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## Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 30 November 2022

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### New EDMs

#### 636 Contribution to the community of Cumnock by Marion Gilliland

Tabled: 30/11/22 Signatories: 1

Allan Dorans

That this House recognises and congratulates Marion Gilliland of Cumnock on being named Scotland's High Street hero at the recent Scottish Towns Partnership awards ceremony; notes her outstanding contribution and commitment to the community of Cumnock for over thirty years through her work with the Cumnock Business Association and the significant difference made by her in improving the local area and businesses; and further notes Marion's support of local and national charities including raising over twenty four thousand pounds for Motor Neurone Disease whilst suffering personal ill health.

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#### 637 Xinjiang fire and zero covid protests

Tabled: 30/11/22 Signatories: 2

Layla Moran [R]  
Wera Hobhouse

That this House acknowledges with concern the fire that took place in the Xinjiang region of China, on Friday 25 November, killing 10 people, and leading to protests across the country about China's zero-covid policy; notes with alarm reports that Chinese authorities have used disproportionate force in response to these peaceful protests; reaffirms its solidarity with pro-democracy and human rights activists across China; further condemns the attack and detention of a BBC Journalist, Ed Lawrence by Chinese authorities; recognises that China is in breach of international obligations, in particular UN Resolution 70/162 requiring states to create and maintain a safe and enabling environment for journalists to perform their work independently and without undue interference; and calls on the UK government to raise the issue of the right to peaceful protest across China.

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**638 150th anniversary of first international football match**

Tabled: 30/11/22 Signatories: 6

Gavin Newlands  
Carol Monaghan  
Patrick Grady  
Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
Ian Blackford  
Alison Thewliss

That this House notes that St. Andrew's Day marks the 150th anniversary of the first international football match played between Scotland and England at the West of Scotland cricket ground in Glasgow in 1872, attracting a crowd of around 4,000 each paying one shilling for entry; notes that the final score was 0-0 following a disallowed Scotland goal in the first half; acknowledges that this match marked the beginning of football as an international game, with the formation of the Football Associations of Scotland, Wales, and Ireland in subsequent years as well as the Danish Football Association, the first football governing body outside of these isles; notes the crucial role Scotland has played in the development of football over the past 150 years, including Andrew Watson as the first black international football player and administrator in the world, the innovations in play brought about by the Scotch Professors who dominated the game north and south of the border in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and exporting football around the world to become the global game it is today; notes that Scotland also produced the first World Club Champions in 1888 with Renton FC's victory over West Bromwich Albion; and looks forward to a further 150 years of Scotland playing a pivotal role in the world's most popular sport.

**639 Ardrossan Winton Rovers U14 Girls Football Team**

Tabled: 30/11/22 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House applauds the recent victory of Ardrossan Winton Rovers U14 Girls Football Team over Strathaven Dynamo, and securing the South West Region Erin Cuthbert League title; appreciates the skill, dedication and commitment of the team; recognises that this team is the first ever from the Three Towns to win this accolade, doing so without losing a single match during the whole season; understands that the support from the wider Ardrossan Winton Rovers family, Ardrossan Winton Rovers CIC and Ardrossan Winton Rovers Youth Academy, has been vital to the U14 Girls Football Team throughout the season, as has the support of the local community; and looks forward to the team's preparations for its next challenge as it prepares for U16s football and admires Ardrossan Winton Rovers Girls providing opportunities for girls to play football in a safe and fun environment with Scottish Football Association qualified coaches via its Youth Academy, which delivers a pathway right through to women's adult football.

**640 Eglinton Diner in Saltcoats**

Tabled: 30/11/22 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates the Eglinton Diner in Windmill Street in Saltcoats on its securing the accolade of Best Fish and Chip Shop in Scotland at the 2022 Scottish Business Awards; acknowledges that this recognition comes in the wake of its previous award for the best fish and chip shop in Ayrshire earlier this year; pays tribute to the hard work of owner Josephine Donald who started as a fryer in chip shops and took ownership of the Eglinton Diner four and half years ago; is also impressed by the hard work of the diner's fryers Ashley Donald, Jenna Wishart and Grady Purcheon and all the staff who work so diligently in the diner's fast paced environment; understands that this diner is well supported by local residents due to the excellent customer care, excellent food,

with its fresh is best policy and high standards of cleanliness; is aware that the owner continues to make improvements to the diner's premises to ensure that her customers are able to enjoy the best experience possible when they patronise her business; and wishes the diner and all its staff continued success in providing the such excellent food and service to the people of Saltcoats.

## 641 Local Government

Tabled: 30/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Sir Paul Beresford**

That the draft Mole Valley (Electoral Changes) Order 2023, which was laid before the House on 18 November 2022, be not made.

## 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.

## 596 Safe passage for refugees

Tabled: 21/11/22 Signatories: 41

**Olivia Blake**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Beth Winter**

Kenny MacAskill

Chris Stephens

That this House commends the work of PCS and Care4Calais and the launch of their policy document Safe passage for refugees: humane alternative to the Rwanda policy; notes the key demands include the implementation of a safe passage visa scheme, greater investment in the Home Office and the reform of immigration detention centres; acknowledges the worrying increase in small boat crossings this year with numbers of individuals making this journey in 2022 expected to rise to over 60,000; deplores the hateful rhetoric against refugees which has continued to appear in many parts of the press and social media in recent months; is concerned that the Government's own policies and decisions are encouraging this rhetoric despite the UNHCR and Refugee Council confirming that most individuals making the treacherous journey are needing protection; and calls on the Government to urgently act to protect these vulnerable people who are fleeing humanitarian crises across the world and work with PCS and Care4Calais to create a system which will stop these dangerous small boat crossings and will instead support genuine asylum claims allowing individuals and families to arrive safely in the UK and begin their new lives in the UK

**597 Funding for fire and rescue services**

Tabled: 21/11/22 Signatories: 53

Mary Kelly Foy  
 Zarah Sultana  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Kim Johnson  
 Richard Burgon

Christina Rees  
 Olivia Blake  
 Chris Stephens

Owen Thompson  
 Jon Cruddas

Claire Hanna  
 Colum Eastwood

That this House recognises and celebrates the significant role firefighters play in society, particularly in the face of increasing extreme weather events and the part they played during the pandemic that included delivering medicines to the vulnerable, supporting the ambulance service and moving the bodies of the deceased; further recognises that the fire and rescue service has suffered central funding cuts of around 30 per cent since 2010, resulting in the loss of more than 11,500 frontline firefighters; is concerned that lives could be put at risk from further cuts; acknowledges that firefighters have lost approximately £4,000 in real terms over the past decade; notes with dismay that some firefighters are resorting to food banks; further notes when inflation is taken into account, the 5 per cent offer from the employers that was rejected by the Fire Brigades Union still represents a further cut in real wages; calls for urgent central Government funding for fire and rescue services; and urges employers and the Government to give firefighters a fair pay rise.

**600 Pension Credit**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 17

Patricia Gibson  
 Jim Shannon  
 John McDonnell  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Allan Dorans  
 Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the Government's promotion of Pension Credit to increase its uptake, at long last, given that research by Independent Age had shown that only 61 per cent of those eligible were receiving it; appreciates that Pension Credit can be a gateway benefit for low income pensioners; is concerned by reports of lengthy delays to the processing of Pension Credit claims, with some pensioners forced to wait several months before payment is made; is disappointed by the failure of the Government to prepare for the increase in Pension Credit claims made as a result of its own awareness campaign; calls for additional support to be given to the Department for Work and Pensions to assist processing Pension Credit claims; and recognises the need for immediate action to ensure the most vulnerable in our society receive the support promised by Pension Credit to protect them during what will be a harsh winter.

**602 Young Women Lead Programme**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 8

Kirsten Oswald  
Jim Shannon  
Allan Dorans  
Patrick Grady  
Alison Thewliss  
Chris Law

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the significant achievements of the Young Women Lead programme upon the completion of their 'Community Places Community Spaces' project which began in May 2022; notes that the project was formulated with a passion for the provision of community services and a desire to highlight what services are available to people across Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire; appreciates that the six month project involved a series of workshops and online discussions which culminated in the creation of a website with an interactive map showing the various community services available across the local authorities; understands that the Young Women Lead programme caters for women and non-binary people aged 16-30, is facilitated by YWCA Scotland, and offers young people unique and exciting training opportunities; puts on record that the group of young people involved in the Community Places Community Spaces project are all passionate about connecting community services and have a strong belief that information about local services should be easy to access; and wishes everyone involved in the Young Women Lead programme the very best for the future.

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**607 Heartland FM and the 2022 Community Radio Awards**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 8

Pete Wishart  
Jim Shannon  
Allan Dorans  
Patrick Grady  
Alison Thewliss  
Chris Law

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Heartland FM on being awarded the silver trophy in the prestigious Station of the Year category for the second year in a row at the 2022 Community Radio Awards; understands that the awards recognise community radio stations across the UK and the excellent service they provide to their listeners; and further congratulates Heartland FM on celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, making it the longest running community-owned radio station in the UK.

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**609 Danderhall and District Guerilla Gardeners**

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 8

Owen Thompson  
 Patrick Grady  
 Alison Thewliss  
 Allan Dorans  
 Douglas Chapman  
 Patricia Gibson

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Danderhall and District Guerilla Gardeners on being awarded the Best in Britain award from Britain in Bloom for their Child Miner memorial site at the Wisp; notes that the memorial site, rockery and gateway sign are all designed to commemorate the role of children in Midlothian mining communities and the shocking deaths that occurred in the mines; recognises that Britain in Bloom is the UK's nationwide gardening competition and works to strengthen communities and tackle local issues through recognising the work of gardening groups; and wishes the gardeners all the very best for the presentation of this award at the memorial site on Sunday 27 November 2022.

**610 Penicuik Athletic FC's victory in the under-16s Girls Cup Final**

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 8

Owen Thompson  
 Patrick Grady  
 Allan Dorans  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Patricia Gibson  
 Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Penicuik Athletic FC on their 3-1 victory against Giffnock SC in the under-16s Girls Cup Final this week; further congratulates Caitlin Waterson, Emily Brown and Emily Reid on their goals during the game, as well as head coach Steven Clarke and the whole team; notes the club's history reaching back to 1888 and continued contributions to Scottish football over the years; recognises the extremely hard work the team has put into training; further notes the importance of maintaining opportunities for young women and girls to take part in sport in Midlothian; and wishes the team the very best of luck in now playing in the under-18s.

**612 National eye health strategy**

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 12

Marsha De Cordova  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Christine Jardine  
 Ian Lavery  
 Kim Johnson  
 Rachael Maskell

Apsana Begum

Chris Stephens

Wera Hobhouse

That this House recognises that over two million people in the UK are living with conditions which cause sight loss; notes that 250 people lose their sight every day and sight loss costs the UK economy £36 billion per year; further notes that NHS eye care services are facing significant

pressures, with ophthalmology accounting for almost ten per cent of NHS waiting lists; and calls for the development of a National Eye Care Strategy which would focus on improved health outcomes, eliminate the postcode lottery of eye care treatment, address the inequities in access to, and provision of, eye care services, reduce the backlog, ensure positive patient experiences, ensure providers of care are joined up, maximise workforce capacity and skills and make better use of research and innovation.

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**613 Home-Start Glasgow North and North Lanarkshire 21st anniversary**

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 8

**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Patricia Gibson**  
**Chris Law**

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Home-Start Glasgow North and North Lanarkshire on its twenty-first anniversary; recognises that it is one of the leading charities in family support in the community; acknowledges the impact it makes within the local communities it serves including helping to improve educational attainment, aiding the building of healthy relationships, helping to reduce isolation and loneliness, improving mental health of adults and children and supporting maternal mental health and perinatal support; further acknowledges its focus on empowerment and resilience to assist families to become self-reliant, confident and connected; praises the work of all staff and volunteers and the skills they have brought and developed; and welcomes the launch of their new book 21 stories, 21 lives as part of their 21st anniversary celebrations.

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**614 Stewart Maxwell's service to Kirkintilloch Rob Roy F.C.**

Tabled: 24/11/22 Signatories: 7

**Amy Callaghan**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Patricia Gibson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Stewart Maxwell, football manager, for his 10-year service to Kirkintilloch Rob Roy F.C. which has had a proud history since its establishment in 1878; further congratulates him on his appointment as new manager of Pollok F.C., recognising the significant role he will go on to play there; commends the lasting and significant contribution he has made; and acknowledges him and assistant manager Chris McFadyen for the outstanding work they have done with the club and their commitment to sport in the local area.

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**616 Release of Ales Bialiatski and Belarusian political prisoners**

Tabled: 28/11/22 Signatories: 6

**Tony Lloyd**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Martin Docherty-Hughes**  
**Chris Law**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Ales Bialiatski on being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 2022 for his tireless and self-sacrificial work for human rights in Belarus; notes with concern that Ales is unable to collect his award because he has now served more than 500 days in detention but is yet to be tried; highlights that Viasna, the human rights organisation Ales is founder and chairperson of, has now declared there to be over 1,400 political prisoners in Belarus; and calls on the illegitimate regime of Aleksandr Lukashenko to release Ales and all other political prisoners, and start the process of holding free and fair elections in Belarus.

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**617 Out of hours care for people with a terminal illness (No. 2)**

Tabled: 28/11/22 Signatories: 6

**Sir George Howarth**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House notes with concern evidence from Marie Curie's latest Better End of Life Report published in November 2022, which shows significant gaps in out-of-hours services in the community for people at the end of life and their carers, and the link between not being able to access services at home during nights and weekends and emergency department attendances during these periods; recognises that each year around 780,000 emergency out-of-hours visits to A&E occur for people approaching the end of life and that 24/7 palliative care telephone advice lines can play a significant role in meeting the need for out-of-hours support, thereby reducing ambulance use, A&E attendance and hospital admissions; commends The Integrated Mersey Palliative Care Team (IMPACT) designated 24/7 palliative care advice line which means that rather than having to ring 999, a single contact number connects people with a terminal illness and their carers to professionals with specialist palliative care expertise who can provide the advice they need on managing symptoms, controlling pain, access to medicines and support at home at the time when it is needed; and notes that 69 per cent of UK areas surveyed do not consistently provide a designated 24/7 palliative care advice line for terminally ill people and their carers and, of these, over one in four areas surveyed had no such advice line at all.

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**618 Charitable giving and Christmas 2022**

Tabled: 28/11/22 Signatories: 4

**Jim Shannon**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Chris Law**

That this House notes with pride the generosity of charity organisations over the Christmas period; further notes the countless charities who go above and beyond at Christmas time, including The Salvation Army, Oxfam Unwrapped, The Trussel Group, Samaritans Purse and Make-A-Wish;



underlines the current cost of living crisis, where thousands will be expected to ask for practical support to cope with financial hardship this winter; highlights the support offered by charities, including counselling, food parcels and offering somewhere to sleep; further underlines the close relationship between the Church and charities in providing key support for people this Christmas; understands that this is not a pleasant time for everyone; and thanks charitable organisations for the work they do in local communities for families who struggle at Christmas.

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## 619      **16 Days of activism against gender-based violence campaign**

Tabled: **28/11/22**      Signatories: **10**

**David Linden**  
**Patricia Gibson**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Chris Law**

Apsana Begum

Chris Stephens

Wera Hobhouse

That this House supports 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence which is an annual international campaign which commenced this year on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and will run until Human Rights Day on 10 December; recognises that violence against women and girls is the most pervasive breach of human rights worldwide; notes with regret that violence against women and girls is estimated to affect more than one in three women, a figure that has remained largely unchanged over the last decade; commends the objectives of the campaign which include calling for global action to increase awareness, galvanising advocacy efforts and sharing knowledge and innovations to end violence against women and girls once and for all; and advocates for all to take part in the 16 Days of Activism and amplify the important work of women's rights activists.

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## 620      **Welsh slate quarrying**

Tabled: **28/11/22**      Signatories: **4**

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House commemorates the vital importance of slate quarrying for the history and heritage of Wales; notes that people in Wales have been quarrying slate for over 1,800 years, to build the Roman fort in Segontium in Caernarfon as well as Conwy Castle in the 13th century, before producing over four-fifths of all British slate during the 1870s; acknowledges that Welsh slate is particularly important to North Wales, where the slate landscape was awarded the coveted status of a UNESCO World Heritage Site in July 2021; and calls for the devolution of the aggregates levy, so that the people of Wales can fully benefit from this cherished national resource.

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**621 Campaign for justice for the victims of the Bhopal gas leak**Tabled: **28/11/22** Signatories: **41**

**Navendu Mishra**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Mr Virendra Sharma**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Chris Law**  
**Jim Shannon**

Jeremy Corbyn  
 Kenny MacAskill  
 Mike Amesbury  
 Dan Carden  
 Andy McDonald

Jon Trickett  
 John Spellar  
 Dr Rupa Huq  
 Ms Marie Rimmer

Tony Lloyd  
 Christina Rees  
 Sir Stephen Timms  
 Chris Stephens

That this House remembers the terrible disaster that took place on 2 December 1984 in Bhopal, India, when a major poisonous gas leak from the Union Carbide pesticide plant resulted in more than 600,000 people being exposed to the highly toxic methyl isocyanate gas; notes that Amnesty International has stated that more than 100,000 people now live with contaminated water supplies and exposure to the chemicals, as well as a range of health problems and chronic illnesses caused by the disaster; commends the work of the late journalist Mr Rajkumar Keswani who reported on inadequate safety measures at the plant several years before the disaster; further notes that current owners, Dow Chemicals, need to urgently rectify the environmental damage and properly compensate the victims, survivors and their families; commends the work of Indian civil society groups, the International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal, the TUC, UNISON and Action for Bhopal in campaigning on this issue; and calls for those responsible to be brought to justice so that the victims who have been waiting 38 years for justice finally receive closure.

**622 Plastics**Tabled: **28/11/22** Signatories: **27**

**Geraint Davies**  
**Rosie Duffield**  
**Tony Lloyd**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Tim Farron**  
**John McNally**

Chris Stephens

Wera Hobhouse

That this House notes that according to the UN there will be more plastic in the sea than fish by 2050; calls for the Government to publish a strategy for promoting a circular economy in respect of plastics, including setting targets and measures for the elimination and recycling of single-use plastics; calls for Secretary of State for Environment to establish a task force to develop proposals to encourage the use of reuse and refill models of packaging, to report annually to Parliament on the implementation of the strategy, to ensure that UK targets for the elimination and recycling of plastic packaging are more demanding than equivalent targets set by the European Union, and to require manufacturers and retailers to pay for the cost of recycling plastic; calls for Government to set annual targets for reducing the quantity of plastic waste that is incinerated; and calls for the Secretary of State of the Environment to publish a plan for banning the export of plastic waste by 2027, make provision for the purpose of reducing the cost of recycling plastic, including measures to encourage the standardisation of plastic packaging, give powers to the Office for Environmental Protection to enforce legislation relating to plastic pollution, and make provision for the purpose of encouraging the development of sustainable alternatives to plastic packaging; and calls for

the Government to publish a plan for the use of fiscal policy to incentivise investment in recycling infrastructure and sustainable behaviour by consumers and retailers.

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**623 Craigie High School, Dundee**

Tabled: **28/11/22** Signatories: **7**

**Stewart Hosie**  
**Patricia Gibson**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**

Chris Stephens

This House congratulates Craigie High School, in Dundee, for winning the Safety Groups UK Award for Development Through Education - and the Scottish Chamber of Safety Silver Punch Bowl - for a project featuring its Watch your Back video as part of its LOCHER project; notes that the judges were highly impressed with the way the team took a traditional health and safety issue in back injury to create an enjoyable and effective educational process through a video and music lyrics that can be shared more widely to leave a lasting impact; further notes that it was also Highly Commended under the Innovation Award category and welcomes the fact that these awards recognised safety groups that have involved learners of any age in an initiative which demonstrates effective educational engagement to advance health and safety.

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**624 Protection of patient data (No. 2)**

Tabled: **28/11/22** Signatories: **2**

**John McDonnell**  
**Apsana Begum**

That this House notes that the National Data Guardian for Health and Social Care has written to all Integrated Care Systems, now running local health partnerships, warning that organisations could be processing confidential patient information without ensuring that the processing does not breach confidentiality; considers that this vindicates the refusal by Dr Shashikanth to share his patients' records with the local Primary Care Network, complying with his patients' wishes, despite the unacceptable pressures put upon him to do so by some within the NHS; and calls on the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to guarantee the right of general practitioners to abide by their patients' wishes to determine whom their data is shared with.

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**625 The Scotch Professors and the 150th anniversary of the world's first international football match**

Tabled: **29/11/22** Signatories: **5**

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House recognises the 150th anniversary of the world's first international football match, which took place between Scotland and England on 30 November 1872 at the West of Scotland Cricket Ground in Partick, Glasgow; acknowledges that the match, which finished nil-nil, has huge

historical significance as it was a very early example of the distinctive Scottish style of playing football, one which was predicated on a passing, combination game, with a greater emphasis on teamwork, as opposed to the individualistic, dribbling style that was prevalent in England at the time; further notes that this distinctive style of football which by 1872 had become the hallmark of the game in Scotland, and became known the Scotch Professor style of play, is credited by historians of the game as having changed the nature of football around the world; congratulates Mr. Ged O'Brien, founder of the Scottish Football Museum for all his research into the origins of the game in Scotland; and thanks him for sharing that knowledge with his pupils at St. Andrew's RC Secondary in Carntyne, Glasgow, who are actively promoting the legacy of Scotch Professors and how their innovative footballing philosophy was quickly adopted by every country which has played the game since.

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## 626 **BBC Radio Foyle**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 3

**Colum Eastwood**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House calls on BBC Northern Ireland Executives to immediately reverse cuts announced to BBC Radio Foyle, its flagship breakfast show and its newsroom staff; condemns this cynical attempt to try to close BBC Radio Foyle by gradually undermining its sustainability and independence; notes that BBC Radio Foyle has played an important role in the civic and political discourse across the Northwest of Ireland since its founding in 1979; commends all those who work across the BBC in Northern Ireland; and calls on the corporation to immediately reverse the cuts announced across BBC services in Northern Ireland, protecting jobs and top-quality journalism.

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## 627 **International Day of Persons with disabilities and Purple Sock Day**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 5

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House recognises the United Nations International Day of Persons with disabilities (IDPD), which has taken place on 3 December every year since 1992 in order to promote the rights and well-being of disabled people across society; understands that disability exclusion from political, social, economic and cultural life is a significant social problem; acknowledges the importance of the work of Parallel Lifestyle for their organisation of Purple Sock Day, which marks IDPD by raising positive awareness of disability inclusion and helping to fund disability-owned start-up businesses and entrepreneurs; and calls on the Government to recognise the importance of promoting disability inclusion and enterprise.

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**628 Maid of the Loch and the National Historic Ships UK Annual Awards**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 6

**Martin Docherty-Hughes**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Owen Thompson**  
**Chris Law**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates the Maid of the Loch restoration crew on being awarded Group Winner of the Marsh Volunteer Award for Historic Vessel Conservation 2022 at the National Historic Ships UK Annual Awards; believes that this award is a welcome and timely recognition for the valuable and dedicated work carried out by volunteers over the years to restore this much loved vessel on Loch Lomond with the aim of her being relaunched as a fully operational paddle steamer; and wishes all those involved in the Loch Lomond Steamship Company the best of luck in their endeavours.

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**629 Lisa Halley, Guide Dogs Outstanding Person of the Year**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 3

**Chris Law**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Lisa Halley from Dundee on her award of Outstanding Person of the Year at the Guide Dogs People Awards 2022; notes that Lisa received this award for her brilliant work to graduate with a degree in psychology from Abertay University in 2020; recognises that she was supported throughout her studies by her dual guide dog Jumble, who helped give her the confidence to start university; thanks all at Guide Dogs for the excellent work that they do across the country to support people in our local communities; and wishes Lisa, Jumble and all at Guide Dogs all the best for the future.

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**630 Inverness Maritime and Coastguard Search and Rescue: Award**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 5

**Drew Hendry**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Chris Law**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Inverness-based Maritime and Coastguard Search and Rescue crew on recently being awarded the 2022 Prince Philip Helicopter Rescue Award; notes that this award is given to an individual member of a helicopter crew, a complete crew or the crews of multiple helicopters, for an act of outstanding courage or devotion to duty in the course of land or sea search and rescue operations; recognises that Captain Rob Green, Captain Simon Hammock, Philip Candle and Duncan Tripp MBE are joint recipients of the award for their efforts in March of this year where they conducted a highly demanding rescue in the most extreme of weather conditions; commends the crew for displaying the highest standard of crew-cooperation, judgement and handling skills to ensure a safe outcome for those in danger; and pays thanks to all those who dedicate their lives to the search and rescue of those who need it.

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**631 Begg Shoes, Inverness: Living Wage Scotland Newcomer Award**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 4

Drew Hendry  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Law  
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Begg Shoes in Inverness on recently being awarded the Living Wage Scotland Newcomer Award; recognises their commitment to adopting the real Living Wage after covid-19 pandemic, particularly given the challenges local retailers faced during this time; notes that Begg Shoes pay their staff above the Real Living Wage rate to help protect living standards for their staff; and recognises the ongoing work of Living Wage Scotland to increase the number of employees receiving the real living wage across Scotland.

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**632 Short Term Holiday Let Licensing Scheme**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 8

Rachael Maskell  
Jim Shannon  
Jonathan Edwards  
Kim Johnson  
Rebecca Long Bailey  
Dan Carden

Chris Stephens

Wera Hobhouse

That this House recognises the scale and growth in properties operating as short term holiday lets and the adverse impact this is having on the availability of housing in some urban, rural and coastal communities; calls on the Government to bring forward legislation to allow local authorities to introduce local licensing schemes to determine standards and place limits on short term holiday lets; further calls on the Government to allow local authorities to determine the terms for holding a license including the license fee, health and safety standards, terms of operation, and penalties for those in breach of licensing terms including fines and termination of licenses; and calls on the Government to empower local authorities to determine areas where the granting of new short term holiday let licenses will be restricted.

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**633 St Andrew's Day Declaration**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 2

Neale Hanvey  
Kenny MacAskill

That this House welcomes and endorses the St Andrew's Day Declaration of 30 November 2022 which states that we the people, elected members and civic organisations of Scotland assert that our nation has the right of self-determination to freely determine our political status and to freely pursue our economic, social and cultural development, mindful of the Scottish constitutional tradition of the sovereignty of the people, we will democratically challenge any authority or government which seeks to deny us that right.

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**634 Lorna Stanger runs 112 miles for RASASH**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 4

Drew Hendry  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Law  
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Lorna Stanger on recently running 112 miles from Inverness to Thurso to raise awareness for those impacted by gender-based violence; recognises that Lorna set off on her run following RASASH (Rape and Sexual Assault Service Highland)'s Reclaim the Night March on Friday the 25 of November in Inverness which aimed to raise awareness of the issue of gender-based violence; and notes that this was the first day of the United Nations 16 days of activism against gender-based violence which invites everyone to play their role in ending violence against women and girls and show support and solidarity to women's rights activists.

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**635 Members' attendance in the House**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 5

Christine Jardine  
Wendy Chamberlain  
Jamie Stone  
Chris Law  
Wera Hobhouse

That this House believes that there should be a change to the Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament to set a limit to the number of days Members can spend being paid to take part in the recording of entertainment television programmes abroad while the House is sitting.