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New EDMs

268 **Pie and Mash**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Mr Richard Holden

That this House recognises the need to protect Cockney heritage, including Pie and Mash, a staple dish of Cockneys for nearly 200 years; notes that the Cockney diaspora have moved out of East London to at least 42 constituencies across parts of the East and South East; and supports the over 100 Pie and Mash shops, cafes and restaurants that still offer this dish as an important part of our Great British culture.

269 **80th anniversary of Lichfield Arts**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Dave Robertson

That this House congratulates Lichfield Arts on its 80th anniversary on 18 October 2024; commends the efforts of the trustees, volunteers and staff of the organisation for all that they do to deliver the Fuse Festival and dozens of other events all year round; further commends them for the continued support that they offer to artists across the area; and notes the significant cultural impact that the organisation has made in its 80 years.

270 Iraqi Women's League and rights in IraqTabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **1****Mary Glendon**

That this House notes that amendments to Iraq's Personal Status Law would undermine the constitutional sovereignty of law, replace a common national identity with religious jurisprudence on family law, and create a parallel legislative authority alongside Parliament through fatwas and rulings from religious endowments; further notes that new laws could lower the minimum age of marriage for females from

18 to nine, allow and even encourage marriage outside the present legal framework and without witnesses, deny alimony to the wife unless she accepts the physical desires of her husband, deny maternal rights of custody after the child reaches the age of two or after breast feeding, and remove restrictions on polygamy; supports the campaigns of the Iraqi Women's League and others; and urges all friends of Iraq to use their influence to prevent such retrograde steps that could undermine the equality of all before the law, violate Iraq's international obligations on women's fundamental rights, prompt an increasingly negative international reputation, and reduce foreign assistance.

271 Life Insurance and diagnosis of terminal illness clauseTabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **1****Rebecca Long Bailey**

That this House expresses concern following reports of those with life insurance premiums with Aviva being denied early pay outs on diagnosis of terminal illness due to a pernicious small print in their policy wording which requires diagnosis of a terminal illness to take place some years before the policy actually expires; notes the case of Salford resident Shaun Pinkney who was diagnosed with terminal cancer two months before his policy was due to expire but was refused his claim as his policy stated that terminal illness diagnosis must take place at least 18 months prior to the policy expiration date; further notes with concern that Aviva would not renew his policy because he had terminal cancer; recognises that Aviva has now ceased selling policies where there was a discrepancy between the end of the major benefit and the termination of the rest of the policy; further recognises that this would indicate that Aviva knows these policies are not fair, practical or fit for purpose; and calls on the Government to speak to the insurance industry and carry out a form of inquiry to see how widespread this practice was.

272 75th anniversary of Mill Hill SynagogueTabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **1****David Pinto-Duschinsky**

That this House congratulates Mill Hill Synagogue on its 75th anniversary; recognises the essential role it has played in building a thriving and vibrant Jewish community in Mill Hill; applauds the impact it has had on Jewish life and learning; commends the immense

contribution it makes to the local area; thanks its members for all they do; wishes it every success for the future; and looks forward to it continuing to go from strength to strength

273 **Rural Crime Action Week 2024**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Helen Morgan

That this House recognises Rural Crime Action Week which runs between 21 and 25 October 2024 to highlight the impact of rural crime on communities; is concerned by the NFU's 2024 Rural Crime Report which states that the cost of rural crime increased by 4.3% across the UK in 2023; further notes that the highest regional cost of crime in 2023 was in the Midlands at £11.7 billion; acknowledges that Shropshire has been rated the third worst affected county for rural crime for two consecutive years; recognises that the impacts of rural crime are felt by business and across communities from large-scale fly-tipping to theft of farm machinery, tools and livestock; and calls on the Government to recognise the serious and organised nature of rural crime and urgently to take steps to tackle crime and disorder in the countryside.

274 **Wixford village hall**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Manuela Perteghella

That this House congratulates the Wixford Village Hall committee, volunteers, and residents of Wixford on the successful completion of their impressive rebuilding project, which has revitalised the historic hall into a modern, sustainable space for the benefit of the local community; recognises the significant efforts made by all involved in fundraising and securing grants for the ambitious project, including their commitment to making the hall a highly energy efficient building; celebrates the hall's continued role as a hub for local events, activities, and social cohesion; commends the dedication of the Wixford Village Hall team for their vision and resilience in overcoming challenges posed by the pandemic; and calls on the Government to acknowledge the vital role village halls and other community spaces play in supporting rural life and enhancing social wellbeing across the UK.

275 **Duncan Scott at Scottish Swimming Awards 2024**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Brian Leishman

That this House congratulates Duncan Scott on being named Swimmer of the Year at the Scottish Swimming Awards 2024; notes that Scott further cemented his legacy as Scotland's most decorated Olympian with his outstanding performances at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, where he won a gold medal in the 4x200m freestyle relay and a silver medal in the 200m medley singles event; further congratulates coaches Steven Tigg and Bradley Hay on their deserved

recognition as joint recipients of the Coach of the Year award; and applauds all those involved in Scottish Swimming and the wider sporting community for their dedication and support of athletes in reaching the highest levels of achievement.

276 **30th anniversary of the Scottish Indian Arts Forum and Dusherra Festival 2024**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Tracy Gilbert

That this House congratulates the Scottish Indian Arts Forum (SIAF) on the occasion of its 30th anniversary and commends the forum for its tireless dedication to promoting and preserving Indian arts and culture in Edinburgh and across Scotland; notes that SIAF celebrated this milestone with a highly successful Dusherra festival on 19 October 2024 at Calton Hill, Edinburgh, which brought together diverse communities from across Scotland to partake in the rich traditions of this significant Indian festival; acknowledges the importance of Dusherra, which symbolises the triumph of good over evil and fosters values of unity, resilience and cultural harmony; and commends SIAF for its leadership in using the arts as a vehicle to bridge cultural divides and strengthen social cohesion in Edinburgh North and Leith and across Scotland over the last three decades.

277 **FareShare's 30th anniversary**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Wera Hobhouse

That this House congratulates FareShare, the UK's leading food redistribution charity, on its 30th anniversary; applauds FareShare for redistributing the equivalent of 135 million meals last year, equating to four meals per second, to over 8,000 frontline charities and community groups in almost every constituency across the UK; recognises the charity's significant social return on investment, delivering £13 in savings for every £1 spent through benefits to individuals and the state; and urges the Government to work with the charitable food redistribution sector to implement effective measures that further reduce food waste, increase surplus food redistribution to those in need, and strengthen communities throughout the United Kingdom, as the need for such collaboration is more pressing than ever.

278 Zoe's Place and funding for children's hospicesTabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **21**

Ian Byrne
John McDonnell
Richard Burgon
Kim Johnson
Rebecca Long Bailey
Zarah Sultana

Andy McDonald
 Kate Osborne
 Cat Smith
 Clive Lewis
 Imran Hussain

Apsana Begum
 Grahame Morris
 Rosie Duffield
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Brian Leishman

Jon Trickett
 Mike Amesbury
 Ian Lavery
 Steve Witherden
 Nadia Whittome

That this House notes its deep concern at the announcement that children's hospice Zoe's Place in Liverpool is at risk of imminent closure; applauds the phenomenal response to this shocking news in the city and thanks the huge charitable drive to raise £5 million by 9 November to save Zoe's Place; notes its alarm that children's hospices across the country are facing huge funding challenges; therefore calls on the Government to urgently put funding into children's hospices, allowing Zoe's Place and children's hospices across the country to continue to care for seriously ill children and their families into the future; specifically calls on the Government to maintain and increase the £25 million Children's Hospice Grant into the future and return it to being a centrally-distributed funding stream; and more broadly calls on the Government to review the funding of children's hospices to ensure all seriously ill children and their families receive high quality care when and where they need it.

279 Oscar Mayer strikesTabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **11**

Steve Witherden
Andrew Ranger
John McDonnell
Jeremy Corbyn
Richard Burgon
Jon Trickett

Andy McDonald
 Grahame Morris

Kim Johnson
 Apsana Begum

Iqbal Mohamed

That this House acknowledges the strike by hundreds of Oscar Mayer workers in Wrexham, protesting the company's intention to alter contracts by removing fully paid breaks, eliminating enhanced payments, and ending days off in lieu for working bank holidays, changes which could cost workers up to £3,000 annually, whilst under the threat of fire and rehire tactics; commends the efforts of Unite the Union in advocating for its members and launching a multi-million-pound legal case regarding potential breaches of the Employment Agencies Act 1973;

and urges the Government to expedite the implementation of promised legislation banning fire and rehire practices.

280 **Impact of costs on hospitality businesses**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Carla Lockhart

That this House expresses deep concern at the closure of four local cafés in Portadown, Northern Ireland within the past month, as a direct result of rising operating costs, particularly in energy, food, and staffing; recognises that small and medium-sized enterprises form the backbone of local communities and are essential for economic growth and social cohesion; acknowledges the increasingly challenging business environment faced by hospitality venues across the UK, exacerbated by soaring inflation, ongoing energy price volatility, and reduced consumer spending power; notes that VAT is not devolved and can therefore only be set by the UK Government; further recognises that the UK is an outlier for having a higher rate of VAT for the hospitality sector compared to other European economies, placing additional strain on the sector; calls on the Government to implement a permanent cut of 5% on VAT to help hospitality businesses meet the challenges of the cost of living crisis, to remain sustainable in the future so that they can continue to contribute to the wider economy; further calls on the Government to urgently review and extend support mechanisms for small businesses, including the introduction of targeted relief for energy costs and a review of business rates; and urges the Government to take such action immediately so to prevent further closures and safeguard local businesses that play a vital role in the economic and social wellbeing of communities across Northern Ireland and other nations within the UK.

281 **150 years of Bellshill Central Parish Church**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **1**

Frank McNally

That this House congratulates Bellshill Central Parish Church during its year of celebration to commemorate its 150th anniversary; understands that although Bellshill Central Parish Church was formed from a union of the Bellshill Macdonald Memorial and Bellshill Orbiston churches a decade ago, its congregation dates from 1873; notes that the Church and its members remain actively involved in work to support and enhance the local community; further notes that the anniversary celebrations culminated in a special service led by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the Rt Rev Dr Shaw Paterson, on Sunday 20 October 2024; and wishes the church and its congregation every success for the future.

282 Prevention of cyber-crimeTabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **1****Christine Jardine**

That this House acknowledges the growth of cybercrime with the advent of new technologies; recognises the need for the UK Parliament to ensure that legislation keeps pace with evolving cyber threats, including the Computer Misuse Act 1990; notes the restrictions the Act places on the work of UK cyber security professionals by prohibiting all unauthorised access to computer systems, regardless of intent or motive; believes this inadvertently criminalises essential research into cyber threats; believes that modernising the Act could enhance the UK's national security, strengthen the criminal justice system, and unlock significant benefits to the UK economy with new opportunities in the cyber security industry; and calls on the Government to introduce an amendment to the Computer Misuse Act 1990 to better protect the public from emerging threats.

283 Frozen pensions for UK citizens overseasTabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **1****Christine Jardine**

That this House notes the so-called frozen pensions policy; further notes this sees British overseas state pensioners living in certain countries denied access to index-linked uprating of the UK state pension; believes the level of the UK state pension paid should not be dependent on the pensioner's country of residence in later life; acknowledges the scale of the injustice which sees 453,000 British state pensioners impacted by the policy, many of whom reside in Commonwealth countries such as Canada and Australia; notes that the cost of indexing all overseas state pensions without a retrospective uprating is estimated at approximately £50 million in the first year; calls on the Government to index all overseas state pensions equally on a going-forward basis; and further calls on the Prime Minister to meet with affected pensioner and World War Two veteran Anne Puckridge, who is planning to travel from Canada to the UK this December, requesting a meeting on behalf of all those impacted by the policy.

284 Impact of austerity on the Fire and Rescue ServiceTabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **1****Adam Dance**

That this House expresses deep concern over the detrimental effects of austerity on the UK's fire and rescue services, particularly in rural areas like Yeovil, where funding, training, and recruitment have been significantly impacted; acknowledges that since 2010, one in five firefighter jobs has been lost and central government funding to fire services has been slashed by 30% resulting in fire services becoming increasingly reliant on the contributions of on-call officers who juggle other occupations; notes that due to severe staff shortages, around 4,000 firefighters are now working both full-time and part-time contracts, often within the same

brigade or across different services; commends the tireless work of firefighters in engaging with their communities, supporting the fire safety of homes and businesses, and responding to emergencies under increasingly difficult conditions; further acknowledges the loss of essential control staff, fire engines, pumps, and other critical equipment due to funding cuts, which have hampered the ability of firefighters to carry out their vital roles effectively; recognises the immense pressure firefighters face in responding to the growing frequency of storms, flooding, and wildfires, challenges exacerbated by the climate emergency; underscores the essential role of a well-funded fire service in tackling these climate-related disasters, which are expected to become even more frequent; and calls on the Government to urgently provide adequate funding for fire services to rebuild staffing levels, equipment, and resources.

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.

175 **65th anniversary of the Auchengeich colliery disaster**

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

Frank McNally

Jim Shannon

Katrina Murray

Ian Lavery

Mary Kelly Foy

Jon Trickett

John McDonnell

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: **3**

Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

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: **4**

Blair McDougall
Jim Shannon
Kirsteen Sullivan
Chris Law

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.

187 Scientific hearing on animal experimentsTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **8****John McDonnell****Brian Leishman****Mary Kelly Foy****Ellie Chowns****Jon Trickett****Carla Denyer**

Chris Law

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 UniversityTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **3****Tom Hayes****Jim Shannon****John McDonnell**

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.

193 Rural haemodialysis treatment

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

Adam Dance
Jim Shannon
Manuela Perteghella
Ellie Chowns
Claire Young
Mr Gideon Amos

John McDonnell

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.

197 80th anniversary of One Parent Families Scotland

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

Frank McNally
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
John McDonnell

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.

199 **75th anniversary of the Cheltenham Literature Festival**

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

Max Wilkinson
Jim Shannon
Tristan Osborne
Mary Kelly Foy
Caroline Voaden
Dr Roz Savage

John McDonnell

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.

206 **Grangemouth refinery**

Tabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **18**

Brian Leishman
Jim Shannon
Ian Lavery
Tracy Gilbert
Euan Stainbank
Dave Doogan

Apsana Begum

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.

209 Immediate ceasefire in LebanonTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **41**

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

Chris Law

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 de-stabilising 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: **25**

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

Kate Osborne
Bloore

Alex Easton
Chris Law

Chris

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 ParkrunTabled: **7/10/24** Signatories: **30**

Tom Gordon
Jim Shannon
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Helen Morgan
John Milne
Mr Will Forster

Chris Law

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.

212 Public Space Protection Order for Heathrow villagesTabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **4**

John McDonnell
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Apsana Begum

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 grasslandsTabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **27****Wera Hobhouse****Jim Shannon****Ayoub Khan****Tom Gordon****Liz Jarvis****Andrew George**

John McDonnell

Chris Law

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 BankTabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **5****Brendan O'Hara****Seamus Logan****Jim Shannon****John McDonnell****Graham Leadbitter**

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 AndrewsTabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **5**

Wendy Chamberlain
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Jim Shannon
Angus MacDonald
Chris Law

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

Jamie Stone
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Wendy Chamberlain
Jim Shannon
Angus MacDonald
Christine Jardine

John McDonnell

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 WeekTabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **4**

Jim Shannon
Adam Jogee
Gavin Robinson
John McDonnell

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.

219 School nursesTabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **29**

Neil Duncan-Jordan
Sojan Joseph
Jim Shannon
Dr Beccy Cooper
Mary Kelly Foy
Ayoub Khan

John McDonnell

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.

221 UN's resolution on Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine and sanctionsTabled: **8/10/24** Signatories: **52**

Richard Burgon
Imran Hussain
Zarah Sultana
Andy McDonald
Ms Diane Abbott
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Mr Richard Quigley

That this House welcomes the UN General Assembly's decision to overwhelmingly adopt a resolution on 18 September calling for Israel to rapidly end its unlawful presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT); further welcomes that the UN resolution calls on states to comply with their obligations under international law and to take concrete steps to address Israel's unlawful presence in the OPT; notes this includes calling on states not to act in ways that provide aid or assistance that help maintain Israel's illegal presence in the OPT, to cease importing products originating from Israeli settlements, to halt arms transfers to Israel where there are reasonable grounds to suspect they may be used in the OPT, to implement sanctions including travel bans and asset freezes against those involved in maintaining Israel's unlawful presence in the OPT, and to take steps to prevent all other trade that aids or assists the illegal occupation; further notes the UN General Assembly's resolution follows an International Court of Justice (ICJ) advisory opinion that Israel's decades-long occupation violates international law and which calls on states not to act in ways that maintain this unlawful situation; believes the adoption of this resolution places new obligations on the Government; and calls on the Government to act in support of the UN resolution and ICJ opinion including by ending all military exports to Israel, banning the import of goods from illegal Israeli settlements and revoking the 2030 Roadmap which deepens UK economic, trade and security ties with Israel.

222 WrightbusTabled: **9/10/24** Signatories: **3**

Jim Allister
Jim Shannon
Alex Easton

That this House expresses its congratulations to Ballymena bus manufacturer Wrightbus on signing its biggest ever deal to supply over 1,000 buses to Go-Ahead; commends the management and workforce on the dynamic recovery of the firm; and notes with satisfaction the security of employment which this order underwrites.

226 World Mental Health Day and rural communitiesTabled: **9/10/24** Signatories: **57**

Sarah Dyke
Wendy Chamberlain
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Sarah Gibson
Ellie Chowns

Lisa Smart

John McDonnell

Chris Law

That this House recognises World Mental Health Day; is concerned about the mental wellbeing of the nation's agricultural and rural communities; is worried by the findings of RABI's Big Farming Survey that revealed 36% of respondents had mental wellbeing scores sufficiently low enough to cause concern; is aware that farmers are working in ever increasingly difficult circumstances; is alarmed by new research from the Farm Safety Foundation revealing that 44% of farmers aged between 41 and 60 are working more than 80 hours a week; notes the link between mental health and financial stability; is further alarmed by research from Riverford Organic that 61% of farmers feel that they will have to give up their farms in the next 18 months due to financial pressures; calls on the Government to ensure that the agricultural budget is not reduced; welcomes actions from groups such as Farmerados who provide spaces for farmers to talk and connect; further notes the impact of rural isolation; believes that there should be greater integration between Government departments in supporting rural communities to access mental health services; and supports the extended rollout of rural health hubs.

230 Launch of The Day the Alien CameTabled: **10/10/24** Signatories: **3**

Wera Hobhouse
Sarah Dyke
John McDonnell

That this House celebrates the launch of The Day the Alien Came, a collaborative book created by 192 primary school pupils from seven local schools in Bath and North East Somerset as part of the St. John's Foundation's 850th anniversary celebrations; recognises the efforts of these young students, alongside the support of an author, in bringing their creativity and imagination to life through literature; notes the importance of promoting literacy and encouraging a love of reading and writing in young people; commends the project's success in showcasing the power of reading and storytelling; and calls on the Government to continue supporting initiatives that inspire young minds, enhance educational opportunities and foster a lifelong love of literature in children.

232 UN Special Rapporteur's report on atrocity crimes in IranTabled: **10/10/24** Signatories: **6**

Bob Blackman
Ellie Chowns
Jim Shannon
Martin Vickers
Siân Berry
Alex Sobel

That this House welcomes the landmark Atrocity Crimes report by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iran, published by the OHCHR in July 2024, which sheds light on grave human rights violations, including the 1988 massacre of political prisoners; notes that the report states that there is considerable evidence that mass killings, torture and other inhumane acts against members of the People's Mojahedin Organisation of Iran were conducted with genocidal intent; commends Professor Javaid Rehman for his six years of service as the Special Rapporteur; condemns the Iranian regime's subsequent smear campaign against Professor Rehman, including false and malicious allegations aimed at discrediting his integrity and impartiality; recognises that these attacks stem from his unwavering commitment to fulfilling his mandate and his refusal to be intimidated by the Iranian government; believes that the Special Rapporteur's report opens a pathway to justice and an end to impunity in Iran; looks forward to working with Professor Rehman's successor, Dr. Mai Sato, in pursuing the quest for accountability; supports the No to Executions campaign; and calls on the Government to support initiatives aimed at holding the Iranian regime accountable for its human rights violations, including the 1988 massacre.

233 Hospice fundingTabled: **10/10/24** Signatories: **37**

Mr Lee Dillon
Helen Morgan
Sarah Gibson
Iqbal Mohamed
Bob Blackman
Luke Taylor

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the importance of hospices in the UK, which care for over 300,000 people each year; is deeply concerned about the current funding crisis facing hospices, due to rising costs over several years; acknowledges that the commissioning of hospice services by integrated care boards is currently not fit for purpose, putting at risk the value they provide to individuals and the wider health system; notes that Government funding, which accounts for one-third of hospice income, has not kept pace with inflation; understands that continued

financial pressure could lead to cuts in services and staff redundancies; and urges the Government to review the current funding model for hospices.

235 **Cost of motor insurance**

Tabled: **10/10/24** Signatories: **10**

Sorcha Eastwood
Sarah Gibson
Iqbal Mohamed
Mr Adnan Hussain
Mary Kelly Foy
Claire Hanna

John McDonnell

That this House expresses deep concern over the rising cost of motor insurance across the UK, including Northern Ireland and more rural constituencies like Lagan Valley, with premiums increasing by 25% on average between 2022 and 2023; further notes that those who pay monthly are subjected to excessive interest rates, with some insurers charging up to 40% APR, disproportionately impacting those unable to pay annually; recognises that this unfairly burdens low-income households, adding to their financial strain; calls on the Financial Conduct Authority to urgently publish an action plan to cap excessive interest rates for customers who pay monthly, provide greater transparency through regular analysis of insurance firm charges, and investigate the fairness of commissions earned by brokers; and urges the Government to work with insurers to ensure motor insurance is affordable and accessible for all, particularly vulnerable groups such as pensioners and low-income families.

236 **World Mental Health Day 2024**

Tabled: **10/10/24** Signatories: **42**

Dr Danny Chambers
Helen Morgan
Sarah Gibson
Iqbal Mohamed
Bob Blackman
Dr Beccy Cooper

Apsana Begum

John McDonnell

That this House marks World Mental Health Day, which takes place each year on 10 October, and which raises awareness of mental health issues and promotes positive mental wellbeing globally; notes that the theme for 2024 is workplace mental health; expresses concern that, in 2024, Britain is facing increasing waiting lists for mental health diagnoses for both children and adults; emphasises the importance of talk-therapies, talking openly about mental health

to allow individuals to express how they feel and access the support they need; and encourages anyone struggling with mental health issues to reach out for support.

237 Anytime Single tickets with railcards

Tabled: **14/10/24** Signatories: **7**

Ayoub Khan
Iqbal Mohamed
Mr Adnan Hussain
Jon Trickett
Siân Berry
Carla Denyer

John McDonnell

That this House notes with concern the targeting by Rail Operators of 16-25 and 26-30 railcard holders who have purchased Anytime Single tickets during peak morning times, unknowingly invalidating their tickets due to a Railcard minimum fare requirement; further notes that despite a £12 minimum fare for Anytime Singles at peak morning times with 16-25 and 26-30 Railcards, this critical information is obscured within the small print, leading to seeming widespread consumer confusion and inadvertent fare evasion; acknowledges that these tickets continue to be listed as available for sale without sufficiently clear warnings about the Railcard fare restrictions; notes with concern that there are people who now have a criminal record for buying an Anytime Single ticket which was not valid before 10am; urges the Government to introduce a role of the Crown Prosecution Service in regulating private prosecutions; and urges the Government to launch an investigation into the clarity and transparency of fare structures and ticketing practices to ensure fair treatment and protection for all rail passengers, particularly vulnerable younger travellers who rely on railcards for affordable travel.

240 Veterans and the Winter Fuel Payment

Tabled: **14/10/24** Signatories: **27**

Helen Maguire
Mike Martin
Richard Foord
Jim Shannon
Steff Aquarone
Wendy Chamberlain

Dave Doogan

Chris Law

That this House expresses its concern that changes to Winter Fuel Payment eligibility rules will adversely impact veterans; notes that these changes have been introduced with little notice as the winter months approach, and have been made without a full impact assessment; further notes with concern that this approach fails to take into account those with high energy needs because of illness or disability, those who live in energy inefficient homes, and those on modest

incomes just above the entitlement threshold for Pension Credit; and calls on the Government to protect veterans from losing this crucial support by reversing the cuts to the Winter Fuel Payment.

244 Organ donors and the Everyone Everyday Evermore sculpture

Tabled: **14/10/24** Signatories: **4**

Brian Leishman

Jim Shannon

Jon Trickett

Chris Law

That this House pays tribute to the creators and supporters of the Everyone Everyday Evermore sculpture unveiled at Forth Valley Royal Hospital, an inspirational installation which honours the life-saving contributions of organ and tissue donors; acknowledges the critical role that organ donors play in saving lives; commends the courage and selflessness of all those who, in moments of great difficulty, make the decision to give others a second chance at life and good health; and calls on the Government to continue to support organ donation initiatives and promote the importance of having open conversations with loved ones about donation preferences.

245 Aon Ghuth, Gaelic Makaton choir

Tabled: **14/10/24** Signatories: **4**

Brendan O'Hara

Jim Shannon

Mary Kelly Foy

Graham Leadbitter

That this House congratulates everyone involved with Aon Ghuth, the world's first Gaelic Makaton choir which made its debut performance at the Ar Cànan's Ar Ceòl concert during the National Mod in Oban; recognises that Aon Ghuth, which translates into English as One Voice, is comprised of a majority of people with additional support needs, and combines singing in Gaelic with the Makaton communication system of signs and symbols; acknowledges the hugely important role played by Arlene McLeod and Katy Lironi of Down's Syndrome Scotland, choir leader Morven Gage, musical accompanist Sileas Sinclair, as well as Ciaran Bateman and all the staff of the Support Department at Oban High School, as well as all those who have contributed so much to establish, recruit, teach and support the members of Aon Ghuth choir ahead of their performance at the Corran Halls, Oban on 12 October 2024; and believes that Aon Ghuth gives people with additional support needs a unique opportunity to display the power and importance of inclusion as well as making the Gaelic language and culture more accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

249 World Food DayTabled: **14/10/24** Signatories: **21**

Anna Sabine
Jim Shannon
Steff Aquarone
Steve Darling
Liz Jarvis
Jamie Stone

Chris Law

That this House marks World Food Day, a UN designated-day celebrated on 16 October every year; notes the approximately 733 million people facing hunger in the world; further notes that everyone should have the right to adequate food; acknowledges the role of farmers and rural communities in producing food to feed populations around the world; and recognises the pivotal role of farmers in securing the future of resilient food systems, climate mitigation, nature restoration and supporting a peaceful, resilient and inclusive livelihood for all.

251 Private security and community policingTabled: **14/10/24** Signatories: **15**

Sarah Olney
Jim Shannon
Jess Brown-Fuller
Calum Miller
Christine Jardine
Alex Brewer

Helen Maguire

Lisa Smart

That this House recognises the decimation of community police forces across the UK; highlights that since 2020 the private security industry has grown by 73,000 people; further highlights security guards are not a substitute for an effective police force; urges the Government to assess the damage shoplifting and spending on private security is doing to our high streets; and requests that the Home Office works with police forces to restore community policing across the UK.

254 **Betty Rhodick, community activist and founder of Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day**

Tabled: **15/10/24** Signatories: **3**

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Graham Leadbitter

That this House notes with great sadness the death of Betty Rhodick of Lochgilphead, a community volunteer and fundraiser, whose activities across more than four decades, impacted just about everyone in the Mid-Argyll area; is reminded that although originally from Huntly in Aberdeenshire, following her marriage to Geordie, a member of the Queen's Guard in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Betty settled in the village Kilmichael and immediately became an active member of Dunadd Community Council and the Women's Rural Institute; acknowledges that Betty's service to her community saw her volunteer for the local Health and Social Care service Integrated Joint Board, as well as the board of the Argyll Community Housing Association, where she championed many causes including giving evidence to the Scottish Parliament on behalf of travelling people in Argyll; recalls that through her work with the Mid Argyll hospital, the Richmond Fellowship and Enable Scotland, she supported and cared for people with learning disabilities living in her community; acknowledges however that Betty Rhodick will be best remembered for instigating and organising, along with husband Geordie and their family, the annual Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day, an event which has grown over the years to become one of the major events in Argyll and Bute; is delighted to know that shortly before she died, Betty's contribution to her community was recognised when she was presented with the Argyll and Bute Council Provost's Award by Provost Dougie Philand; and sends it deepest condolences to Geordie and the family.

258 **Socio-economic Duty**

Tabled: **15/10/24** Signatories: **16**

Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Richard Burgon
Nadia Whittome
Kate Osborne

Brian Leishman

Chris Law

That this House recognises the importance of equality in our society and the urgent need to commence the Socio-economic Duty (SED) as outlined in Section 1 of the Equality Act 2010; calls on the Government to establish a commission for the successful delivery, implementation and roll out of the SED; acknowledges that this commission should include trade unions, campaign organisations and community groups; believes a crucial role for the commission would be to secure the promotion and participation of 'Equalities' trade union representatives within the trade union and bargaining structures across our economy; encourages public participation and meaningful engagement with those closest to the issues as a key principle

for SED implementation; establishes the appropriate funding of the Equality and Human Rights Commission to provide a regulatory framework for the SED and develop strong, clear and supportive training of policymakers throughout society to understand and utilise the SED.

259 **Death of Lord Leitch of Oakley**

Tabled: **16/10/24** Signatories: **6**

Graeme Downie
Mary Kelly Foy
Katrina Murray
Richard Baker
Jim Shannon
Dr Scott Arthur

That this House notes with sadness the death of the Lord Leitch of Oakley; remembers that he grew up in a council house in Oakley in West Fife; recalls his success in setting up successful technology businesses employing thousands; believes he leaves a lasting legacy of public service and business success including his chairing of the Leitch Skills Review in 2006 which recommended policies to maximise economic growth, productivity and social justice; also believes that he never forgot his roots and connections in the mining villages of West Fife; and passes on its condolences to his family and friends on their sad loss.

260 **15th anniversary of the repair café movement**

Tabled: **16/10/24** Signatories: **11**

Sarah Dyke
Ellie Chowns
Pippa Heylings
Siân Berry
Vikki Slade
Helen Maguire

Ian Sollom
Tristan Osborne

Jim Shannon
Ayoub Khan

Richard Foord

That this House celebrates the 15th anniversary of the repair café movement on 19 October; values the work done by the 3000 repair cafés globally, including the Castle Cary repair café that has repaired over 170 domestic items since its launch in July 2023, saving half a tonne of potential waste from landfill; recognises the roles repair cafés have in cutting CO2 emissions and creating a circular economy; is concerned that the UK is the second highest producer of electronic waste per capita in the world; and believes that the UK Government should do more to encourage repair and reuse schemes.

261 Online scams and funeral servicesTabled: **16/10/24** Signatories: **5****Sorcha Eastwood****Mary Kelly Foy****Jim Shannon****Jon Trickett****Chris Law**

That this House notes with concern the increasing number of online scams exploiting vulnerable families during bereavement, including fraudulent links and fake funeral notices; further notes the recent police warnings regarding scammers profiting from tragic events, as evidenced by the exploitation of Southport stabbing victim's funeral and scams targeting funeral homes in Northern Ireland; recognises the emotional and financial damage caused by such deceptive practices; and calls on the Government to work with law enforcement, online platforms, and the funeral sector to introduce stricter measures to detect, prevent, and shut down these malicious online scams and to ensure greater public awareness on how to identify fraudulent activity.

262 Arbroath-born partisan Carlo CariniTabled: **16/10/24** Signatories: **6****Stephen Gethins****Mary Kelly Foy****Graham Leadbitter****Jim Shannon****Jon Trickett****Chris Law**

That this House remembers the life of Carlo Carini, Arbroath-born Italian partisan, on the anniversary of his murder by German Occupation forces in Piacenza, Italy, in October 1944; notes Carlo's significant contribution to Italy's liberation, his heroism against fascism which was recognised by the Commander of Allied Forces in Italy, Brigadier-General Alexander, and by the Italian Government who posthumously awarded Carlo the Silver Medal of Italy; highlights that Carlo and his family were very much part of the community in Arbroath; further highlights that Carlo was a skilled footballer in Arbroath and that he also played professionally in Italy and established a youth football competition between teams in Arbroath and Piacenza; commends the work of local group Friends of Carlo Carini, including those in Italy and others, in recognising and remembering the importance of Carlo's life and the cause for which he fought; and gives thanks for the group's efforts to inspire a new generation thanks to Carlo's example.

263 Pobol y Cwm 50th anniversaryTabled: **16/10/24** Signatories: **7**

Ann Davies
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Llinos Medi
Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon

Chris Law

That this House recognises the Welsh language soap opera Pobol y Cwm for reaching its 50th anniversary; highlights that the first episode was transmitted on 16 October 1974 and aired on the BBC before transferring to S4C after the channel's launch in 1982; notes that the show is the BBC's longest-running television soap opera, and remains one of S4C's most watched programmes; further notes that the programme was created by the producer John Hefin and the playwright Gwenlyn Parry, and depicts the lives of the inhabitants of the fictional Carmarthenshire village of Cwmderi; and commends the cast and crew for showcasing the very best of Welsh drama, promoting the Welsh language, and holding a mirror up to Welsh society for 50 years.

264 Low level letter boxes and back injuriesTabled: **16/10/24** Signatories: **11**

Mike Amesbury
Mary Kelly Foy
Shockat Adam
Chris Webb
Anna Sabine
Helen Maguire

Neil Duncan-Jordan
Chris Law

Jim Shannon
Ayoub Khan

Jon Trickett

That this House notes that low level letter boxes cause back injuries to postmen and women each year, force postal staff to stoop to ground level whilst carrying mail items and thus can cause back strain; further notes that low level letter boxes also present an increased risk of dog bites; also notes that the Communications Workers Union are calling for a standardised letter box height and safe design well above ground level and that they have been campaigning to outlaw low level letterboxes for many years, first raising the issue back in 1958; also notes that the EU standard requirement is for letterboxes to be at a height accessible to postal workers, significantly reducing possible injuries such as dog bites, fingers being trapped, or back strain caused when bending excessively or repeatedly to reach ground level boxes; also notes that this has not been enshrined into UK building standards and that low level letter boxes have been outlawed in many European countries, such as the Republic of Ireland in 2001; also notes that 154,000 days were lost in sick leave from Royal Mail in 2022 due to back pain, costing the Royal

Mail £16 million, and that injury could be minimised by legislation to cover the manufacture of all new and replacement doors to have standardised letter box height and safe design well above ground level; and calls on government to promote the EU standard.

265 Establishment of the Women's Caucus in Westminster

Tabled: **17/10/24** Signatories: **13**

Kirsty Blackman

Ellie Chowns

Dame Siobhain McDonagh

Christine Jardine

Liz Saville Roberts

Rachel Blake

Kate Osborne

Voaden

Kirith Entwistle

Pippa Heylings

Graham Leadbitter

Chris Law

Caroline

Jim Shannon

That this House agrees to establish a Women's Caucus in the UK Parliament, which is the women Members of Parliament working together to advance issues that disproportionately affect women; notes that there are women's caucuses in the devolved nations of Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland; further notes that now is the time to establish a Women's Caucus which focuses on issues affecting women across the UK and within Parliament, and aims to find cross party solutions to these problems; and notes that this Parliament has the biggest cohort of women MPs in its history and marks a significant moment to drive forward gender equality not just within the UK Parliament but across the entire country.

266 Ruth Wilson fundraising for Mind

Tabled: **17/10/24** Signatories: **2**

Mary Kelly Foy

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Ruth Wilson, from Mount Oswald in City of Durham constituency, and Vice Principal of John Snow College at Durham University, who has raised over £40,000 before her 40th birthday next year, for the mental health charity Mind on behalf of her late cousin, Ged; notes that, for over three years, Ruth has put on a series of challenges and events to raise money for charity and has organised a 40 kilometre challenge for Saturday 19 October 2024; pays tribute to people, like Ruth, who challenge the stigma that still exists around mental health; pays further tribute to mental health charities for their lifesaving work; calls on all parliamentarians to recommit to improving mental health services; and wishes Ruth, and all other participants, the very best wishes.

267 Anya Easey Sherlock, Centrepoin UK award winnerTabled: **17/10/24** Signatories: **6****Liz Saville Roberts****Ben Lake****Llinos Medi****Ann Davies****Jim Shannon****Jon Trickett**

That this House warmly congratulates 18 year-old Anya Easey Sherlock from Gwynedd on winning the Centrepoin UK Partner Award 2024 at the British Museum, London; notes that Centrepoin is the UK's leading youth homelessness charity, supporting almost 14,000 young people every year and campaigns to end youth homelessness; acknowledges that these awards reflect the significant milestones that young people like Anya achieve; further notes that Anya was recognised for her remarkable journey and resilience in overcoming significant challenges throughout her life; commends the Gwynedd-based youth support charity GISDA for providing Anya and other young people in north west Wales facing homelessness, vulnerability, or disadvantage, with intensive support and a wealth of opportunities to help them thrive; and wishes Anya and all young people supported by GISDA the very best for the future.