

# MICHAEL WHEATLE

## HERITAGE

Michael Wheatle was born in London but spent more than thirty years living in Newport - a city that became his home.

Proud of both his Jamaican heritage and Welsh life, he often described himself as "Welsh Jamaican."

Caribbean culture; music, humour and storytelling remained a strong influence, shaping how he connected with people and communities.

## WALES MEANS...

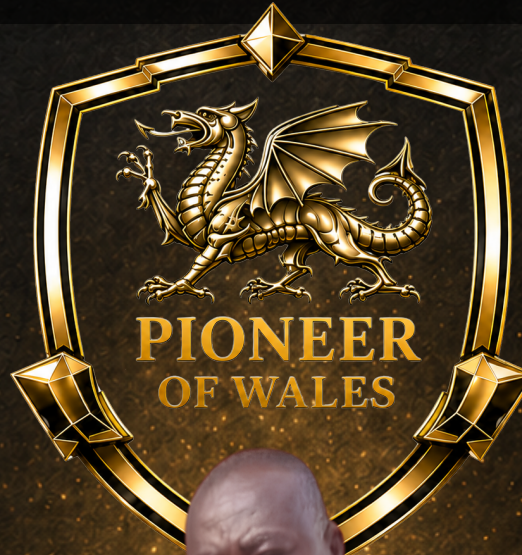
### COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

#### PASSION

Wales felt like Michael's very quickly.

Friends often said he became "part of the furniture," bringing warmth, humour and openness wherever he went.

Living in Newport strengthened his sense of belonging and appreciation for community and everyday life.



## COMMUNITY

## CONTRIBUTION

Michael's lasting contribution was capturing community through photography.

Over decades he documented thousands of moments, celebrations, friendships and everyday life through his lens, with community stories preserved for generations.

Well known for mentoring others, sharing business knowledge and encouraging people to grow personally and professionally.

## STRENGTHS & JOY

Michael believed in showing up for people, supporting others, building connections and helping communities thrive.

“SUCCESS WAS NOT ABOUT STATUS, BUT ABOUT SUPPORTING OTHERS, LOVING WHO YOU ARE, AND TAKING SMALL STEPS, EACH DAY TOWARD BUILDING A BETTER WALES. ”