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## Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 25 January 2022

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### New EDMs

#### 891 Tony Blackburn's 79th birthday

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 1

**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes and celebrates the birthday of BBC Presenter, Tony Blackburn, who turns 79 on Saturday 29 January 2022; further notes his continued efforts and dedication to the music, television and presenting industry and that he is a much thought of household name throughout the UK and beyond; celebrates that he has spent over 50 years providing entertainment to the nation and looks forward to many more years of this in the future; and wishes him health and success in the years ahead.

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#### 892 RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2022

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 1

**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds' annual Big Garden Birdwatch 2022, taking place from the 28 to 30 January 2022; further notes that the RSPB is the country's largest nature conservation charity, inspiring everyone to give nature a home; highlights the continued efforts by the RSPB to bring people together throughout the covid-19 pandemic by encouraging them to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch from their own homes; notes the importance of the Birdwatch as it enables the RSPB to gather crucial information on bird and wildlife trends across the UK, the result of which help to inform environmental changes if needed, as well as celebrating success stories; and celebrates and thanks the RSPB for their dedicated work for the environment across the UK and encourages all to get involved in the Big Garden Birdwatch 2022.

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**893 A wealth tax as an alternative to National Insurance increases**

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 15

Richard Burgon  
 Ian Lavery  
 John McDonnell  
 Kate Osborne  
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Zarah Sultana

Ian Mearns  
 Andy McDonald  
 Wera Hobhouse

Ms Diane Abbott  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Jon Trickett

Grahame Morris  
 Kate Hollern  
 Tahir Ali

That this House calls on the Government to abandon its regressive plans for a 1.25 percentage point increase in National Insurance contributions; believes this will add to the cost of living crisis people are already experiencing as a result of big increases in energy bills, high inflation, real-term wage cuts and cuts to universal credit; and calls on the Government to replace the proposed National Insurance increase with taxes on the wealth of the richest one per cent.

**894 Appeals process for fines under covid-19 restrictions**

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 1

Dawn Butler

That this House is concerned by increasing reports of alleged social gatherings and events in Downing Street during periods of covid-19 lockdown; is further concerned by the fact that the police have issued over 100,000 fixed penalty notice fines to members of the public for breaking covid-19 restrictions; believes that it is wrong that people had no formal right of appeal under those restrictions; and calls on the Government to immediately implement a retrospective appeals process for everyone who was issued a fine under those restrictions.

**895 Nature Recovery Networks**

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 1

Mr Barry Sheerman

That this House notes the importance of Nature Recovery Networks in combatting biodiversity loss in the UK; further notes the urgent need to take action that halts the alarming trend of biodiversity decline; welcomes the findings and recommendations of the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee report, Biodiversity in the UK: bloom or bust, HC 136, June 2021; appeals to the Government to implement that report in full; gives particular emphasis to the need for Nature Recovery Networks to be given priority in building a healthier local environment; accepts gladly the provisions laid down in the Environment Act 2021 that mandate the creation of Local Nature Recovery Strategies to act as a spatial planning framework for Nature Recovery Networks; reiterates the recommendations of the Environmental Audit Committee that far more detail is needed to translate this ambition into transformative action; believes that to be a successful policy approach the Government must develop a plan for ensuring that Local Nature Recovery Strategies are rolled out across the entire country and that they successfully evolve into a national network; calls on the Government to link environmental and planning policies into one coherent policy approach; and further calls on the Government to make a formal assessment of the ability of local authorities to deliver their Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

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**896 Buy Now Pay Later products and consumers**

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 1

**Patricia Gibson**

That this House calls on the Government to take urgent action to introduce stronger consumer safeguards on the Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) market; understands that BNPL products have become an increasingly popular payment method in the UK, experiencing huge growth during and since the covid-19 pandemic, with a third of UK consumers using this payment method; acknowledges that those products allow consumers to spread the costs of goods and services interest-free, with the option to defer payment for 30 days or in instalments after they have received their purchases; notes that BNPL products are on the Financial Conduct Authority's regulatory perimeter, with providers relying on a regulatory exemption originally intended to allow businesses to offer ongoing services, such as gym membership; acknowledges that the Financial Conduct Authority's recent Woolard Review expressed concerns about how BNPL schemes are presented by online retailers, frequently without clear information about late fees, credit checks and how repayments work and, in some instances, used as the default method of payment; believes that BNPL products are marketed and presented as a means of payment rather than a form of credit which encourages consumers to use them without fully understanding the risks; and calls on the Government to introduce proportionate regulation and ensure greater transparency on this method of payment so that consumers fully understand the risks involved.

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**897 World Cancer Day 2022**

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 1

**Patricia Gibson**

That this House notes that 4 February 2022 is World Cancer Day which aims to raise awareness, improve education and call for nations to work together to tackle cancer globally; understands that one in two people will develop cancer in their lifetime and recognises that early detection of cancer is crucial in improving the chances of effective treatment results; supports measures to assist in reducing tobacco and alcohol consumption and to tackle obesity, which may assist in the prevention of one in three cancers; believes that no-one should feel alone or confused when being diagnosed with cancer and commends the work of Cancer Research UK and its volunteers, who provide invaluable information and support to those diagnosed with cancer and their families; and calls for increased investment in cancer research to save lives and allow more people living with cancer to lead fuller, healthier and happier lives as we look forward to a future without cancer.

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**898 Elections Bill**

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 2

**Ben Lake  
Brendan O'Hara**

That this House recognises the importance of ensuring that elections are fair and accessible for all voters; strongly condemns the proposed changes to reserved elections under the Elections Bill, including the introduction of compulsory photographic identification to vote; notes that the knock on effects of those changes risk undermining the functioning and vitality of devolved elections; notes that the Welsh Government and Scottish Government have refused to grant legislative consent to the Elections Bill on those grounds; supports the #HandsOffOurVote campaign that seeks to ensure that no legitimate voter is turned away from the ballot box; and calls on the Government to withdraw the Elections Bill and introduce legislation that enhances rather restricts democratic participation.

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**899 Pastel Bakery at the 22nd World Championship Scotch Pie Awards**

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 1

**Owen Thompson**

That this House congratulates Newtongrange-based Pastel Bakery on its success at the World Championship Scotch Pie Awards in 2022; notes that Pastel Bakery was awarded the diamond award for its macaroni pie and gold awards for its steak, stornaway black pudding and peppercorn sauce pie and its Balmoral chicken pie; recognises that the awards are in their 22nd year and seek to recognise the production of perfect pies in their 11 categories; commends the success and popularity of the awards, which had over 400 entries this year; and celebrates the huge economic and cultural benefits of bakeries and bakers across Midlothian and the country as a whole.

**900 The death of former Celtic manager Win Jansen**

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 1

**Brendan O'Hara**

That this House mourns the passing of Win Jansen, footballer, manager and coach who has died at the age of 75; acknowledges the enormous contribution he made to European football as part of the Feyenoord side which won the Dutch league title four times between 1964 and 1975, the European Cup in 1970 and the UEFA Cup in 1974; notes that Jansen was a key part of the legendary Dutch international team which reached the final of the World Cup in both 1974 and again in 1978; recognises Jansen's importance to European football in the words of his teammate and friend Johann Cruyff who said of Jansen that he considered him to be one of only four people worth listening to when they spoke about football; also acknowledges the hugely significant part Win Jansen played in the history of Celtic Football Club when as manager he led his team to their first Scottish Premier League title in a decade following a dramatic last day victory over St. Johnstone in May 1997; and thanks Wim Jansen for all he did in a lifetime in football and conveys its deepest condolences to his family.

**Added Names**

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

**835 Human rights in Bahrain**

Tabled: 11/01/22 Signatories: 56

**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Tony Lloyd**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

Gavin Robinson  
 Mr Alistair Carmichael

Kirsty Blackman  
 Paul Blomfield

Carol Monaghan

That this House is concerned by continuing serious human rights violations in Bahrain, including the ongoing arbitrary detention and inhumane treatment of prisoners of conscience, including Abduljalil al-Singace, Hassan Mushaima, Abdulwahab Hussain, Abdulhadi al-Khawaja and Sheikh Ali Salman; notes that Freedom House in its 2021 report rated Bahrain as not free and that Bahrain

is ranked 150 out of 167 countries in The Economist's 2020 Global Democracy Index and 168 out of 180 in the World Press Freedom Index 2021; urges the Bahraini Government to release all prisoners of conscience, enable civil society representatives and human rights defenders to operate freely, permit genuine political opposition and independent media, and end the use of the death penalty; further urges the Bahraini Government to initiate a substantive and inclusive in-country dialogue on political and constitutional reform and to cooperate with human rights organisations and experts, including from the UN, to allow for, inter alia, an independent assessment of prison conditions and its reform agenda; and calls on the Government to review its funding to and other agreements with Bahrain and to meet human rights defenders and organisations, civil society representatives and non-violent opposition from Bahrain, as well as to take action to hold Bahraini officials responsible for serious human rights violations to account.

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### 836 Detention of Professor Faizulla Jalal

Tabled: 11/01/22 Signatories: 15

Patrick Grady  
Jim Shannon  
Caroline Lucas  
Allan Dorans  
Chris Law  
Amy Callaghan

Carol Monaghan

That this House notes with concern reports that Professor Faizullah Jalal of Kabul University, Afghanistan, has been arrested by the Taliban following an appearance on a news channel in which he criticised the regime's response to the humanitarian situation in the country; notes that many human rights organisations have expressed concern at that arrest, and that Amnesty International has described it as the latest effort by the Taliban to stifle dissent and further evidence of Taliban intimidation, harassment and violent attacks on individuals who criticise them, and that the organisation has found human rights defenders, women activists, journalists and members of academia have the greatest number of reprisals; and calls on the UK Government to condemn the behaviour of the Taliban, join efforts to press for the release of Professor Jalal, and to rapidly scale up its effort to provide asylum and resettlement support to Afghan nationals who wish to escape the Taliban regime and make their home in the UK.

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### 849 Healthy Start Vouchers

Tabled: 17/01/22 Signatories: 20

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck  
Mick Whitley  
Alison Thewliss  
Jim Shannon  
Charlotte Nichols  
Apsana Begum

Claudia Webbe

That this House notes that 218,002 families on low incomes in England are currently unable to access their entitlement to the Healthy Start scheme; also notes that, between November and December 2021, take-up of the scheme dropped by more than a fifth, from 65 per cent to 51 per cent, meaning that out of 449,748 potential beneficiaries, only 231,746 are enrolled on the scheme; further notes that no local authority in England has a take-up rate of higher than 62 per cent; and calls on the Government to enact Feeding Britain's proposal for an automatic registration scheme, similar to the one which sees pensioners on low incomes receive their Warm Home Discount

automatically, to secure full take-up of the scheme and overcome barriers such as low awareness, bureaucracy, and stigma which prevent take-up being higher.

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**852 Shareholders in firms linked to the Grenfell Tower fire or building safety defects**

Tabled: 17/01/22 Signatories: 12

**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Caroline Lucas**

Claudia Webbe

That this House notes that Arconic's Reynobond, Kingspan's K15 Kooltherm and Saint-Gobain Celotex foam insulation products have been found to be highly flammable and dangerously combustible; notes the statement by the Association of Residential Managing Agents that nearly £50,000 may be the average cost of remediating building safety defects including flammable cladding or insulation; understands the reason for the revocation of Kingspan's proposed sponsorship of Mercedes Formula One team; recognises the responsibilities and opportunities and interest of shareholders in companies to influence the boards of builders and component suppliers; notes Norges Bank Investment Management has been a major shareholder in Saint-Gobain, Kingspan and Arconic, together with builders including Barratt, Bellway, Berkeley, Crest Nicholson, LendLease, Persimmon, Taylor Wimpey and Vistry; and asks Norges Bank to require responsible firms to resolve buildings' fire safety defects, compensate victims and to divest holdings in firms that fail to do so, as asked by the UK Cladding Action Group, End Our Cladding Scandal, Grenfell United, Action for Fire Safety Justice, the National Leasehold Campaign and the Leasehold Knowledge Partnership.

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**853 Tamil Heritage Month 2022**

Tabled: 17/01/22 Signatories: 10

**Ed Davey**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Gareth Thomas**

Claudia Webbe

That this House recognises January as Tamil Heritage Month; acknowledges the tremendous contributions that Tamils make to British society, particularly the vital role the Tamil community has played in helping the UK tackle covid-19 as healthcare workers, teachers, and vaccine researchers; celebrates the richness of Tamil culture; notes that the Canadian Government has already recognised January as Tamil Heritage Month; further notes that January is an important month for Tamils as it marks Thai Pongal, the Tamil Harvest Festival; recognises the importance of increasing awareness about the accomplishments of the Tamil diaspora; and calls on the UK Government to formally establish January as Tamil Heritage Month.

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**855      Pencaitland Youth Football Club Fundraise for Defibrillator**

Tabled: 17/01/22      Signatories: 4

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Carol Monaghan**

That this House commends Pencaitland Youth Football Club for working alongside Pencaitland Bowling Club to raise funds for a defibrillator; congratulates the club on their success of raising over £1,000 by covering 204 miles by walking round the village's park before Christmas 2021 with their parents and coaches for the life-saving device; notes that the defibrillator will be sited at Pencaitland Bowling Club for use by members of the public in an emergency; and wishes Pencaitland Youth Football Club the best of luck with their futures.

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**857      Richard Gallacher and Keith Courtney Raise £22,000 for charity**

Tabled: 17/01/22      Signatories: 4

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Carol Monaghan**

That this House congratulates Richard Gallacher and Keith Courtney on raising an admirable £22,037.93 in aid of the Edinburgh and Lothians Health Foundation for the Haematology Centre at the Western General Hospital, and St Columba's Hospice, by cycling more than 1,300 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats, and then cycling from one of Scotland's most northerly points back to their home town of Dunbar; understands that Keith was taking part in the fundraiser in memory of his mother Fiona who sadly passed in 2014 after being diagnosed with leukaemia, and Richard was taking part in the fundraiser in memory of his father David who sadly passed in 2015 after being diagnosed with mesothelioma, a rare type of cancer related to asbestos exposure; notes that the raised money will be split equally between the two causes; and wishes Richard and Keith the best of luck with their futures.

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**858      Diagnosis of Liver Disease**

Tabled: 17/01/22      Signatories: 14

**Tracey Crouch**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

Wayne David

Carol Monaghan

That this House welcomes the British Liver Trust's campaign to make early diagnosis of liver disease routine, to be launched in Parliament on Tuesday 26 April 2022; is concerned that the UK is facing a liver disease crisis as a result of the seriously late diagnosis of liver disease across the UK; notes that delays in diagnosis have worsened during the covid-19 outbreak; and calls for urgent action to ensure effective patient pathways are commissioned and implemented.

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**860 War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation payments**

Tabled: 18/01/22 Signatories: 38

Owen Thompson  
 Angela Crawley  
 Hannah Bardell  
 Ian Blackford  
 Marion Fellows  
 Carol Monaghan

Jon Trickett

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House believes that the current process for claiming War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation payments is not fit for purpose and drives many veterans to give up on claims, severely deteriorates many veterans' mental health, drives many into poverty, and increases the risk of suicides; applauds our veterans for the immense sacrifices they have made and believes that all veterans deserve to be fairly compensated for injury, illness and death caused by their time in service; but is deeply concerned about the mental health impact on veterans of the complexity, lack of transparency and lack of impartiality in the process of putting in a claim, requesting a review of evidence and engaging with the War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Tribunal, which results in too many veterans not getting the level of payment they need and then facing complex processes in order to get an increase; believes that serious questions must be answered with regards to the use of Veterans UK medical assessors in assessing claims, in particular the practice of the same medical assessor assessing a veteran's claim at three separate stages of the process instead of separate assessors being used to ensure impartiality and a range of opinions; is deeply concerned by reports of medical evidence and paperwork being removed from veterans' evidence bundles by Veterans UK during the tribunal process; and calls on the Government to honour its duty of care to veterans by launching an independent inquiry into the failings of the current system.

**861 Protecting Hindus and minorities, Indian legislation on genocide and atrocities prevention and commemoration of the 32nd anniversary of genocide of Hindu Kashmiri Pandits in Jammu and Kashmir**

Tabled: 18/01/22 Signatories: 4

Bob Blackman  
 Jim Shannon  
 Wera Hobhouse  
 Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House commemorates the 32nd anniversary of the attack in January 1990 by cross-border Islamic militants on the population of Jammu and Kashmir; expresses its condolences to the families of all those who were killed and injured in this massacre; condemns the desecration of the holiest sites in Jammu and Kashmir; is concerned that the Kashmiris who fled persecution have still not seen justice for the atrocities committed against them; commends the resilience and courage shown by the members of Kashmiri Pandit community who survived this gruesome ethnic genocide and who did not resort to taking up arms but instead pursued education and aspiration; deplores those sponsoring such cross-border terrorist attacks and demands that such attacks cease immediately; further notes that the international principle of the responsibility to protect obliges individual states and the international community to take effective measures to prevent the commission of genocide and crimes against humanity as suffered by the Kashmiri Hindu community; and urges the Government of India to fulfil its long-standing international commitment to recognise and acknowledge the worst form of genocide of Hindus in Jammu and Kashmir and enact the proposed Panun Kashmir Genocide Crime Punishment and Atrocities Prevention Bill, therefore delivering the long awaited justice for the Kashmiri Pandits in exile; and further urges the UK



Government to extend the UK's long standing commitment to protect the victims of genocide to the Kashmiri Pandits.

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## 862 Low carbon vehicles and construction work

Tabled: 18/01/22 Signatories: 3

**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**

That this House recognises that many businesses use Volumetric Mobile Plants (VCM) that deliver concrete to many other small local businesses and that VCM businesses contribute £386 million annually to the national economy, support 5,800 FTE jobs and an additional 9,850 jobs in the wider economy; accepts the evidence of 200 UK construction companies that reducing their weight from 38.4 and 44T to 32T damages the ability of those vehicles to supply the widest possible range of cements to the biggest number of customers in one trip, replacing single lorry journeys with multiple journeys, causing a much higher carbon footprint, with more fuel used and generating more CO, Nox, SO<sub>2</sub>, VOCs and PMs; further recognises that the Government's decision to limit operations at 32 tonnes from 2028 means that many current mobile plants, which cost £230,000, are effectively scrap; considers the carbon impact of this policy that will add 23 million more VCM/lorry kilometres to UK roads, 598,000 more VCM/lorry journeys each year, 120,000 additional tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere and extra carbon costs in excess of £7 million per year; and thus calls on the Government to commission an up-to-date study from Highways UK on the impact of 38.4T and 44T VCMs on the road infrastructure as well as an environmental impact of the policy to use lighter VCMs with a view to make permanent the temporary 38.4T and 44T weight limits.

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## 864 Cervical Cancer Prevention Week

Tabled: 18/01/22 Signatories: 33

**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Hannah Bardell**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John Nicolson**

Ms Anum Qaisar

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House notes the week commencing 17 January 2022 is Cervical Cancer Prevention Week; recognises that, while not always easy, attending cervical screening allows diagnosis and treatment of Human Papilloma Virus, as well as early detection of Cervical neoplasia, and can therefore save lives; believes that no-one should feel alone or confused when receiving their cervical screening results; and highlights that Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust provides information and support and encourages Members to support that campaign to promote the vital importance of attending cervical screening.

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**865 Miscarriage leave and employment policy**

Tabled: 18/01/22 Signatories: 32

Angela Crawley  
 Hannah Bardell  
 Allan Dorans  
 Jim Shannon  
 John Nicolson  
 Paula Barker

Mhairi Black  
 Mick Whitley

Carol Monaghan

Gavin Newlands

That this House believes that the Government should introduce a policy of paid miscarriage leave; is aware that the Government has so far been hesitant to introduce such a policy; notes that, in the UK, two weeks parental bereavement leave and pay is in place after stillbirth, however there is no such support for anyone who has experienced a miscarriage before 24 weeks of pregnancy; understands that miscarriage is an extremely traumatic experience and that more support should be provided to families that experience such a loss; considers unacceptable the Government's position that Statutory Sick Pay or annual leave are adequate compromises for a specific miscarriage leave provision; recognises that the provision of paid miscarriage leave is in line with the need to develop a more proactive approach to workplace health and wellbeing as expressed in the Taylor review of modern working practices; assesses that this issue should be viewed under the Taylor review's ambition of fair and decent treatment in the workplace, including health and wellbeing protections in employment law which serves the wider public interest; and calls on the Government to include paid miscarriage leave in its upcoming Employment Bill.

**866 East Lothian rowers cross the Atlantic in third place**

Tabled: 18/01/22 Signatories: 15

Kenny MacAskill  
 Jim Shannon  
 Margaret Ferrier  
 Douglas Chapman  
 Joanna Cherry  
 Ben Lake

Allan Dorans  
 Deidre Brock  
 Gavin Newlands

Stuart C McDonald  
 Dr Philippa Whitford  
 Tracey Crouch

Chris Law  
 Carol Monaghan  
 Alan Brown

That this House congratulates Ian Baird, Duncan Hughes, Ross McKinney, Fraser Potter and Clive Rooney of North Berwick Coastal Rowing Club, known as Five in a Row, for finishing in third place in the 2021 Talisker Atlantic Challenge; understands that the five men completed the 3000 mile journey from La Gomera in Spain to Antigua in the Caribbean in 36 days, 3 hours and 33 minutes, each taking turns to have two hours of sleep; notes that the group finished third out of thirty six boats, and describe the journey as the hardest thing they have ever done, as falling from the boat would have been fatal as the craft could not be turned around fast enough to find a crew member in the darkness; commends the fundraising efforts that the group made to get them to the starting line, with additional funds raised to be given to the charity Reverse Rett; and wishes the group the best of luck in their futures.

**868 200 years of HM Coastguard**

Tabled: 19/01/22 Signatories: 9

Jim Shannon  
Ian Mearns  
Sir Mike Penning  
Hywel Williams  
Margaret Ferrier  
Ben Lake

Sir Peter Bottomley

Allan Dorans

That this House notes and celebrates local Coastguard teams as they celebrate 200 years in service; marks the great sense of pride in HM Coastguard and how this milestone anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on what the service has achieved to date; further notes the ongoing commitment by HM Coastguard to keeping all people safe; notes the importance of the formation of HM Coastguard in the 18th century, which initially dealt with the smuggling of goods following the introduction of taxes on imports and exports; further notes its expansion to today, where it manages 310 Coastguard Rescue Teams, made up of 3,500 volunteers and can call on 10 search and rescue helicopter bases; and thanks and praises the dedicated work of HM Coastguard in the Constituency of Strangford, including stations in Donaghadee, Portaferry and across the whole of the United Kingdom.

**870 Campaign to introduce a PumpWatch body for fair fuel prices**

Tabled: 19/01/22 Signatories: 5

Robert Halfon  
Sir Mike Penning  
Sir Greg Knight  
Margaret Ferrier  
Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House recognises the significant financial impact on the motorists from retailers failing to reflect the fall in oil prices at the pump; understands that when oil prices rise companies often pass that increase on to motorists, but when they fall, the saving is not passed on; further recognises the action the Government has taken to freeze fuel duty for twelve consecutive years saving the average motorist £15 every time they fill up; notes the success of the campaign group FairFuelUK and Howard Cox in saving motorists billions of pounds; and calls upon the Government to take further steps to form a PumpWatch body to ensure fair prices at the pumps.

**871 Holocaust Memorial Day**

Tabled: 19/01/22 Signatories: 29

Ian Paisley  
Ian Mearns  
Sir Mike Penning  
Jim Shannon  
Hywel Williams  
Chris Law

John Nicolson  
Carol Monaghan

Patricia Gibson  
Amy Callaghan

Marion Fellows

That this House notes that on 27 January 2022 the UK will observe Holocaust Memorial Day marking the 77th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, where an estimated 1.1 million Jewish men, women and children were murdered; commemorates the six million victims of the Holocaust

and the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution; further notes that the House pays tribute to the commitment of Holocaust survivors and Kindertransport refugees who share their experiences with young people across the country; acknowledges the importance of the Holocaust Educational Trust's work in schools across the UK and in particular the Lessons from Auschwitz Project, which has so far given more than 41,000 students and teachers the opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau; welcomes the establishment of a permanent National Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre adjacent to Parliament; pays tribute to the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust for organising the national Holocaust Memorial Day event; and urges all Right hon. and hon. Members to observe this day so that the appalling events of the Holocaust are always understood by future generations.

### 873 Recognition of Ballantrae village as a UNESCO Biosphere Community

Tabled: 20/01/22 Signatories: 11

Allan Dorans  
Jim Shannon  
Patrick Grady  
Marion Fellows  
Margaret Ferrier  
Steven Bonnar

Chris Law  
Patricia Gibson

Carol Monaghan  
Amy Callaghan

Alan Brown

That this House congratulates the village of Ballantrae in South Ayrshire on becoming the sixth Biosphere Community in Galloway and Southern Ayrshire's UNESCO Biosphere, and the first in South Ayrshire, which recognises the village as a destination for visitors from home and abroad who are seeking sustainable, slow tourism experiences on Scotland's UNESCO Trail; notes that in becoming a Biosphere Community, the people of Ballantrae have committed to preserve the area's natural environment and wildlife, promote and celebrate their rich cultural heritage and local produce, contribute to the health and wellbeing of the village and develop knowledge of environmental issues; and commends them for that commitment.

### 874 Fair pay and conditions for rail cleaners

Tabled: 20/01/22 Signatories: 21

Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
Ian Mearns  
John McDonnell  
Richard Burgon  
Jim Shannon  
Grahame Morris

Rebecca Long Bailey  
Marsha De Cordova

Claudia Webbe  
Andy McDonald

Jeremy Corbyn  
Ian Lavery

That this House supports cleaners who are members of the RMT union employed by Churchill Contract Services who are balloting for industrial action in support of better pay, sick pay and travel facilities; notes that these cleaners, who work to clean trains and stations in the South East, including on Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern and Southeastern train services, High Speed 1 and Eurostar, have worked throughout the pandemic, at risk to themselves, to ensure that rail travel is safe and help keep essential services running; further notes that passenger surveys consistently stress the importance of cleanliness in restoring confidence in public transport, making clear that cleaning is an essential service; is concerned to learn that many Churchill cleaners are only paid the legal minimum wage, others earn only £9.90 per hour and none receive company sick pay; is shocked to learn that 61 per cent say that they struggle to make ends meet while 69 per cent

report having gone into work while sick because they do not get sick pay; is deeply disappointed that Churchill Contract Services have failed to make a satisfactory offer to these cleaners in spite of paying a £12 million dividend last year; and calls on Churchill to meet the cleaners' claims and for the clients, including on Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern and Southeastern trains services, High Speed 1 and Eurostar to help facilitate a settlement that will give cleaners the respect and dignity they deserve.

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#### 875 Play Alloa fundraiser

Tabled: 20/01/22 Signatories: 6

**John Nicolson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Chris Law**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Amy Callaghan**

That this House commends Aaron Anderson for his efforts for local charity, Play Alloa; wishes him and other participants luck in their fundraising kickboxing match on 26 February 2022; and finally, recognises the hard and essential work that Play Alloa do, especially throughout the covid-19 pandemic.

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#### 876 Post-election violence in The Gambia

Tabled: 20/01/22 Signatories: 13

**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Ben Lake**

**Chris Law**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Amy Callaghan**

**Allan Dorans**  
**Martyn Day**

That this House is very concerned by the post-election violence in Gambia which took place on the 6 December 2021 close to the residence of the leader of the United Democratic Party, condemns the unfortunate incident involving the use of tear gas and other forms of force and calls on the Gambian Government to ensure Police always exercise maximum restraint in dispersing crowds and managing assemblies; condemns the two Police Officers who filmed themselves celebrating the tear gassing of civilians and encourages the Gambian Government to investigate the matter; recognises the role of the Police and other State security agents in the protection of lives and maintenance of peace and security and urges them to maintain professionalism and continue the good work they have done throughout the electoral cycle; calls on the UDP leader to encourage his party supporters to be law abiding and conduct themselves in line with the laws of The Gambia; and further calls on all political parties with electoral grievances to follow the laid down laws and seek redress through the courts.

**877 International Day of Education 2022 and Girls' Education**

Tabled: 20/01/22 Signatories: 9

Layla Moran  
Hywel Williams  
Jim Shannon  
Carol Monaghan  
Kirsten Oswald  
Wera Hobhouse

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House celebrates the International Day of Education 2022; recognises the incredible work of so many charities and organisations that highlight the importance of and delivering girls' education programmes across the world; recognises how girls' education in particular has suffered due to the COVID-19 pandemic; calls on the Government to reinstate the 0.7 per cent GNI target for international development spending to assist the 129 million girls that are out of school; and urges the Government to give International Development its own seat at the Cabinet table once again.

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**878 Tractor runs and HMRC**

Tabled: 20/01/22 Signatories: 9

Mr Alistair Carmichael [R]  
Jim Shannon  
Sir Greg Knight  
Hywel Williams  
Ben Lake  
Liz Saville Roberts

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House recognises and welcomes the Tractor Runs organised by farmers in rural communities throughout the country around the Christmas and New Year period; congratulates all those taking part for their creativity and the good cheer that they brought to many people during the darkest period of the year; further welcomes the money raised for charities by these events; notes in particular the achievement of the organisers of the Orkney Tractor Run in raising more than £44,000 for CLAN Cancer Support Orkney and Kirkwall Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre; is dismayed that HM Revenue and Customs are reported to be insisting that, in the future, participants in such events will be obliged to use white diesel with full duty being paid on it instead of the agricultural red diesel on which agricultural vehicles normally are fuelled; and calls on HMRC to classify Tractor Runs as an agricultural activity so that they may continue to bring much needed cheer to farming communities in the depths of winter.

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**879 Witchcraft Act 1563**

Tabled: 21/01/22 Signatories: 4

Tim Farron  
Wera Hobhouse  
Sir Peter Bottomley  
Paula Barker

That this House acknowledges the brutal torture and execution of innocent people tried by the Witchcraft Act from the 16th to 18th centuries; condemns the Act, which contributed to the deaths of between 500 to 1,000 people in England, ninety per cent. of whom were women; notes the Scottish Government's decision to pardon those accused of witchcraft; and calls on the Government to apologise and pardon those accused and convicted as witches under the Witchcraft Act 1563.

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**880 Visit Inverness Loch Ness**

Tabled: 21/01/22 Signatories: 8

Drew Hendry  
Alyn Smith  
Steven Bonnar  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Law  
Allan Dorans

Carol Monaghan

Amy Callaghan

That this House congratulates Visit Inverness Loch Ness (VILN) on becoming the first Carbon Neutral Business Improvement District in the UK; recognises the work put in by VILN and their partnership with Trees for Life, aiming to plant a tree for every ton of CO2 emissions; commends their commitment to actioning all climate goals within 12 months; and congratulates them on the development of their own carbon tracker, set to monitor their footprint each month.

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**881 International Day of Education 2022**

Tabled: 21/01/22 Signatories: 6

Layla Moran  
Munira Wilson  
Margaret Ferrier  
Wera Hobhouse  
Sir Peter Bottomley  
Jeremy Corbyn

That this House recognises the incredible work of schools across the UK on International Day of Education 2022; celebrates teachers, support staff, parents and students who have all worked tirelessly to keep young people learning; and wishes the very best of luck to students who have exams coming up over the next few months.

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**882 Retirement of Alex Meikle at East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action**

Tabled: 21/01/22 Signatories: 7

Amy Callaghan  
Stuart C McDonald  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Law  
Allan Dorans  
Marion Fellows

Carol Monaghan

That this House congratulates Alex Meikle on his retirement as Chief Officer of East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action after over three-and-a-half years at the post; notes Mr Meikle's contribution to supporting voluntary and third sectors in this role; further notes the tremendous work done by EDVA and Mr Meikle over the course of the covid-19 pandemic to assist those in need; recognises the leadership that Mr Meikle has shown in his time as Chief Officer; understands that EDVA continues to play an integral role in the wider community of East Dunbartonshire; thanks Mr Meikle for his professionalism and outstanding service to the community over the years; and wishes him all the best with his future endeavours.

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**883 Campaign for an Osteogenesis Imperfecta national awareness month**

Tabled: 24/01/22 Signatories: 8

Chris Law  
Joanna Cherry  
Jim Shannon  
Sir Peter Bottomley  
Allan Dorans  
Carol Monaghan

Marion Fellows

Amy Callaghan

That this House recognises the Brittle Bone Society's campaign to mark the month of May as the National Awareness Month for Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI); notes that OI is a genetic bone disorder characterised by fragile bones that affects a person from birth; recognises that around 5,000 people across the UK are affected by the condition; celebrates the work of the Brittle Bone Society, who offer a variety of support to those affected, including but not limited to practical assistance; believes that a national awareness month would help raise awareness among the general public of the condition; and calls on the Government to back the campaign and officially recognise May as the National Awareness Month for OI.

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**884 Kinglassie Primary School, Young Writer's Champions 2021**

Tabled: 24/01/22 Signatories: 7

Peter Grant  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Law  
Allan Dorans  
Carol Monaghan  
Marion Fellows

Amy Callaghan

That this House congratulates Mr Noble's P4/5 class (now P6/7) of Kinglassie Primary School on winning the Young Writer's Competition in the 2019-20 academic year; highlights that the class wowed the judges with their tales and were picked as winners out of more than 13,000 entries from over 690 schools across the whole of the UK; commends the hard work of all the pupils who submitted their crazy stories in the Ridiculous Writers category in order to win and put Kinglassie Primary School on the map as having some of the best young writers in the UK; notes their unusual inspiration for their stories in the form of rolling a dice to choose adjectives and nouns to form the basis of their story; applauds the class on winning £500 for their school and on being published in a book showcasing the work of the very best young writers from across the UK; and wishes the pupils all the best for their future writing endeavours.

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**885 Celebration of the birth and legacy of Robert (Rabbie) Burns**

Tabled: 24/01/22 Signatories: 15

Allan Dorans  
Kirsten Oswald  
Joanna Cherry  
Jim Shannon  
Stuart C McDonald  
Chris Law

Sir Peter Bottomley  
Marion Fellows  
Amy Callaghan

Dr Philippa Whitford  
Alan Brown  
Ronnie Cowan

Carol Monaghan  
Patricia Gibson  
Martyn Day

That this House notes and celebrates the 263rd anniversary of the birth of Robert (Rabbie) Burns, Scotland's National Bard, in Alloway on 25 January 1759; notes that he is regarded as a pioneer of the Romantic literary movement, and after his death became a great source of inspiration to the founders of both liberalism and socialism and a cultural icon in Scotland and among the Scottish diaspora; further notes that he was a poet and lyricist who penned the words of Auld Lang Syne, which is sung across the globe on New Year's Eve; notes that he wrote over 700 other poems and songs including Tam O'Shanter, Ae Fond Kiss, To a Mouse, Scots Wa Hae, A Red, Red Rose and A Man's a Man for A' That, and whose work has been translated into more than 40 languages and his memory honoured by more than 50 official statues including in the UK, US, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Russia and Estonia; and further notes that he has had his image portrayed on postage stamps, banknotes and coins in a number of countries and whose life, works and immortal memory are celebrated at Burn's Suppers across the world by millions of people on 25 January every year.

**886 DVSA test centre closures**

Tabled: 24/01/22 Signatories: 4

Kate Osborne  
Jim Shannon  
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck  
Ian Lavery

That this House notes with concern the current programme of closures of local DVSA driving test centres across the country, including the South Shields DVSA Test Centre in the Jarrow constituency; acknowledges that the loss of the Bede Industrial Estate facility is yet another blow to South Tyneside, while lesson times, prices and waiting lists all increase at a period when waiting times for driving tests are at an all-time high; further notes that such closures are being undertaken without any consultation with those directly affected or the local community; strongly believes that moving the test centre away from South Tyneside could discourage many from learning to drive in the borough and risks skilled instructors and examiners leaving the industry which will further exacerbate already high waiting times; further acknowledges that the added distance South Tyneside learners will be forced to drive to take lessons will increase emissions and impact negatively on the environment; calls on the DVSA to reconsider any such closures; and further calls on the Department for Transport to suspend immediately any such closures and to instruct the Driving Vehicle Standards Agency that no closures may be undertaken without a full public consultation.

**887 Mandatory covid-19 vaccinations**

Tabled: 24/01/22 Signatories: 5

Rachael Maskell  
Mick Whitley  
Ian Lavery  
Margaret Greenwood  
Paula Barker

That this House condemns the Government for twice passing legislation to introduce mandatory covid-19 vaccination of health and care workers in 2021; notes that by Government's own assessment this will result in up to 115,000 staff members being dismissed, putting severe pressure on NHS and social care, causing additional stress to NHS and care staff and further hindering retention, while NHS pressures and backlog grow; notes the NHS Constitution is clear that healthcare must be delivered by informed consent, through a personal choice; further notes that the legislation will only provide a supported conversation by a line manager, rather than with a professional with appropriate competencies and if staff have not received their first vaccination by 3 February 2022, they will be dismissed; notes that these measures are opposed by the health and social care staff professional bodies, such as the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Royal College of Nursing, as well as all the health and social care trade unions; and is further concerned that according to Government data, the depleting efficacy of the vaccine over a 10-week period is just 40 to 50 per cent against the Omicron variant, and will therefore provide little protection against the transmission of covid-19 in comparison to daily testing and better graded PPE; and calls on the Government to immediately withdraw the regulations with immediate effect to avert this health and social care workforce and service crisis.

**888 Family Fund 2020-21**

Tabled: 24/01/22 Signatories: 9

Marion Fellows  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Law  
Claudia Webbe  
Sir Peter Bottomley  
Allan Dorans

Carol Monaghan

Amy Callaghan

Martyn Day

That this House recognises the invaluable work of Family Fund, as the UK's largest charity providing grants to families on low incomes raising disabled or seriously ill children; commends their role in supporting families by providing grants for essential items, family breaks, sensory equipment and more; further recognises the significance of this work, supporting 8,468 carers with grants worth over £3.6 million in 2020-21; and commends all of their staff on their excellent work to support families on low incomes raising disabled or seriously ill children in Motherwell and Wishaw, Scotland and the UK, particularly during these difficult times, and wishes them the best for the future.

**889 Child citizenship fees**Tabled: **24/01/22** Signatories: **10**

**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Beth Winter**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Carol Monaghan**

**Mick Whitley**  
**Paula Barker**

**Jeremy Corbyn****Ian Lavery**

That this House believes that no child should be priced out of British citizenship; is appalled by the Home Office practice of charging a fee of £1,012 to register a child for British citizenship; is further appalled that the Home Office makes a profit of £640 from each child citizenship application; notes the Court of Appeal ruling of 19 February 2021 which declared this practice unlawful; believes that children born in the UK should be granted automatic British citizenship; urgently calls on the Home Office to immediately cease profiting from child citizenship fees and limit charges associated with child citizenship to the cost of processing applications; and further calls on the Government to review the impact of such fees on children's human rights.

**890 Sewage dumping in UK waterways**Tabled: **24/01/22** Signatories: **15**

**Jon Trickett**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Beth Winter**  
**Dawn Butler**

**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Paula Barker**

**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**John McDonnell**

**Mick Whitley**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Clive Lewis**

That this House expresses its concern at the dumping of sewage into UK waterways; recognises that the practice is dangerous to public health and damaging to the environment; further recognises that the pollution is making it unsafe for people to swim in natural designated bathing sites such as the River Wharfe in Ilkely, West Yorkshire, which has been given a water quality rating of poor by the Environment Agency; believes the problem is a result of the lack of investment by the private water companies who have persistently failed to address this issue; notes that £19 billion was paid out in dividends to shareholders in water and sewerage businesses operating in England between 2010 and 2021, which is an average of £1.7 billion a year; further notes that water bills in England and Wales have increased by 40 per cent above inflation since privatisation in 1989; calls on the Government to immediately place a legal duty on the water companies to avoid sewage dumping; and expresses its support for the public ownership of the UK water system so that the profits of this national asset benefit all the people of the UK and not just a small group of shareholders.