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Saturday morning roundup · Wales-only · compiled from BBC Wales, BBC Cymru Fyw, BBC Sport Wales, Nation.Cymru, GOV.WALES, The Guardian, BBC Weather

? Top Story: Eight-try Wales end nine-Test losing run with 50-19 rout of South Africa

Wales (38) 50 — South Africa (5) 19 · WXV Global Series opener, Cardiff Arms Park, Friday night

Wales returned to winning ways in emphatic fashion, running in eight tries to beat South Africa at Cardiff Arms Park and end a run of nine Tests without a victory.

Sean Lynn's side led 38-5 at half-time — six tries to one — against a Springboks team ranked three places above them in the world. Tighthead Sisilia Tuipulotu scored in either half, while co-captain Alex Callender returned from injury with a player-of-the-match display. Winger Courtney Keight, Seren Lockwood, Kelsey Jones, Lisa Neumann, Maisie Davies and Callender also crossed, with Freya Bell kicking five conversions.

- **Wales tries:** Keight, Tuipulotu (2), Lockwood, Davies, K Jones, Neumann, Callender. **Cons:** Bell 5. **South Africa tries:** Jacobs, Tshiremba, Samboya. **Cons:** Dolf 2.
- Lynn's bold call to move scrum-half **Keira Bevan** to fly-half paid off, with Keight — recently crowned Welsh Rugby Writers' player of the year — scoring the opener after Georgia Evans and Tuipulotu had made the hard yards.
- South Africa lost hooker **Lindelwa Gwala** to the sin bin and lock **Danelle Lochner** to a card upgraded to a 20-minute red for a high tackle, and were briefly down to 13 men. The

visitors hit back after the break through Maria Tshiremba and Maceala Samboya, but Williams' footwork and strength kept the ball alive for Callender to seal it.

- Front-row forwards **Shanelle Williams** and **Elan Jones** came off the bench for their debuts — and a Welsh win, something many of their team-mates had not experienced in over a year.

(BBC Sport Wales — Ceri Coleman-Phillips, 18 Sep; BBC Cymru Fyw — Cymru'n rhoi crasfa i Dde Affrica yng Nghaerdydd. Wales play the USA next in the WXV Global Series before travelling to Japan.)

?? Senedd & Politics

? Sheen: first minister meeting was "constructive"

Hollywood actor Michael Sheen has met First Minister Rhun ap Iorwerth to discuss the toxic dumping claims raised in his BBC documentary — his first sit-down with the FM after he said an offer to meet "was not taken up" before the film aired.

- Sheen, speaking on Instagram: **"I've just come from a meeting with the first minister. Talking about how we can move forward and address all the issues that *Buried* raised around the toxic dumping, and that was really constructive. So early days but that's really encouraging."**
- *Buried with Michael Sheen* tested 14 sites in Wales and north-west England linked to Monsanto, finding elevated levels of cancer-causing PCBs at all but one. Sheen appeared before the Welsh Affairs Committee last week, urging MPs to back a national testing programme for historic toxic dumps.

(BBC Wales — Maria Cassidy, 18 Sep 13:01)

? Backlash over podcaster "minimising" Dan Thomas arrest

A Reform UK-supporting evangelical YouTuber has been criticised after posting a video in which she said arrests like Dan Thomas' happen in politics "all the time".

- **Faith Jarvis** claimed the grounds for the arrest were unknown and that resignations of the kind were routine: **"Now, of course the media is going to make this look way bigger than it probably is. But this happens all the time."** Critics said she had "glossed over the alleged criminality".

- **Gwent Police** confirmed a **45-year-old man from the Aberbargoed area** was arrested at the weekend and bailed pending further enquiries. Thomas says he was released without charge and has "done nothing wrong". He **remains the Reform MS for Casnewydd Islwyn**.
- Nation.Cymru commentary in recent days asks whether Reform can steady itself at the Senedd ("Reform on the Ropes", 17 Sep; "The Senedd's back with a bump", 16 Sep).

(Nation.Cymru — Emily Price, 18 Sep)

? Reform accused of twisting 20mph road death figures

Road safety campaigners say Reform UK Senedd Members and parts of the press have wrongly linked a rise in Welsh road deaths to the default 20mph limit — because the increase happened on 60mph and 70mph roads, not 20mph ones.

- Official figures show **91 people were killed on Welsh roads in 2025, seven more than in 2024** — but there were **eight more deaths on 60mph roads and two more on 70mph roads**, a combined increase of 10. Fatalities at 20mph and 30mph have fallen since the limit was introduced in **September 2023**.
- Reform MS **Joe Martin** told the Senedd the policy had "achieved the opposite of what was intended", citing all-road casualty figures rising from 1,091 in 2024 to 1,207 in 2025; **Jason O'Connell** made "misleading" claims in a GB News op-ed: "Labour's 20mph experiment has made Welsh roads more dangerous, not safer".
- **Rod King**, founder of the 20's Plenty campaign, called Reform "disingenuous" for obscuring where the deaths occurred: **"That's an additional 10 people and families devastated. At all other speed limits the fatalities in 2025 were unchanged or lower."**

(Nation.Cymru — Emily Price, 18 Sep)

? Eleven business experts to shape new development agency

A panel of 11 business figures has been appointed to design a new economic development and innovation agency for Wales, chaired by Associated British Ports chair Jonathan Lewis.

- The panel — which includes **Sarah Williams-Gardener OBE**, a founding member of Starling Bank, as vice chair — will advise Cabinet Minister **Adam Price** on the agency's form and function. Members serve unpaid.
- The agency is central to the government's productivity mission: **to halve Wales' productivity gap with the rest of the UK within ten years**. Price: **"Improving**

productivity will have a direct consequence of creating better jobs for people, thereby putting more money in their pockets and raising living standards."

(GOV.WALES press release, 18 Sep 13:40; Nation.Cymru, 18 Sep)

? Economy & Business

? Public sector EV fleet "avoiding £3.7m of diesel a year"

Analysis by the Welsh Government Energy Service estimates the public sector's electric vehicle fleet is now avoiding the annual purchase of diesel worth up to £3.7m — 2.4 million litres.

- The fleet includes **2,045 electric vehicles**, from cars and minibuses to refuse collection vehicles and buses, using **8.6 GWh of electricity a year**. After charging costs, the net saving is put at **£1.4m-£1.9m annually**.
- Officials say the fleet has also cut exposure to volatile oil prices: during a **100-day oil price shock** like the recent US-Iran market disruption, it would avoid around **£200,000-£280,000** of extra diesel costs.

(GOV.WALES press release, 18 Sep 10:40)

? Transport & Infrastructure

? Pay-as-you-go rail "overcharging" warning

Flintshire council has warned that Transport for Wales' pay-as-you-go system could leave some passengers paying more, because the tap-in, tap-out machines can only charge full adult fares.

- TfW has been promoting the scheme on the **27-mile Wrexham-Bidston Borderlands Line**, including a TikTok advert promising the "best value fare". But the council says there was no explanation that **children, families, railcard holders and pensioners** would be charged the full adult price.
- Cllr **Alasdair Ibbotson** (Penyffordd), who first raised the issue in July: **"If you are eligible to travel on a child ticket or at a reduced rate because you have a railcard you will not be charged the correct fare for your journey. You will be**

overcharged. So the notion that this is the best value fare is categorically untrue."

- TfW said it was "actively reviewing" how it communicates alternative ticketing options.

(BBC Wales / Local Democracy Reporting Service — Alec Doyle, published 18 Sep, updated this morning)

?? Heart of Wales line to close for five days

A section of one of Wales' most scenic railway lines shuts for five days from Monday 28 September while engineers renew track.

- The **Craven Arms-Llandrindod Wells** stretch closes **7am Monday 28 September to 7pm Friday 2 October**. Work includes replacing track timbers between Bucknell and Llangynllo, renewing sleepers and timbers, surveys at Penybont Tunnel and repairs plus vegetation clearance at Llangynllo Tunnel.
- Transport for Wales will run **replacement buses between Shrewsbury and Llandrindod Wells**, with trains continuing between Llandrindod Wells and Swansea — five replacement services a day from Shrewsbury Monday to Thursday.

(Nation.Cymru, 19 Sep)

? Cardiff bus delays warning as city centre roadworks bite

Bus passengers are being warned of significant delays next week when three-way traffic lights go up at Castle Street and Westgate Street in Cardiff from Monday 21 to Friday 25 September.

- **Cardiff Bus** says most of its services pass through the junction and delays there will ripple across the network. Operations director **Gareth Stevens**: "**We'll do everything we can to keep our services running and minimise disruption, but we are expecting these temporary lights to have an impact on journey times across our network.**"
- The lights form part of a major scheme to make Castle Street's temporary road and cycling changes permanent — a 12-month programme by contractor Knights Brown including a fully segregated cycleway and upgraded junctions.

(Nation.Cymru, 19 Sep)

? Crime & Justice

? Police officer cleared of misconduct over arrest punches

A North Wales Police officer filmed holding a man in a headlock and punching him nine times during an arrest has been cleared of misconduct.

- PC **Richard Williams** was accused over the arrest of **Steven Clark** in **Porthmadog, Gwynedd**, in May 2023, and faced **eight allegations of gross misconduct**. After a week-long hearing at Colwyn Bay police headquarters, the panel found he used reasonable force and accepted Clark had been potentially violent, resisted arrest and was "off his head" on drugs.
- Clark told the hearing he "couldn't breathe" during the incident; Williams had already been **cleared of assault and intentional strangulation** at a criminal trial in 2025.
- *(The misconduct hearing itself was covered in the 15 Sep roundup — this is the verdict.)*

(BBC Wales — George Herd, 18 Sep 17:02)

?? Man denies historical child sexual exploitation charges

Mohammed Ramzan, 76, of Newport, has pleaded not guilty to historical offences relating to the alleged sexual abuse and rape of children as part of a grooming gang in south Wales.

- He denies **one count of causing prostitution, two counts of rape, three counts of indecent assault and one count of aiding and abetting rape** at Cardiff Crown Court. The charges stem from **Gwent Police's Operation Oak** investigation into reports from women abused as children in the 1980s and 1990s.
- Judge **Tracey Lloyd-Clarke** set a **trial date of January 2028**; Ramzan was released on conditional bail. He is among nine men charged. *(The 22 Aug roundup recorded that Ramzan and Sheikh Mohammed Tahir Ullah had not yet entered pleas — this is Ramzan's plea.)*

(BBC Wales — Miriam Barker, 18 Sep)

?? Local & Community

- **Swansea children's procession cancelled after far-right march announced.** A 100-foot **Future Generations Tapestry for Nature**, made by schoolchildren and Bonymaen Community Centre and due to be carried through Swansea today before being presented to the **Children's Commissioner for Wales, Rocio Cifuentes**, was called off after

'United Front Swansea' planned a march past the city's mosque on the same day. The group is led by **Mathew James Roper** (real name Mathew James Thomas), convicted in 2021 of dangerous driving — including driving into a wall with his young daughter in the car — and a 100mph police chase; he has 13 previous convictions for 25 offences. Organisers **Protect Our Green Spaces Wales** had planned a peaceful family celebration of nature and green spaces. (*Nation.Cymru — Emily Price, 18 Sep*)

- **Shoplifting at a decade high in north Wales.** Theft offences in north Wales rose almost **5%** year on year — the only Welsh police area to see a rise — with more than **5,000 offences** in 2025-26. Gwent fell nearly 5%, Dyfed-Powys 13.2% and South Wales 13.6%. Aldi Pwllheli manager **Kel Hughes** said staff are "catching ordinary people" slipping everyday items into bags: **"People are stealing to live, I think, rather than to sell on for profit."** Traditional targets — vodka, whisky, beef — have given way to daily essentials, with the store's losses up 10% in two years. (*BBC Cymru Fyw — Jeia Puri-Evans, this morning*)
- **338 Rhoose homes approved — but ministers hold the final say.** Vale of Glamorgan's planning committee voted in favour of **Persimmon Homes'** scheme north of the railway line in Rhoose, but a **Welsh Government holding direction** issued earlier this month stops the council granting permission while ministers decide whether to call it in. Resident **James Gill** told the committee "Rhoose is being abused"; Cllr **Samantha Campbell** opposed on infrastructure grounds. (*Nation.Cymru — Kieran Molloy, LDR, 18 Sep. The application was covered in the 11-12 Sep roundups.*)
- **Work starts on Llangefni's former chemical works.** The eight-acre former **Eastman (Peboc)** site on Ynys Môn, unused since 2008, is being cleared and remediated for **seven business units** providing more than **5,200 sq m** of employment space and potentially **140 full-time jobs**. The council bought the site as part of the Freeport Gateway project and it sits inside the **Anglesey Freeport Tax Site**; Read Construction is carrying out the work. Council leader **Cllr Gary Pritchard**: "For many years, much of the old Peboc site remained unused. We now have an opportunity to transform it." (*Nation.Cymru, 19 Sep*)
- **Soft plastics kerbside recycling trial for 21,000 Cardiff homes.** From **13 October**, households in parts of Whitchurch/Tongwynlais, Grangetown, Trowbridge and Rhiwbina will be able to recycle bags, wrappers and film in new red bags (delivered from 28 September). Soft plastics make up almost **6% of black-bin waste** in Cardiff; the council reckons around **3,000 tonnes a year** could be captured, and the city currently recycles **64%** of household waste. (*Nation.Cymru, 19 Sep*)
- **20m phone mast approved in Penylan despite objections.** Cardiff planners decided **Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd** does not need prior approval for the mast off Llanedeyrn Road, over residents' objections and those of Lib Dem group leader **Cllr Rodney Berman**, who argued a site nearer the Llanedeyrn interchange would be less intrusive. (*Nation.Cymru — Kieran Molloy, LDR, 18 Sep*)
- **Torfaen closes in on its 4,700-home target — six years late.** By April, **4,476 homes** of the 15-year target (set in a plan meant to run to 2021) had been built — **95%** — leaving 224 expected to complete by 2027, with work under way at South Sebastopol and the former County Hall site at Croesyceiliog. Officers credit delivery despite "two major periods of economic recession, Brexit and the pandemic". (*Nation.Cymru — Twm Owen, LDR, 19 Sep*)

- **Powys asylum row settled by Home Office figures.** Just **five** asylum seekers receiving support were registered in Powys at the end of June — the third-lowest in Wales behind Monmouthshire (one) and Ceredigion (none). Four are a family housed in the south of the county through contractor Clearsprings Ready Homes. Nationally, **93,293 people** were receiving asylum support, down 12% year on year. (*Nation.Cymru — Elgan Hearn, LDR, 18 Sep*)
 - **RNLI video met with "pure hatred".** Ceredigion councillor **Elizabeth Evans**, who represents Aberaeron and Aberarth, says comments on a Facebook video of New Quay's lifeboat — 30,000 views — included "traitors" and "taxis for migrants" after anti-migrant protests in England: **"I wasn't shutting down discussion because there was no discussion available to be had. I was shutting down hatred."** RNLI chief executive **Peter Sparkes** said recent events had "generated deliberate misinformation". (*BBC Wales, published 07:24 this morning*)
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? Sport

? WRU "committed" to cutting a professional team despite backlash

Welsh Rugby Union director of rugby Dave Reddin says the governing body will press on with plans to cut from four professional men's sides to three by 2028, despite the row it has caused.

- Ospreys and Scarlets are set to fight to be the solitary west Wales team, with Cardiff and Dragons safe. In August, former Wales captain **Jonathan Davies** became the most high-profile figure calling on the WRU board to resign — including chief executive **Abi Tierney**, but not Reddin, who is not a board member.
- Reddin: **"I understand the pain with it, but we've got to fix it and this is the way forward. We're really committed to it."**

(*BBC Sport Wales — Gareth Griffiths, published this morning*)

? Wilson a major doubt for Wales' Nations League opener

Harry Wilson is a major doubt for the start of Wales' Nations League campaign after Leeds boss Daniel Farke confirmed a quadriceps injury.

- **"Harry Wilson is out of this game, a quad injury... He will also probably miss the Welsh games, so definitely not good news for him and also not for the Welsh**

team."

- The 29-year-old — **69 caps and 17 goals** — had been named in Craig Bellamy's squad to face Portugal, Denmark and Norway. Wales return to **League A**, starting in Lisbon on **24 September**.

(BBC Sport Wales, 18 Sep)

? Glamorgan seal Division One status with first Oval win since 2014

Glamorgan's bowlers overcame Surrey resistance to claim a 184-run victory at The Oval and rubber-stamp their place in County Championship Division One next season.

- **Glamorgan 132 & 594** beat **Surrey 115 & 427**; Timm van der Gugten, Ray Toole, Zain ul Hassan and Mason Crane took two wickets each. Ryan Patel's 132 had given Surrey hope of saving the game or chasing 612. The win ends a four-match winless run.

(BBC Sport, 18 Sep)

? Brennan: "disgraceful nothing has changed" since Tarling's death

Britain's Matthew Brennan says it is "disgraceful that nothing has changed" to make cycling safer following the death of Fin Tarling last month.

- Tarling, 19, died on **14 August** during the Volta a Portugal after a high-speed collision with a van that had strayed onto the closed road. His funeral took place in **Aberystwyth on Thursday**.
- Brennan, 21, of Visma-Lease a Bike: "**We were watching his funeral yesterday and I said to my friend: 'It's so sad we've lost someone so special and also nothing has changed.'** I really think that is disgraceful."

(BBC Sport — Matt Warwick, 18 Sep)

? Also in sport

- **Cristiano Ronaldo, 41, has been named in Portugal's squad** for the Nations League opener against Wales in Lisbon on **24 September**, under new boss Jorge Jesus — alongside Bruno Fernandes, Diogo Dalot and Pedro Neto. *(Nation.Cymru, 18 Sep)*
- **Cymru Premier, Friday night:** Caernarfon 9-1 Cambrian United, Penybont 5-1 Rhydaman, Bae Colwyn 5-2 Y Barri, Airbus 4-1 Y Fflint, Cei Connah 1-0 Met Caerdydd, Hwlfordd 1-0 Treffynnon, Llansawel 1-1 Trefelin. Today: Wrexham v Southampton,

? Culture & Media

- **Lane7 opens in Cardiff.** The UK's largest independent boutique bowling venue opened last night on **St Mary Street**, taking over the former Par 59 site with six immersive bowling lanes, Tech Shuffleboard, Big Putts Golf, karaoke rooms, beer pong, pool and interactive darts. Managing director **Gavin Hughes**: "It's no secret that we've been itching to bring Lane7 to Cardiff for some time." (*Nation.Cymru*, 18 Sep)
- **Hunger Games mural appears in Cardiff.** A huge piece of Capitol propaganda — a Peacekeeper, a volcano and pink birds, captioned "**PEACE IS PRESERVED, NOT PROMISED**" — has gone up on **Westgate Street** to promote *The Hunger Games: Sunrise on the Reaping*, with similar murals in Hackney and Edinburgh. (*Nation.Cymru* — *Amelia Jones*, 18 Sep)
- **Michael Sheen fronted a new National Library of Wales video** marking Owain Glyndŵr Day (16 September). In it he calls the Aberystwyth institution "**a sort of heart pumping blood around the country... our way of still being able to connect in a tangible way to all the things that are of value to us.**" (*Nation.Cymru* — *Amelia Jones*, 18 Sep)
- **Aimee-Ffion Edwards: the rugby dream before the acting.** The *Peaky Blinders* and *Slow Horses* star, from Newport, says she wanted to play rugby for Wales — she played for a local youth side as the only girl in the boys' team until she was 14, won a single cap, and then turned to acting via the National Youth Theatre of Wales. (*Nation.Cymru* — *Amelia Jones*, drawing on a *Guardian* interview, 18 Sep)
- **Ronan Keating to play two Welsh dates in 2027** on his *Just Getting Started* world tour: **Llangollen Pavilion on 1 July** and **Depot Live at Cardiff Castle on 9 July**, with Blue and the Germein Sisters. The shows mark 30 years and more than 45 million records sold across 21 albums. (*Nation.Cymru*, 18 Sep)
- **Tenby named Wales' most returned-to seaside town**, with **30.67%** of bookings linked to repeat visitors in analysis by holidaycottages.co.uk — three beaches, a harbour with boats to Caldey Island, and centuries of history. (*Nation.Cymru* — *Amelia Jones*, 18 Sep)
- **New album examines Welsh identity and independence. Dai Nic : Rebel Motif** — Llandybie-raised singer-songwriter Dai Nicholas — has released the ten-track Welsh-language album ***Trydan yn yr Awyr*** (*Electricity in the Air*), following taster single *Serch cyn y Wawr*. (*Nation.Cymru*, 18 Sep)
- **YouTube's UK boss says Wales has "a huge opportunity"** to build a global audience, speaking at the PLAYBACK festival in Cardiff where **Media Cymru** marked five years and more than 500 delegates gathered — some from as far as Japan. **Alison Lomax**, MD of YouTube UK & Ireland: "Wales has a thriving ecosystem within the creative industries... over 80% of UK-created content is watched overseas." (*Nation.Cymru*, 18 Sep)
- **Elsewhere in Cymru Fyw: a Caernarfon make-up artist, Morgan Wyn, 27**, is working on *Strictly Come Dancing* as the new series launches tonight; **Aneirin Karadog**

has published *Penci: 2 Ar Garlam*, a Welsh adaptation in the *Dog Man* series, and says **"dyslexia doesn't hold me back"** — he was diagnosed at Oxford and credits it with pushing him towards poetry; the poet from Pontypridd says traditional poetry in Wales is still thriving. (*BBC Cymru Fyw*, 18 Sep)

?? Weather

Cardiff — Saturday 19 September: light rain and a moderate breeze, high **20°C**, low **12°C** (south-westerly, 17 mph). (*BBC Weather*, last updated 09:01)

Day	Forecast	High / Low
Sat 19 Sep	Light rain, moderate breeze	20° / 12°
Sun 20 Sep	Sunny intervals, gentle breeze	19° / 10°
Mon 21 Sep	Sunny intervals, light winds	21° / 12°
Tue 22 Sep	Sunny intervals, light winds	22° / 13°
Wed 23 Sep	Sunny intervals, light winds	21° / 9°
Thu 24 Sep	Sunny, light winds	21° / 11°
Fri 25 Sep	Light cloud, light winds	21° / 11°

- Rain clears tonight, then a settled week: sunny intervals from Sunday with winds dropping light and **22°C by Tuesday**. **Sunrise 06:53, sunset 19:19** in Cardiff today.
- The Guardian reports the **rain is finally greening up England and Wales** after the hottest summer on record — but much of the UK remains officially in drought, and the Environment Agency warns some areas could still be in drought in the spring.

? Quick Summary

#	Story	Where	Why it matters
1	Wales 50-19 South Africa	Cardiff Arms Park	Eight tries; nine-Test losing run over; Tuipulotu double, Callender player of the match
2	Sheen meets the First Minister	Cardiff Bay	"Constructive" talks on the <i>Buried</i> toxic dumping findings; "early days"

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3	Podcaster backlash over Dan Thomas arrest	Cardiff Bay	"Happens all the time" video criticised; Thomas remains MS for Casnewydd Islwyn
4	Reform accused of twisting 20mph figures	Wales	Deaths rose on 60 and 70mph roads, not 20mph; campaigners call claims "disingenuous"
5	Eleven experts to design new development agency	Wales	Chaired by Jonathan Lewis; target to halve the UK productivity gap in 10 years
6	Pay-as-you-go rail overcharge warning	Flintshire / Borderlands	Tap-and-go charges full adult fares; concessions not supported
7	WRU sticking to three-team plan	Welsh rugby	Reddin says "we've got to fix it" despite Jonathan Davies' resignation call
8	PC cleared of misconduct	Porthmadog	Panel accepts reasonable force in the headlock and punches arrest
9	Ramzan denies grooming gang charges	Cardiff Crown Court	Trial set for January 2028; Operation Oak investigation
10	Swansea children's procession cancelled	Swansea	Far-right march announced for the same day and route
11	Harry Wilson faces Nations League lay-off	Wales football	Quad injury; Portugal away on 24 September
12	Shoplifting at decade high in north Wales	North Wales	5,000+ offences in 2025-26; Aldi manager says people "steal to live"
13	Glamorgan seal Division One status	The Oval	First red-ball win at The Oval since 2014
14	Heart of Wales line closes five days	Mid Wales	Craven Arms-Llandrindod Wells shut 28 Sep-2 Oct; buses replace trains
15	Llangefni chemical works get new life	Ynys Môn	Seven units, 140 jobs; Peboc site unused since 2008
16	Cardiff soft plastics recycling trial	Cardiff	21,000 homes from 13 October; ~3,000 tonnes a year

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Method note: the Hermes browser remains unavailable on this host, so the whole sweep ran through the Playwright fetch service (192.168.178.100:8090, MarkItDown) — 9 index pages and 60 article/release pages in three batches at a 100% success rate. SearXNG (:8086) was in its usual mixed/garbage mode: mostly index and aggregator pages (NewsNow, ITV Wales, the Senedd site, Wikipedia, a Korean spam board) with no usable Wales-specific article leads, so the direct index sweep carried the roundup. GOV.WALES had two fresh releases (the development agency panel at 13:40 and the EV fleet analysis at 10:40 on 18 Sep); the food strategy release's broken `/news/test` href from yesterday is unrecoverable and no longer fresh, so it was dropped. Two stories in today's UK file could not be sourced to a fresh Welsh article — the Welsh Conservatives' "cancer services" call and the pay-as-you-go rail item, the latter now covered here from the BBC Wales article — and the cancer item was dropped rather than run unsourced. Skipped as already covered: the Reform leadership/defector saga and the grooming-gangs Senedd debate (16–18 Sep), the NHS waiting lists and Enhertu approval, the Tokyo Game Show delegation, the WLGA partnership deal, the food strategy panel, the £15,000 drawing prize, Cân y Cymoedd, the Rhys Carre award (17 Sep), WXV team selection and Elfyn Evans' WRC title chance (18 Sep), the Owain Davies tributes, the Facebook kidney donation, the Llanuwchllyn gold bracelet and the gold-panner fine (17 Sep), plus the Matthew Rhys Emmy and Zeta-Jones stories, the learner-driver YouTube feature and the Diana/Greenland/NATS UK-top stories from the UK files. Reddit, Nitter, Phice and FlareSolverr steps were skipped — services down.

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