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## Chaos in Scotland as row over feral goats erupts in tiny village

Local campaigners have spoken out against plans to cull the goats.



Residents are fighting to save feral goats in Scotland which have roamed the moorland for centuries.

The wild goats near Langholm have inhabited the land for hundreds of years but now a rewilding organisation wants to cull some of them for restoration plans.

Currently there is a herd of 138 goats on the moor but Oxygen Conservation, which owns 11,390 acres of it, plans to reduce the number of goats due to them destroying trees and posing a threat to some habitats.

The goats can be found across Blackburn and Hartsgarth and they have been growing in numbers

quickly over the past couple of years.

However, campaigners have argued against the cull saying that the goats have not done anything wrong.

A petition to stop the proposed cull has already gained more than 1,700 signatures, reports Daily Mail.

Gail Brown, organiser of the petition, said: “The wild goats of Langholm Fell have been a treasured part of our daily lives for hundreds of years.

“These magnificent creatures bring joy to anyone fortunate enough to spot them gracefully traversing across the fell.

“With a number of young kids among them, they embody the true nature of life and resilience in our rural setting.”

The goats are an important part of the wildlife in the area and are a reminder of the land’s history.

## **Architect who criticised King Charles is shortlisted to design Queen Elizabeth memorial**

Lord Norman Foster, the man behind London's Gherkin, the Reichstag in Berlin and the British Museum's Great Court in London, is vying to create a new memorial to celebrate the former monarch's extraordinary life of service.



An architect who once condemned the King for using his “privileged position” to intervene in a London development has been shortlisted to design the national memorial for the late Queen Elizabeth.

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His architecture studio Foster + Partners is one of the five teams shortlisted following the first stage of a two-stage open competition, despite his previous criticism of Charles.

His team also features British artist Yinka Shonibare, whose work explores cultural identity and the post-colonialism world, and ecologist Professor Nigel Dunnett, who was behind the Superbloom planting scheme in the Tower of London's moat to celebrate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Lord Foster was one of a number of the world's top architects who penned a letter criticising the then-prince for trying to interfere in plans to redevelop London's Chelsea Barracks scheme in 2009. The architects wrote the letter after the royal lobbied the site owner about the modernist steel and glass design and suggested a classical architect he preferred.



## Households urged to 'shut and secure all doors and windows'

Households in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are being urged to lock down doors and windows this weekend.



UK households are being urged to shut and secure all doors and windows this weekend, especially on Sunday, after the Met Office issued a yellow weather warning for extreme winds.

The forecaster has issued a 12-hour weather warning affecting 103 UK areas including in England, Scotland and Wales, as well as a separate warning for Northern Ireland.

Weather experts are predicting strong winds will batter the UK from 6am to 6pm on Sunday, with a risk of possible power cuts, disruption to travel and damage to homes and gardens.

The forecaster said in its advice on how to stay safe in a storm that households should be looking to securely fasten and close doors and windows particularly those facing into the wind, as well as garage doors.

Its advice says: “Close and securely fasten doors and windows, particularly those on the windward side of the house, and especially large doors such as those on garages.

“Secure loose objects such as ladders, garden furniture or anything else that could be blown into windows and other glazing and break them.

“Park vehicles in a garage, if available; otherwise keep them clear of buildings, trees, walls and fences.

“Close and secure loft trapdoors with bolts, particularly if roof pitch is less than 30°

“If the house is fitted with storm shutters over the windows then ensure that these are closed and fastened.”

## **'I thought Rangers manager job would never come' - Ferguson**

Barry Ferguson admits "I thought it would never come" after being appointed Rangers head coach until the end of the season following Philippe Clement's departure.



The 47-year-old former club captain will be joined by former Rangers and Scotland team-mates Neil McCann, Billy Dodds and Allan McGregor in a coaching team that will also include Issame Charai, who assisted Clement.

Ferguson last managed part-time Alloa Athletic three years ago but will take charge of the side sitting second in the Scottish Premiership for the first time away to Kilmarnock on Wednesday.

In announcing the new management team and confirming the exit of coaches Alex Rae, Colin Stewart and Stephan van der Heyden, Rangers said "a new, permanent manager will be appointed in the coming months".

Ferguson, who was a club ambassador while out of coaching, told Rangers TV he realises "it is only for three months" but stressed: "It is my job to get a kick out of this group of players because, when I watched them, I think there are really good players there.

"It was a job I couldn't turn down. To be honest, I thought it would never come."

Clement left the Glasgow club on Sunday, a day after a 2-0 home defeat by St Mirren left Rangers 13 points behind league leaders Celtic.