (HEAVEN-HAVEN) TEL. 07731 464002
JYIISUF £15,000 (J YUSUF) TEL. 07985 455 057
LLIIONG £4,500 (L LUONG) TEL. 07985 455 057
MMO2 AAM £1,495 TEL. 07794 820 437
N333EWS £2,500 TEL. 07969 914 041
OCIIARK £9,000 (O CLARK) TEL. 07985 455 057
RI2 EEE £OFFERS TEL. 07707 707 609
S80HAL £6,995 TEL. 07867 861 193

ABIOSAB £3,250 ONO (ABID SAB) TEL. 07773 995 142
ASIIOKD £9,500 (ASHOK D) TEL. 07985 455 057
BI66 BOB £6,995 TEL. 07530 612 171
CA55Y MS £OFFERS TEL. 07787 334 567
EGO 80Y £OFFERS TEL. 07787 334 567
FE5IALL £4,999 TEL. 07846 480 112
HEIIENH £15,000 (HELEN H) TEL. 07985 455 057
KII ANN £50,000 TEL. 07815 114 201
LSIISAN £7,500 (L SUSAN) TEL. 07985 455 057
MOII BEN £3,000 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30
N333RAA £OFFERS TEL. 07751 427 106
ODIIEEP £7,000 (O DILEEP) TEL. 07985 455 057
RI2SYY £OFFERS TEL. 07816 488 420
S88 TAL £OFFERS (SHEETAL) TEL. 07786 510 000

ABIIACK £8,500 (A BLACK) TEL. 07985 455 057
ASIIOKF £9,500 (ASHOK F) TEL. 07985 455 057
BI7SH U £OFFERS TEL. 07866 860 894
CA65 NOW £4,000 ONO TEL. 07908 472 121
EH55ANS OFFERS OVER £4,000 TEL. 07513 257 029
FGIIPTA £6,995 (F GUPTA) TEL. 07985 455 057
HEIIENM £15,000 (HELEN M) TEL. 07985 455 057
K3LAM £800 ONO TEL. 07774 112 121
LVIIJAY £10,000 (L VIJAY) TEL. 07985 455 057
MRO4LLY £1,900 ONO (MR D ALLY) TEL. 07774 246 877
N444HEM £5,500 ONO TEL. 07766 645 325
OEII BOY £20,000 (DELL BOY) TEL. 07815 114 201
RI2Y MP OFFERS OVER £400 TEL. 07866 992 500
SAIIDAH £1,500 ONO (SAIDAH) TEL. 07946 162 099

ABIIDVL £OFFERS TEL. 07707 146 047
ASIIOKG £9,500 (ASHOK G) TEL. 07985 455 057
BI9 ALY £3,495 TEL. 07954 389 874
CBIIATT £7,000 (C BHATT) TEL. 07985 455 057
EJIIDGE £15,500 (E JUDGE) TEL. 07985 455 057
FKIIMAR £15,000 (F KUMAR) TEL. 07985 455 057
HEIIENP £15,000 (HELEN P) TEL. 07985 455 057
K4AHN £100,000 ONO TEL. 07506 342 385
LYIISAF £15,400 (L YUSAF) TEL. 07985 455 057
MRIO JAT £OFFERS TEL. 07928 473 771
N44DLM SERIOUS OFFERS TEL. 07969 914 041
NGIIPTA £6,995 (O GUPTA) TEL. 07985 455 057
RI5WNA £3,000 ONO (RIZWANA) TEL. 07779 300 128
SAIIHAS £1,500 ONO (SALIHA) TEL. 07946 162 099

ABI2AAR £3,500 ONO (ABRAAR) TEL. 07946 162 099
ASIIOKH £9,500 (ASHOK H) TEL. 07985 455 057
BI9 FRR £995 (BIG FRR) TEL. 07971 850 490
CDIIEEP £7,000 (C DILEEP) TEL. 07985 455 057
EKIIMAR £15,000 (E KUMAR) TEL. 07985 455 057
FLIICAS £7,000 (F LUCAS) TEL. 07985 455 057
HEIIENR £15,000 (HELEN R) TEL. 07985 455 057
K4JOL OFFERS OVER £5,000 FAZ911@MSN.COM
LYIISUF £15,000 (L YUSUF) TEL. 07985 455 057
MRIIOOK £9,500 (MR HOOK) TEL. 07985 455 057
N4SUR £1,995 TEL. 07954 389 874
OJIIDGE £15,000 (O JUDGE) TEL. 07985 455 057
R9SHS OVER £2,000 ONO TEL. 07427 677 989
SAIIKAS £1,500 ONO (SAIKA) TEL. 07946 162 099

ABDIIIL £10,000 ONO (ABDUL) TEL. 07946 162 099
ASIIOKJ £9,500 (ASHOK J) TEL. 07985 455 057
BIG SLD £2,500 TEL. 07764 656 667
CHIILER £OFFERS Panaceahealthcare@hotmail.co.uk
ELIICAS £7,000 (E LUCAS) TEL. 07985 455 057
FRA22T £4,900 TEL. 07867 861 193
HEIIENT £15,000 (HELEN T) TEL. 07985 455 057
MOIIEB S £OFFERS TEL. 07787 334 567
MRIIOBB £9,500 (MR HOBB) TEL. 07985 455 057
N4 YEB £950 TEL. 07896 699 241
R24 SAM £OFFERS TEL. 07962 394 890
SAIIMAD £15,000 (S AHMAD) TEL. 07985 455 057

ABR44R £10,000 ONO (ABRAAR) TEL. 07946 162 099
ASIIOKK £9,500 (ASHOK K) TEL. 07985 455 057
BILRL £OFFERS (BILAL) TEL. 07808 950 492
CBIIATT £7,000 (C BHATT) TEL. 07985 455 057
ELIISAA £20,000 (ELISA A) TEL. 07985 455 057
FSIISAN £7,500 (F SUSAN) TEL. 07985 455 057
HEIIOO X £1,500 ONO (HELLO X) TEL. 07946 162 099
K4OSUM £3,500 TEL. 07867 861 193
MOIIEB X £OFFERS TEL. 07787 334 567
MRIIOWE £15,000 (MR HOWE) TEL. 07985 455 057
N4 WED £10,000 (NAWED, NAWEED) TEL. 07731 464002
OMIILES £7,500 (O MILES) TEL. 07985 455 057
R34 RAJ £OFFERS TEL. 07928 473 771
SAIIMAZ £3,500 ONO (SAIMA/SALMA) TEL. 07946 162 099

ADIIEEP £7,000 (A DILEEP) TEL. 07985 455 057
ASIIOKL £9,500 (ASHOK L) TEL. 07985 455 057
B4 RWH SOLD £OFFERS TEL. 07815 114 201
CHI3 DRY £10,000+ (CHOWDRY) TEL. 07973 165 474
EMIILYC £8,000 (EMILY C) TEL. 07985 455 057
FYIISAF £15,400 (F YUSAF) TEL. 07985 455 057
HDIIEEP £7,000 (H DILEEP) TEL. 07985 455 057
K444BAH £2,500 ONO (KAABAH) TEL. 07779 300 128
MOIITYP £7,000 (MONTY P) TEL. 07985 455 057
MRIIOYD £29,000 (MR LLOYD) TEL. 07985 455 057
NAIIEED £15,000 (NAHEED) TEL. 07985 455 057
O MIIRZA £3,500 ONO TEL. 07962 394 890
R40 JAH £OFFERS TEL. 07779 675 730
SAI3 BAH £OFFERS TEL. 07983 104 538

AESI4IT £OFFERS TEL. 07867 861 193
ASIIOKM £9,500 (ASHOK M) TEL. 07985 455 057
B4 RUF £OFFERS TEL. 07796 008 786
CHI3 LER £10,000+ (CHILLER) TEL. 07973 165 474
EMIILYD £8,000 (EMILY D) TEL. 07985 455 057
FYIISUF £15,000 (F YUSUF) TEL. 07985 455 057
HKIINGS £14,000 (H KINGS) TEL. 07985 455 057
K77 MYE £OFFERS T: 07907 318 666 no withheld numbers
MOIIVER £10,000 (M OLIVER) TEL. 07985 455 057
MRIIACK £9,500 (MR HACK) TEL. 07985 455 057
NAII DEA £2,500 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30
OSIISAN £7,500 (O SUSAN) TEL. 07985 455 057
R40LEX £OFFERS TEL. 07868 572 069
SAI3 NAJ SOLD £10,000 ONO TEL. 07838 603 001

AFII AAK £2,000 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30
ASIIOKN £9,500 (ASHOK N) TEL. 07985 455 057
B4 WFA £1,195 ONO TEL. 07867 770 940
CSIO NGH £OFFERS TEL. 07928 473 771
EMIILYE £8,000 (EMILY E) TEL. 07985 455 057
G I3OXD £OFFERS TEL. 07913 919 169
HKIIMAR £15,000 (H KUMAR) TEL. 07985 455 057
K7 PPA £3,995 ONO TEL. 07890 201 854
MO 5IDDK £OFFERS T. 07954 370 359 MOHAMMED SIDDIQUE
MRIIALE £9,500 (MR HALE) TEL. 07985 455 057
NAIIMAD £10,000 (N AHMAD) TEL. 07985 455 057
OVIIJAY £10,000 (O VIJAY) TEL. 07985 455 057
R44JA F £2,800 ONO TEL. 07974 179 156
SAF333R £2,995 ONO TEL. 07729 288 346

AFII LAK £2,500 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30
ASIIOKO £9,500 (ASHOK O) TEL. 07985 455 057
B45HAR £12,500 TEL. 07891 217 880
CSIISAN £7,500 (C SUSAN) TEL. 07985 455 057
EMIILYF £8,000 (EMILY F) TEL. 07985 455 057
GI3SAL £OFFERS TEL. 07977 802 112
HMIILES £7,500 (H MILES) TEL. 07985 455 057
KAII DEM £1,500 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30
MIII NWR £1,500 (MUNAWAR) TEL. 07597 572 045
MRIIAYE £9,500 (MR HAYE) TEL. 07985 455 057
NAIIMAZ £1,500 ONO (NAIMA) TEL. 07946 162 099
OYIISAF £15,400 (O YUSAF) TEL. 07985 455 057
R6JJY £OFFERS TEL. 07968 163 510
SA55Y MS £5,000 T: 07740 784 983 privateplates@hotmail.co.uk

AFII SAN £1,500 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30
ASIIOKP £15,000 (ASHOK P) TEL. 07985 455 057
B5 WAJ £1,500 TEL. 07838 130 681
CYIISAF £15,400 (C YUSAF) TEL. 07985 455 057
EMIILYM £8,000 (EMILY M) TEL. 07985 455 057
G23RGE £OFFERS TEL. 07501 292 802
HUII TER £21,000 (HUNTER) TEL. 07985 455 057
KAII SYM £2,000 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30
MIIIYAS £20,000 ONO TEL.07774 112 121
MRIIAYS £9,500 (MR HAYS) TEL. 07985 455 057
NAII ZAM £3,000 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30
OYIISUF £15,000 (O YUSUF) TEL. 07985 455 057
R77JHA £2,500 (RAJHA) TEL. 07786 424 251
SADIIIA £7,000 TEL. 07825 040 037

AHIIMDS £1,000 (AHMADS) TEL. 07846 269 808
ASIIOKS £15,000 (ASHOK S) TEL. 07985 455 057
B9 SHU £OFFERS TEL. 07812 728 079
D4WUO £1,495 ONO TEL. 07832 302 222
EMIILYS £15,000 (EMILY S) TEL. 07985 455 057
GAIIMAD £10,000 (G AHMAD) TEL. 07985 455 057
HU55 ANX £10,000 T: 07740 784 983 privateplates@hotmail.co.uk
KA5IERH £OFFERS TEL. 07980 802 471
MITUH £OFFERS TEL. 07894 335 033
MRIIUGH £20,000 (MR HUGH) TEL. 07985 455 057
NAI2ANG £OFFERS (TEXT ONLY) TEL. 07884 064 015
PI2 MYR £OFFERS (PREMIER) TEL. 07837 780 981
RAIIMAD £10,000 (R AHMAD) TEL. 07985 455 057
SAD 4IF £2,000 TEL. 07947 979 777

AJIIDGE £25,000 (A JUDGE) TEL. 07985 455 057
ASIIOKV £9,500 (ASHOK V) TEL. 07985 455 057
BAIIALZ £3,495 ONO TEL. 07957 429 964
DAIIDY X £8,000 TEL. 07921 576 971
ERIIEST £49,000 (ERNEST) TEL. 07985 455 057
GAIIMED £15,000 (G AHMED) TEL. 07985 455 057
HU55 EFA £OFFERS (HUZAIFAH) TEL. 07737 071 097
KA55YMS £3,000 TEL. 07983 480 777
M44KAH £10,000 TEL. 07779 117 865
MR 54BAR £13,250 ONO TEL. 07837 867 868
NAI3 AAB £5,000+ (NAIWAAB) TEL. 07973 165 474
PI4YAA £3,995 TEL. 07954 389 874
SAM3R £12,000 TEL. 07867 861 193

AKII BER £5,000 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30
ASIIOKX £12,500 (ASHOK X) TEL. 07985 455 057
BAIIMAD £10,000 (B AHMAD) TEL. 07985 455 057
DAIIMAD £10,000 (D AHMAD) TEL. 07985 455 057
ESIISAN £7,500 (E SUSAN) TEL. 07985 455 057
GAIISHA £9,000 (G AISHA) TEL. 07985 455 057
HVIIJAY £10,000 (H VIJAY) TEL. 07985 455 057
K55 5HAB £1,500 ONO (SHAB) TEL. 07977 348 295
M444 LKK £850 TEL: 07977 118 134 no withheld numbers
MR 5 5KOL £5,000 T: 07740 784 983 privateplates@hotmail.co.uk
NA55AR X £10,000 T: 07740 784 983 privateplates@hotmail.co.uk
P44YJA £3,000 (PAAYJA) TEL.

SH04 BEK £1,995 ONO TEL. 07764 656 667	SHA2D £25,000 TEL. 07867 861 193	TAIIHAS £3,000 ONO (TALHA) TEL. 07946 162 099	TVIIJAY £10,000 (T VIJAY) TEL. 07985 455 057	VY55 HAL £3,500 TEL. 07588 326 444	WDIIEEP £7,000 (W DILEEP) TEL. 07985 455 057	XX 56XY XX £8,000 ONO TEL. 07908 472 121
SHIOAEB £OFFERS T: 07754 852 402 no withheld numbers	SOII BYA £2,000 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30	TAIIMAD £10,000 (T AHMAD) TEL. 07985 455 057	TYIISAF £15,400 (T YUSAF) TEL. 07985 455 057	VY55 HNU £3,500 TEL. 07588 326 444	WGIIPTA £6,995 (W GUPTA) TEL. 07985 455 057	XYIISAF £15,400 (X YUSAF) TEL. 07985 455 057
SHIOABY £4,000 ONO TEL. 07828 695 464	SPIIRTY £15,000 (SPORTY) TEL. 07985 455 057	TAIIYRS £1,500 (TAHYRS) TEL. 07867 886 786	TYIISUF £15,000 (T YUSUF) TEL. 07985 455 057	WOIIVER £6,500 (W OLIVER) TEL. 07985 455 057	WKIIMAR £15,000 (W KUMAR) TEL. 07985 455 057	YIINES £OFFERS (YOUNAS) TEL. 07834 016 393
SHIOKET £OFFERS T: 07754 852 402 no withheld numbers	STIIGGG £20,000 ONO TEL. 07786 510 000	TAI3BYS £1,600 ONO TEL. 07557 387 547	UAIIMAD £10,000 (U AHMAD) TEL. 07985 455 057	W2I JAS £1,200 ONO TEL. 07925 757 677	WMIILES £7,500 (W MILES) TEL. 07985 455 057	Y5IILMA £4,000 ONO (SALMA) TEL. 07969 598 969
SHIOKUT £OFFERS T: 07754 852 402 no withheld numbers	SUR87IT £1,500 (SURBJIT) TEL. 07985 589 631	TA55LYM £4,895 ONO TEL. 07779 324 610	UDIIEEP £7,000 (U DILEEP) TEL. 07985 455 057	W33DDY £5,000 ONO TEL. 07779 994 695	WSIISAN £7,500 (W SUSAN) TEL. 07985 455 057	Y55ANA £OFFERS TEL. 07835 316 786
SHII AED £1,000 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30	SYIISAF £15,400 (S YUSAF) TEL. 07985 455 057	TA55TEE £5,000 T: 07740 784 983 privateplates@hotmail.co.uk	UKIIORD £OFFERS TEL. 07522 199 997	W33DY K £5,000 ONO TEL. 07779 994 695	WYIISAF £15,400 (W YUSAF) TEL. 07985 455 057	Y9 ALT £30,000 TEL. 07525 817 453
SHII AFS £1,500 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30	SYIISUF £15,000 (S YUSUF) TEL. 07985 455 057	TA55TYE £5,000 T: 07740 784 983 privateplates@hotmail.co.uk	UMM444R £4,995 TEL. 07707 747 776	W33NTD £1,800 (WANTED) TEL. 01202 877 038	WYIISUF £15,000 (W YUSUF) TEL. 07985 455 057	YAIIMAD £10,000 (Y AHMAD) TEL. 07985 455 057
SHIIAHZ £6,000 TEL. 07921 576 971	TOYSR £15,000 ONO TEL. 07973 787 934	TA67 ETS £6,000 ONO TEL. 07908 472 121	UYIISAF £15,400 (U YUSAF) TEL. 07985 455 057	W4JLD £1,995 TEL. 07954 389 874	X3 5INGS £3,500 (SINGHS) TEL. 07833 333 870	YAIIYAA £15,000 (YAYYAA) TEL. 07985 455 057
SHII ANY £2,000 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30	TIIUCS £OFFERS TEL. 07581 169 231	TAHIR £100,000 (TAHIR) TEL. 07403 302 725	VOIIRAS £2,000 (VOHRA) TEL. 07867 886 786	W4KY R £10,000 TEL. 07786 615 234	X 7BY X £1,500 TEL. 07767 778 798	YEIICOM £49,000 (YELL COM) TEL. 07985 455 057
SHIIKEL £4,999 ONO (SHAKEL) TEL. 07863 845 709	TI4 REK £OFFERS (TARIQ) TEL. 07508 066 661	TBIIATT £7,000 (T BHATT) TEL. 07985 455 057	VOIIVER £6,500 (V OLIVER) TEL. 07985 455 057	W4LYT £2,000 TEL. 07854 435 656	XAL IIX £15,000 TEL. 07733 244 444	YDIIEEP £7,000 (Y DILEEP) TEL. 07985 455 057
SHII OBY £1,000 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30	TI9 ARX £OFFERS (TIGER X) TEL. 07837 780 981	TDIIEEP £7,000 (T DILEEP) TEL. 07985 455 057	V 4RFN £1,000 TEL. 07967 193 033	WAIIEEM £15,000 (WAHEEM) TEL. 07985 455 057	X BAIG £50,000 TEL. 07947 979 777	YKIIMAR £15,000 (Y KUMAR) TEL. 07985 455 057
SHIIPER £15,000 (SHIPER) TEL. 07985 455 057	TILI 786 £1,500 ONO TEL. 07974 179 156	TERIK VALUED AT OVER £60K TEL. 07739 413 695	V 44MJD £850 ONO TEL. 07803 012 253	WAIISHA £9,000 (W AISHA) TEL. 07985 455 057	X KO4SER £OFFERS TEL. 07811 146 312	YUIONES £OFFERS T: 07754 852 402 no withheld numbers
SHIIYLA £1,000,000 TEL. 07969 914 041	T44 RKK £2,200 ONO TEL. 07926 095 168	TJIIDGE £15,500 (T JUDGE) TEL. 07985 455 057	VAIIMAD £10,000 (V AHMAD) TEL. 07985 455 057	WAIITAD £10,000 (WANTED) TEL. 07778 881 126	X KIIAN X £2,700 TEL. 07786 087 155	YVIIJAY £10,000 (Y VIJAY) TEL. 07985 455 057
SHI2ADH £3,000 ONO TEL. 07870 993 553	T444BYS £995 ONO TEL. 07886 606 431	TKIINGS £14,000 (T KINGS) TEL. 07985 455 057	VBIIATT £7,000 (V BHATT) TEL. 07985 455 057	WAH33OK £2,500 (WAHEED K) TEL. 07973 199 979	XKIIMAR £15,000 (X KUMAR) TEL. 07985 455 057	Y44SCR £2,500 ONO TEL. 07828 159 318
SHI2ANH £3,000 ONO TEL. 07870 993 553	T8WHD £15,000 (TAWHEED) TEL. 07842 955 147	TMIILES £7,500 (T MILES) TEL. 07985 455 057	VDIIEEP £7,000 (V DILEEP) TEL. 07985 455 057	RYIISUF £15,000 (R YUSUF) TEL. 07985 455 057	XMIILES £7,500 (X MILES) TEL. 07985 455 057	
SHI3 MLA £5,000+ (SHIMMLA) TEL. 07973 165 474	T9RYK £OFFERS TEL. 07863 289 625	TRII HAD £2,500 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30	VSIISAN £7,500 (V SUSAN) TEL. 07985 455 057	WAJ33D £2,995 TEL. 07793 628 670	XSIIAKS £4,500 (X SHAKS) TEL. 07985 455 057	
SH54ZHD £5,725 TEL. 07802 183 450	TAIIATS £1,500 (TALLAT) TEL. 07867 886 786	TSIISAN £7,500 (T SUSAN) TEL. 07985 455 057	VYIISAF £15,400 (V YUSAF) TEL. 07985 455 057	WASIIF £10,000 TEL. 07867 861 193	XXIO MAR £OFFERS TEL. 07928 473 771	



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£20,000 ONO
TEL. 07786 615 234



£2,995 ONO (PUNEM)
TEL. 07305 700 800



£8,500 ONO
TEL. 07786 424 251



£3,995 ONO
TEL. 07890 201 854



£OFFERS
TEL. 07522 199 997



£12,995 ONO
TEL. 07440 766 843



£OFFERS
TEL. 07850 706 930



£75,000 ONO
TEL. 07887 837 553



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Scotland cuts cricket ties with Afghanistan over Taliban restrictions on women

Cricket Scotland joins England and Australia in refusing bilateral matches against Afghanistan, taking a stand against restrictions on women's sport and human rights under Taliban rule.

Scotland has become the latest cricketing nation to take a stand against Afghanistan, announcing it will not play bilateral international matches against the country over the Taliban's treatment of women and girls.

The decision puts Cricket Scotland alongside England and Australia, both of whom have suspended bilateral cricket ties with Afghanistan amid growing international concern over the suppression of women's rights.

However, Scotland will still be able to face Afghanistan in International Cricket Council (ICC) tournaments, including World Cups.

Women's cricket has effectively been wiped out in Afghanistan since the Taliban returned to power in 2021.

Female athletes have been denied opportunities to compete, while sweeping restrictions on education, employment and public life have left women and girls increasingly excluded from everyday society.

For Cricket Scotland, the issue goes beyond the boundary rope.

The governing body said its decision reflects its commitment to developing cricket for women and girls, alongside wider concerns about the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan.

"This policy will be kept under review annually or following any significant ICC decision or material change in circumstances," Cricket Scotland said in a statement on Monday.

The Taliban maintains that it respects women's rights according to its interpretation of Islamic law and Afghan customs, and argues that domestic affairs should be resolved within the country.

Afghanistan was granted Full Member status by the ICC in 2017, marking a major milestone in the country's remarkable rise through international cricket.

Its men's national team has since emerged as a formidable force in limited-overs cricket, earning recognition for its performances against established cricketing nations.

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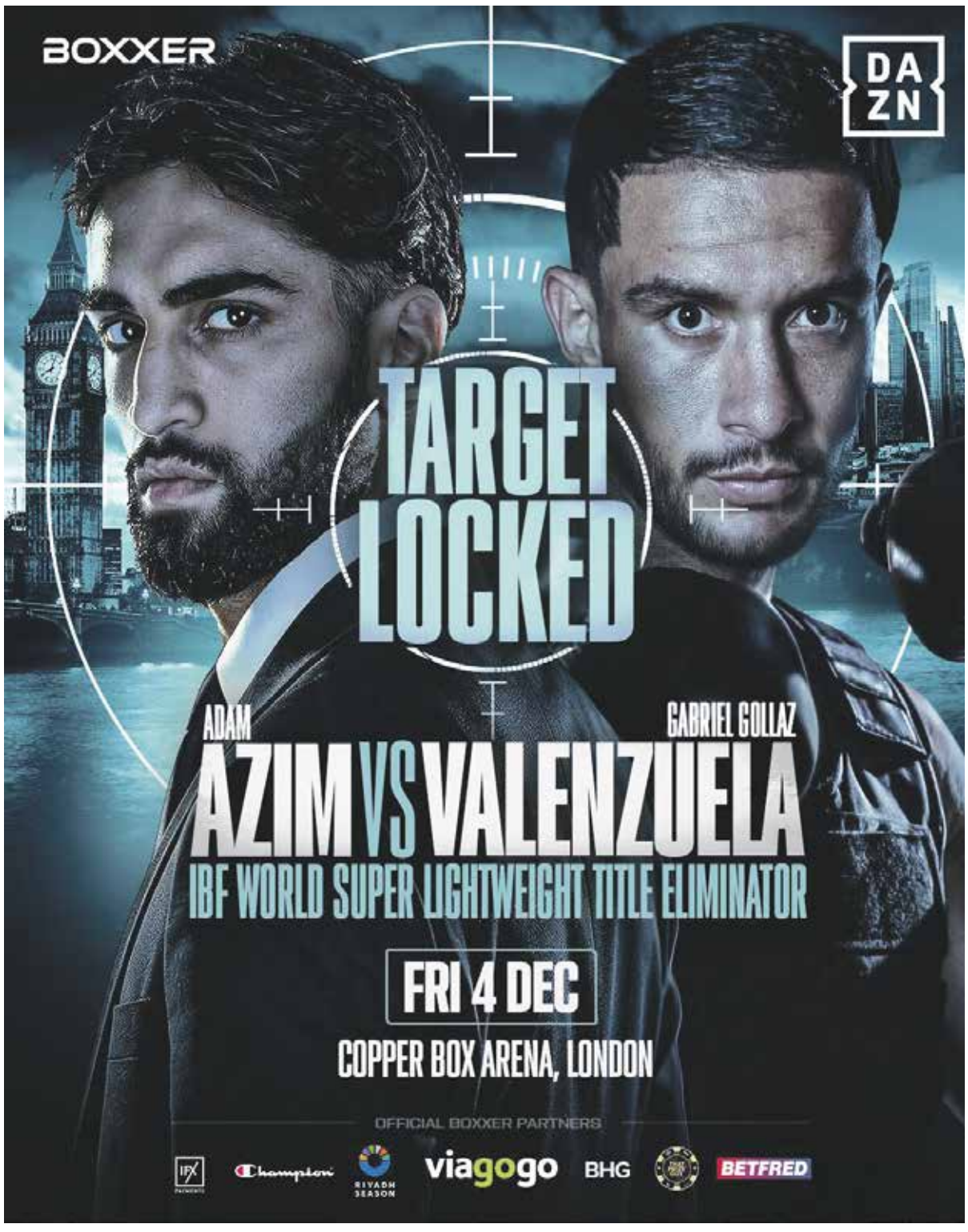
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Standing across the ring will be Mexico's Gabriel Gollaz Valenzuela - a seasoned, battle-hardened contender with 32 professional victories and no intention of becoming another name on Azim's growing list of victims.

The stakes could hardly be higher.

An IBF world super-lightweight title eliminator. A potential world championship opportunity in 2027. And the chance to take another giant stride towards sporting immortality.

For Azim, this is no longer about being Britain's next big boxing prospect.

It's about proving he belongs among the world's best.

THE KID WITH THE KILLER INSTINCT

Born in Slough to a British Pakistani family, Azim has emerged as one of the most electrifying talents in British boxing.

His hands are frighteningly fast. His combinations are explosive. And when he senses an opponent is hurt, his finishing instinct is ruthless.

But behind the fireworks lies a fighter developing the ring intelligence and composure needed to compete at the highest level.

A former European champion, Azim has already dispatched experienced opposition, including Ohara Davies and former world champion Sergey Lipinets.

Then came Steve Claggett.

In May, the experienced Canadian stepped into the ring at Wembley Arena hoping to derail the Azim express.

Three rounds later, it was over.

Another devastating stoppage. Another statement delivered. Another warning to the super-lightweight division.

Azim had recorded his sixth consecutive knockout victory.

And the message was unmistakable.

This young fighter isn't waiting for his moment. He's coming to take it.

MEXICAN STANDOFF

There will be no easy passage to world-title contention.

At 32, Gabriel Gollaz Valenzuela brings the experience, toughness and ring craft of a man who has spent years battling through professional boxing's unforgiving ranks.

With 32 victories to his name, the Mexican has the credentials to ask questions that Azim's previous opponents may not have been able to answer.

Can the British star maintain his blistering pace against a seasoned international contender?

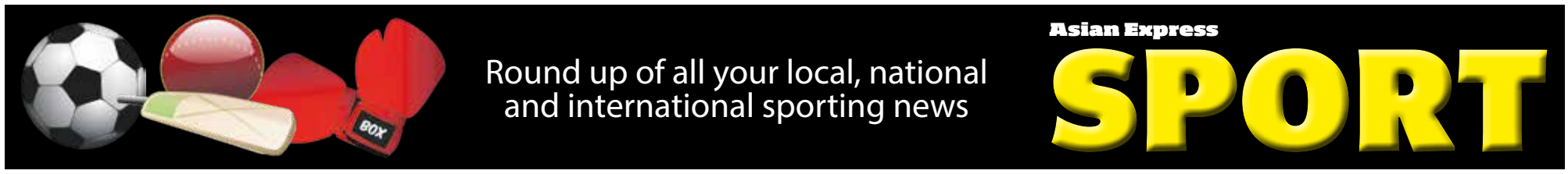
Can he remain composed when the punches come back?

And, perhaps most importantly, can he deliver when a world championship opportunity is within reach?

Those questions will be answered in London.

Victory would strengthen Azim's claim to a shot at the IBF super-lightweight crown in 2027.

Defeat would be a painful reminder



of just how unforgiving boxing can be.

There is no room for complacency. No guarantee of glory.

Just two fighters, one ring and an opportunity that could reshape a career.

THE NEXT AMIR KHAN? THINK BIGGER.

For British Asian boxing fans, the comparisons are inevitable.

Amir Khan blazed a trail from Olympic silver medallist to world champion, becoming a household name and inspiring a generation of young fighters who suddenly saw someone who looked like them conquering the sport's biggest stages.

Now Azim is threatening to write his own chapter.

He has the speed. He has the charisma. He has the knockout power.

And he has something every global sporting star needs - the ability to make people stop what they're doing and watch.

From British boxing arenas to the passionate sporting audiences of Pakistan, Azim has the potential to command attention far beyond the ropes.

But world champions aren't made by hype, social media followers or commercial potential.

They're made when the bell rings.

And Azim knows that the only way to turn extraordinary promise into greatness is to keep winning.

ONE FIGHT FROM A WHOLE NEW WORLD

There comes a moment in every great fighter's career when potential must become proof.

For Adam Azim, that moment may be arriving.

The unbeaten record has opened doors. The knockouts have captured imaginations. The European title has established his credentials.

Now comes the opportunity to move towards the biggest prize of all.

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And the chance to inspire another generation of British Pakistani youngsters to believe that the world's biggest sporting stages belong to them, too.

On 4 December, the talking stops.

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And Adam Azim steps into the ring with his future waiting on the other side.

Fifteen have tried. Fifteen have failed.

Will the Mexican be number sixteen?

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But the absence of a functioning women's national team has placed Afghanistan's position within international cricket under increasing scrutiny.

Scotland's decision adds to the pressure on cricket's governing authorities to address the contradiction between Afghanistan's growing success in the men's game and the restrictions preventing women from participating.

Scotland and Afghanistan have not met in a full international fixture since the 2021 T20 World Cup.

However, Cricket Scotland revealed that the Afghanistan Cricket Board had approached it twice in recent months.

The first request, made in July, sought training facilities ahead of Afghanistan's men's series against Ireland. A second approach followed in September, concerning preparations for the T20 Afghanistan Premier League.

Despite the suspension of bilateral ties, Cricket Scotland has left the door open for individual players to participate in Afghanistan's domestic competitions.

The governing body said it would continue to honour contractual obligations and consider issuing no-objection certificates (NOCs) should the ICC officially approve the Afghan league.

However, it stressed that allowing players to take part must not be confused with supporting the Taliban government.

"If an NOC is issued, participation by that player/s must not be interpreted as an endorsement by Cricket Scotland of the current Afghan regime or its policies," the statement said.

The Afghanistan Cricket Board has been approached for comment.

For now, Scotland's position is clear: Afghanistan's men's cricketers remain welcome as opponents in ICC competitions, but bilateral cricketing relations will remain on hold.

And as more cricketing nations take similar positions, the debate over Afghanistan's place in the international game looks set to intensify.

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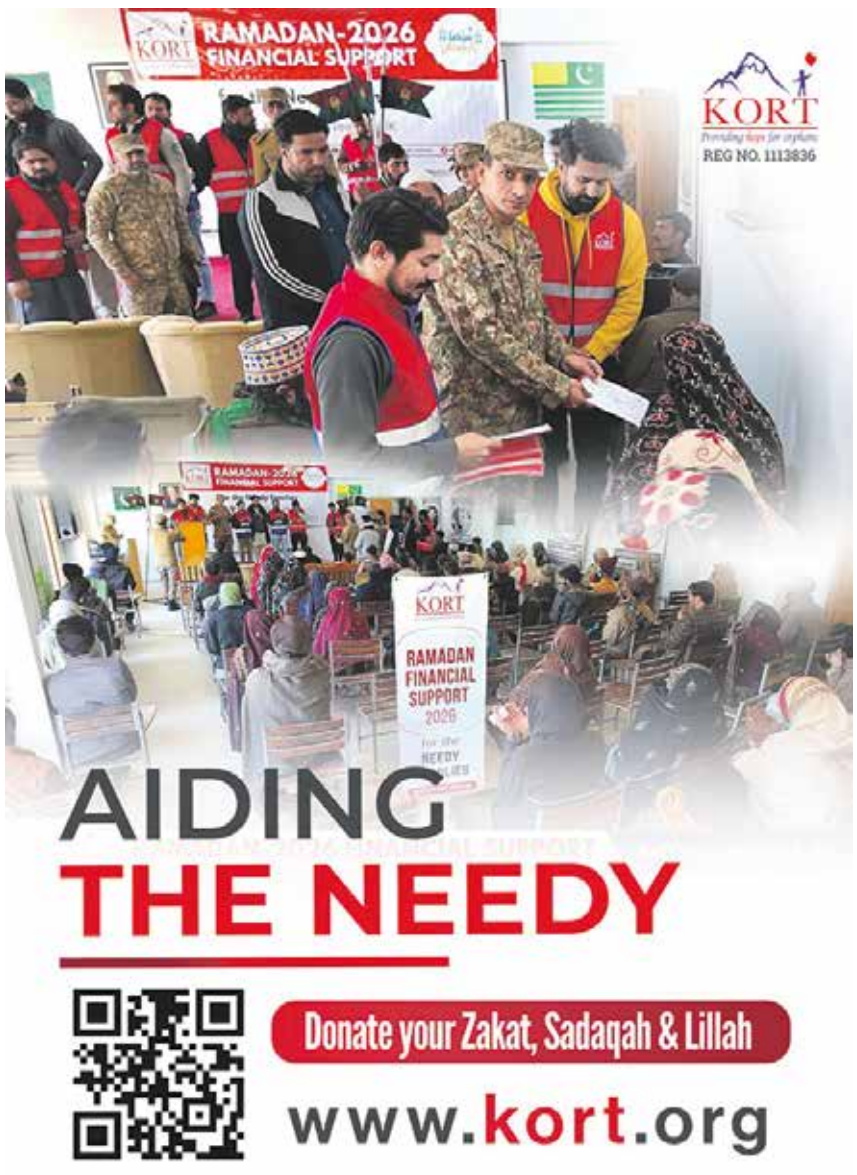
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British boxing has a new name to fear. And the world had better start paying attention.

ADAM AZIM.

Fifteen fights. Fifteen victories. Twelve knockouts.

At just 24, the lightning-fast British Pakistani fighter has blazed a trail through the professional ranks, leaving opponents beaten, reputations shattered and boxing fans asking the same question.

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