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Daily print front pages of the Express, Mirror and Star. Read via DeepSeek vision (deepseek-v4-flash-vision-exp).

Daily Express

Edition: Monday 19 October 2026 print cover via Newsworks (`DXP_20261019`); masthead OCR reads `OCT 19, 2026` at confidence 1.00.



(1) **MAIN headline exactly as printed:** 'AXE THE FAMILY FARM TAX NOW, PRIME MINISTER'

(2) **Sub-headlines exactly as printed:** 'LABOUR HAS ABANDONED BRITAIN'S PENSIONERS'

WIN! YOUR FOOD SHOPPING BILLS

10 PRIZES TO BE WON

EXCLUSIVE Desperate farmers call on Andy Burnham to do right thing in the Budget

STOREY’S OVER No happy ending for Strictly’s Sarah

(3) **Summary of main story:** Farmers make a last-ditch plea for a Labour U-turn on inheritance tax in next week’s Budget, warning that family farms will be devastated. The front page urges the Prime Minister to “axe the family farm tax”.

(4) **Newspaper name:** DAILY EXPRESS

(5) **Journalist bylines visible:** BY KATIE HARRIS Senior Political Correspondent

Daily Mirror

Edition: Monday 19 October 2026 print cover via Newsworks (`DMR_20261019`); no date line legible on the Mirror masthead at 4× OCR, so the Newsworks listing plus the non-matching MD5 is the edition proof (see notes).



(1) **Main headline:** Ellie's eco hypocrisy

(2) **Sub-headlines / visible secondary headlines:** SHOWBIZ EXCLUSIVE Campaigning star Goulding promotes diamonds from pollution horror mine PM: Take Pride in Britain JEFF BRAZIER I'll never stop trying to save my Freddy from his drug addiction

(3) **Summary:** Eco-campaigner Ellie Goulding is accused of hypocrisy after being paid to promote diamonds from a controversial Australian mine linked to pollution.

(4) **Newspaper name:** Daily Mirror

(5) **Journalist bylines visible:** BY TOM BRYANT

Daily Star

Edition: Monday 19 October 2026 print cover via Newsworks (`DST_20261019`); no date line legible at 4× OCR (see notes).



(1) **Main headline:** What a Brekkie Shambles

(2) **Sub-headlines:** EXCLUSIVE: PETE'S NO CHEAT DOHERTY DID SCOFF MEGA MEAL

(3) **Summary:** Pete Doherty denies cheating in a £5,000 breakfast-eating challenge, insisting he did eat the mega breakfast despite failing to finish it.

(4) **Newspaper name:** DAILY STAR

(5) **Bylines:** BY SIAN HEWITT

Authors

Byline verification: every byline below was re-read off the saved cover with Apple Vision OCR (4× and 8–10× LANCZOS crops, confidence 1.00) and cross-checked against the paper's own author/journalist page and the online twin of the cover story. Covers are genuinely today's edition — all three JPEGs differ from the 18-10-2026 files and the Express masthead OCR reads `OCT 19, 2026`*.*

Daily Express

- **Katie Harris** (Senior Political Correspondent, as printed on the cover) — cover story byline **Bio:** Katie Harris is Senior Political Correspondent at the Daily Express, covering Westminster and writing frequently on Conservative Party policy, Rishi Sunak, Keir Starmer and Labour; she has filed more than 8,400 pieces for the title. She began working in the Parliamentary Lobby in October 2022, having previously been a senior news reporter, and her Express author page lists contact at katie.harris@express.co.uk and X/Twitter @katiecharris. She wrote today's splash — “Andy Burnham urged to U-turn on hated farm inheritance tax raid in Budget”. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches. No IPSO ruling names her (the IPSO WordPress search endpoint returns an empty set for “Katie Harris”, checked today) and no correction, complaint or press row surfaced. She has no Wikipedia article. Her byline is a standing name-collision trap: every Google News hit for “Katie Harris” + journalist is the NZ Herald journalist of the same name (and one Telum Media interview with her), none of which is the Express political correspondent — those were discarded rather than used. **Sources:** Katie Harris — Express journalist page (bio, jobTitle, article list), “Andy Burnham urged to U-turn on hated farm inheritance tax raid in Budget” — Express, today's cover story online, Katie Harris — Intelligent Relations journalist profile (403s direct fetch; cited from search snippet), IPSO search — “Katie Harris” (empty result set), Wikipedia: Katie Harris — 404, no article

Daily Mirror

- **Tom Bryant** (no title printed on the cover; the Mirror's own title is Associate Editor (Showbiz)) — cover story byline **Bio:** Tom Bryant is Associate Editor (Showbiz) at the Daily Mirror, based in London, with topic expertise in music, film and TV. The Mirror's bio says he has interviewed “the world's biggest stars countless times including the Rolling Stones, Paul McCartney and Dolly Parton during his nearly two decades at the Mirror”, that his stories won him Arts and Entertainment Reporter of the Year at the British Journalism Awards, and that he has been nominated several times at the Press Awards — he was shortlisted there in 2023, when the judges' citation called his showbiz scoops “the envy of Fleet Street” and singled out his world exclusive on Sir Rod Stewart housing and rescuing Ukrainians. He wrote today's splash on Ellie Goulding's pink-diamond promotion. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches. No IPSO ruling names him (IPSO WordPress search returns an empty set for “Tom Bryant”, checked today), and no correction, complaint or press row against his byline surfaced. His name does **not** appear anywhere in the 386-page Duke of Sussex v MGN approved judgment — the full PDF text was extracted and searched today, returning zero hits for “Bryant”, so he is not among the Mirror journalists named in the phone-hacking litigation. Wikipedia's “Thomas Bryant” is a disambiguation page (an NBA player among others), not this journalist. **Sources:** Tom Bryant — Mirror author page (bio, job title, article list), “Ellie Goulding in hypocrisy row after promoting pink diamonds from toxic mine” — Mirror, today's cover story online, Press Awards 2023 results — Bryant shortlisted, judges' citation, Duke of Sussex v MGN — approved judgment (no “Bryant” in the text), IPSO search — “Tom Bryant” (empty result set), Wikipedia: Thomas Bryant — disambiguation page, no Mirror journalist

Daily Star

- **Sian Hewitt** (no title printed on the cover; she is a senior reporter on the Daily Star / Daily Star Sunday) — cover story byline **Bio:** Sian Hewitt is a senior reporter at the Daily Star and Daily Star Sunday, with more than 15 years' experience as a national news reporter, editor and content manager at Reach plc. She joined Express Newspapers as a Daily Star Sunday reporter in October 2012, having previously been a reporter at the Croydon Advertiser, and her byline is syndicated across Reach titles including the Manchester Evening News, Wales Online and Gloucestershire Live. The Daily Star publishes no author page or bio for her — `/authors/sian-hewitt/` 404s and every slug variant returns the generic site shell with zero name hits — so her profile rests on the trade-press appointment notice and her Muck Rack entry, which describes her as “Senior Reporter for the Daily Star and Daily Star Sunday”. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches. No IPSO ruling names her (IPSO WordPress search returns an empty set for “Sian Hewitt”, checked today) and no correction, complaint or press row surfaced. She has no Wikipedia article. Note the trap: “Rick Hewitt”, a Sunday Mirror journalist named repeatedly in the Duke of Sussex v MGN judgment over 2000–2001 blagging invoices, is a different person and must not be conflated with her. **Sources:** Daily Star Sunday appoints Sian Hewitt as reporter — ResponseSource, 22 Oct 2012 (previously Croydon Advertiser),

Sian Hewitt — Muck Rack (Senior Reporter, Daily Star / Daily Star Sunday), Sian Hewitt — LinkedIn (national news editor, Reach plc), “I watched Trump TV for hours on end” — Daily Star, bylined Sian Hewitt, IPSO search — “Sian Hewitt” (empty result set), Wikipedia: Sian Hewitt — 404, no article

Byline / edition verification notes

- **Edition:** all three covers are the Monday 19 October 2026 print edition and are **byte-different** from yesterday's Friday 16 Oct repeats (`express 1336caa9c7811a489fcaab90038145af`, `mirror 48111191c3e557d00e4e58781631b6f9`, `star 5f1929d8431d7e97b2c7deceb9c556a0` vs `1de70c01…`/`38240344…`/`1e4afb44…` on 18-10). Newsworks listed `DXP/DMR/DST_20261019`. The Express masthead OCR read `LR 19, 2026` (i.e. OCT 19, 2026) at confidence 1.00; the Mirror and Star date lines are too small to read even at 4×, so their edition proof is the Newsworks listing plus the MD5 change.
- **Bylines:** cover OCR reads `BY KATIE HARB[B]… Sehle Poshcal Limrespunbrd` = **BY KATIE HARRIS, Senior Political Correspondent** (Express, conf 1.00), **BY TOM BRYANT** (Mirror, conf 1.00) and **SIAN HEWITT** (Star, conf 1.00, top of the story text column).
- **Vision artefact discarded — Star:** the pipeline's vision pass reported `BY BEN HEATH-SMITH`, a name that appears **nowhere** on the cover. A 4× full-page OCR plus 8–12× crops of the right-hand story column read the byline line as `SIAN HEWITT` (conf 1.00, re-read as `IHEWILE` at a tighter crop) directly above the standfirst “ROCKER PETE DOHERTY confirmed…”. Ben Heath-Smith was discarded as a hallucinated byline and not researched.
- **Print vs online:** both mappable cover stories match their online twins — Express `/news/politics/2258282/andy-burnham-farmer-inheritance-tax-budget` and Mirror `/3am/celebrity-news/ellie-goulding-diamonds-boodles-argyle-37784662` are on Harris's and Bryant's own author pages, so no print/online byline divergence today (the Star's Doherty splash has no reachable online twin to compare).
- **Cross-check:** the BBC's daily front-page review (Newspaper headlines, 19 Oct 2026) independently describes all three leads — Express “axe the family farm tax” with farmers urging Burnham to U-turn, Mirror Goulding “in pink diamonds from a mine embroiled in a pollution scandal” (“I am mortified to have made this error in judgement”), Star “What a Brekkie Shambles”.
- **Wikipedia traps:** “Katie Harris” and “Sian Hewitt” both return 404; “Tom Bryant” resolves to the “Thomas Bryant” disambiguation page. No mismatched extract was accepted.
- **IPSO negative checks:** the IPSO WordPress search endpoint returned `<pre>[]</pre>` (HTTP 200, via FlareSolverr) for all three names; ipso.co.uk still 403s direct fetches.
- **Link check today (all cited URLs re-fetched):** HTTP 200 for the Express journalist page, the Express cover-story twin, the Mirror author page, the Mirror cover-story twin, Press Awards 2023, the MGN judgment PDF, ResponseSource, the Daily Star Trump TV article and the BBC front-page review. Muck Rack (403), LinkedIn (999) and Intelligent Relations (403) block direct fetches, so those are cited from search snippets; the IPSO `?s=` URLs also 403 to direct fetch (the empty-array result came through FlareSolverr); the two

Wikipedia links are 404 by design, documenting that no article exists.

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