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Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 25 November 2024

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New EDMs

447 **The Captain Webb's role in the community**

Tabled: **25/11/24** Signatories: **1**

Connor Naismith

That this House recognises the significant investment of £238,300 in the Captain Webb public house in Crewe; and commends the important role the pub and its dedicated team plays in creating a community hub, playing a vital role in bringing people together and tackling social isolation while supporting the local economy in the process.

448 **Insourcing of cleaning staff at City St George's College**

Tabled: **25/11/24** Signatories: **1**

John McDonnell

That this House recognises that the cleaning staff at City St George's, University of London are an integral part of the university community and that that they play a pivotal role in the student experience, making sure that the university is a clean and pleasant environment to work and study; expresses its thanks for their selfless commitment during the Covid pandemic when these workers were the first back on the campus, risking their own health and wellbeing, to ensure that university learning and working spaces were clean and safe; regrets they are presently outsourced and employed through a private company and as a result that they do not have the same pay, rights and benefits as staff employed directly by the university; and urges the City St George's, University of London to respond positively to Unison's call for the college to follow

the example of King's College, LSE, SOAS, Goldsmiths, LSHTM and Birkbeck to end the two-tier workforce and bring cleaning services in house when the contract with the current cleaning company ends in the summer of 2025.

449 Mid Down and Lisburn District Community First Responders

Tabled: **25/11/24** Signatories: **1**

Sorcha Eastwood

That this House recognises the outstanding work of Mid Down and Lisburn District Community First Responders and community first response teams across the UK in providing vital, life-saving support during emergencies; commends their dedication and selflessness to responding quickly to critical incidents, often as volunteers, to assist those in urgent need before ambulance services arrive; acknowledges the invaluable contribution such teams make to local communities by improving survival rates and outcomes in cases of cardiac arrest, severe trauma, and other emergencies; further notes the importance of equipping and supporting first responders with the resources, training, and recognition they deserve; and calls on the Government to strengthen its support for community first response schemes, ensuring their sustainability and growth as a cornerstone of local resilience and public health.

450 Suspension of Israel from international sports competitions

Tabled: **25/11/24** Signatories: **1**

Brian Leishman

That this House expresses profound concern over the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the continued suffering and loss of life caused by the lack of a ceasefire and the failure to advance peace talks; condemns the disruption to Palestinian sports resulting from Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories and the inclusion of teams from illegal Israeli settlements in domestic leagues, in clear violation of international sports regulations; highlights the growing calls for action from civil society, sports fans, and advocates who emphasize the critical need for diplomatic pressure to secure a ceasefire and revive negotiations towards a peaceful two-state solution; notes the precedent of sports boycotts, including the campaign against apartheid South Africa, which demonstrated the power of international sporting solidarity in addressing injustice; further notes the responsibility of major international sports bodies, including FIFA, UEFA, the International Olympic Committee, and others, to uphold their principles of fairness and justice by refusing to normalize oppressive practices; calls for the suspension of Israel from all international sports competitions until it complies with international law, respects human rights, and engages in meaningful negotiations towards a just and lasting peace; and urges the UK Government to utilise all diplomatic and sporting channels to support peace, justice, and stability in the region.

451 Ulster Scots Language Week, 25 to 30 NovemberTabled: **25/11/24** Signatories: **1****Mr Gregory Campbell**

That this House notes November 25th 2024 begins Ulster Scots Language Week and acknowledges the range of activities including talks, walking tours, poetry, writing competitions, conferences etc that are being held to help demonstrate the growing awareness of the Ulster Scots language, culture and traditions across many communities both in Northern Ireland and in border counties of the Irish Republic; expresses the hope that this will continue to grow; and wishes the Ulster Scots Agency and all those associated with the week's events every success.

452 Replacement of Personal Independence Payments with a voucher systemTabled: **25/11/24** Signatories: **1****Steve Darling**

That this House expresses its concern regarding the Minister for Work and Pensions' refusal to rule out proposals to replace Personal Independence Payments (PIP) with a voucher system; notes that this proposal, originally put forward by the previous Conservative Government, would significantly reduce the autonomy of disabled claimants; recognises the substantial concern raised by disabled people, who rely on regular PIP payments to cover essential living costs, including mobility aids, equipment, therapy, and everyday necessities; further acknowledges that replacing cash with vouchers would undermine the independence of disabled people and could not adequately meet their diverse needs; calls on the Government to immediately reject the idea of replacing PIP payments with vouchers and grants, ensuring that disabled individuals retain control over their finances; and urges the Government to engage meaningfully with disabled people, their families, and relevant advocacy organisations to guarantee that reforms to the benefits system truly address the needs of those with disabilities without undermining their rights to autonomy and dignity.

453 Emergency response to Storm Bert in the South WestTabled: **25/11/24** Signatories: **1****Ian Roome**

That this House notes the bravery of the UK's Emergency Services in response to Storm Bert, which included more than four hundred water incidents that have taken place in Devon and Somerset alone over this past weekend; acknowledges that resources for emergency services remain under immense pressure; and believes that community resilience for severe weather should be a statutory duty with accompanying government funding in England and Wales.

454 Reducing the age for bowel cancer screening offered on the NHSTabled: **25/11/24** Signatories: **1****Mr Joshua Reynolds**

That this House recognises the hard work of Stephen Rippington, who whilst battling against bowel cancer, was active in raising awareness for the disease both within his local area and online, and his wife Jessica who has raised over £10,000 for bowel cancer research; notes that 1 in 4 diagnoses occur among people aged under 50; and, following Stephen's passing earlier this year, calls for the age eligibility of screening tests for bowel cancer offered by the NHS to be reviewed.

455 Closure of Rathbones Bakery, WakefieldTabled: **25/11/24** Signatories: **1****Jon Trickett**

That this House is disturbed by news that Rathbones bakery site in Wakefield looks set to close following a decision by the owners, supermarket chain Morrisons, to cease production; deeply regrets the consequence of this decision on the jobs of 400 loyal staff from across the Wakefield District, with further impacts on the supply chain and on agency workers; notes that Morrisons was taken over by private equity firm Clayton Dubilier and Rice in 2021 and fears that the new owners are asset-stripping the firm and prioritising short-term yields over the long term interests of the business; further notes the company has indicated it could look at keeping open the production of morning goods, but only by operating a de facto policy of fire-and-rehire with the remaining workers kept on with inferior pay, terms and conditions; supports the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union in insisting that workers should not pay the price for the destructive business model adopted by private equity concerns; and calls on government both to provide all necessary support to the workers involved and to undertake an urgent investigation into the impact of private equity takeovers and acquisitions on the UK groceries market.

456 St Andrew's Book FestivalTabled: **25/11/24** Signatories: **1****Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House celebrates St Andrew's Book Festival which is taking place this week from 25 November until 1 December; recognises that the event is organised by Scots in London and was established in 2017 to bring together Scottish organisations across London, including Scotland House London, the Scottish Business Network, churches, charities, clubs and the Scottish military; and notes that this is the first Scottish themed book festival in London with the admirable goal of bringing Scottish talent to new audiences, fostering cross-country connections and supporting debut Scottish writers.

457 National Insurance contributions rise exemption for childcare providersTabled: **25/11/24** Signatories: **1****Munira Wilson**

That this House notes that the increase to the rate of employers' National Insurance contributions announced in the Autumn Budget will lead to higher childcare fees for families, along with probable closures of early years and childcare settings; further notes that early years and childcare provision has faced years of underfunding under the previous Government, leading to families facing very high fees and a lack of available places; and calls on the Government to reconsider these National Insurance proposals so that early years and childcare providers are exempted from the National Insurance tax increase.

458 King's Award for Voluntary Service 2024 for Oswestry Borderland TourismTabled: **25/11/24** Signatories: **1****Helen Morgan**

That this House congratulates Oswestry Borderland Tourism for their King's Award for Voluntary Service 2024; notes that this prestigious Royal Award is the equivalent of an MBE as the highest award given to voluntary groups across the UK; celebrates the outstanding contribution to the community made by Oswestry Borderland Tourism in a voluntary capacity, giving their effort, enthusiasm and time, delivering to the highest of standards in the local area; recognises the beauty of the land and tourist destinations in the Oswestry borderland area; and wishes them the very best in their future endeavours of bringing more tourism to the Oswestry.

459 King's Award for Voluntary Service 2024 for Shrewsbury and Oswestry Crucial CrewTabled: **25/11/24** Signatories: **1****Helen Morgan**

That this House congratulates Shrewsbury and Oswestry Crucial Crew for their King's Award for Voluntary Service 2024; notes that this prestigious Royal Award is the equivalent of an MBE as the highest award given to voluntary groups across the UK; celebrates the outstanding contribution to the community made by Shrewsbury and Oswestry Crucial Crew in a voluntary capacity, giving their effort, enthusiasm and time, delivering to the highest of standards in the local area; recognises the importance of educating children on social awareness and safety training as a means of teaching them essential life skills; and wishes them the very best in their future endeavours of educating primary school aged children on key life skills.

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.

376 **Support for endometriosis care**

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

Catherine Fookes

Jim Shannon

Mary Kelly Foy

Andrew George

Kirsteen Sullivan

Shockat Adam

John McDonnell

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 2024**

Tabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **17**

Dave Doogan

Jim Shannon

Graham Leadbitter

Andrew George

Chris Law

Luke Taylor

John McDonnell

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.

380 National insurance increase and the voluntary sector

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

Ellie Chowns

Ben Lake

Sammy Wilson

Andrew George

Siân Berry

Carla Denyer

John McDonnell

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: **28**

Monica Harding

Steve Darling

David Chadwick

Andrew Rosindell

Adam Dance

Ben Lake

John McDonnell

Mike Martin

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: **14**

Josh Babarinde

Steve Darling

Jim Shannon

Tonia Antoniazzi

Adam Dance

James MacCleary

Christine Jardine

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: **45**

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

David Burton-Sampson

Kate Osborne

John McDonnell

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: **18**

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

John McDonnell

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: **10**

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

John McDonnell

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: **11**

John McDonnell
Mary Kelly Foy
Jon Trickett
Ellie Chowns
Richard Burgon
Siân Berry

Ian Lavery

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: **11****Lizzi Collinge****Mary Kelly Foy****Ben Lake****Andrew George****Jon Trickett****Jim Shannon**

John McDonnell

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.

389 Social care workers and National InsuranceTabled: **11/11/24** Signatories: **40****Steve Darling****Claire Young****Clive Jones****Tom Gordon****Edward Morello****Richard Foord**

Christine Jardine

John McDonnell

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: **23**

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

Sorcha Eastwood John McDonnell

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: **23**

Jim Shannon
Tonia Antoniazzi
Mary Kelly Foy
Tristan Osborne
Daniel Francis
Andrew George

Ian Lavery John McDonnell

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.

395 Harry Ferguson Museum of InnovationTabled: **12/11/24** Signatories: **4**

Jim Allister
Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Alex Easton

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.

398 National Sherwood Forest DayTabled: **12/11/24** Signatories: **9**

Michelle Welsh
Steve Yemm
Nadia Whittome
Jo White
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy

John McDonnell

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.

402 Redundancies at TGI FridaysTabled: **13/11/24** Signatories: **15**

Lee Barron
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jon Trickett
Mary Kelly Foy
Mrs Lorraine Beavers
Richard Burgon

Ian Lavery

John McDonnell

That this House condemns TGI Fridays' decision to terminate over 1,000 staff with less than an hour's notice, without consultation, leaving many workers locked out of their workplaces and

unable to access their possessions; urges the Secretary of State for Business and Trade to meet with the dismissed workers; calls on Teneo to unlock the sites so that workers may retrieve their belongings; requests TGI Fridays ensures fair compensation, appropriate notice, and redundancy pay for all affected staff; further calls on the Business and Trade Select Committee to require TGI Fridays' CEO, Julie McEwan, to appear before them; and further urges the Government to take urgent action to make mass firings without notice or consultation illegal.

406 **Implications for rural communities of the Autumn Budget 2024**

Tabled: **13/11/24** Signatories: **21**

Tim Farron
Robin Swann
Steff Aquarone
Anna Sabine
Claire Young
James MacCleary

Christine Jardine

Ian Roome

Calum Miller

That this House recognises the vital contribution that British farmers make to our economy, environment and food security; understands that the farming industry has suffered from the botched trade deals that the former Conservative government negotiated and the poorly managed transition to Environmental Land Management schemes, increases in input costs, workforce shortages, extreme weather events and cuts to their incomes; is therefore deeply concerned by the Government's Budget announcement to cap agricultural property relief to an effective tax rate of 20% on all agricultural assets which are valued at over £1 million; believes that this decision unfairly affects family farms and rural businesses and may force tenant farmers and family farms to stop farming; notes that the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' day-to-day spending is set to be cut by 1.9% over the next two years; further notes the Chancellor's decision to accelerate the phase-out of the direct payments under the Basic Payment Scheme; also believes that these decisions put national food security, the natural environment and the heritage of agricultural communities and the rural economy at greater risk; and urges the Government to reverse its cut to agricultural property relief, raise the farming budget by £1 billion a year and issue an urgent review into the accelerated phase-out of the direct payments under the Basic Payment Scheme, to make sure our farmers can continue to feed the nation and protect our natural environment.

408 Protecting wild sea birds and sand eelsTabled: **14/11/24** Signatories: **13****Wendy Chamberlain****Adam Dance****Claire Young****Rachael Maskell****Jim Shannon****Richard Burgon**

Christine Jardine

Siân Berry

That this House recognises the importance of sand eels to the wider ecosystem, in particular wild seabird populations; acknowledges the puffin and kittiwake bird populations, whose diets largely rely on sand eels, have drastically decreased as a result of industrial sand eel fishing by Sweden and Denmark in the North Sea; notes that a ban on fishing is now in place but notes further with concern growing external pressure to lift the ban; and urges the Government to commit to the fishing ban to ensure our wild sea bird species can continue to thrive.

409 Triple negative breast cancerTabled: **14/11/24** Signatories: **19****Clive Jones****Claire Young****Adam Dance****Anna Sabine****Wendy Chamberlain****Rachael Maskell**

Christine Jardine

Sorcha Eastwood

John McDonnell

Calum Miller

Siân Berry

That this House recognises the significant impact of triple negative breast cancer (TNBC), which accounts for around 15% of breast cancer diagnosis but up to 40% of all breast cancer deaths in England; acknowledges that TNBC disproportionately affects people under the age of 40, for whom a diagnosis and treatment can have a profound effect on their lives, employment, financial security and family; further recognises the impact of undergoing treatment for TNBC and the importance of the breast cancer workforce in providing support during this time, particularly Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS); acknowledges the lack of specific data on TNBC in England, making it difficult to identify exactly how many people are living with or dying from TNBC; and calls on the Government to ensure that every person with TNBC has care tailored to their needs, including the assignment of a CNS at diagnosis and that TNBC data is improved in England.

410 Children's Grief Awareness Week 2024Tabled: **14/11/24** Signatories: **32****Christine Jardine****Claire Young****Steve Darling****Adam Dance****Anna Sabine****Ben Maguire**

Monica Harding

Max Wilkinson

John McDonnell

Siân Berry

Calum Miller

Edward Morello

That this House recognises Children's Grief Awareness Week, taking place between 18 and 24 November 2024; notes that this year's theme is building hope, which includes a focus on building resilience in young people and offering strategies and tools to support them with their bereavement; further notes this year's policy focus is improving grief education to support children through this difficult time; commends the coalition of charities organising Children's Grief Awareness Week including Child Bereavement UK, Childhood Bereavement Network and Winston's Wish; celebrates the work that these charities do to provide specialist support for children, including support groups, hotlines, online chats and email support; and calls on the Government to introduce a new protocol for authorities and public bodies to inform children of local, national and online support services available to children following a bereavement.

411 In memory of Jim FarmerTabled: **14/11/24** Signatories: **5****Wendy Chamberlain****Brian Leishman****Jim Shannon****James MacCleary****Christine Jardine**

That this House expresses its deepest condolences following the death of Jim Farmer, also known as Mr Golf, of St Andrews; acknowledges that he leaves behind an unparalleled legacy as a player, coach, and ambassador of the sport; recognises that as the honorary professional at The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, Jim was a prominent figure in Scottish golf for over five decades, and helped many golfers get their careers started; notes that Jim was made a life member of St Andrews Golf Club, served as the captain of the PGA from 2009 to 2011 and was a vital member of the PGA board, as well as representing Great Britain and Ireland in four PGA cups; understands this loss is felt widely and expresses sympathy to his friends and family following the sad news of his passing.

414 Disclosure and Barring Service checks for hon. Members and PeersTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **8**

Jo White
Tonia Antoniazzi
Andrew George
Cat Eccles
Kate Osborne
Peter Lamb

Siân Berry Charlotte Nichols

That this House believes that all Parliamentarians should be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check when they take their place in the House of Commons or House of Lords.

415 Wester Hailes post officeTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **4**

Dr Scott Arthur
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
John McDonnell

That this House regrets that Post Office Limited is considering closing Wester Hailes Post Office; further regrets the potential loss of jobs and service provision in the heart of one of Scotland's most deprived communities; notes that Post Office Limited has not yet contacted the local Member of Parliament to discuss their proposals for their vital community hub in one of Scotland's most deprived communities; agrees that the Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry uncovered significant problems in the centre of the company, and people in Wester Hailes cannot be expected to pay the price for that; and calls for a genuine consultation process involving affected individuals before any final decision is made.

416 Family visasTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **16**

Lisa Smart
Claire Hanna
Jim Shannon
Olly Glover
Andrew George
Steve Darling

Christine Jardine
Calum Miller

Sorcha Eastwood
Siân Berry

John McDonnell

That this House notes with concern the previous Government's decision to increase the minimum income threshold for family visas to £29,000; acknowledges that this threshold

unfairly separates families, particularly impacting low-income households and those in regions with lower average wages; recognises that a number of announcements on changes to the income threshold in the last 12 months has caused anxiety and uncertainty for many families; emphasises that family life should not be contingent on an arbitrary income level; urges the Government to provide an update on the progress of the Migration Advisory Committee's review into the financial requirements of family visas; and calls on the Government to reverse the increase to the minimum income threshold for family visas, so no more families are torn apart.

420 Care for PANS and PANDASTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **10**

Michelle Scrogham
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Shockat Adam
Wendy Chamberlain
Sir Julian Lewis

Ian Lavery

John McDonnell

Katrina Murray

That this House is concerned about the severe impact the post-infectious neuropsychiatric disorders Paediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) and Paediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) have on children, young people and families across the UK; notes that the impact is exacerbated by low levels of awareness and variation in care available further adding to the financial, emotional and educational toll; recognises that early intervention is known to lead to best outcomes but is rarely available to patients in the UK; applauds the publication of a manifesto by charity PANS PANDAS UK calling for the forthcoming NHS Ten Year Plan to take the needs of this community into account; commends the work of the PANS PANDAS Steering Group in seeking to implement change within health, education and social care; and calls on the Government to support this work through improved funding, research and training for professionals.

421 Rory McIlroy, DP World Tour Championship and Race to DubaiTabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **3**

Alex Easton
Jim Shannon
Tristan Osborne

That this House congratulates Rory McIlroy on his outstanding victory at the DP World Tour Championship in Dubai; recognises this achievement as his third DP World Tour Championship title and his sixth Race to Dubai triumph, equalling the record set by Seve Ballesteros; acknowledges the dedication and resilience demonstrated by Mr. McIlroy throughout the

2024 season, culminating in this significant accomplishment; and commends his continued contributions to the sport of golf, serving as an inspiration to athletes across the United Kingdom and beyond.

422 **Puppy smuggling bill**

Tabled: **18/11/24** Signatories: **21**

Dr Danny Chambers

Richard Burgon

Liz Jarvis

Helen Morgan

Jim Shannon

Mr Will Forster

Christine Jardine

John McDonnell

Calum Miller

Siân Berry

That this House welcomes the introduction of the Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill, also known as the Puppy Smuggling Bill, which aims to address critical animal welfare and public health concerns associated with the illegal importation of dogs and cats; recognises that this Bill tackles puppy smuggling, the importation of heavily pregnant dogs, and the steep increase in animal mutilations, in particular ear cropping and tail docking; notes with concern the 2,000% increase in reported ear-cropping cases over the past decade, the 600% rise in pregnant dogs illegally smuggled into the UK over the past three years and that legal loopholes which allow animal mutilation and suffering continue to be exploited; further notes that up to half of online advertisements for puppies feature dogs that have been illegally imported; acknowledges with concern that illegally imported dogs pose a risk to human health by potentially transmitting non-endemic zoonotic diseases including rabies and *Brucella canis*; further acknowledges the support of the RSPCA, the British Veterinary Association and Dogs Trust for this Bill; and calls on the Government to enact the Puppy Smuggling Bill to create a framework that protects animal welfare and public health.

429 **Ocean Oarsmen's Atlantic Rowing Challenge**

Tabled: **19/11/24** Signatories: **10**

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Jim Shannon

James MacCleary

Wendy Chamberlain

Manuela Perteghella

Dr Danny Chambers

Christine Jardine

That this House commends Ben and Harry, known as the Ocean Oarsmen, for their extraordinary commitment in undertaking the challenge of rowing across the Atlantic Ocean to raise £50,000

for the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice, a cause that provides essential support to children with life-limiting conditions and their families; recognises the physical and mental endurance required for such a formidable journey of 3,000 miles; and wishes them every success in their endeavour, celebrating their efforts to bring attention to and support for this vital charity.

430 **Bede's Helping Hands**

Tabled: **19/11/24** Signatories: **15**

Kate Osborne
Apsana Begum
Jim Shannon
Dr Scott Arthur
Luke Akehurst
Dawn Butler

Jon Trickett
Andy McDonald
Nadia Whittome

Grahame Morris
Brian Leishman
Ian Lavery

Richard Burgon
Ian Byrne

That this House congratulates Bede's Helping Hands, a food bank in Jarrow and Gateshead East constituency on receiving a King's Award for Voluntary Service; recognises the brilliant efforts of all their volunteers; praises the incredibly important work they do; acknowledges the massive difference they make for so many; and notes that whilst food banks should not be necessary it is the effort of community-based volunteer-led organisations such as these that change lives.

433 **Palestine Statehood (Recognition) (No. 2) Bill**

Tabled: **20/11/24** Signatories: **6**

Shockat Adam
Brian Leishman
Brendan O'Hara
Graham Leadbitter
John McDonnell
Siân Berry

That this House welcomes the introduction of the Palestine Statehood (Recognition) (No. 2) Bill; notes that the United Kingdom, as a signatory to the Balfour Declaration of 1917, has a historic responsibility to contribute to a lasting peace resolution in Palestine; further notes that 146 United Nations member states have formally recognised Palestine as a sovereign state; believes that recognising the State of Palestine is a vital step in achieving justice and strengthening the prospects for meaningful peace negotiations; also notes that such recognition is in line with the United Kingdom's commitment to international law; recognises the ongoing suffering of the Palestinian people caused by decades of conflict, occupation and displacement; further

recognises the right of self-determination of the Palestinian people, including the adoption of all UN resolutions relating to these rights; calls on the Government to take action to formally recognise Palestine as an independent state in accordance with the 1967 borders; and further calls on the Government to recognise the urgency of Palestinian Statehood given the atrocities being committed in Gaza and the Israeli operations in the West Bank.

434 **King's Award for Voluntary Service 2024 for the Buchan Battalion Boys' Brigade**

Tabled: **20/11/24** Signatories: **2**

Seamus Logan
Graham Leadbitter

That this House congratulates the Buchan Battalion Boys' Brigade for their King's Award for Voluntary Service 2024; notes that this prestigious Royal Award is the equivalent of an MBE as the highest award given to voluntary groups across the UK; celebrates the outstanding contribution to the community made by the Buchan Battalion Boys Brigade in a voluntary capacity, giving their time, effort and enthusiasm and delivering to the highest of standards in the local area; and wishes them the very best in their future endeavours under the capable guidance of their President, Marc Thomson.

436 **Bus fare cap**

Tabled: **20/11/24** Signatories: **27**

Mr Paul Kohler
Tim Farron
Anna Sabine
Wera Hobhouse
Olly Glover
Helen Morgan

Ian Roome
Siân Berry

John McDonnell
Mike Martin

Calum Miller
Edward Morello

That this House notes the £2 bus fare cap helps millions of bus users with the cost of living and encourages higher ridership; further notes the upcoming fare cap hike will significantly increase costs for bus users and make bus travel less accessible, especially in rural areas; regrets the steep decline in access to buses under the last Government with more than 1 billion fewer passenger journeys in 2023 than 2015; further regrets the 59% increase in fare prices between 2015 and 2023; notes that nearly a third of bus journeys are made by elderly, disabled and young people and that these groups will be particularly disadvantaged by the fare hike; notes that inadequate access to buses exacerbates regional and other inequalities; recognises the importance of access to convenient, frequent and affordable buses for employment and quality of life, particularly in rural areas; calls on the Government to urgently provide promised new powers to franchise buses to all local authorities and provide the resources to switch to zero-

emission vehicles and expand bus services, including on demand provision; and further calls on the Government to reverse the increase in the fare cap so that buses remain affordable for communities across the country.

437 Emergency care

Tabled: **20/11/24** Signatories: **27**

Helen Morgan
Jess Brown-Fuller
Alison Bennett
Dr Danny Chambers
Sarah Olney
Wera Hobhouse

Ian Roome
Siân Berry

John McDonnell
Edward Morello

Calum Miller

That this House notes with dismay that emergency departments across England are in a state of crisis after years of neglect and failure by the last Conservative government; commends the hard work of all emergency service workers that despite extremely tough working conditions save thousands of lives every day; notes with concern the appalling deterioration of emergency care and surging waiting times in all parts of the health service as well as reports of patients dying in A&E waiting rooms; further notes that many patients are not monitored by a clinician while waiting to be seen at A&E; regrets the recent decision to hike national insurance contributions for GPs and care providers, placing further strain on overwhelmed emergency departments; calls on the government to ensure that a fully qualified clinician is present in every A&E waiting room to monitor the condition of waiting patients; and further calls on the government to cut ambulance response times, increase the number of beds in A&E departments, end delayed discharge from hospital, and commit to cross-party talks on social care.

438 Bus fare cap hike

Tabled: **20/11/24** Signatories: **17**

Anna Sabine
Wera Hobhouse
Steff Aquarone [R]
Martin Wrigley
Caroline Voaden
Adam Dance

Ian Roome
Edward Morello

John McDonnell

Siân Berry

That this House recognises the impact of the recent 50% rise in the bus fare cap to communities across the country; pays particular attention to its impact on rural communities in the South

West; recognises the crucial role that buses play in people's accessibility to work and leisure; recognises the crucial role that buses play in the economy and in boosting high streets; condemns the Government's decision to raise bus fares in the midst of a cost of living crisis; and urges the Government to invest in expanding bus services in rural communities.

439 **Housing**

Tabled: **20/11/24** Signatories: **27**

Mrs Kemi Badenoch

Kevin Hollinrake

David Simmonds

Lewis Cocking

Paul Holmes

Mr Gagan Mohindra

Graham Stuart

Patrick Spencer

Sir Ashley Fox

Helen Whately

Jack Rankin

Harriet Cross

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Housing (Right to Buy) (Limits on Discount) (England) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1073), dated 28 October 2024, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30 October, be annulled.

440 **Bellshill Athletic Boys and Girls Academy award of the Scottish Football Association Gold Quality Mark**

Tabled: **20/11/24** Signatories: **3**

Frank McNally

Dr Scott Arthur

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House congratulates the Bellshill Athletic Boys and Girls Football Academy on being awarded an Scottish Football Association (SFA) Gold Quality Mark; understands that the Gold Quality Mark was designed by the SFA to recognise best practice from member clubs and teams and that the Quality Mark Award Scheme aims to reward those which have a demonstrated a desire to be the very best they can be; believes that, to gain the award, a club must meet the highest standards for improving team management, development structures, administration, planning and welfare; recognises that this award has been made possible by the hard work and dedication of the committee, voluntary coaches, ground staff, players and helpers at Bellshill Athletic Academy; and wishes everyone at Bellshill Athletic Academy every success in their future endeavours.

441 Potential closure of Caernarfon Post OfficeTabled: **20/11/24** Signatories: **5****Liz Saville Roberts****Ben Lake****Llinos Medi****Ann Davies****John McDonnell**

That this House expresses deep concern over the potential closure of Caernarfon Post Office, as part of the organisation's cost-cutting plan to shut directly owned Crown branches; regrets that the needs of customers and staff are being overlooked at a time when the Post Office should be working to restore trust and public confidence; acknowledges that a petition calling for the retention of over-the-counter services in Caernarfon has received considerable support from local residents and businesses; notes that such rural branches serve a wide area, and that travelling further afield can be difficult due to the lack of public transport infrastructure; recognises the over-the-counter services provided by the Caernarfon branch are essential in the context of high levels of digital exclusion and the closure of other face-to-face services including high street banking; further notes the crucial provision of Welsh-medium services by the branch in Caernarfon, which is a predominantly Welsh-speaking community; and urges the UK Government to compel the rethink of planned closures to ensure individuals in rural areas do not lose access to vital Post Office services.

442 Louis the Pittencrieff Park peacockTabled: **21/11/24** Signatories: **3****Graeme Downie****Dr Scott Arthur****Mary Kelly Foy**

That this House acknowledges the untimely death of King Louis, one of the famous peacocks of Dunfermline's Pittencrieff Park; applauds the hard work of the volunteers who care for the city's peacocks and thanks each and every one of them for their generosity of spirit and their kindness in ensuring the peacocks are well tended; regrets that Louis' untimely death stemmed from injuries sustained in a cruel attack on the peacock enclosure from which the dedicated volunteers nursed Louis to an improving health status; and notes the quote by Scottish naturalist John Muir that, any glimpse into the life of an animal quickens our own and makes it so much the larger and better in every way.

443 Llys Nini Animal CentreTabled: **21/11/24** Signatories: **2****Tonia Antoniazzi**
Sir Julian Lewis

That this House congratulates Llys Nini Animal Centre on being open for 25 years; pays tribute to the hard work and commitment of its staff and volunteers; notes that this anniversary coincides with the RSCPA's 200th anniversary; and wishes the centre good luck for the opening of its RSPCA in Swansea exhibition in December.

444 Violence against women and girlsTabled: **21/11/24** Signatories: **14****Tonia Antoniazzi**
Claire Young
Jodie Gosling
Ruth Jones
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Cat Eccles**Debbie Abrahams**
Neil Duncan-Jordan**John McDonnell**
Tristan Osborne**Sir Julian Lewis**

That this House marks 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and White Ribbon Day 2024; recognises that violence against women and girls is the most pervasive breach of human rights in the world; further recognises that women and girls around the world face violence, abuse and persecution due to their sex; expresses deep concern that in recent years in the UK, one woman has been killed by a man every three days on average; further expresses alarm that violence against women has surged by almost 40% in England and Wales; notes violence against women and girls as a global and national emergency; honours and remembers all women affected by men's violence; praises organisations supporting women affected by male violence and working to combat it; welcomes the Government's commitment to halve violence against women and girls in a decade; and urges everyone in this House to work together to end violence against women and girls as an urgent priority.

445 Carers Rights DayTabled: **21/11/24** Signatories: **27**

Helen Morgan
Alison Bennett
Ed Davey
Jess Brown-Fuller
Dr Danny Chambers
Steve Darling

Adam Dance
John McDonnell

Christine Jardine
Mike Martin

Ian Roome
Edward Morello

That this House celebrates Carers Rights Day; recognises the hard and vital work unpaid carers do caring for their loved ones; notes that carers across the country support the wellbeing of millions of the most vulnerable in our society and contribute £184bn to the UK economy; further notes that health and care services and the NHS cannot function properly without the contribution of family and unpaid carers; regrets that hundreds of thousands of carers live in poverty, and suffer from social isolation; further regrets that two in five young carers are persistently absent from school; reaffirms the importance of existing rights for carers, such as unpaid carer's leave; applauds the work of voluntary and charitable organisations like Carers UK, who have improved the lives of countless carers; and calls on the Government to mark this Carers Rights Day with action, including by making unpaid carer's leave paid, introducing a generous entitlement to respite care, reforming Carer's Allowance, establishing a Young Carers Pupil Premium, and ending the persecution of carers for overpayments of carers allowance.

446 Carers Rights Day 2024Tabled: **21/11/24** Signatories: **16**

Jamie Stone
Wendy Chamberlain
Caroline Voaden
Claire Young
David Chadwick
Adam Dance

Christine Jardine
Mary Kelly Foy

John McDonnell
Ian Roome

Mr Joshua Reynolds

That this house recognises the importance of carers in the UK, in the light of Carers Rights Day; in addition acknowledges the poor working conditions and low pay that carers struggle with; highlights the value of carers to societies across the UK; notes that while the recent budget has added more support for the care sector more needs to be done following the repercussions of Brexit and the Covid-19 pandemic; further acknowledges that unpaid carers are now providing care worth £184 billion per year; and calls on the Government to further support carers both in paid and unpaid roles.