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New EDMs

392 **Remembering Channing Day**

Tabled: **12/11/24** Signatories: **1**

Jim Shannon

That this House remembers the 12 year anniversary of the passing of Corporal Channing Day, who was killed alongside her colleague Corporal O'Connor en route to undertake low level training with the Afghan Local Police, in the village of Char Kutsa; notes that Corporal Day was born in Swindon and brought up in Comber, Newtownards that lies within the constituency of Strangford and that she played football for Northern Ireland and was also an NI Gymnastics pairs champion; highlights the incredible bravery displayed by our armed forces and that the risk they take on a daily basis should never be undervalued; and sends deepest sympathies to Corporal Day's parents, Leslie and Rosemary, her sisters Lauren and Laken and her brother Aaron and that she and her dedication to the Army Regiment she was posted to shall not be forgotten.

393 **Anniversary of Rev Robert Bradford MP's murder**

Tabled: **12/11/24** Signatories: **1**

Mr Gregory Campbell

This House notes that 14 November 2024 marks the 43rd anniversary of the murder of the Hon Member for South Belfast, the Rev. Robert Bradford MP, born in Limavady, Co. Londonderry in 1941 but brutally gunned down by the terrorists of the Provisional IRA as he was on his way to

hold a constituency surgery on 14 November 1981 in a community centre where the caretaker Mr. Kenneth Campbell was also murdered; and during this season of remembrance expresses the hope that democrats everywhere, irrespective of political affiliation, can salute his bravery and all others who paid the supreme sacrifice in pursuit of peace and freedom.

394 **UK-US Special Relationship**

Tabled: **12/11/24** Signatories: **1**

Carla Lockhart

That this House recognises the United Kingdom's Special Relationship with the United States as a foundation of Western democracy and global security since the Second World War; recalls the deep, historic ties and shared values between the two nations, including those contributed by the Ulster-Scots community; notes how this alliance was cemented during World War II as both nations fought together against tyranny; acknowledges the significant role of Field Marshal Sir John Greer Dill, an Ulster-Scot from Lurgan, who represented the UK in Washington, DC, from 1941 until his death in 1944; further notes that he was posthumously honoured by the United States with a Distinguished Service Medal and a graveside statue at Arlington National Cemetery, unveiled by President Harry S. Truman; recognises Dill's efforts with General George Marshall to advance the shared strategic priorities of both countries, even during times of political disagreement; believes the UK's relationship with the United States remains essential to security and prosperity; and calls on the Prime Minister and Government to strengthen relations with the incoming US administration, particularly in the lead-up to the 80th anniversary of VE Day in 2025 and the 250th anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence in 2026, which offer valuable opportunities to reinforce this vital alliance.

395 **Harry Ferguson Museum of Innovation**

Tabled: **12/11/24** Signatories: **1**

Jim Allister

That this House supports the establishment of a dedicated Harry Ferguson Museum of Innovation in Northern Ireland, which would tell the life story of Harry Ferguson, who is best remembered as the father of the modern tractor with his Ferguson System of farm modernisation.

396 **North East Fife Scottish Fish and Chip Award winners**

Tabled: **12/11/24** Signatories: **1**

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House congratulates The Wee Chippy in Anstruther on winning Best Fish Supper in the 2024 Scottish Fish and Chip Awards; celebrates Kelvin, one of their fryers, on winning Highly Recommended in the Best Fish Fryer category; commends Cromars in St Andrews for winning

Highly Recommended for Best Fish Supper and Best Chip Shop, and Fish and Frites - Anstruther for Highly Recommended Best Team; appreciates all three for serving high quality, delicious food to the community in North East Fife; and wishes them all the best for the future.

397 Humanitarian situation in Sudan (No. 2)

Tabled: **12/11/24** Signatories: **12**

Zarah Sultana

John McDonnell

Apsana Begum

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Richard Burgon

Jon Trickett

Steve Witherden

Ian Byrne

Imran Hussain

Ian Lavery

Nadia Whittome

Rebecca Long Bailey

That this House expresses deep concern over the ongoing conflict in Sudan, which has displaced over 10 million people, caused widespread famine, and fuelled religious persecution and human rights abuses, including sexual violence; recognises this severe humanitarian crisis; urges the Government to act urgently by supporting an immediate, internationally mediated ceasefire and advocating for safe, unhindered humanitarian access to all regions affected by the conflict; and calls on the international community to intensify diplomatic efforts to hold all parties accountable for civilian protection and adherence to international human rights standards, because immediate action is crucial to addressing the urgent needs of Sudan's displaced and vulnerable populations, upholding religious freedom, and fostering lasting peace in the region.

398 National Sherwood Forest Day

Tabled: **12/11/24** Signatories: **1**

Michelle Welsh

That this House welcomes the celebration of a first National Sherwood Forest Day on 20 February on the anniversary of the birth of Major Hayman Rooke in 1723 for whom the Major Oak at Edwinstowe is named; notes that Sherwood Forest is a national environmental, cultural and heritage asset and its fame across the world for its close association with the legendary outlaw hero Robin Hood; thanks all those in the public, private and voluntary sectors who are active in preserving Sherwood Forest for future generations; and wishes all their efforts well in promoting the natural and cultural significance of Sherwood Forest.

399 Glastonbury Neighbourhood Policing Team and the Angela Yeoman AwardTabled: **12/11/24** Signatories: **1****Sarah Dyke**

That this House congratulates the Glastonbury Neighbourhood Policing Team, Licensing Team and Anti-Social Behaviour Team on winning the Angela Yeoman award at the Force Awards on 23rd October; notes the Angela Yeoman award is awarded upon the demonstration of outstanding initiative and continuous support to increasing community safety; congratulates the concerted effort made by the policing team in Glastonbury, led by Sargent Simon Lancey and PCSO Supervisor Bea Gane, in reducing reported crime by 26 per cent and anti-social behaviour by 17% from September 2022 to September 2023; applauds their hard work in developing combative strategies to tackle crime, with a specific focus on delivery intervention, safeguarding and community engagement; recognises the marked improvement in crime statistics when sufficient planning and personnel are provided; further notes that according to the National Farmer Union, rural crime in Somerset rose by 67.6% to an estimated £1.3 million in 2023, with only 258 police officers and staff (0.1% of the overall workforce) being dedicated to rural crime teams across the UK; and calls on the Government to take steps towards having a specialist coordinator in their rural crime team, in line with the recommendations from the National Rural Crime Network.

400 35 Years of the Edinburgh Interfaith AssociationTabled: **12/11/24** Signatories: **1****Dr Scott Arthur**

That this House congratulates the Edinburgh Interfaith Association (EIFA) on 35 years of service to Edinburgh; notes that throughout that time EIFA has diligently and effectively sought opportunities to cultivate and promote interfaith progress in the City of Edinburgh; respects that EIFA has been continuously recognised by other interfaith organisations throughout the world as an outstanding role model in terms of developing and delivering positively impactful interfaith programmes for the wider community; celebrates that in 2023 over 4000 Edinburgh primary school children benefitted from EIFA's Faith Road Show where different faiths share their practices and beliefs and together promote interfaith understanding and peace, highlighting the commonalities between faiths as well as encouraging respect for differences; thanks EIFA for the leadership they demonstrated in the summer of 2024 with the Lord Provost of Edinburgh Robert Aldridge and City of Edinburgh Council Leader Cammy Day when showing solidarity with the people of Southport and condemning the actions of those who sought to spread disinformation and to stir up hatred and violence; and further thanks the board members, who are predominantly drawn from Edinburgh's diverse faith communities, on their ability to further the interfaith mission of the organisation.

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.

328 **Love NUL Business Awards 2024**

Tabled: **29/10/24** Signatories: **3**

Adam Jogee

Jim Shannon

Kirsteen Sullivan

That this House notes that the Newcastle-under-Lyme business community came together to celebrate business excellence at the Love NUL Business Awards held on Thursday 24 October 2024; congratulates all the winners at the Love NUL Awards Ceremony; acknowledges that the Hair House won the Beauty & Personal Care Business of the Year Award, Cappello Lounge won the Bar/Night Time Venue Award, Piccoloco won the Cafe of the Year Award, the Little Vic won the Classic Pub of the Year Award, Hollie's Haberdashery won the Independent Business of the Year Award; San's Funky Kitchen won the Market Trader of the Year Award, the Hair House won the New Business of the Year Award, Saferhand Care Solutions Ltd won the Professional Services Award, Dougie Mac won the Retailer of the Year Award, STOCK by FEASTED won Restaurant of the Year, Brampton Museum won the Visitor Attraction of the Year, Community Junction Cafe won the Love NUL Community Champion of the Year Award; recognises all the local residents from May Bank to Madeley and from Audley to Westbury Park who took part in the competition and voted; celebrates all the local businesses shortlisted for an Award; and recommits to supporting and championing the business community in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

330 **Support for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency**

Tabled: **29/10/24** Signatories: **38**

Andy McDonald

Brian Leishman

Debbie Abrahams

Abtisam Mohamed

Richard Burgon

John McDonnell

Andrew George

That this House expresses its regret at the passing of laws in Israel's Knesset which in effect denies the protections and means essential for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), the largest humanitarian agency in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, to operate; believes there is no viable alternative to UNRWA to deliver aid necessary to Palestinian refugees; further believes such action by Israel will compound the suffering of Palestinians; and calls on the UK Government to take all necessary steps with the United Nations to ensure UNRWA can continue its work in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

333 360 years of the Royal Marines in the South WestTabled: **29/10/24** Signatories: **26**

Ian Roome
Angus MacDonald
Edward Morello
Caroline Voaden
Jess Brown-Fuller
Dr Danny Chambers

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House congratulates the Corps of Royal Marines on their 360th anniversary; recognises their contribution to the rich maritime heritage of the entire South West region, including at RM Chivenor, RM Stonehouse, RM Norton Manor, and CTCRM Lympstone among others; acknowledges the essential role that the Royal Marines have played in the defence of the UK during countless military operations around the world; and thanks serving and former Royal Marines for their dedication to duty.

338 Israeli Knesset decision to ban UNRWATabled: **29/10/24** Signatories: **50**

Calum Miller
Luke Taylor
Steve Darling
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Anna Sabine
Munira Wilson

Ben Lake

Mike Martin

That this House expresses its deep concern at the Israeli Knesset's vote to ban UNRWA; notes that this comes at a desperate moment in Gaza with a senior UN humanitarian official warning that the entire population of north Gaza is at risk of dying; further notes that, given the critical role played by UNRWA in distributing humanitarian aid within Gaza, this decision risks catastrophic consequences; urges the UK Government to accompany words of condemnation with consequences for breaches of international law; accordingly urges the Government to implement sanctions against far-right Ministers Ben-Gvir and Smotrich for their incitement of violence against Palestinians by illegal settlers; further urges the Government to press for immediate access for humanitarian aid into Gaza; and calls on the Government to provide all necessary assistance, including aid, to UNRWA to alleviate the humanitarian crisis and ensure that the recommendations of the independent Colonna report are implemented as quickly as possible.

344 Access to banking hubsTabled: **30/10/24** Signatories: **29**

Adam Dance
Ellie Chowns
Steff Aquarone
Chris Coghlan
Caroline Voaden
Edward Morello

Ben Lake

Charlotte Cane

That this House is concerned about the lack of banking services in rural towns such as Ilminster, which has yet to receive a banking hub; recognises the importance of maintaining access to in-person banking and cash services; notes that banking hubs are a key alternative for communities that have lost access to bank and building society branches; and acknowledges that rural constituencies in particular (due to their local geography, availability of public transport, and lack of support for utilising digital services) urgently need more banking hubs.

345 Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) medication shortagesTabled: **30/10/24** Signatories: **23**

Adam Dance
Ellie Chowns
Steff Aquarone
Steve Darling
Edward Morello
Wendy Chamberlain

Charlotte Cane

That this House expresses deep concern over the shortage and intermittent availability of ADHD medications such as concerta XL; notes the symptoms those with ADHD exhibit, such as difficulty focusing and acting without thinking, as well as the impacts of these on the daily functioning of individuals; further notes the disproportionate impact these symptoms have on children who, as a result of the disorder, face barriers in their education and general development; recognises the barriers faced by individuals suffering from ADHD in accessing employment opportunities; further recognises the potential stress and anxiety these medication shortages can have on individuals suffering from ADHD; sympathises with the experiences of those individuals, who often feel they are being overlooked and dismissed; and calls on the Government to do more to mitigate the issue of ADHD medication shortages.

346 Islamophobia Awareness Month 2024Tabled: **30/10/24** Signatories: **23****Christine Jardine****Ellie Chowns****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Steve Darling****Liz Jarvis****Ayoub Khan**

Charlotte Cane

That this House supports Islamophobia Awareness Month, which is taking place this November; recognises the valuable contributions that British Muslims make to our country; acknowledges that anti-Muslim sentiment is still far too prevalent in our society, and has sadly been on the rise in light of the conflict in the Middle East; notes with concern that Tell MAMA recorded nearly 5,00 incidents of anti-Muslim hatred and Islamophobia in the past year, an unprecedented volume of cases; further notes with concern that religious-based hate crimes recorded by police in England and Wales has increased by 25% over the past year; emphasises the importance of standing up to religious hatred in all its forms; and calls on the Government to take urgent action to address Islamophobia, including by immediately appointing an independent adviser on Islamophobia and adopting a working definition of Islamophobia.

348 100th anniversary of Kingswear Castle paddle steamerTabled: **31/10/24** Signatories: **6****Steve Darling****Sarah Gibson****Christine Jardine****Jim Shannon****Ian Roome****Tristan Osborne**

That this House celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Kingswear Castle paddle steamer, Britain's remaining coal-fired river paddle steamer; notes the vessel's rich history, having been originally built in 1924 for service on the River Dart, and later playing a vital role in both World War II as a minesweeper and post-war as a passenger ferry; recognises the significant efforts made by the Paddle Steamer Preservation Society and volunteers to restore the vessel to its former glory, ensuring that generations continue to enjoy its unique maritime heritage; acknowledges Kingswear Castle's contribution to British maritime history and tourism, particularly in the South West; and calls on the Government to further support the preservation of historic vessels such as Kingswear Castle, which are invaluable to the nation's cultural and industrial legacy.

349 Detention and trial of Frenchie Mae CumpioTabled: **31/10/24** Signatories: **12****Liz Saville Roberts****Ben Lake****Llinos Medi****Ann Davies****Grahame Morris****John McDonnell**

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House demands the immediate release of Filipino community journalist Frenchie Mae Cumpio, who has been in detention since her arrest along with four human rights defenders since 7 February 2020 in Tacloban City and now faces the witness stand on 11 November; believes that the evidential basis for her arrest was fabricated, and that she is innocent of the charges; considers that the treatment of Cumpio is an attempt to silence messengers of truth and a clear violation of press freedom; fears that this represents a direct assault against Eastern Vista, which Cumpio heads as executive director, for its role in highlighting the issues of the marginalised and oppressed sectors in Eastern Visayas region, particularly the continuing plight of Yolanda victims, and the militarisation of farmers' communities, among others; regards this case as yet another indication of the shrinking democratic space in the Philippines, as the administration hopes to deprive the poorest of the poor of another platform by which their voices are heard; and therefore supports the National Union of Journalists and International Federation of Journalists in calling on the Government to use every diplomatic effort to secure Cumpio's release.

354 Support for community energy initiativesTabled: **4/11/24** Signatories: **13****Manuela Perteghella****Jim Shannon****Ian Roome****Gideon Amos****Andrew George****Angus MacDonald**

Charlotte Cane

Steve Darling

Tristan Osborne

John Milne

That this House commends the efforts of community energy enterprises across the UK, particularly recognising the work of the Heart of England Community Energy (HECE), which operates one of the country's largest community-owned solar farms, located just outside Stratford-upon-Avon, which has been generating clean electricity to power thousands of homes in the Heart of England since 2016, and demonstrating the vital role that community-led energy projects play in achieving a sustainable future; notes that HECE reinvests its profits into supporting local charities and projects; and calls on the Government to support policies that

encourage community energy projects, thus empowering communities to take charge of their energy futures and share in the prosperity of a green energy transition.

361 **30 years of the National Lottery**

Tabled: 5/11/24 Signatories: 6

Jim Shannon
Kirsteen Sullivan
Tonia Antoniazzi [R]
Daniel Francis
Christine Jardine
Tristan Osborne

That this House celebrates the 30th birthday of the National Lottery, who have supported fantastic causes as a way to bring positive change right across the UK; notes that the first draw was held in 1994 and that the National Lottery have raised over £49 billion and awarded over 690,000 individual grants to projects and community organisations, which make a huge difference in supporting so many people; highlights the efforts of fundraisers and beneficiaries who are essential in working alongside the National Lottery to help them do what they do so well; underlines their commitment to strengthening local communities, sports teams, environmental projects and also to supporting young people achieve their full potential; thanks all of the volunteers and staff for all their hard work; and wishes the National Lottery many more years of supporting growth across the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

362 **Cuts to the International Development Budget**

Tabled: 5/11/24 Signatories: 25

Monica Harding
Anna Sabine
Layla Moran
Claire Young
Ian Sollom
Adam Dance

Ben Lake
Steve Darling

James MacCleary
John Milne

Charlotte Cane
Calum Miller

That this House expresses disappointment at the cut to international development spending in the Budget; notes that conflicts in the Middle East, the Sahel, the Horn of Africa and Ukraine mean the United Kingdom's support is needed more than ever; recognises that overseas aid spending is at its lowest in 17 years, having been cut by £2 billion in the 2024/25 fiscal year; further notes that the Prime Minister previously promised to reset Britain's place in the world and return to our status as an international development superpower; believes that this is crucial given the way the former Conservative Government trashed the UK's reputation on the world stage, including via abandoning the 0.7%; and calls on the Government to restore Official

Development Assistance to 0.7% of GNI as soon as possible in order to reinstate the country's commitment to the world's poorest by ensuring that the United Kingdom is a global leader on development.

363 **Gaza family visa scheme**

Tabled: **5/11/24** Signatories: **24**

Rachael Maskell

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Shockat Adam

Andrew George

Sorcha Eastwood

Ayoub Khan

Abtisam Mohamed

Ben Lake

Steve Witherden

Rebecca Long Bailey

That this House notes the loss of over 40,000 people in Gaza resulting from the current conflict with the toll of injured, exposed to infectious disease and famine growing by the day, and far exceeding 100,000, while the destruction of the Gaza's health infrastructure means that people cannot access vital medical attention; and further notes that there are a small number of Palestinians living in the UK whose loved ones are at imminent risk in Gaza, so calls upon the Government to introduce a Gaza Family Visa Scheme, based upon the Ukraine Family Scheme, to enable Palestinians from Gaza to reunite with their family members and seek temporary sanctuary in the UK until it is safe to return.

365 **Imprisonment of Alaa Abd el-Fattah**

Tabled: **5/11/24** Signatories: **19**

John McDonnell

Richard Burgon

Shockat Adam

Zarah Sultana

Apsana Begum

Rebecca Long Bailey

Ben Lake

That this House expresses its grave concern at the continuing imprisonment of British national writer Alaa Abd el-Fattah, whose most recent five-year sentence ended on 29 September, yet the Egyptian government refused to release him; notes that following the refusal by Egypt's government to release Alaa, Laila Souief, Alaa's mother, declared a hunger strike which has now entered its fourth week; considers that meaningful action is necessary to secure Alaa's release; and urges the Foreign Secretary to press once again for Alaa's release with the clear

understanding that there will be serious diplomatic consequences for the Egyptian government as the Foreign Secretary warned when in opposition.

367 **Release of Emily Damari**

Tabled: 5/11/24 Signatories: 34

Freddie van Mierlo
Layla Moran
Calum Miller
Charlie Maynard
Adam Dance
Wendy Chamberlain

Wera Hobhouse
Sarah Green
Charlotte Cane

Victoria Collins
Dr Al Pinkerton
Martin Wrigley

Helen Maguire
Steve Darling
Marie Goldman

That this House notes the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza while Hamas continues to hold hostages including British citizen Emily Damari; urges the Government and Foreign Secretary to take all actions within their power to secure Emily's release and the release of all remaining hostages; further urges the Government to engage in international efforts to secure a ceasefire so the hostages can be released and to get aid into Gaza; and also urges the Government to advocate for British citizens abroad; including introducing a right to consular assistance in the case of human rights violations.

368 **Jammu and Kashmir legislative assembly elections**

Tabled: 5/11/24 Signatories: 16

Imran Hussain
Tahir Ali
Richard Burgon
Mohammad Yasin
Zarah Sultana
Andy McDonald

Nadia Whittome

That this House recognises the right to self-determination for Kashmiris; notes that since the partition of 1947, the region and population of Kashmir have been divided between three countries; further notes that Indian-occupied Kashmir is the most militarised zone in the world; opposes the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35a of the Indian Constitution that revoked Kashmir's special status; decries the use of sweeping arrest powers, disappearances, torture, extra-judicial killings and other grave human rights violations against dissidents; also notes with particular concern the detention of journalists and political leaders such as JKLF Chairman Yasin Malik on an indefinite hunger strike protesting insufficient medical facilities in his Delhi jail, and the erosion of freedoms of speech, expression and the press; observes the election

of a new J&K coalition government, and recognises the appointment of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on an anti-abrogation mandate; supports UN Security Council Resolution 47, ruling that the future of J&K should be decided by its own people through democratic means of a free and impartial plebiscite; regrets the lack of action over seven decades, further entrenching injustice; acknowledges the large British Kashmiri diaspora in Britain and their aspirations for a just settlement; calls on the Government to push for a resolution to the ongoing occupation, end the impunity granted to Indian armed forces in Kashmir and prioritise the aspirations of Kashmiris; and further calls on the Government to use its Presidency of the United Nations Security Council to implement the rulings of UN Security Council 47.

371 Agricultural Property Relief and Business Property Relief

Tabled: **6/11/24** Signatories: **18**

Edward Morello
Vikki Slade
Helen Morgan
David Chadwick
Angus MacDonald
Helen Maguire

Jim Shannon
Mr Lee Dillon

James MacCleary
John Milne

Charlotte Cane
Mike Martin

That this House recognises the essential role of family-run farms in sustaining rural communities, particularly in areas like West Dorset, and providing high-quality food for the nation; notes that the proposed changes to Agricultural Property Relief and Business Property Relief from April 2026, with only the first £1 million of agricultural and business assets fully exempt from inheritance tax, pose a critical threat to these farms' continuity; further notes that 49% of farms already have a net worth of over £1.5 million, and that the average farm value far exceeds this cap, these adjustments could force families to sell vital assets to meet tax obligations; notes that the sustainability of these generational farms, many of which are central to food security and biodiversity, is at risk; and calls on the Government to urgently reassess these measures to safeguard the future of UK agriculture and the rural economy.

372 GWR Sunday timetableTabled: **6/11/24** Signatories: **18**

Max Wilkinson
Steve Darling
Caroline Voaden
David Chadwick
Rachel Gilmour
Ben Maguire

Jim Shannon
Mr Lee Dillon

Wera Hobhouse
Andrew George

James MacCleary

That this House notes with concern the level of service provided by the GWR rail franchise on Sundays; recognises that Sunday is a popular day for leisure travel, but also for those travelling for work purposes, visiting family and for students; further notes with concern the apparent deterioration of the service in recent months, including the cancellation of large numbers of services, delays, and overcrowding; notes that passengers can no longer confidently rely on the GWR timetable for Sunday travel; and appeals to Ministers to intervene.

373 OVO Energy monthly fees for paper format billsTabled: **6/11/24** Signatories: **16**

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Ayoub Khan
Vikki Slade
Wendy Chamberlain
Steve Darling
David Chadwick

Jim Shannon
Andrew George

Charlotte Cane

John Milne

That this House notes with concern OVO Energy's intention to introduce monthly fees for customers that receive their bills in paper format from December; believes that such a fee is counterproductive as families continue to struggle with high energy costs, particularly in the run-up to winter; further notes that such a change risks disadvantaging older and other vulnerable people, even allowing for planned mitigations; and calls on OVO Energy to reverse this harmful and unnecessary decision immediately.

374 National insurance increase and the social care sectorTabled: **6/11/24** Signatories: **5**

Ellie Chowns
Ayoub Khan
Angus MacDonald
Colum Eastwood
Andrew George

That this House notes with concern the ongoing challenges faced by the social care sector, including chronic underfunding and workforce shortages; further notes that the recent increase in national insurance contributions announced in the Autumn Budget is set to place additional financial pressure on this already stretched sector; recognises that while the Government has made an allowance to reimburse public sector organisations for the cost of this increase, most social care providers are not public sector organisations and are therefore not covered by this provision; calls on the Government to urgently clarify the financial implications of the national insurance policy on the social care sector; and further calls for provisions to protect not-for-profit care providers from the national insurance increase to help the sustainability and stability of essential social care services.

376 Support for endometriosis careTabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **5**

Catherine Fookes
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Andrew George
Kirsteen Sullivan

That this House is concerned about the severe impact that endometriosis has on the physical and mental health of one in ten women in the UK; notes that this painful condition affects 1.5 million women causing chronic pain, and fatigue and, in some cases, an inability to conceive and that people who have the disease still wait over eight years on average to be diagnosed; commends research by Dr Jasmine Hearn and colleagues at Manchester Metropolitan University published in the Journal of Health Communication 2024, which found that many women's experiences of seeking medical help was characterized by doctors and nurses not believing them, thinking they were exaggerating, and dismissing their concerns as women's issues, making them feel ashamed, embarrassed, powerless and less likely to seek out help in the future; and calls on the governments in the four nations of the UK to work to improve understanding of endometriosis in the fields of health, education and employment, which are currently lacking in research and healthcare, in addition to medical interventions.

377 National Engineering Day 2024Tabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **4****Dave Doogan****Jim Shannon****Graham Leadbitter****Andrew George**

That this House marks National Engineering Day 2024, a national awareness day organised by the Royal Academy of Engineering; recognises the importance of engineering to the UK's prosperity; notes with concern the lack of diversity within the engineering profession and the need for skilled workers across engineering disciplines in all nations of the UK; further notes that Engineering UK's Women in Engineering and Technology report (published May 2024) found that the percentage of women in the engineering workforce was just 15.7% in 2023; is concerned that this represents a decline from the 2022 figure of 16.5%; and calls on the Government to take steps to equip the UK with the skilled workforce it needs to meet the challenges of sustainability and technological advancement by creating an education and skills system which produces a diverse engineering and technology profession equipped with the skills needed for the future.

378 Alan Sayers and the Falkirk Business Improvement DistrictTabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **3****Euan Stainbank****Mary Kelly Foy****Kirsteen Sullivan**

That this House recognises the immense work of Business Improvement Districts (BID) across the country and thanks the Falkirk Business Improvement District for their work on behalf of Falkirk town centre businesses; congratulates Alan Sayers for winning an award for being a High Street Hero; and agrees with Falkirk BID manager Elaine Grant that his humility, professionalism, and relentless dedication to his work and community make him a deserving recipient of the Scotland Loves Local High Street Hero Award.

379 Taxing low paid workersTabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **2****Mr Gregory Campbell****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes the Government's welcome recent announcement that the National Living Wage is due to increase to £12.21 per hour from April 2025 affecting three million lower paid workers; further notes that there is no increase in income tax thresholds, meaning that virtually all three million people will become tax payers; and understands that aligned to the increase in employers National Insurance contributions and the fact that many of those affected work in the hospitality sector which will entail retail prices increasing to pay for these additional

costs, the end result will be that the general public will pay for the increase in wages while HM Treasury will gain several billion pounds in additional revenue every year.

380 **National insurance increase and the voluntary sector**

Tabled: 11/11/24 Signatories: 4

Ellie Chowns
Ben Lake
Sammy Wilson
Andrew George

That this House recognises the significant contributions made by the voluntary sector in building resilient, connected communities across the UK and delivering essential services, including mental health support, community care, and crisis intervention; notes with concern that the recent increase in National Insurance Contributions (NIC) will have a severe financial impact on the voluntary sector, which is already under strain due to escalating operational costs and cuts to contract funding; further notes that while the Government has committed to reimbursing public sector organisations for this increase, no such provision has been extended to the voluntary sector; highlights the risk that this additional financial burden will force many of its organisations to reduce staff, cut services, and even withdraw from delivering their services, leaving vulnerable individuals and communities without vital support; and urges the Government to extend the NIC reimbursement to the voluntary sector, recognising its role as a lifeline in many communities.

381 **Humanitarian situation in Sudan**

Tabled: 11/11/24 Signatories: 10

Monica Harding
Steve Darling
David Chadwick
Andrew Rosindell
Adam Dance
Ben Lake

James MacCleary
Andrew George

Charlotte Cane

Calum Miller

That this House notes that some 25 million people are facing acute hunger and urgently need humanitarian assistance in Sudan, that 14 regions are on the brink of famine and famine conditions have already been confirmed in ZamZam Camp in North Darfur and that more than 10 million have been displaced from their homes; further notes that civilians in the country are facing incredible hardship, fear and suffering and notes an increase in gender based violence; recognises that the UK's overseas aid spending is at its the lowest in 17 years, having been cut by £2 billion in the 2024-25 fiscal year; also notes that the UK has assumed presidency of the United Nations Security Council and is the penholder on Sudan; calls on the Government to

increase humanitarian assistance to Sudan and make it a central issue during meetings of the Security Council; further calls on the Government to play a stronger role in seeking a ceasefire and peace process where civilians are a part of the democratic government; also calls on the Government to sponsor a new Security Council resolution to create safe zones for civilians, designating no-fly areas for aircraft and Iranian drones and upholding responsibilities under Resolution 2417; and calls on the Government to increase the capacity of its mission in Sudan as a practical means of support.

382 Contribution of animals to the Armed Forces

Tabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **8**

Josh Babarinde

Steve Darling

Jim Shannon

Tonia Antoniazzi

Adam Dance

James MacCleary

Vikki Slade

Andrew George

That this House recognises that, alongside the extraordinary human contribution to the war effort in WWI and WWII, there was also an extraordinary animal effort, including the services of 8 million horses and countless mules that died in WWI, the services of 300,000 pigeons that served Britain in WWI and WWII, carrying essential messages when other forms of communication were not possible, including 17,000 pigeons dropped into occupied countries in WWI, where fewer than 1 in 8 returned, the services of 20,000 dogs that were trained for the British frontline in WWI to deliver essential medical supplies, employed by the Red Cross, the services of 7,000 dogs whose owners offered their pets for service, including Airedale terriers trained to find injured soldiers in WWI, and including Rob the Collie who undertook 20 parachute jumps into North Africa and was awarded the Dickens Medal for Gallantry, alongside 65 other animals who have received the Dickens medal since WWII; notes that animals continue to make a significant contribution to our Armed Forces; and believes that animals should be recognised even further as a key part of our Armed Forces, and that they should be commemorated by further uptake of the Purple Poppy.

383 Work of St John AmbulanceTabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **11**

Kirith Entwistle
Mary Kelly Foy
Sarah Hall
Charlotte Nichols
Sonia Kumar
Zöe Franklin

Tonia Antoniazzi
Daniel Francis

Dr Simon Opher
Andrew George

Tristan Osborne

That this House recognises the lifesaving work of St John Ambulance volunteers across the country, training 250,000 members of the public in first aid every year, providing event first aid cover at 11,000 events and delivering 4,000 hours of emergency support to the NHS per month as the nation's ambulance auxiliary; acknowledges that 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests take place every year in the UK with less than 1 in 10 people surviving and immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation and that defibrillation can more than double the chances of survival; is concerned by the findings of St John Ambulance's recent survey that revealed 49% of the public would feel panicked if they came across a health emergency, with one in three members of the public afraid to give CPR to women due to fear of inappropriate touching; thanks the work of St John Ambulance volunteers, first aid charities and NHS Ambulance services in providing physical and mental health first aid training in communities to improve first aid confidence; and encourages the Government to support first aid education and volunteers as part of the NHS-10-Year Plan to tackle health inequalities, improve health outcomes and save lives.

384 Occupational Therapy Week 2024Tabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **8**

Max Wilkinson
Steve Darling
Jim Shannon
Adam Dance
James MacCleary
Vikki Slade

Charlotte Cane

Andrew George

That this House recognises Occupational Therapy Week 2024; celebrates the invaluable role of occupational therapists across the UK in delivering holistic, person-centred care to improve health outcomes, promote independent living, and reduce pressures on NHS and social care services; acknowledges the vital contributions of occupational therapists working across diverse settings to support hospital discharge, rehabilitation, and community-based support; welcomes the Royal College of Occupational Therapists' (RCOT) Workforce Strategy, which outlines the key role that an enlarged occupational therapy workforce based primarily within

communities can play as a catalyst for the Government's plans to move care into communities, leverage technology and prioritise prevention and early intervention; and urges the Government to work with RCOT to deliver this vision.

385 Visually impaired cricket team Australia tour

Tabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **6**

Max Wilkinson
Steve Darling
Edward Morello
Angus MacDonald
Adam Dance
Charlotte Cane

That this House extends its best wishes to the England Visually Impaired Cricket Team as they embark on their tour of Australia starting on 12 November 2024; notes that this team exemplifies dedication, resilience, and the power of inclusion in sport, setting an inspiring example for athletes of all abilities; applauds their commitment not only to the game but also to raising awareness and encouraging people with visual impairments to engage in inclusive sports is truly admirable; and wishes them success on the field and safe travels throughout their tour.

386 Disclosure of Special Branch files

Tabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **2**

John McDonnell
Mary Kelly Foy

That this House notes with concern that Special Branch documents show that the undercover police reported on union members speaking at meetings asking for solidarity with striking workers; further notes that in an internal police report known as Operation Reuben, the police admit that intelligence gathered by undercover policing was shared by both Special Branch and the security services, with employers and the notorious blacklisting organisations such as the Economic League and the Consulting Association; also notes that there is now conclusive evidence that Special Branch infiltrated trade union meetings and kept files on every trade union in the UK; and calls for all the spycops files to be disclosed to those who were spied on.

387 Value of rural post officesTabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **4****Lizzi Collinge****Mary Kelly Foy****Ben Lake****Andrew George**

That this House celebrates and commends the continued hard work of postmasters and mistresses in rural communities across the beautiful Morecambe Bay, Lune Valley and Westmorland; recognises and thanks them for their commitment to their communities; highlights the importance of their public service in connecting communities; emphasises their necessity in ensuring older people in particular are able to communicate with family and friends, see their neighbours, and access vital services including banking; finds it regrettable that their hard work to provide this service has been put under pressure by low remuneration, higher bills and economic instability under the previous Government; welcomes postmasters and mistresses finally receiving justice following the Horizon scandal and thanks the government for funding the compensation they deserve; and thanks hardworking village postmasters and mistresses, who have proudly continued to serve their communities to the gratitude of this House.

388 Spirit duty on Scotch whiskyTabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **4****Jamie Stone****Angus MacDonald****Wendy Chamberlain****Steve Darling**

That this House recognises the value of the Scotch whisky industry; acknowledges its £7.1 billion a year contribution to the UK economy; highlights the importance of Scotch whisky as a major UK export; further recognises that the far north of Scotland is home to many successful distilleries, such as Glenmorangie and Old Pulteney; understands the importance of protecting this revenue; rebukes the Chancellor's hike in spirit duty and the damage it will cause to these businesses; and calls on the Government to reconsider.

389 Social care workers and National InsuranceTabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **30**

Steve Darling
Claire Young
Clive Jones
Tom Gordon
Edward Morello
Richard Foord

Victoria Collins	Angus MacDonald	Caroline Voaden
Freddie van Mierlo	Chris Coghlan	Helen Morgan
Wendy Chamberlain	James MacCleary	Anna Sabine
Adam Dance	Helen Maguire	Dr Al Pinkerton
Rachel Gilmour	Mr Alistair Carmichael	Tom Morrison
Luke Taylor	Vikki Slade	Charlotte Cane
Martin Wrigley	Calum Miller	John Milne
Sarah Olney	Andrew George	Dr Danny Chambers

That this House notes that social care workers should be exempt from the National Insurance tax rise announced in the Autumn Budget 2024; welcomes the extra funding provided for the NHS and other public sector organisations to cover the cost of the tax rise, but notes that the vast majority of care providers will not benefit from this help; further notes that 98% of care providers are small employers; and calls on the Government to reconsider National Insurance proposals so that care providers including care homes and those providing care in people's homes should be exempt from the National Insurance tax increase.

390 Use of swift bricksTabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **10**

Adam Dance
Tonia Antoniazzi
Wendy Chamberlain
Anna Sabine
Tim Farron
Claire Young

Charlotte Cane	Steve Darling	Andrew George
Dr Danny Chambers		

That this House notes with concern the dramatic decline in swift populations across the country; recognises that swift bricks are a sensible, low-cost solution to support the reintroduction of swift nesting sites in areas where they have been lost; further notes that swift bricks can be easily implemented into different types of developments; also notes that swift bricks provide nests for other types of endangered species, strengthening local biodiversity; and calls on the Government to encourage the use of swift bricks in its planned 1.5 million new developments.

391 World Diabetes Day 2024Tabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **6****Jim Shannon****Tonia Antoniazzi****Mary Kelly Foy****Tristan Osborne****Daniel Francis****Andrew George**

That this House celebrates World Diabetes Day 2024, marked on 14 November, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922; notes the theme for 2024 is Breaking Barriers, Bridging Gaps to raise awareness and improve the lives of people suffering with Diabetes; highlights that there are around 537 million people worldwide that have Diabetes, 4.4 million of which are in the UK; underlines that National Diabetes Day was first officially recognised by the UN in 2006 and that the campaign reaches over one billion people in more than 160 countries; and thanks the International Diabetes Federation for all they do in educating people across the world on the impact Diabetes can have and for their help in supporting those with Diabetes cope day to day with the effects of the condition.