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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 27 January 2022

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### New EDMs

#### 909      **Get Me Home Safely campaign**

Tabled: **27/01/22**      Signatories: **26**

Zarah Sultana  
Rachael Maskell  
Rebecca Long Bailey  
Kate Hollern  
Apsana Begum  
Charlotte Nichols

Beth Winter  
Marsha De Cordova  
Emma Hardy  
Tony Lloyd  
Richard Burgon  
Lloyd Russell-Moyle  
Barry Gardiner

Kate Osborne  
Paula Barker  
Grahame Morris  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Mick Whitley  
Ian Mearns  
Ian Byrne

Mary Kelly Foy  
Kate Osamor  
Dan Carden  
John McDonnell  
Andy McDonald  
Jon Trickett

That this House notes that shift work is widespread in many industries, especially hospitality, and can often entail late-night working; further notes that many workers, especially women, are increasingly worried about their safety travelling to and from work at night; believes that, while employers may feel their duty of care to staff ends when an employee finishes a shift, they also need to take into consideration journeys home, especially during unsocial hours; is appalled at the weakness of enforcement of the law against sexual assault, including up-skirting, on public transport; insists that more trained staff and stronger enforcement of the law against sexual assault and harassment on public transport is urgently needed; supports calls for the municipal ownership of buses in order to lower prices and improve service provision, especially for night-time and off-peak services; welcomes Unite the union's Get Me Home Safely campaign, which calls on employers to take all reasonable steps to ensure workers are able to get home safely from work at night; calls on local governments and licensing boards to change regulations to make free transport home for staff a prerequisite for new liquor licences; and calls on the Government to bring forward national minimum standards for taxis and private hire as per the recommendations of the Task and Finish

group, to ratify ILO Convention 190 to end violence and harassment in the workplace and to extend employers' duty of care to include safe transport home policies for all workers.

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#### 910 PC Yvonne Fletcher inquiry (No. 2)

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 1

**Sir Peter Bottomley**

That this House notes the significant amount of work done to identify a suspect in the murder of PC Yvonne Fletcher outside the Libyan Embassy on 17 April 1984; notes that the CPS were of the opinion that there was sufficient evidence to prosecute; regrets that the suspect was permitted to leave the UK and endorses calls for an inquiry into PC Fletcher's murder.

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#### 911 Stuart Delivery couriers

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 1

**Grahame Morris**

That this House notes with deep concern that key worker couriers working for JustEat subcontractor Stuart Delivery have seen their pay cut and working conditions deteriorate during the covid-19 pandemic, despite those key workers putting their own lives at risk and providing a vital service to the public; notes that couriers continue to be denied the basic workers' rights of minimum wage protections, holiday pay and pensions; further notes that the company is ultimately owned by La Poste, which is itself wholly owned by the French Government and thereby subsidised by French taxpayers; is appalled that key workers in the gig economy are provided no protection against poverty pay and unilateral changes to terms and conditions in their working relationships; is shocked that these workers, most of whom are from BAME and migrant backgrounds, have been refused the right to freely associate and protect their interests via collective bargaining, and have therefore been forced to take industrial action to challenge these conditions; and calls on Stuart Delivery to negotiate with those workers' chosen union the Independent Workers' union of Great Britain (IWGB), to rescind the recent pay cuts and to implement the minimum standards of pay and conditions demanded by the IWGB in order to ensure those workers are not illegally denied their basic rights and are protected from being in working poverty.

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#### 912 70th anniversary of 2nd Cambusnethan Boys' Brigade Company

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 1

**Marion Fellows**

That this House congratulates 2nd Cambusnethan Boys' Brigade Company on reaching their 70th anniversary; recognises the excellent community work they have undertaken since they were founded on 12 November 1951; further recognises the excellent opportunity the Brigade provides local boys to get involved in their local communities and offer a safe and enjoyable environment to learn new skills and make new friends; commends the dedication of those working towards badges especially the Queen's Badge and wishes them every success in this endeavour; and further congratulates all of the Brigade's staff on their excellent work to support people in Wishaw and surrounding areas, particularly during this difficult year; and wishes them all the best for the future.

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**913 Local volunteer Nicole Watt**

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 1

**Marion Fellows**

That this House commends Nicole Watt for the outstanding voluntary work she has done throughout the pandemic to raise much needed money for valuable local charities; notes that Nicole has fundraised for the Beatson Cancer Charity, MacMillan Cancer support, Children's Cancer and other local schools and community groups; recognises Nicole's dedication to this work alongside working full time as a teacher in a local school; and further congratulates her on her excellent work to support people in the community, particularly during this difficult year, and wishes her all the best for the future.

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**914 Elaine Hands, local foodbank volunteer, St Bernadette's Motherwell**

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 1

**Marion Fellows**

This House commends the work of Elaine Hands; recognises that, in addition to working full time as a teacher in a local school, she dedicates her Sundays to running a local foodbank based at St Bernadette's Parish Church; further commends Elaine for helping hundreds of families in need in the local area and for providing materials and supplies herself; further notes the work she has done in conjunction with St Vincent de Paul to make up Christmas parcels for over 40 families; and further congratulates Elaine on her excellent work to support people in Wishaw and surrounding areas, particularly during this difficult year, and wishes them the best for the future.

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**915 South Wishaw Parish Church**

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 1

**Marion Fellows**

That this House recognises the work of Reverend Terry Moran and all at South Wishaw Parish Church for the innovative community work they have been undertaking; commends them for the recent launch of the New Life Recovery Hub based in the Church in cooperation with Street Connect, a Glasgow based Christian charity; and further congratulates them for all their excellent work to support people in Wishaw and surrounding areas, particularly during this difficult year, and wishes them the best for the future.

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## 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.

**849 Healthy Start Vouchers**

Tabled: 17/01/22 Signatories: 22

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

Chris Stephens

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.

**850 Lullaby Lane Nurseries named finalists in the SME Employer of the Year category at the Scottish Apprenticeship Awards**

Tabled: 17/01/22 Signatories: 9

Amy Callaghan  
Allan Dorans  
Alison Thewliss  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Law  
Douglas Chapman

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the team at Lullaby Lane Nurseries in East Dunbartonshire on being named finalists in the SME Employer of the Year category at the Scottish Apprenticeship Awards 2022; understands that Lullaby Lane Nurseries has been providing quality childcare services across the community since 2013; notes how valued these nurseries are in the community; further notes the team's focus on attachment-led practices for children which enable them to reach their full potential and how passionate the staff are about early years learning; commends Lullaby Lane Nurseries for their efforts to support families and the community throughout the covid-19 pandemic; recognises that this achievement is a testament to the team's hard work over the years; and looks forward to seeing what more Lullaby Lane Nurseries will achieve in the future.

**858      Diagnosis of Liver Disease**

Tabled: 17/01/22      Signatories: 15

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

Caroline Lucas

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: 42

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

Ms Anum Qaisar

Chris Stephens

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.

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**865 Miscarriage leave and employment policy**

Tabled: 18/01/22 Signatories: 36

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

Munira Wilson

Chris Stephens

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: 19

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

Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

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: 11

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

Rachael Maskell

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.

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**871 Holocaust Memorial Day**

Tabled: 19/01/22 Signatories: 31

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

Chris Stephens

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.

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**875 Play Alloa fundraiser**

Tabled: 20/01/22 Signatories: 8

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

Chris Stephens

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.

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

Tabled: 20/01/22 Signatories: 14

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

Rachael Maskell

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: 10

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

Marion Fellows

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: 12

**Mr Alistair Carmichael [R]**

**Jim Shannon**

**Sir Greg Knight**

**Hywel Williams**

**Ben Lake**

**Liz Saville Roberts**

Chris Stephens

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: 7

**Tim Farron**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Sir Peter Bottomley**

**Paula Barker**

**Apsana Begum**

**Jim Shannon**

Chris Stephens

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: 10

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

Chris Stephens

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: 9

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

Chris Stephens

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: 9

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

Chris Stephens

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: 11

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

Rachael Maskell

Chris Stephens

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: 10

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

Chris Stephens

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: 19

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

Chris Stephens

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 literacy 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: 7

Kate Osborne  
Jim Shannon  
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck  
Ian Lavery  
Apsana Begum  
Grahame Morris

Chris Stephens

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.

**888 Family Fund 2020-21**Tabled: **24/01/22** Signatories: **12**

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

Rachael Maskell

Chris Stephens

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: **18**

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

Kenny MacAskill  
 Caroline Lucas

Mohammad Yasin  
 Chris Stephens

Rachael Maskell

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: **22**

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

Mohammad Yasin

Rachael Maskell

Caroline Lucas

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.

## 892 RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2022

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 8

Jim Shannon  
Caroline Lucas  
Paul Girvan  
Chris Law  
Sir Peter Bottomley  
Mohammad Yasin

Rachael Maskell

Chris Stephens

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.

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

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 29

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

Rachael Maskell

Chris Stephens

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: 6

Dawn Butler  
Apsana Begum  
Ian Byrne  
Grahame Morris  
Dan Carden  
Rachael Maskell

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.

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**895 Nature Recovery Networks**

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 12

Mr Barry Sheerman  
Sammy Wilson  
Wera Hobhouse  
Claudia Webbe  
Jim Shannon  
Allan Dorans

Kenny MacAskill  
Caroline Lucas

Sir Peter Bottomley  
Chris Stephens

Rachael Maskell  
Tracey Crouch

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: 10

Patricia Gibson  
 Jim Shannon  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Chris Law  
 Patrick Grady  
 Allan Dorans

Sir Peter Bottomley  
 Chris Stephens

Marion Fellows

Rachael Maskell

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.

**897 World Cancer Day 2022**

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 15

Patricia Gibson  
 Apsana Begum  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Jim Shannon  
 Paul Girvan  
 Jonathan Edwards

Allan Dorans  
 Rachael Maskell

Sir Peter Bottomley  
 Caroline Lucas

Marion Fellows  
 Chris Stephens

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.



**898 Elections Bill**

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 9

Ben Lake  
 Brendan O'Hara  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Chris Law  
 Wera Hobhouse

Rachael Maskell

Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

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.

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

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson  
 Jim Shannon  
 Chris Law  
 Patrick Grady  
 Allan Dorans  
 Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

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 Wim Jansen**

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 12

Brendan O'Hara  
 Jim Shannon  
 Richard Thomson  
 Alan Brown  
 Chris Law  
 Patrick Grady

Allan Dorans

Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

That this House mourns the passing of Wim 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.

## 901 Social security benefit increases and levels of inflation

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 6

Chris Stephens  
Jim Shannon  
Allan Dorans  
Patrick Grady  
Marion Fellows  
Rachael Maskell

That this House notes that social security benefits are set to rise in April 2022 by the rate of general inflation in September 2021, which was 3.1 per cent; further notes that inflation reached 5.1 per cent in November 2021 and is expected to reach approximately 6 per cent in April 2022, resulting in a real terms cut in the value of social security benefits; notes that this will add to the financial difficulties being faced by households on low incomes who, based on recent evidence from the Threehills Community Supermarket and the broader Feeding Britain network, are already struggling to afford food and fuel; and calls on the Government to protect those households from the rising cost of living by using nearer-term forecasts to increase benefits in line with the actual rate of inflation that will apply in April 2022.

## 902 Ayrshire Potato Day

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 7

Patricia Gibson  
Margaret Ferrier  
Jim Shannon  
Allan Dorans  
Patrick Grady  
Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

That this House celebrates Ayrshire Potato Day, to be held on 5 February 2022 at Elm Park Allotments and Community Garden in Ardrossan; commends the work of Ardrossan-based charity, Three Towns Growers, for organising this event promoting locally-grown produce; further commends Three Towns Growers for its ongoing commitment to providing a community growing space and hub for the residents of Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Stevenston, inclusively enhancing skills in the community to enable people to grow their own produce, either on site or within their own gardens; notes the positive health and well-being impacts of community gardening, and the environmental benefits of buying locally-grown produce; recognises that this is a day to celebrate the many types of potatoes grown in Ayrshire, particularly the famous Ayrshire Early Epicure potato;

and urges everyone who has a keen interest in growing potatoes, or other produce, to attend this wonderful event.

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### 903 Register of Overseas Entities and russian influence in the UK

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 6

Layla Moran  
Jim Shannon  
Stephen Farry  
Sir Peter Bottomley  
Rachael Maskell  
Caroline Lucas

That this House notes the warnings as detailed in successive reports, including the Foreign Affairs Committee's report *Moscow's Gold* and the Intelligence and Security Committee's *Russia Report*, of the interference of Kremlin-linked elites in the UK; expresses its concern at the ease with which individuals with links to the Kremlin have been able to launder money in the UK and in London in particular; notes with concern new research released by Transparency International which covered £1.5 billion of UK property bought with suspicious Russian wealth; welcomes the UK Government's decision, in principle, to take action on this; expresses its frustration that, six years on from an initial announcement to establish a register of overseas entities and their beneficiaries by bringing forward a register of overseas entities, no such scheme has been introduced; calls on the Government to formally support the Registration of Overseas Entities Bill, the Second Reading of which is due on 18 March 2022 and has cross-party support; further calls on the Government to implement all the recommendations of the *Russia Report*; and urges the Government to make democracy a national security priority.

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### 904 Yorkshire Ambulance Service

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 6

Jon Trickett  
Richard Burgon  
Rachael Maskell  
Emma Hardy  
Jim Shannon  
Dan Jarvis

That this House expresses its gratitude and thanks to the hard-working and dedicated staff of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, particularly during the trying period of the covid-19 outbreak; notes that the significant increase in calls answered by the service, from 42,000 to 72,000, between November 2020 and November 2021 has added further pressure on staff; further notes the high level of absences mainly due to covid-19 at a time of stress for ambulance staff; notes with concern the report that 9 out of 10 of leaders across the health service feel that the present situation is unsustainable and that patient care could be compromised; regrets the underfunding of our vital health services; further regrets the added pressure on the service as a result of nearly 200 GP practice closures in Yorkshire since 2010; regrets the fact that Category 1 incidents in Yorkshire at the end of 2021 have an average response time of 9 minutes 49 seconds, compared to a target of 7 minutes; and urges the Government to appropriately compensate hard-working staff by prioritising filling NHS vacancies and accepting health trade unions demands for pay awards that undo the impact of real terms pay cuts since 2010.

**905 Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone**

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 13

Tony Lloyd  
 Navendu Mishra  
 Andrew Gwynne  
 Kate Green  
 Yvonne Fovargue  
 Angela Rayner

Jim Shannon

Rachael Maskell

That this House notes that some 1,200 deaths a year are attributable to poor air quality in Greater Manchester; believes that, on that basis, movement towards establishing a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) in Greater Manchester is vital; stresses that a CAZ must be properly resourced to prevent it simply becoming a political football rather than saving lives; is aware that it was the Government which mandated the 10 Greater Manchester local authorities to introduce a CAZ and that none of the local authorities can amend, revoke, or suspend their CAZ without the prior written permission from the Secretary of State; is conscious that small businesses, taxi drivers and private individuals are concerned that the cost of vehicle replacement is not backed by Government funding; supports the request in letters from both Greater Manchester Conservative and Labour hon. Members calling on the Government to engage in further consultation on the implementation of the CAZ; and calls on the Government to now have a pause in the implementation of the CAZ to allow for that consultation on how to provide the resources required and bring about changes to make the scheme fair for everyone.

**906 Providing financial restitution to women born in the 1950s**

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 19

Ian Byrne  
 Kim Johnson  
 Wera Hobhouse  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Jim Shannon  
 Beth Winter

Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Ian Mearns  
 Grahame Morris  
 Mick Whitley  
 Chris Stephens

John McDonnell  
 Kate Osborne  
 Jeremy Corbyn  
 Paula Barker

Zarah Sultana  
 Nadia Whittome  
 Jon Trickett  
 Rachael Maskell

That this House welcomes the positive interventions from so many hon. Members from across the House on behalf of women born in the 1950s who have lost their pensions and pays tribute to constituents and campaigners in their ongoing fight for justice; recalls that women born in the 1950s were subject to discriminatory employment and pension laws; recognises that this included being excluded from some pensions schemes; further recognises that this had the negative effect for them of losing the opportunity to have the same level of pension as their partner or spouse; recognises that this has had the consequence of women in this position never being able to have equal pensions to men; notes that this has negatively and profoundly impacted on those women including leading to increased levels of poverty, deteriorating health and homelessness; further notes that at least 3.8 million women have been impacted by the loss of their pensions from the age of 60 in three separate age hikes; and calls on the Government to enact a temporary special measure as permitted by international law to provide full restitution to women born in the 1950s who have lost their pensions from the age of 60 because of the impact of the rise in retirement age.

**907 DH Robertson Butchers, Arbroath**

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 6

Dave Doogan  
 Jim Shannon  
 Allan Dorans  
 Patrick Grady  
 Marion Fellows  
 Chris Stephens

That this House warmly congratulates Steve and Pam Bennet at DH Robertson butchers in Arbroath on their win at the Scottish Craft Butchers Awards 2022 becoming champions in the Best Link Sausage category; further congratulates DH Robertson on winning at the World Championship Scotch Pie Awards 2022 in three categories, a diamond medal in the Sausage Roll Category, gold medal in the Football Pie or Savoury Category for Arbroath FC and bronze medal in the Hot Savoury Category; notes that these awards are incredibly competitive and are judged by 60 independent industry experts and professionals; and offers best wishes in their future success as a multi-award winning butcher.

**908 One year anniversary of the military coup in Myanmar**

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 16

Rushanara Ali  
 Dame Margaret Hodge  
 Kim Johnson  
 Jim Shannon  
 Mick Whitley  
 Kenny MacAskill

Stephen Farry  
 Ronnie Cowan  
 Owen Thompson  
 Chris Stephens

Debbie Abrahams  
 Mohammad Yasin  
 Rachael Maskell

Sir Peter Bottomley  
 Patrick Grady  
 Caroline Lucas

That this House, on the one year anniversary of the military coup that took place on 1 February 2021 in Myanmar (Burma), condemns the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Myanmar military against the people of Myanmar; stands in solidarity with the Burmese people opposing the military coup; notes in horror the increased attacks by the military in ethnic areas including Chin, Karenni and Karen State over the recent months which includes the burning of people alive, torching of villages and killings of children; demands an urgent stop to the attacks; demands the release of all political prisoners; welcomes the UK Government's condemnation of the coup and the introduction of targeted economic sanctions on military businesses; calls for further economic sanctions targeting military revenues; further calls for sanctions on aviation fuel to ground military bomber jets; calls on the Government to increase its efforts to encourage other countries to introduce unilateral arms embargoes; further calls on the Government to increase cross-border aid through local organisations working directly with the people affected by the military attacks; and calls on the Government to join the Rohingya genocide case at the International Court of Justice to secure justice for the Rohingya genocide, and to publicly support the referral of the situation in Myanmar to the International Criminal Court.