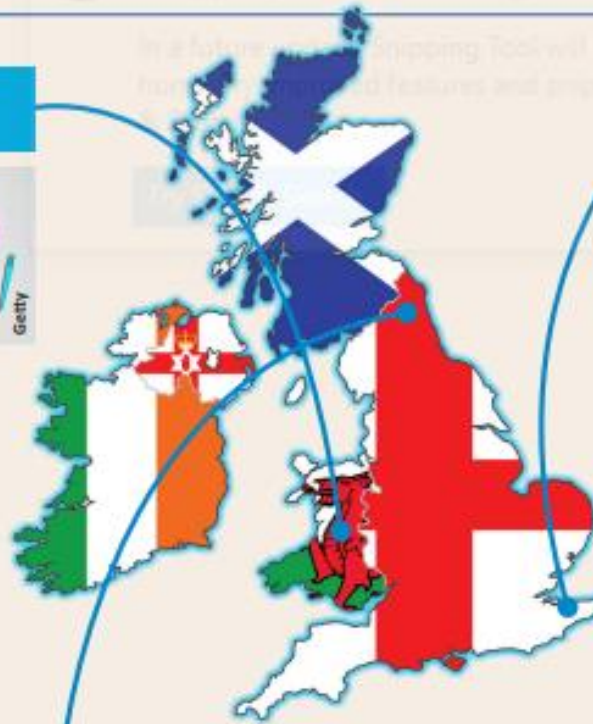


## UK NEWS

### WALES

#### PLASTIC BAN

Wales is going to ban lots of single-use plastics from 2021. Single-use plastics are items that are designed to be used once and then thrown away. The ban includes straws, cotton buds, drinks stirrers, plastic plates, cutlery and balloon sticks. England is already banning some items from next month, but Wales has a much longer list of plastics that it is going to outlaw. Hannah Blythyn, the minister in charge of recycling, said these plastics are "hard to recycle and often found on beaches and seas around our coast, blighting our beautiful country."



### KENT

#### ICELAND PROPOSAL

A nurse who planned to propose to his girlfriend in Iceland had to change his plans after the flights were cancelled. Robert Ormsby wanted to propose to his girlfriend Patsy on holiday, but the flights were cancelled because of the coronavirus. So, instead of proposing in the country of Iceland, he did it in an Iceland supermarket instead! Robert got down on one knee in the middle of the shop to ask Patsy to marry him. Patsy was "laughing hysterically", but said yes! News of the quirky proposal went viral (spread quickly over the internet). The couple say they are glad to put smiles on faces.



### NORTHUMBERLAND

#### DEADLY GARDEN WINS

The Poison Garden in Alnwick has been named the Garden of the Year by *BBC Countryfile Magazine*. More than 100 dangerous plants grow in the unusual garden. Visitors aren't allowed to touch, smell or taste (we should hope not) any of the plants. You are only allowed to visit with a guide. It has been called "the deadliest garden in England".



## Questions on: 'UK news'

### Look at the news from Wales.

1) Which of these are single-use plastics?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> cotton buds     | <input type="checkbox"/> pencil sharpeners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bouncy balls    | <input type="checkbox"/> elastic bands     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> drinks stirrers | <input type="checkbox"/> shampoo bottles   |

2) Would you miss any of the items being banned by Wales?

### Look at the news from Northumberland.

3) There are four sentences in this story. In what order do you find out the information?

- What plants grow in the garden
- A description of the garden
- The visitor experience
- The winner of the Garden of the Year

4) What does the writer find a shocking thought?

### Look at the news from Kent.

5) What is Robert Ormsby's job?

6) Explain Robert's change of plan.

Planned proposal: .....

Actual proposal: .....

7) Which word has a similar meaning to 'quirky'?

- unusual
- serious
- traditional
- private

8) Why do you think this story has been so popular and has been shared so many times?