

Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 8 October 2024

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New EDMs

212 **Public Space Protection Order for Heathrow villages**

Tabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **1**

John McDonnell

That this House expresses its grave concern at the serious problems being experienced by residents in the Heathrow villages as a result of the anti-social behaviour of rogue drivers of private hire vehicles, including physical, verbal and racial abuse and defecating and littering, notes that the London Borough of Hillingdon has launched a consultation on the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order covering the Heathrow villages, West Drayton and Pinkwell wards to address these issues; and following this consultation urges the Department for Transport to progress swiftly the adoption of this order in order to bring to a speedy halt the suffering local residents in the Heathrow villages have endured.

213 **Value of grasslands**

Tabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Wera Hobhouse

That this House acknowledges the value of nature-rich grasslands and the people who manage them, from meadows and pastures, to road verges and community grassland green spaces; and recognises that a strategic approach by Government is needed to make the most of this

multifunctional national asset in order to support nature recovery alongside food production, climate action and public health, as part of a green economy.

214 **Mary Anne Stewart, former chair of Kintyre Food Bank**

Tabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Brendan O'Hara

That this House recognises the enormous contribution of Mary Anne Stewart to alleviating food poverty in Campbeltown and the surrounding area during her decade as Chair of the Kintyre Food Bank; thanks her for serving as Chairperson of the committee for the past ten years, years in which, unfortunately, the demand for the services of the Food Bank has continued to grow; recognises the selfless dedication of Mary Anne, the committee and all the volunteers of Kintyre Food Bank, without who many in their community would be in desperate need; and wishes everyone involved in the project every success until such times as Food Banks are no longer required in one of the richest countries in the world.

215 **Old Tom Morris statue in St Andrews**

Tabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House celebrates the unveiling of the Old Tom Morris statue on Bow Butts at the Old Course in St Andrews; notes the importance of Morris' influence and legacy on golf, having worked as a greenkeeper, clubmaker, ballmaker, instructor and course designer, including having designed 76 courses across the UK; further notes Morris' reputation as the father of modern greenkeeping, including standardising the length of a golf course, using irrigation and introducing tee boxes, yardage markers and purposeful hazards; highlights Morris' success as a golfer in his own right, winning the Open Championship in 1861, 1862, 1864 and 1867; congratulates David Annand on the likeness of his sculpture to Old Tom; further congratulates Ronald Sandford and his fellow members of the Old Tom Statue Project for their efforts in achieving such a monument; and celebrates the importance of golf to communities around the UK for promoting health and tourism.

216 **Bank of Scotland closures**

Tabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Jamie Stone

That this House recognises the impending closure of the Bank of Scotland branch in Golspie in February 2025; further recognises the planned closure of the Bank of Scotland branch in Wick by June 2025; understands that these services are vital to rural communities in the Highlands; highlights the importance of these banks for intercepting fraud; acknowledges that the demand for face to face banking services across the country is high; rebukes the fact that these closures

will leave the counties of Caithness and Sutherland without any banks; and calls on the Government to intervene to prevent these closures and force Lloyds Banking Group to uphold this duty of service to their customers.

217 **Northern Ireland's first Tourism and Hospitality Week**

Tabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates Northern Ireland's first ever Tourism and Hospitality Week, a joint initiative by all tourism and hospitality bodies to showcase the sector across Northern Ireland and the tremendous impact it has on the economy, celebrated from 26 September to 3 October; remembers the impact that the pandemic had on the hospitality sector, where the number of businesses in the UK fell by 6.5% between 2020 and 2021; notes the efforts made by industry to revive it and bring it back to what it was; highlights Northern Ireland's fantastic SMEs and the contribution they make to local communities; and wishes the hospitality sector many more years of continued success across Northern Ireland.

218 **50th anniversary of Ballynahinch Library**

Tabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates 50 years of Ballynahinch Library; notes their coffee morning held on the 26th of September to celebrate the Library's birthday and support MacMillan Cancer Support; highlights that Ballynahinch Library first opened its doors on 5 March 1974 and was the first public library in County Down to offer gramophone records for public borrowing; further notes that the much loved library is very popular within the local community for people of all ages; further highlights the wide range of services offered and how much the library has changed over the 50 years; thanks all staff for their work and making the library what it is; and wishes them all the best for the future.

219 **School nurses**

Tabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House recognises the tremendous work being done by public health school nurses; acknowledges they are the only health care professional who offer access to all school-aged children and young people in an evidenced-based programme of health promotion, prevention, protection and early intervention; notes that the number of school nurses has dropped by 31% since 2009; recognises that the average school nurse now cares for an average of 2850 pupils; believes the school nursing service is in crisis with 82% of staff saying there are not enough

practitioners to deliver their important duties; and supports the call of the School and Public Health Nurses Association for a school nurse in every school.

220 **NHS Parliamentary Awards**

Tabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Peter Prinsley

That this House welcomes the holding of the 2024 NHS Parliamentary Awards in Westminster on the 14 October 2024; further acknowledges that the Awards were founded to celebrate the NHS' 70th birthday in 2018 and are now a welcome feature of the Westminster calendar, enabling Parliament to recognise the outstanding contributions of staff, volunteers and others working in the health and care sector; further welcomes the support given to the NHS Parliamentary Awards by the Medical Defence Union and the Chartered Management Institute, along with the NHS staff who made this event possible; and wishes to congratulate all the winners and nominees of this year's prestigious NHS Parliamentary Awards.

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.

137 **Armed Services Advice Project funding**

Tabled: **5/09/24** Signatories: **5**

Graham Leadbitter

John McDonnell

Jim Shannon

Stephen Gethins

Chris Law

That the House notes with concern the reported decision by the Royal British Legion to cease funding to the Armed Services Advice Project, which will see the service close; understands that the Project was established in 2010 as a partnership between Poppyscotland and Citizens Advice Services Scotland to provide dedicated information, advice and support to members of the Armed Forces community in Scotland; believes that the Project supports an average of 2,200 beneficiaries a year, through 16 local Citizens Advice Bureaux across Scotland, covering 75% of all local authority areas in Scotland; notes that local CABs are now getting referrals from Poppy Scotland, demonstrating the crucial need for the services; understands that, since its inception, the project has generated over £20 million of financial gain for veterans and their families; acknowledges recent analysis, which shows that 95% of service users showed improvements in peace of mind, 84% saw improvements in their financial situation, including access to benefits, 75% felt more able to help themselves, and 67% saw improvements to their mental health, and notes the calls for the Legion, in light of what it sees as these significant

outcomes, to reconsider the decision, which, it considers, will have a detrimental impact on the veteran community in Scotland.

156 **Gas and carbon monoxide safety**

Tabled: **10/09/24** Signatories: **6**

Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Julia Buckley
Bob Blackman
Iqbal Mohamed
Andrew George

That this House welcomes Gas Safety Week, which runs from 9 to 15 September 2024; recognises the importance of this awareness campaign in bringing attention to the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning from gas use; notes that millions in the UK are likely routinely exposed to unsafe levels of carbon monoxide indoors and that victims can die or suffer life-changing complications within minutes of exposure; welcomes the role that the campaign plays in highlighting that regular maintenance of gas appliances, adequate ventilation and the use of carbon monoxide alarms can prevent deaths; and urges all organisations and citizens to take action to prevent further harm from carbon monoxide.

165 **Mary Anne Stewart, Kintyre Food Bank**

Tabled: **11/09/24** Signatories: **3**

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House recognises the enormous contribution of Mary Anne Stewart to alleviating food poverty in Campbeltown and the surrounding area during her decade as Chair of the Kintyre Food Bank; thanks her for serving as Chairperson of the committee for the past ten years, years in which, unfortunately, the demand for the Food Bank services has continued to grow; recognises the selfless dedication of Mary Anne, the committee and all the volunteers of Kintyre Food Bank, without who many in their community would be in desperate need; and wishes everyone involved in the project every success until such times as Food Banks are no longer required in one of the richest countries in the world.

167 Scarf's empower Aberdeen eventTabled: **11/09/24** Signatories: **3****Kirsty Blackman****Jim Shannon****Chris Law**

That this House celebrates the work of Scarf, a social enterprise that delivers energy efficiency advice and services to households and businesses across Scotland; encourages the public to attend Scarf's event on 7 October at Aberdeen Music Hall; and recognises the hard work and dedication of the team who have organised this event as part of the ongoing positive impact Scarf has.

169 Pension credit thresholdTabled: **11/09/24** Signatories: **30****Mike Amesbury****Kim Johnson****Andrew Cooper****Mrs Sarah Russell****Chris Webb****Connor Naismith**

Andrew George

That this House notes that the current threshold of pension support to open the gate way of winter fuel allowance is too low; further notes the need to change the cliff-edge nature of the pension credit threshold; and calls upon the Government to capture the gateway support for those citizens with small occupational pensions that take them just above the threshold.

172 Dux of Monifieth High SchoolTabled: **12/09/24** Signatories: **3****Stephen Gethins****Graham Leadbitter****Chris Law**

That this House commends Matvii Mishyn, a Ukrainian school student studying at Monifieth High School for being made Dux of the School; notes all of his hard work, achievements and incredible contribution to school life at Monifieth High School; further commends the school for providing vital support to those fleeing conflict and hardship; commends the school's work to prepare young people for success through their values of respect, care and kindness; and thanks all the staff who have given their support to Matvii and the rest of the school community.

175 65th anniversary of the Auchengeich colliery disasterTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **5****Frank McNally****Jim Shannon****Katrina Murray****Ian Lavery****Mary Kelly Foy**

That this House acknowledges that Wednesday 18 September 2024 marked the 65th anniversary of the Auchengeich colliery disaster; respectfully remembers the 47 men who perished in a fire caused by faulty equipment in the mine; recognises that 41 women were widowed, 76 children lost their fathers and countless family members and friends were impacted by the tragedy; understands that this was Scotland's worst mining disaster of the 20th Century and that the grief continues to this day in Moodiesburn, surrounding villages, across Lanarkshire and beyond; commends the Auchengeich Miners Memorial Committee for organising their annual service on Sunday 15 September 2024 to honour the memory of the deceased; pays tribute to the resilience, courage and spirit shown by the community of Moodiesburn; and recognises the tremendous sacrifices made by miners and their families.

176 Durham Learning AllianceTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **2****Mary Kelly Foy****Jim Shannon**

This House congratulates the Durham Learning Alliance, a partnership between Durham University, Bishop Auckland College, Derwentside College, East Durham College and New College Durham, one which will drive economic growth in the North East and expand education opportunities; notes that in recent years the institutions have worked together by expanding apprenticeship and employment opportunities, improving progression routes for post-16 education and piloting T-Level placements; further notes that the institutions will work to create a more joined-up approach to education, skills and training; welcomes the fact that the institutions plan to pilot a mentoring scheme for female T-Level students in areas where women are traditionally under-represented, such as digital, engineering and technical services; and wishes the Alliance the best for the future.

177 One million visitors to ScottishPower Renewables' Whitelee Windfarm Visitor CentreTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **2****Blair McDougall**
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates ScottishPower Renewables' Whitelee Windfarm Visitor Centre on the occasion of its 15th anniversary and welcomes the milestone of attracting one million visitors to the site; recognises the Centre's significant contribution to encouraging environmental education, engaging with the community and raising public awareness of the importance of renewable energy in tackling climate change; understands the visitor centre, supported by Glasgow Science Centre and East Renfrewshire Council, hosts a variety of events and activities throughout the year, including an education programme for students from primary school through to university and a countryside ranger service; further recognises that the turbines at Whitelee have generated almost 12,850 GWh since their completion, and the windfarm has shared £17.5 million in community benefit funding to date; and commends Whitelee's and ScottishPower Renewables' ongoing commitment to peatland restoration as part of providing a positive environmental legacy, recognising the vital role healthy peatlands play in carbon sequestration and biodiversity.

178 10th anniversary of Homelands Trust AccommodationTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **3****Wendy Chamberlain**
Jim Shannon
Jamie Stone

That this House congratulates Lundin Links based Homelands Trust Accommodation on their 10th anniversary; celebrates that they have been providing wonderful holidays which cater for disability accessibility requirements for ten years; recognises Homelands winning the Best Accessible Holiday Home in the 2021 European Holiday Home Awards; and wishes them all the best for the future.

179 60 year contribution to the North Sea and a just transition for ScotlandTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **2****Stephen Flynn**
Graham Leadbitter

That this House recognises 60 years of BP operations in the North Sea and its significant contribution to the economy of Aberdeen and the North East of Scotland, supporting thousands of jobs and a world-leading energy industry; acknowledges the broader economic impact of Scotland's offshore industries which have contributed more than £450 billion to the UK economy, and remain essential for Scotland's energy security and economic growth; notes the vital role

played by Aberdeen and the North East in supporting the industry, including the network of supply chain businesses which provide innovative technologies and high quality jobs throughout the region; emphasises the importance of a fair and just transition as Scotland moves towards net zero, ensuring that communities in Aberdeen and the North East, which have long been the backbone of the offshore industry, are not left behind; calls on the UK Government to work closely with industry, the Scottish Government, and stakeholders to ensure that the transition supports the workers and businesses currently dependent on the sector; and further calls for investment in skills development and infrastructure to ensure that the North East of Scotland remains a global energy hub, leading the way in renewable energies, while protecting the communities that have been central to the industry for decades.

180 **50th anniversary of the election of Andrew Welsh**

Tabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **8**

Stephen Gethins
Jim Shannon
Graham Leadbitter
Brendan O'Hara
Chris Law
Dave Doogan

Pete Wishart

Seamus Logan

That this House notes that 10 October will be the 50th anniversary of the October 1974 General Election; further notes that this date will mark 50 years since the first election of Andrew Welsh to the House of Commons; also notes his many years of public service to the people of Angus in both the House of Commons and Scottish Parliament as well as in the role of Provost of Angus; acknowledges the support of his wife Sheena Welsh throughout this time both in terms of his parliamentary and local constituency work; and continues to be grateful for their contributions to Scottish public life.

181 **175th anniversary of St Mary Magdalene Church, Torquay**

Tabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **2**

Steve Darling
Jim Shannon

That this House honours the 175th anniversary of St Mary Magdalene Church in Torquay; recognises the church's long-standing service to the community as a place of worship, support, and outreach; commends its commitment to fostering faith, providing vital community services, and preserving its rich heritage; and congratulates the clergy, congregation, and volunteers on reaching this remarkable milestone, wishing them continued success in their mission for many years to come.

182 10th anniversary of Torbay CommunitiesTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **2****Steve Darling****Jim Shannon**

That this House honours the 10th anniversary of Torbay Communities; recognises its vital role in empowering residents and supporting community-led projects across Torbay; commends its work in fostering partnerships, improving wellbeing, and promoting environmental sustainability; and congratulates all involved for their dedication and success over the past decade, wishing the organisation continued success in the future.

183 60th anniversary of Cheadle Civic SocietyTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **2****Tom Morrison [R]****Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises the service to the people of Cheadle by Cheadle Civic Society, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year; thanks the organisation for all its work in protecting, securing and celebrating the cultural and historical significance of Cheadle Village; and congratulates Cheadle Civic Society on reaching this landmark celebration.

184 Lancaster and Morecambe Cat RescueTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **3****Cat Smith****Jim Shannon****Mary Kelly Foy**

That this House congratulates Lancaster and Morecambe Cat Rescue on winning The Animal Award at BBC Radio Lancashire's Make a Difference Awards 2024; and thanks the group, whose motto is every cat's life counts and which is run entirely by volunteers and helps cats that need care by looking after them and finding them a new home.

185 150 years of Lancaster Christ Church Primary SchoolTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **3****Cat Smith****Jim Shannon****Mary Kelly Foy**

That this House congratulates Lancaster Christ Church Primary School on celebrating 150 years educating the young people of Lancaster; notes that the school was founded in 1875 and the Christian principles on which it was founded are still important today as they enjoy

close links with the parish of Christ Church; and wishes the children and staff of the school a joyous anniversary year as they support the education and personal development of future Lancastrians.

186 Lancaster Islamic Community Hub fundraising achievements

Tabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **3**

Cat Smith

Jim Shannon

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House recognises the work of Lancaster Islamic Community Hub, a community-based organisation that is non-profit and registered as a charity organisation, committed to promoting the Islamic faith, unity, and community development; commends their fundraising work through a successful second annual charity football tournament, raising over £2000 to help the people of Gaza, with more than 100 players making up five teams, the tournament was not just a thrilling day of football but also a powerful demonstration of community spirit and collective action; and congratulates Sultan FC for winning the tournament and Player of the Tournament, Sufyaan Munshi, Golden Glove winner Yasin Patel and Golden Boot winner Qasim Munshi on their individual achievements.

187 Scientific hearing on animal experiments

Tabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **3**

John McDonnell

Brian Leishman

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House applauds the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act 2022, enshrining in law the ability of animals to experience joy and feel suffering and pain; notes the science-based campaign For Life On Earth, with its Beagle Ambassador, rescued laboratory dog Betsy; is shocked to see the continuing harrowing exposés that show thousands of laboratory dogs being intensively bred in the UK, underlining the consequences of that Act; notes that scientists in the wider scientific community, outside of the animal-based research sector, acknowledge the failure of animal testing in the search for human treatments and cures, and that those experts include pharmaceutical industry scientists, an Editor in Chief of the British Medical Journal, the US-based National Cancer Institute, which states cures for cancer have been lost because studies in rodents were believed, and the Food and Drug Administration, which states that nine out of ten new medicines fail to pass human trials because animals cannot predict responses in humans; further notes the Trans-Species Modelling Theory, founded upon the theory of evolution, which explains why animals fail as predictive models of humans; and calls on the Government to mandate a rigorous public scientific hearing, judged by independent experts from the relevant science fields, to cease the funding of the now-proven failed practice of animal experimentation and increase funding for state of the art human-based research, such

as human-on-a-chip and gene-based medicine, to prioritise treatments and cures for human patients, and to stop the suffering of innocent laboratory dogs and other animals.

188 **Health Sciences University**

Tabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **2**

Tom Hayes
Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the establishment of the new Health Sciences University; recognises its ambition to equip health professionals with cutting-edge knowledge and practical skills and make sure the National Health Service that has been there since 1948 is there for the next century and beyond; notes the focus on interdisciplinary learning, caring for local communities through excellent clinical services and providing globally-recognised research; congratulates the teaching staff, leadership, and students for advancing the field of health sciences and world class care; and extends the very best wishes for the continued success of Health Sciences University in shaping the future of healthcare in Bournemouth and beyond.

189 **Albion Motors First World War memorial rededication**

Tabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **3**

Patricia Ferguson
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy

That this House notes that the rededication of the Albion Motors War Memorial was held on Wednesday 25th September 2024 at Scotstoun Sports Campus; recognises that this Memorial honours the 47 former employees of the Scotstoun based company killed in the First World War, a number of third generation relatives of whom attended the rededication ceremony; understands that the bronze Memorial plaque was originally unveiled in 1920 by the company at its main office door, where it remained in place until 1977 when the building underwent redevelopment, at which time it was removed and put in storage; thanks the Biggar Albion Foundation for looking after the Memorial in recent years; welcomes the decision of Glasgow Life to allow the plaque to be displayed at the Scotstoun Sports Campus, a short distance from the site of the former Albion factory in South Street, Scotstoun; further thanks the Albion Club for their work in helping to secure the relocation and rededication of the Memorial, and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for their support with this; and further recognises that in its new location the Memorial provides a place to pay respect to the great sacrifice of those men who fell during the Great War.

190 Broughty Ferry and the Scotland Loves Local Awards 2024Tabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **6**

Stephen Gethins
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Graham Leadbitter
Chris Law
Dave Doogan

That this House notes that Broughty Ferry has been shortlisted as Town of the Year at the Scotland Loves Local Awards; recognises all the hard work of Broughty Ferry's residents and businesses towards gaining this nomination including the Broughty Ferry Traders' Association; and commends their commitment to promoting local business and events that bring the community together.

191 15th anniversary of the Include Me 2 ClubTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **2**

Blair McDougall
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the Include Me 2 Club on the occasion of their fifteenth anniversary; commends the Club on their work to ensure that everyone, regardless of age or abilities is treated fairly and given the chance to achieve their dreams; thanks the staff and volunteers of the club, past and present, for their hard work in supporting people with additional support needs, learning, physical disabilities, mental health conditions, or those suffering isolation or loneliness; and looks forward to the next 15 years of success for the Club.

192 500 editions of the C&B NewsTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **3**

Dr Scott Arthur
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy

That this House recognises the success of the C&B News in publishing its 500th edition since 1976 whilst serving the communities of Balerno, Currie, Juniper Green, Baberton Mains, and Colinton in Edinburgh South West constituency; congratulates the volunteer-led community magazine team for their service; welcomes the role the free community magazine plays in connecting people and communities; and looks forward to the 1000th edition.

193 Rural haemodialysis treatmentTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **2****Adam Dance****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes with concern the lack of capacity for haemodialysis, particularly for paediatric patients, in rural communities; recognises that, as a result, patients are often forced to travel significant distances, sometimes up to two and a half hours three times per week to receive care; acknowledges the disproportionate impact this has on the education, mental health, socialisation and general development of paediatric patients; further recognises that, despite NHS England improving equity of access to haemodialysis treatment by providing free transport for patients in 2021, paediatric patients and their families remain disproportionately underprivileged; understands the likely impacts the cost of living crisis will continue to have on these patients and their families; and calls on the Government to support the work of organisations such as Kidney Research UK and the National Kidney Federation in helping to raise awareness, remove barriers to treatment and combat kidney disease.

194 Preservation of Harland & WolffTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **2****Adam Dance****Jim Shannon**

That this House expresses deep concern at the collapse of Harland & Wolff into administration, marking a pivotal moment in the decline of the legendary company known worldwide as the builder of RMS Titanic; condemns the Government's failure to act decisively to safeguard the company and its workers, which has placed hundreds of jobs and key historical assets at risk, despite the company's ongoing contribution to UK shipbuilding, including Ministry of Defence contracts; urges the Government to ensure that any restructuring preserves the historical significance of Harland & Wolff and its shipyard, ensuring future generations can continue to be inspired by its enduring legacy; expresses solidarity with the workers and the community in protecting both their livelihoods and this internationally significant part of history; recognises the profound global impact of Titanic as a cultural touchstone that continues to captivate public imagination with a prolific legacy in books, films, museums, and educational projects; calls on the Government to step in to protect this vital piece of shared heritage by exploring all possible measures, including providing financial support, rescue packages, or nationalisation; and further calls for the protection of Harland & Wolff's legendary yellow cranes, Samson and Goliath, as lasting symbols of Belfast's proud industrial past and bright, innovative future.

195 Fundraising efforts of Jessica and Matt ParsonsTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **2****Wera Hobhouse**
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the fundraising efforts of Jessica and Matt Parsons, residents of Bath, who have raised over £3,000 in a single day during a 1,000-mile static bike ride organised by Matt and his colleagues at Avon Fire and Rescue in support of Cancer Research UK; notes that their ongoing fundraising work will include their upcoming challenge in October 2024, where Matt will cycle 874km from Bath to Lyon, followed by participating in the Lyon Marathon, to raise further funds for life-saving cancer research; further recognises the extraordinary resilience of Jessica, who, after being diagnosed with two separate forms of breast cancer and enduring extensive treatment, remains dedicated to raising awareness and funds to ensure a better future for others facing the disease; acknowledges the importance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October as a timely reminder for all, men and women, to regularly check themselves for early signs of cancer; and calls on the Government to continue supporting cancer research, awareness initiatives, and early diagnosis programmes to help improve survival rates and provide hope for all affected by cancer.

196 125th anniversary of Fife CollegeTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **3****Richard Baker**
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy

That this House recognises the 125th anniversary of Fife College, the first college to be set up in Fife following the opening of the Lauder Technical College in 1899 by local politician and businessman George Lauder with funding from his nephew, the famous industrialist, Andrew Carnegie; notes that for 125 years they have provided opportunity for all, delivered outstanding education and training and contributed to the economic prosperity of the region and its communities; further notes the launch of a new 125th anniversary scholarship programme to empower and support students in their educational journey, while the college builds upon its relationships with institutions in the USA as it aims to explore mutually beneficial opportunities and continue the legacy of its founding benefactors; and commends the hard work and dedication of all staff, past and present.

197 80th anniversary of One Parent Families ScotlandTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **3****Frank McNally****Jim Shannon****Mary Kelly Foy**

That this House recognises the 80th anniversary of One Parent Families Scotland; understands that One Parent Families Scotland is the country's leading charity working with single parent families in Scotland; endorses the organisation's aims of enabling single parent families to overcome barriers to their participation in the labour market and wider society and to advocate for a decent standard of living; understands that the organisation has operations in five different Scottish local authorities, including in North Lanarkshire, where staff offer one-to-one support, provide advice on benefits and public services and assist with crisis applications to single parents in Coatbridge and Bellshill and across the local authority area; and praises One Parent Families Scotland's considerable efforts to tackle stigma, discrimination and poverty facing single parent families in Scotland since its formation in 1944.

198 Northern Ireland growth dealsTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **2****Mr Gregory Campbell****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes that, while the Government has proceeded with the two city deals covering both Belfast and Londonderry, the other two deals for Causeway Coast and Glens and Mid South West remain paused; highlights the socioeconomic makeup of the populations in the two areas and the potential game-changing impact the implementation of the two growth deals, aligned with other economic proposals, could have for the hundreds of thousands of people directly affected; and calls upon HM Treasury and the Prime Minister to take steps to activate the proposals immediately.

199 75th anniversary of the Cheltenham Literature FestivalTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **4****Max Wilkinson****Jim Shannon****Tristan Osborne****Mary Kelly Foy**

That this House celebrates the 75th anniversary of Cheltenham Literature Festival; recognises its role as a leading cultural event; and commends its schools programme, which engages 23,000 pupils annually in reading for pleasure, proven to be a key indicator of a child's future success.

201 Cumbernauld's Bloomin' WildTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **2****Katrina Murray****Mary Kelly Foy**

That this House congratulates the community groups, conservation organisations, community councils and individual volunteers of Cumbernauld's Bloomin' Wild on their receipt of the Silver Gilt Medal and coming first in the Small City Category of the Beautiful Scotland Awards; notes that whilst Cumbernauld was designated as a New Town in 1955, approximately 50% of the town is made up of nature reserves, urban green routes and community growing spaces; and further notes that Cumbernauld's Bloomin' Wild coordinate work throughout the town, maintaining greenspaces, conserving spaces, planting and rejuvenating communal public spaces, promoting public involvement and outdoor space for mental health.

202 Aberdeen swimmers at the Paris Paralympic GamesTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **3****Kirsty Blackman****Mary Kelly Foy****Chris Law**

That this House congratulates Toni Shaw and Faye Rogers on their outstanding performances at the Paralympic Games, including Faye's gold medal in the S10 100m butterfly, which is inspiring young people across the country and showcasing the talent that Aberdeen has on a world stage.

203 200th anniversary of The Glenlivet single malt whiskyTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **6****Graham Leadbitter****Brendan O'Hara****Chris Law****Dave Doogan****Pete Wishart****Seamus Logan**

That this House celebrates the 200th anniversary of The Glenlivet single malt Scotch whisky; notes that The Glenlivet is one of Scotland's most renowned single malts and is one of the oldest licensed distilleries in Scotland having operated continuously since 1824; welcomes the growth in global popularity of The Glenlivet, with sales in the US alone around £215 million annually; also welcomes the recent £20 million investment in the distillery by Chivas Brothers and its award-winning visitor centre; commends Chivas Brothers for their industry-leading work to

make The Glenlivet and the distillation of all their whiskies carbon neutral by the end of 2026; and congratulates this iconic brand on this impressive milestone.

206 **Grangemouth refinery**

Tabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **4**

Brian Leishman

Jim Shannon

Ian Lavery

Tracy Gilbert

That this House calls on the Government to take a transitional stake in the Grangemouth refinery to ensure its continued operation until a viable green energy alternative is in place; urges the Government to guarantee all jobs during the transition period; stresses that the Government must be ready to act as investor of first resort to secure the future of the site; believes such urgent action is necessary to safeguard workers, protect energy security and ensure a just transition to greener industries; understands that the proposed closure of the refinery in quarter-two 2025 would lead to high-skilled job losses, including 400 direct job losses and thousands of additional job losses through the wider supply chain; recognises the pivotal role of the Grangemouth site for Scotland's economy and its energy infrastructure; and urges the Government to act without delay to ensure that the workers and community of Grangemouth are supported, and that the transition to new, sustainable industries occurs without loss of employment or industrial capacity.

207 **Conflict in the Middle East**

Tabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **8**

Calum Miller

Monica Harding

James MacCleary

Helen Maguire

Jess Brown-Fuller

Andrew George

Susan Murray

Max Wilkinson

That this House expresses its deep concern at the escalation in the Middle East; recognises the role played by UK and US forces in response to Iran's condemnable attacks; believes it is right that we have played our part in preventing escalation; expresses gratitude to our military personnel; calls on the UK Government now to urge Israel to act in the interest of the protection of civilians and the long-term security of the region; further believes that Israel, like any country, has a right to keep its people safe and secure, but that having neutralised Iran's attack on 1 October 2024, the best way to do this is not to retaliate and risk a regional war; also believes that a regional war would be devastating to innocent civilians, be they Israeli, Iranian, Palestinian or Lebanese; urges firm action on Iran; notes that Iran continually arms its terrorist

proxy groups, Hezbollah, Hamas and the Houthis; further urges the UK Government to proscribe the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organisation; further calls upon the Government, with a view to using its sanctions regime, to examine flows of illicit money into the UK from those linked to the Iranian regime; also calls on the UK Government to urge all parties to end the cycle of violence and put their energies to a diplomatic and political solution with immediate ceasefires in Lebanon and Gaza, humanitarian disasters resolved, hostages released and, ultimately, a lasting peace secured.

208 **Peace in the Middle East**

Tabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **9**

Calum Miller
Monica Harding
James MacCleary
Helen Maguire
Brian Leishman
Jess Brown-Fuller

Susan Murray

Andrew George

Max Wilkinson

That this House notes its deep alarm at the escalation of violence in the Middle East amidst the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza, 100 Israelis still being held hostage and a new humanitarian crisis in Lebanon; urges the Government to work to bring about immediate bilateral ceasefires in Lebanon and Gaza, including demanding the unconditional release of the hostages and pressing for more access for humanitarian aid; stresses the importance of upholding international law and the role of international courts including respecting in full the ICJ advisory opinion on the occupation and legislating to cease trade with illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank as well as including connected entities in the scope of sanctions against extremist settlers; urges the Government to enact a presumption of denial for arms exports to governments listed by the Foreign Office as human rights priorities and accordingly immediately suspend arms exports to Israel; calls on the Government to recognise the existential threat of Iran including by proscribing the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps and conducting an audit of UK-based assets owned by Iranian officials; and further urges the Government to press for a two-state solution based on 1967 borders, including by immediately recognising the state of Palestine, working with peace-builders in Israel and Palestine who call for two-states, working with the international community to identify future democratic leaders of Palestine and investing in peace, such as the International Fund for Middle East Peace, as well as using trade as a tool for peace.

209 Immediate ceasefire in LebanonTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **7**

Monica Harding
Brian Leishman
Jess Brown-Fuller
Susan Murray
Calum Miller
Andrew George

Max Wilkinson

That this House expresses its alarm at the escalation of conflict between Israel and Hezbollah; supports steps taken at the UN, including by the UK, to secure a statement supporting an immediate ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah; urges all parties to de-escalate and uphold international law, including the protection of civilians; believes that it is important that all those displaced should be able to return home, but that an Israeli ground invasion risks further destabilising the entire region; urges the Government to increase humanitarian aid to Lebanon in light of the humanitarian crisis there; further believes it is not in the UK's interest for Lebanon to become a failed state; also believes that only a political and diplomatic solution will deliver security to either side of the blue line and enable hundreds of thousands of displaced people to return home; and urges all parties to work towards that solution and a lasting peace.

210 Transition to animal-free research and testingTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **14**

Ruth Jones
John McDonnell
Rebecca Long Bailey
Ian Byrne
Euan Stainbank
Sammy Wilson

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House notes 2.68 million scientific procedures were carried out on animals in British laboratories in 2023; further notes the urgent need to accelerate medical progress, with over 92 per cent of drugs that show promise in animal tests failing to reach the clinic and benefit patients; recognises the transformative potential of animal-free methods such as organ-on-a-chip and computer modelling, which provide results that are directly relevant to humans; supports Animal Free Research UK's call for Herbie's Law, which would set a target of replacing animal experiments in medical research by 2035, describing how progress will be maintained and scientists supported with the transition; and urges the Government to show global leadership by introducing this progressive legislation.

211 **20th anniversary of Parkrun**Tabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **14****Tom Gordon****Jim Shannon****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Helen Morgan****John Milne****Mr Will Forster**

Mr Lee Dillon

Jess Brown-Fuller

Martin Wrigley

Zöe Franklin

Pippa Heylings

Helen Maguire

Tristan Osborne

Max Wilkinson

That this House celebrates the 20th anniversary of Parkrun, which was founded in 2004 in Bushy Park, London, and now operates in 20 countries with millions of participants worldwide, encouraging physical activity, community spirit, and inclusivity, providing free, weekly, timed 5k events that are accessible to all regardless of age, ability, or background; commends the remarkable volunteers whose dedication makes Parkrun possible, acknowledges the health benefits it has brought to communities, and applauds the positive mental and physical wellbeing fostered by this initiative; and calls on the Government to support such grassroots physical activity initiatives that contribute to healthier, more connected communities across the UK.