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## Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 2 September 2024

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### New EDMs

#### 95      **Cawthorne's Endowed Primary School, 350 years old**

Tabled: **2/09/24**      Signatories: **1**

##### **Cat Smith**

That this House celebrates the 350th anniversary of Cawthorne's Endowed Primary School; notes the school was founded by William Cawthorne in 1674, further that the school is situated in an idyllic location in the Forest of Bowland, within an area of outstanding natural beauty, and at the centre of the village of Abbeystead; praises the leadership of headteacher Patrick Corbett for his stewardship of this unique rural school; thanks the teaching and support staff for their work in supporting our young people learn; and further praises the children at the school for their cheerful spirits and eagerness to learn.

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#### 96      **St Martin's College, University of Cumbria, Lancaster Campus, 60th anniversary**

Tabled: **2/09/24**      Signatories: **1**

##### **Cat Smith**

That this House congratulates the University of Cumbria, St Martin's College on their 60th anniversary; thanks them for shaping the bright future of students and contributing significantly to local development and education; recognises this remarkable milestone and the impact this institution has had on the Lancaster and wider community, not only through the brilliant quality of education provided, but also by developing a vibrant and dynamic environment that benefits, students, teaching faculty and local residents; pays tribute to the incredible

dedication and hard work of both the teaching staff and the students as well as the faculty's commitment to providing top-tier education and their innovative approaches to teaching which have inspired generations of learners to reach their full potential; and praises this significant 60th anniversary, as we honour the legacy of St Martin's College and look forward to many more years of success and positive impact.

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97 **Ban trophy hunting imports**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **2**

**Grahame Morris**  
**Mary Glendon**

That this House notes CITES data and investigations by the Campaign to Ban Trophy Hunting published in the national media showing British trophy hunters are killing and bringing home trophies of threatened species including African elephants, lions, leopards, giraffes, hippopotamuses, zebras, wolves, monkeys, wild cats, lynxes, cougars, bears, and African civets; further notes that several parties made election pledges to ban hunting trophies in their manifestos, including the Government; acknowledges that a Private Members Bill drafted by the previous Government enjoyed strong cross-party support and passed unanimously in the House; recognises that the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs conducted an extensive public consultation exercise involving 44,000 stakeholders, 86% of whom back a trophy import ban, that opinion polls show overwhelming voter support for an immediate and comprehensive ban; and strongly urges the Government to now bring forward a Bill in Government time which implements a world-leading ban without any further delay.

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98 **Jools' Law petition**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1**

**Max Wilkinson**

That this House notes the 126,033 signatures on the petition for Jools' Law, relating to parental rights of access to children's social media accounts; further notes that current legislation lags behind the progress of social media, leading to concern for many parents seeking protection of their children; notes that the Petitions Committee will not automatically consider the aforementioned petition for debate when the Committee is reconvened; and appeals to the new Petitions Committee to consider the petition for debate.

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99 **High streets**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1**

**Sarah Gibson**

That this House welcomes the new report by the Federation of Small Businesses entitled The Future of the High Street; recognises that local communities and local businesses working

together on the high street lies at the heart of economic prosperity; and acknowledges that, from local business support to specialised funds, reforming business rates and improving infrastructure, we must work together to transform high streets into places that meet future needs and support the next generation of entrepreneurs, which is essential for a thriving economy.

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**100 Floral displays at Rugby train station**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **3**

**John Slinger**  
**Rachel Taylor**  
**Cat Eccles**

That this House commends the voluntary work of Tony Acton, Marlon Golding and Yunus Sanders, members of Avanti's staff at Rugby train station, whose voluntary work to create numerous, beautiful floral displays, brings much joy to all rail users who depart from, arrive at or travel through the station; and notes that their efforts have previously led to success at the Rugby In Bloom awards.

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**101 Household Support Fund**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1**

**Ayoub Khan**

That this House expresses deep concern that when the current Household Support Fund ends in September 2024, there are no current plans in place to address the substantial gap this will leave; notes that charities including the Trussell Trust are facing a hugely worrying cliff edge for many of the people they support with the end of the Fund; believes that the impact of ending the Fund will be felt particularly harshly in Birmingham, where the uncertain future of Birmingham City Council's Contact Centre also hangs in the balance; and calls upon the Government to commit to a new long-term strategy for local crisis support, underpinned by a multi-year funding settlement that at least matches current annual investment in the Fund in England.

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**102 Levenmouth Treasure Trails winners**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1**

**Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House congratulates the six families who won the Levenmouth Treasure Trails competition; celebrates that each family won a free family rail pass to any location in Scotland; acknowledges that the Treasure Trail encouraged people to explore Leven, Kennoway, Methil/Buckhaven and the Wemyss Villages; welcomes this great way to get to know the area; and

thanks Fife Council's roads and transportation service for organising the competition and to everyone who took part.

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103 **Levenmouth Picture Perfect competition winners**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1**

**Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House congratulates Ruth Vance from Auchtermuchty for winning the competition, and Lynne Muir from Anstruther who was runner up; celebrates that the Fife-based photography competition brought the community together at the Together Levenmouth Hub; recognises the 60 incredible entrants who all received framed editions of their photos; thanks Jim Hamilton for working with Network Rail to organise the competition and for all his wonderful photos on the Levenmouth Building A Railway Facebook page; welcomes that 10 of the photographs are on display for visitors in the Leven and Cameron Bridge stations; and acknowledges the generosity of the winners who have donated their winnings to Castle Hill Centre in Cupar, Cellardyke Tidal Pool and Jim Mathew Camera Collection in St Monans.

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104 **St Andrews named best Scottish seaside town**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1**

**Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House congratulates St Andrews being named best Scottish seaside town by Which?; recognises all the successful local restaurants and shops which attract tourists to boost the local economy while providing wonderful places to eat and shop for locals; celebrates having the oldest golf course in the world and a 15th century university which students from all over the world attend; welcomes St Andrews being home to the country's first dog-friendly chippy, Cromars Fish & Chips.

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105 **Gambling regulations**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1**

**Dr Beccy Cooper**

That this House notes with concern that the most recent regulations on gambling are from the Gambling Act 2005; considers the need for further affordability checks, levies and advertising limits following the rise of online gambling since 2005; and calls on the Government to act swiftly to implement the recommendations of the Gambling Reform White Paper 2023.

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**106      Recognising the economic impact of Taylor Swift's Eras tour on the UK economy**Tabled: **2/09/24**      Signatories: **1****Tom Gordon**

That this House acknowledges the substantial economic impact of Taylor Swift's Eras tour on the UK economy, with an estimated boost of nearly £1 billion; notes the concept of Swiftonomics as a demonstration of how cultural events can drive significant economic activity across multiple sectors, including hospitality, retail, and transportation; further notes that the tour's presence in cities such as London, Liverpool, Edinburgh, and Cardiff has led to increased tourism, job creation, and local business growth; recognises the long-term benefits of heightened international visibility for these cities as premier destinations for global events; and calls on the Government to continue supporting and investing in the UK's cultural and entertainment industries to maximise their economic contributions and cultural influence.

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**107      Bullying in parish and town councils**Tabled: **2/09/24**      Signatories: **1****Jon Trickett**

That this House believes that local parish and town councils play a vital role in our democracy and are central to community life in many parts of our country; expresses its concern that in some councils there are significant issues of bullying, with poor behaviour from councillors towards their fellow representatives and staff; notes that council staff are entitled to protections under employment law but in many cases this does not adequately protect staff from bullying by elected councillors; further believes that more must be done to ensure that parish and town councillors and council staff are able to go about their jobs without feeling unsafe; and calls on the Government to examine what can be done to clamp down on bullying in parish and town councils so that this important part of our democracy can flourish.

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**108      Launch It Dundee 5th anniversary**Tabled: **2/09/24**      Signatories: **1****Chris Law**

That this House congratulates Launch It Dundee on their 5th anniversary; recognises that the team at Launch It Dundee have since inception supported over two hundred young people from across the city and wider area, with over fifty successfully launching their own businesses; further recognises the importance of charities like Launch It Dundee in assisting young people, and especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, become successful entrepreneurs; notes that Launch It Dundee have launched outreach programmes to encourage entrepreneurship in local schools; and wishes all involved with Launch it Dundee all the best for the future.

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**109 Centenary of 3rd Barrhead Scout Group**Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1****Blair McDougall**

That this House congratulates the 3rd Barrhead Scout Group on the occasion of their centenary; notes the generations of young people the Group has given the opportunity for adventure, fun and leadership; commends the leaders who have given their time to instil confidence and impart skills; and looks forward to the continuing success of Scouting in Barrhead in its second century.

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**110 Teresa O'Hara's Silver Jubilee**Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1****Blair McDougall**

That this House congratulates Teresa O'Hara on the occasion of twenty-five years of managing East Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau; notes the countless citizens who have been assisted with their everyday problems thanks to her leadership; thanks her for the service she has offered to people in need; and looks forward to the continuing success of Citizens Advice East Renfrewshire under Teresa's management, and with the support of her excellent team of advisers.

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**111 Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty**Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1****Rachael Maskell**

That this House supports the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative; notes that the treaty initiative is a global effort to foster international cooperation to accelerate a transition to renewable energy, end the expansion of coal, oil and gas, and support an equitable phase out of existing production; believes that the treaty initiative is in keeping with scientific research, which highlights the urgency of the climate crisis; highlights that, through the phasing out of fossil fuels and the acceleration of a fair energy transition, the treaty seeks to ensure that governments adhere to the Paris Agreement targets; is concerned that the world is currently on a trajectory that could result in seven times more emissions than what is compatible with keeping warming below 1.5°C; further believes that this treaty promotes international cooperation by explicitly stopping the expansion of fossil fuels and managing a global just transition away from coal, oil and gas in a manner that is both fast and fair, so that no worker, community or country is left behind; further notes that the treaty has been backed by a growing global network of governments, civil society organisations, academics, scientists, youth activists, health professionals, faith institutions, Indigenous peoples and hundreds of thousands of other citizens globally; recognises the importance of this treaty; and calls on the Government to put its full support behind the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative.

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112 **Social Security**Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **58**

**Rishi Sunak**  
**Jeremy Hunt**  
**Mel Stride**  
**Claire Coutinho**  
**Stuart Andrew**  
**James Wild**

Nick Timothy  
 Snowden  
 Mr Peter Bedford  
 Bradley Thomas  
 Andrew Bowie  
 Helen Whately  
 Sir Roger Gale  
 Alicia Kearns  
 John Cooper  
 Victoria Atkins  
 Kevin Hollinrake  
 Gregory Stafford  
 Charlie Dewhurst  
 Matt Vickers  
 Mike Wood  
 Rebecca Harris  
 Neil O'Brien  
 Shivani Raja

Patrick Spencer  
 Joe Robertson  
 Sir Gavin Williamson  
 Sir Ashley Fox  
 Rebecca Paul  
 David Reed  
 Lewis Cocking  
 Damian Hinds  
 Lincoln Jopp  
 Mr Richard Holden  
 Sir Bernard Jenkin  
 Dame Harriett Baldwin  
 Stuart Anderson  
 Ben Obese-Jecty  
 Bob Blackman  
 Joy Morrissey  
 Aphra Brandreth  
 Alan Mak

Mr Andrew  
 Wendy Morton  
 Rebecca Smith  
 Dr Caroline Johnson  
 Dr Neil Hudson  
 Peter Fortune  
 Paul Holmes  
 Jack Rankin  
 Dr Kieran Mullan  
 Harriet Cross  
 Edward Argar  
 Sir John Whittingdale  
 Greg Smith  
 Dame Karen Bradley  
 Mims Davies  
 David Simmonds  
 Dame Caroline Dinenage

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 869), dated 22 August 2024, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22 August 2024, be annulled.

113 **The Wiggles and childhood obesity**Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1**

**Max Wilkinson**

That this House notes with concern the rising levels of childhood obesity in this country; further notes the influence media can have on children's consumption habits, including adverts for unhealthy foods that contribute to obesity; acknowledges that 2024 marks the 30th anniversary of The Wiggles' Yummy Yummy album, featuring the popular song Fruit Salad; and celebrates the The Wiggles for their three decades of work to encourage healthy diets among children by singing about the recipe for fruit salad and advising children around the world that the dessert is indeed yummy yummy.

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**114 Northern Ireland Olympians 2024**Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1****Mr Gregory Campbell**

That this House notes the outstanding success at the Paris Olympic Games of athletes from Northern Ireland, with many achieving personal bests and six athletes winning medals including Hannah Scott and Jack McMillan with gold, Rebecca Shorten with silver for Team GB, Daniel Wiffin with gold and bronze, Rhys McClenaghan with gold, and Philip Doyle with silver for Team Ireland; expresses the hope that funding can continue to be made available so that these successes can be built upon for the future; and draws attention to the remarkable success of the Bann Rowing Club with Hannah Scott joining the Chambers brothers and Alan Campbell in the 2012 Games providing four Olympic medals from a small club in Coleraine.

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**115 The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2024**Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **4****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst****Zarah Sultana****Rachael Maskell**

That this House expresses its concern that The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2024 are being introduced without prior consultation or an impact assessment, nor with sufficient time to put in place a proper and effective take-up campaign for Pension Credit; notes this approach fails to take account for those people with modest incomes that are just above the entitlement threshold for Pension Credit; further notes the worrying annual excess winter death figures among pensioners; recognises the impact a sharp rise in the energy price cap of 10% from 1 October will have on pensioners which will not be helped by introducing a bureaucratic and unpopular means test which undermines the benefits of universalism when older people have higher energy costs due to comorbidities and poor housing insulation; further recognises that colder homes make older people more susceptible to poor health, including hyperthermia, respiratory and circulatory disease; and calls on the Government to postpone the ending of Winter Fuel Payments and establish a comprehensive strategy to tackle fuel poverty, health inequality and low incomes among older people.

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**116 Sunshine No.1**Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1****Gordon McKee**

That this House recognises the fantastic achievement of Sunshine No.1, an art and gift shop in Mount Florida founded by Suzi Nicol, which has been named as one of 100 most impressive small firms by Small Business Saturday UK; recognises that small businesses across the country



have faced a difficult few years; and calls on the Government to continue supporting small businesses as part of Small Business Saturday to help grow the economy.

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**117 80th anniversary of Comber Apprentice Boys**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates 80 years of the Comber Branch of the Apprentice Boys of Derry; notes that the first Apprentice Boys Club was formed on 1 August 1714 by Colonel John Mitchelburne who had been governor of the city towards the end of the siege; highlights that although the club ceased to exist after his death, the memory of the siege was always celebrated each year in some form by informal groups though the 18th century; further notes the first formal Apprentice Boys of Derry Club was formed in 1814 by Benjamin J Darcus and over the next four decades and that other clubs were founded to commemorate the siege and its heroes; and further highlights Comber as one of these groups in Strangford, Northern Ireland commemorating the siege and wishes them all the very best for the future.

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**118 75th anniversary of Finnis Accordion Band**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Finnis Accordion Band; notes that the band was originally founded in 1949, 100 years on from the Battle of Dolly's Brae, which took place in 1849; highlights that the band is also known as The Dolly's Brae Centenary Band and they have taken parts in numerous concerts and cultural events over the years; further notes the BBQ and music night held in August to celebrate the occasion and raise funds to help grow and progress the band; underlines the unique membership of the band and as there are people of all ages taking part, showcasing the band's talent; and thanks them for continuing such a strong legacy and wishes the band all the best for their future.

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**119 Royal Black Preceptory No 290, 125th anniversary**

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes the milestone anniversary of Newtownards RBP No 290, celebrating 125 years; highlights the preceptory as part of Newtownards Royal Black District Chapter No. 11, which was instituted in 1913 and that Newtownards District Chapter was formed by two preceptories which had been affiliated to City of Belfast Grand Black Chapter but the District now consists of thirteen preceptories which meet regularly at locations throughout Strangford and North Down, including the Ards Peninsula; thanks all District Officers for their

efforts in ensuring this year's Black Parade celebrations went off successfully; and wishes each preceptory all the best for the future.

## 120 90 years of Strangford Lough Yacht Club

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1**

### Jim Shannon

That this House notes with pride 90 years of Strangford Yacht Club, situated in Whiterock Bay, close to Killinchy and with unparalleled access to Strangford Lough, one of the best locations in Northern Ireland for sailing and boating; celebrates its foundation in 1934 with the first annual general meeting of the Snipe Sailing Club at Whiterock and the official opening of the first clubhouse in 1935; underlines the diverse nature of the club as they sail all types of boats, including dinghies, wooden boats, cruisers as well as motor boats, and that they are also developing their facilities for other water sports, such as paddle boarding; further notes the work of Commodore Fiona Chamberlain who goes above and beyond to serve the yacht club; and wishes Fiona and the club all the best for the future.

## 121 Withdrawal of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2024

Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **71**

### Wendy Chamberlain

**Ed Davey**

**Daisy Cooper**

**Tim Farron**

**Helen Morgan**

**Richard Foord**

Sarah Olney  
Jamie Stone  
Layla Moran  
Adam Dance  
Alison Bennett  
Anna Sabine  
Brian Mathew  
Caroline Voaden  
Claire Young  
David Chadwick  
Mr Gideon Amos  
Ian Sollom  
John Milne  
Mr Lee Dillon  
Luke Taylor  
Martin Wrigley  
Monica Harding

Sarah Green  
Munira Wilson  
Wera Hobhouse  
Dr Al Pinkerton  
Andrew George  
Ben Maguire  
Calum Miller  
Charlie Maynard  
Clive Jones  
Edward Morello  
Helen Maguire  
James MacCleary  
Josh Babarinde  
Lisa Smart  
Manuela Perteghella  
Max Wilkinson  
Olly Glover

Sarah Dyke  
Christine Jardine  
Mr Alistair Carmichael  
Alex Brewer  
Angus MacDonald  
Bobby Dean  
Cameron Thomas  
Chris Coghlan  
Dr Danny Chambers  
Freddie van Mierlo  
Ian Roome  
Jess Brown-Fuller  
Mr Joshua Reynolds  
Liz Jarvis  
Marie Goldman  
Mike Martin  
Mr Paul Kohler

Pippa Heylings  
Sarah Gibson  
Susan Murray  
Tom Morrison  
Mr Will Forster

Rachel Gilmour  
Steff Aquarone  
Tessa Munt  
Victoria Collins  
Zöe Franklin

Dr Roz Savage  
Steve Darling  
Tom Gordon  
Vikki Slade

That this House calls on the Government to withdraw the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2024.

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122      **Overseas constituencies**

Tabled: **2/09/24**      Signatories: **1**

**Christine Jardine**

That this House notes that the Elections Act 2022 increased the number of UK citizens living abroad that are eligible to vote in UK elections to approximately 3.5 million; further notes that UK citizens residing abroad are represented by the hon. Member from their last place of residence in the UK, which may be distant from their current place of residence; notes that the establishment of overseas constituencies would allow UK citizens living abroad to be represented by an MP who is experienced in dealing with the range of problems overseas residents face; notes that parliaments in 17 countries have overseas constituency MPs; and calls on the Government to work with the Boundary Commission to implement overseas constituencies for the House of Commons and with the Electoral Commission and groups representing UK citizens abroad to run a registration drive for eligible citizens to explain how they can register to vote.

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123      **Mutual Defence Agreement**

Tabled: **2/09/24**      Signatories: **1**

**Jeremy Corbyn**

That this House notes the expiry this year of the 10-year extension of the Agreement between the UK and the USA for Cooperation in the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defence Purposes; further notes that the published proposed amendments presented to the House in July 2024 extend the Agreement permanently, removing the current regular review and opportunity for amendment and expiry; believes that the relationship and activities enshrined by the Agreement confirm an indefinite commitment by the US and UK to collaborate on nuclear weapons; further believes that this violates both countries' obligations under Article I and Article VI of the 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty, which states that each nuclear-weapon State Party to the Treaty shall not transfer nuclear weapons or explosive devices and shall pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to nuclear disarmament; is concerned that the Government does not see a potential conflict of interest between the Agreement and the Treaty; and urges that a substantial debate be held on such a significant Agreement.

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**124 Retirement of John Cater**Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1****Luke Myer**

That this House congratulates John Cater on fifty years of service to the higher education sector, including thirty years leading Edge Hill University, making him the longest-serving vice chancellor in UK higher education; thanks him for his dedication to higher education, widening access to education, and the student experience; recognises his achievements over the last five decades, notably his stewardship of Edge Hill's institutional development from a medium-sized college into a University with a student population of more than 14,000 and a range of disciplines and fields of research; notes the significant development in the physical infrastructure of the institution's campus during his tenure, with over £350m invested in facilities; recognises the economic impact of the University under John's leadership, with an estimated £175.9m contributed in a given year principally in the north of England; pays tribute to John for his values-driven approach to leadership, which has been reflected in the mission and work of the institution; and wishes John a relaxing and very well-deserved retirement.

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**125 10th International Yoga Day**Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1****Bob Blackman**

That this House, whilst celebrating the 10th International Day of Yoga this year, notes that modern-day Yoga techniques have been developed by vested commercial interests, taking Indian classical Yoga away from its roots and value system and limited to certain selective practices and processes; calls on the Yoga fraternity, in its core curriculum, to restore its Vedic roots and core values and principles to create a disease-free society; urges the widespread application of Yoga in prevention and well-being initiatives within the National Health Service for both patients and staff, along with the other natural, prevention-oriented and cost-effective modalities from India's traditional sciences, such as Ayurveda; is aware that there may be as many as approximately 5.5 million people in the UK suffering from Long Covid and that the All Party Parliamentary Group Indian Traditional Sciences has taken a lead for many years in encouraging a pluralistic approach to health through the NHS and has sought opportunities to bring parties together to further research in Yoga and Ayurveda, an example of which is the current study at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, into the effect of Ashwaganda in the treatment of Long Covid; and encourages all sectors of business and industry to make Yoga learning widely available and provide facilities for its practice in all workplaces to enhance the well-being and productivity of all employees.

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**126 Accelerating construction work and lower carbon construction vehicles**Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1****Mr Alistair Carmichael**

That this House recognises the benefits of the production of concrete with zero waste, fewer lorry movements and minimal water waste by greener volumetric mobile concrete plants (VCMs); acknowledges that since their invention in 1975 and following regulations in 2018, VCMs have operated safely in the UK at 38.4 tonnes on 4 axles and 44 tonnes on 5 axles, with on-board concrete pumps that eliminate the need for separate pump lorries; welcomes the Government's commitment when in Opposition to reverse the damaging decision of the previous Government to impose a universal weight cut to 32 tonnes on VCMs at the same time as permitting higher weights for electric HGVs; notes this reversal also has the support of former Conservative Transport Ministers and Hon Members from across all the major political parties; further notes that unless action is taken, the sole UK manufacturer of 44T VCMs in Sheffield will cease trading; also notes Denmark raised the weight limit for VCMs from 32 tonnes to 38 tonnes and in Italy and Scandinavia 44 tonne VCMs are road-legal; and urges the Government act swiftly to bring in a Statutory Instrument or other measure to make permanent instead of temporary the current 38.4T and 44T weight limits to safeguard 15,000 skilled jobs, contributing £380 million to the UK economy each year.

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**127 Reinstate National Express coach services to Launceston and North Cornwall**Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1****Ben Maguire**

That this House deeply regrets the cancellation of the National Express 503 service between London and Penzance on 3 September 2024; notes that the 503 service offered inter city connections for people living in and around the town of Launceston which is not served by a mainline railway station or other coach services; further notes that local bus services do not offer a frequent or reliable method for people in Launceston to travel by public transport to other towns served by railway stations or inter city coach routes; further regrets the negative impact that this cancellation will have on residents, businesses and visitors to the area; calls on National Express to reinstate the 503 service as quickly as possible; further calls on National Express to consider introducing or reintroducing coach routes serving the towns of Bodmin, Bude, Camelford, Launceston, Padstow, St Columb Major and Wadebridge; and urges the Government to consider taking steps to ensure that inter city coach services are available to people living in and around towns in rural areas like North Cornwall that are not served by mainline rail services.

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**128 Period product scheme for schools and colleges**Tabled: **2/09/24** Signatories: **1****Mr Lee Dillon**

That this House welcomes the period product scheme for schools and colleges; notes that that current scheme was in April of this year extended until July 2025; further notes that a longer duration of support would provide schools and young women with the knowledge that this scheme won't be removed during their school lives; recognises that the scheme only allows for tights to be purchased during winter and autumn terms and that young women who wear tights all year round aren't able to benefit from this scheme in the summer term; calls upon the Department of Education to declare a longer term commitment to this scheme and to include the purchasing of tights all year round; and encourages Hon. Members to make their schools aware of the scheme.

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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.

**41 10th anniversary of the Yazidi genocide**Tabled: **22/07/24** Signatories: **12****Brendan O'Hara****Ellie Chowns****Jim Shannon****Ben Lake****Liz Saville Roberts****Ann Davies**

Carla Denyer

That this House recalls that on 3 August 2014, Da'esh attacked Sinjar, unleashing atrocities against the Yazidis, an ethno-religious minority group in Iraq, amounting to the legal definition of genocide; notes that the House of Commons voted 278 to 0 in favour of declaring the crimes of Da'esh as genocide on 20 April 2016; further notes that the UK Government formally recognised the atrocities as genocide in August 2023; is concerned that the UN mechanism to collect the evidence of the atrocities, the Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ISIL (UNITAD), is closing with no assurances of what will happen to the evidence collected so far; is also concerned that camps for internally displaced people are being closed and that Yazidis are being pressured to return to Sinjar without any adequate assistance, infrastructure and security assurances; is further concerned that only 32 British Da'esh members who returned to the UK have been convicted, and for terror-related offences

only; and calls on the UK Government to review its responses to Da'esh and identify initiatives to assist the Yazidi community.

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42      **Treatment of women and girls in Afghanistan**

Tabled: **22/07/24**      Signatories: **11**

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ann Davies**

Carla Denyer

That this House recalls that in August 2021 the Taliban took over Afghanistan and reversed over 20 years of progress on human rights in the country; is concerned particularly about the situation of women and girls who are subjected to a litany of atrocities which amount to gender apartheid, namely, inhumane acts committed in the context of an institutionalised regime of systematic oppression and domination by one gender group over any other gender group or groups and committed with the intention of maintaining that regime; is also concerned that, despite the ever-deteriorating situation of women and girls in Afghanistan, the international community is not doing enough to support the women and girls and take steps to normalise the relationship with the Taliban; and calls on the UK Government to recognise the treatment of women and girls in Afghanistan as gender apartheid and to work with the international community to identify an action plan to help women and girls in that country.

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51      **Radiotherapy**

Tabled: **22/07/24**      Signatories: **39**

**Grahame Morris**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Jon Trickett**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Carla Denyer

That this House recognises the value of radiotherapy as a key and lifesaving cancer treatment, necessary for around half of all cancer cures and as a highly effective, non-invasive treatment for patients; celebrates the invaluable contribution of the approximately 6,400-strong radiotherapy workforce who treat over 100,000 cancer patients in the UK each year; welcomes the technological advancements in radiotherapy that can deliver more effective treatments, reduce side effects, and increase treatment capacity to reduce waiting lists; and further

welcomes the work of radiotherapy cancer charities, such as Radiotherapy UK, in supporting cancer patients and advocating for a world-leading national radiotherapy and cancer service.

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**52 Dismissal of trade union representatives at HMRC Benton Park View**

Tabled: **22/07/24** Signatories: **16**

**Mary Glindon**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Grahame Morris**

Shockat Adam

That this House notes with concern that HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) in Benton Park View, Newcastle, has dismissed a number of Trade Union representatives from the Public and Commercial Services (PCS) Union, claiming gross misconduct; further notes that HMRC has rejected appeals against their dismissal, despite evidence being brought to the attention of the investigator that two managers on the site had clearly doctored evidence prior to submission to the investigations, leading to two of the dismissals; and calls on the Department to both urgently reinstate the dismissed Trade Union representatives, and engage with the PCS union to ensure any such future conduct and discipline cases are fairly and properly handled.

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**58 UK arms exports to Israel**

Tabled: **23/07/24** Signatories: **49**

**Layla Moran**  
**Tom Morrison**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Anna Sabine**

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Carla Denyer

That this House notes with deep concern possible breaches of International Humanitarian Law by Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; expresses its concern that UK arms supplied to Israel may have been used to commit breaches of International Humanitarian Law; resolves to improve parliamentary scrutiny of the UK's control of arms exports; urges the UK Government to introduce a presumption of denial for arms exports to governments listed as human rights priorities in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's annual human rights report; therefore calls on the UK Government to cease the export of UK arms to Israel; recognises that the Palestinian Authority and Hamas are listed within the Occupied Palestinian Territories section of the 2022 FCDO human rights report; further calls on the UK Government to use all political and diplomatic powers to halt arms supplied to Hamas from Iran and other actors that



are hostile to Israel; further urges the UK Government to take steps to secure an immediate bilateral ceasefire in Israel and Gaza to put an end to the humanitarian devastation in Gaza, get the hostages home and create space to secure a two-state solution; and believes that only two-states and a lasting peace can deliver the security and dignity that Israelis and Palestinians need and deserve.

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**60 All England Lawn Tennis Club proposal to develop Wimbledon Park**

Tabled: **24/07/24** Signatories: **16**

**Mr Paul Kohler**  
**Sarah Olney**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Munira Wilson**  
**Charlotte Cane**

Carla Denyer  
Kate Osborne

Siân Berry

Pippa Heylings

That this House congratulates the All England Lawn Tennis Club on this year's successful Championships; acknowledges the Club's status as the host of the world's premier tennis tournament; recognises their plans to build a 10 storey stadium, nine further outbuildings, 38 tennis courts and over 9km of roads on Capability Brown's historic parkland in Wimbledon Park; notes the impact the proposed expansion will have on both the local community and the environment; urges the Club to fully and constructively engage with residents and other stakeholders to reach a compromise that addresses the needs of all parties; and calls upon the All England Club to honour and abide by the solemn promises and legal undertakings they committed to when they originally purchased this environmentally significant area of Metropolitan Open Land.

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**62 Contribution of lidos**

Tabled: **24/07/24** Signatories: **15**

**Max Wilkinson**  
**Zöe Franklin**  
**Alex Brewer**  
**Mr Lee Dillon**  
**Martin Wrigley**  
**Freddie van Mierlo**

Carla Denyer

That this House celebrates the contribution to our country's health, wellbeing and heritage made by lidos; notes with concern the significant financial challenges being faced by the sector, principally due to energy costs but also as a result of ongoing maintenance to heritage assets and required capital investment; notes that environmental sustainability for lidos can be

achieved while lowering energy costs; recognises that lidos are run by a variety of organisations including local government and the third sector; and calls on the Government to explore options to secure the long-term financial and environmental sustainability of lidos.

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**63 Zero carbon homes**

Tabled: **24/07/24** Signatories: **19**

**Tim Farron**  
**Max Wilkinson**  
**Vikki Slade**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Tom Gordon**  
**John McDonnell**

Carla Denyer Ian Roome

That this House believes that all new homes should be built to a zero carbon standard; urges the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to grant local councils and National Park authorities the powers to enforce the Future Home Standard for all new homes; calls for all new houses to be built to a minimum standard of producing 75-80% lower CO2 emissions than homes currently being built; further calls for all new homes to be built with solar panels; and recognises the need to cut energy bills and cut carbon emissions as a matter of great urgency.

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**65 Tax on private jets**

Tabled: **24/07/24** Signatories: **16**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Andy McDonald**  
**Carla Denyer**  
**Siân Berry**

Zarah Sultana Clive Lewis

That this House is concerned that private jets release 10 times more carbon per passenger than commercial flights, pay no VAT or fuel duty and most passengers pay the same low rate of air passenger duty as ordinary commercial flyers; recognises that the UK has more private flights and more pollution from private jets than any other country in Europe; and calls on the Government to tackle this issue by levying VAT, tax fuel and increase air passenger duty on private jets which would raise £700m a year.

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**72 South Devon gymnast at the Paris Olympics 2024**Tabled: **26/07/24** Signatories: **5**

**Steve Darling**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Martin Wrigley**  
**Andrew George**  
**Ian Roome**

That this House congratulates every athlete selected to represent Team GB at Paris 2024 and wishes them every success at the Games; notes that 16-year-old Paignton born gymnast Abigail Martin, member of the South Devon School of Gymnastics is competing; and further notes the vital contribution of UK Sport and The National Lottery in supporting these athletes on their journey to the pinnacle of sport.

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**76 NHS staff car parking charges**Tabled: **26/07/24** Signatories: **14**

**Jon Trickett**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Iqbal Mohamed**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Andrew George**

Carla Denyer

That this House supports free car parking for all NHS staff; notes that driving to work is the only viable option for some NHS staff; further notes that some NHS Trusts have introduced complicated invoicing systems through which staff are billed for parking, which has contributed to low morale in the workforce; recognises that during the pandemic NHS staff did not have to pay for parking but charges were subsequently reinstated; believes that NHS staff do an incredible job looking after us and the Government should look after them in return; and calls on the Government to examine the possibility of permanently scrapping car parking charges for NHS staff.

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**77 Inclusion of district councils in devolution negotiations**Tabled: **29/07/24** Signatories: **18**

**Max Wilkinson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Caroline Voaden**  
**Alison Bennett [R]**  
**Richard Foord**  
**Mr Lee Dillon**

Carla Denyer

That this House recognises the crucial role played by district councils in delivering services to communities across the country; welcomes the Government's commitment to further devolution talks; notes with concern initial comments from ministers that negotiations would take place with county councils only; but further welcomes subsequent suggestions that district councils would be consulted; and calls for the Government to commit to working with district councils whose expertise, local networks and knowledge for example supporting local economic development, housing and planning are key to a successful outcome.

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**78 Treatment of female activists in Iran**Tabled: **29/07/24** Signatories: **8**

**John McDonnell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Graham Leadbitter**  
**Ellie Chowns**

Carla Denyer

That this House is alarmed by the breaches of International Humanitarian Law by the Iranian government; notes that the Islamic Republic's violent repression of women and the activists defending their rights has intensified across the country since the death of President Ebrahim Raisi on 19 May 2024; highlights that women are in danger of being executed and that four women face the death penalty, Sharifa Mohammadi, a labour activist, Pakhshan Azizi, a social researcher and women's activist, Nasim Gholami, a protester of the 2022 protests, and Vari Moradi, a women's rights activist; notes that at least 12 women activists have been sentenced to prison terms, some as long as 21 years, in prosecutions lacking due process or fair trial rights, including the denial of chosen counsel; further notes that at least six women prisoners of conscience with serious medical conditions have been denied medical treatment by prison authorities, including an ailing elderly woman prisoner and one pregnant prisoner, that at least five have gone on hunger strike in protest, and that many of these women prisoners have also been denied contact with their families or lawyers; and condemns the Islamic Republic's intensified assault on women activists and its oppression of women.

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**80 Olympics opening ceremony**Tabled: **29/07/24** Signatories: **3**

**Jim Allister**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**

That this House condemns the gratuitous and offensive mocking of Christianity as part of the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games 2024; and calls on the Foreign Secretary to register a protest with the International Olympic Committee.

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**81 Andy Murray's legacy**Tabled: **29/07/24** Signatories: **16**

**Gordon McKee**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Tonia Antoniazzi**  
**David Mundell**  
**Chris Kane**  
**Graeme Downie**

Helen Grant

That this House celebrates the remarkable tennis career of Andy Murray as he plays his last professional tournament at the Paris 2024 Olympics, including winning three Grand Slam singles titles, two Olympic Gold medals, leading his country to Davis Cup success and achieving the world No 1 ranking; recognises that tennis in Scotland and across Britain is far healthier as a result of Andy's inspirational achievements, with over 5.6 million adults and 3.6 million children playing tennis in Britain last year alone; and calls on the Government to continue investing in grassroots and community tennis to embed the Murray legacy in Scotland and across Britain.

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**83 Tony Blackburn's 60 years on air**Tabled: **29/07/24** Signatories: **4**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Graham Leadbitter**  
**Mims Davies**

That this House celebrates 60 years of Tony Blackburn on air; notes his first appearance on Radio Caroline on 25 July 1964 when he was only 21 and his contribution to the UK media since then; highlights his achievements over the last six decades in the media and presenting industry and that he is a much loved household name throughout the United Kingdom; and wishes him many more years of success on the radio.

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**84 RNLI lifeguard Callum McDonald**Tabled: **29/07/24** Signatories: **7**

**Jamie Stone**  
**Chris Law**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Sir Julian Lewis**

Ian Roome

That this House celebrates and pays its sincere gratitude to Callum McDonald, an RNLI lifeguard from Dundee; recognises his heroic effort which saved two young children from drowning in Farr Bay; appreciates the grave risks he exposed himself to in doing so; and echos the calls of the RNLI for greater awareness of the risks of drowning ahead of World Drowning Prevention Day.

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**87 Alcohol harm**Tabled: **29/07/24** Signatories: **13**

**Grahame Morris**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Mary Glendon**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Ian Lavery**

Carla Denyer

That this House supports the call from the Alcohol Health Alliance and leading public health professionals, made on 17 July 2024, for urgent action to tackle the escalating crisis of alcohol harm; realises that such action will help achieve ambitions to reduce NHS waiting times, crime and inequalities, and to grow the economy; notes with concern that over 10,000 people died due to alcohol in 2022, a record level and a 33% increase from 2019; further notes that alcohol-related illnesses account for one million hospital admissions annually; acknowledges that there are an estimated 4.2 million alcohol-related crimes each year, costing £14.6 billion; understands that more working years of life are lost to alcohol than the ten most common cancers combined; recalls that despite the Alcohol Charter, published on 16 October 2018 by All-Party Parliamentary Groups, the Commission on Alcohol Harm report, published on 14 September 2020, and the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee's report on Alcohol treatment services, published on 24 May 2023, there has been no actual Alcohol Strategy published since 23 March 2012; and urges the Government to introduce a comprehensive Alcohol Strategy without delay, to address the escalating alcohol harm crisis.

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**93      Voter identification**Tabled: **30/07/24**    Signatories: **11****Calum Miller****Richard Foord****Jess Brown-Fuller****Lisa Smart****Tom Gordon****Graham Leadbitter**

Claire Young

Carla Denyer

That this House believes democracy is best served when eligible voters are encouraged to participate in elections; does not believe there was evidence of widespread voter fraud prior to 2022; notes with concern evidence that the requirement to provide voter identification in order to vote in the 2024 local and general elections suppressed voter turnout, particularly from specific demographic groups within the population; further notes that the forms of identification permitted discriminated against younger people; and therefore calls on the Government, at the earliest opportunity, to repeal the relevant sections of the Elections Act 2022 so as to remove the requirement for voter identification in order to cast a vote in UK elections.