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New EDMs

618 **94th birthday of Rabbi Bernd Koschland**

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1**

David Pinto-Duschinsky

That this House congratulates Rabbi Bernd Koschland on his 94th birthday; recognises his huge contribution to Holocaust education as a survivor of the Kindertransport that saw him awarded an MBE; lauds his decades-long service to the Jewish community across the UK and his work as an teacher; celebrates his power as a story teller, his warmth, his kindness, his humanity and his wit; thanks him for the light he has brought into so many lives; and wishes him many happy returns.

619 **Bridge Street Ale House in Newcastle-under-Lyme**

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Adam Jogee

That this House congratulates the Bridge Street Ale House in Newcastle-under-Lyme on their successes in the 2024 Potteries CAMRA Awards; notes that they won the Pub of the Year Award; further notes that the Bridge Street Ale House won the Cider Pub of the Year Award; acknowledges that the Bridge Street Ale House was the runner up in the Cider Pub of the County category; appreciates all the work that the team at Potteries CAMRA do to support local pubs, publicans and the local economy; celebrates the hard work, passion, energy and commitment of the owner and proprietor, Grum Newbury; thanks all the team that work at the Bridge Street

Ale House; and encourages one and all to take the opportunity to visit the Bridge Street Ale House in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

620 **100th birthday of Maria Marcotti**

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Alex Brewer

That this House congratulates Maria Marcotti of Fleet, Hampshire on the wonderful occasion of her 100th birthday; notes Maria was born in Italy on 11th January 1925, met and married her British husband and moved to London in 1953, where she had two children, a son and a daughter; commends Maria's many years as a carer for her brother-in-law and two sisters-in-law; recognises Maria's relocation to Fleet to live closer to her family, where she still lives independently at the marvellous age of 100; and sends warmest wishes to Maria on reaching this remarkable milestone birthday.

621 **Possible sanctions on Bidzina Ivanishvili**

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1**

James MacCleary

That this House expresses deep concern at the suspension of Georgia's EU accession process and the increasing use of excessive force against peaceful protesters; condemns the role of Bidzina Ivanishvili in undermining democracy and facilitating Russian influence in Georgia; notes the United States has imposed sanctions on Ivanishvili and calls on the UK Government to do the same to demonstrate a firm stance against democratic backsliding; urges a review of the UK's strategic partnership with Georgia and closer coordination with EU partners to counter Russian interference; and reaffirms support for the Georgian people's democratic aspirations.

622 **Sexual harassment in the workplace**

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Dawn Butler

That this House is seriously concerned about the continued incidence of alleged sexual harassment in workplaces across the UK; notes that 700 current or former employees of McDonald's UK alone are bringing legal action against the company alleging they were subject to sexual harassment, alongside other discrimination, homophobia, and racism claims; understands that 90 per cent of the complainants were employed on zero hours contracts, indicating that instances of abuse are more likely to occur given the power imbalances between managers and often young and more vulnerable workers on casualised terms and conditions; supports legislative proposals in the Employment Rights Bill to strengthen legal duties of protection on employers; welcomes the launch by the Workers Policy Project of the End Not Defend Sexual Harassment campaign, to ensure that the issue is also taken seriously within

the regulatory framework governing safety in the workplace, and to strengthen workers and trade union rights; and calls for an integrated and properly-resourced approach between the Equalities and Human Rights Commission, Health and Safety Executive and the new Fair Work Agency in order to stamp out sexual harassment at work for good.

623 Honouring Albert Morrow, Korean War Veteran from Bangor Co. Down

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Alex Easton

That this House recognises the remarkable contribution and sacrifice of Albert Morrow, a 97-year-old veteran from Bangor, who served with distinction in the Royal Ulster Rifles during the Korean War; acknowledges the extraordinary bravery displayed by Mr Morrow, who endured freezing conditions, fierce attacks, and personal risk while serving as an ambulance driver on the frontline, including during the harrowing Battle of Happy Valley; commends Mr Morrow's efforts in highlighting the vital role played by the Royal Ulster Rifles in the Korean War, often referred to as the forgotten war, and his dedication to preserving their legacy through his return visits to South Korea, where he helped dedicate a memorial to his regiment; notes with admiration Mr Morrow's recollections of the camaraderie and resilience of his fellow soldiers, all volunteers, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice; further notes that his memories serve as a powerful reminder of the courage and commitment of those who fought in that campaign; pays tribute to the Korean people for their ongoing recognition of British and Irish soldiers' contributions to their freedom, as evidenced by their warm hospitality and memorials; and calls for continued efforts to ensure the Korean War and the sacrifices of veterans like Albert Morrow are remembered and respected for generations to come.

624 Knightswood play area upgrade

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Patricia Ferguson

That this House welcomes the £35,000 upgrade to Knightswood play area; recognises that this was made possible by funding from Wheatley Homes Glasgow's tenant engagement Stronger Voice programme; commends the community effort to secure project, particularly the efforts of the Linkes Group, as well as local residents and children, which allowed members of the community to have their voices heard and to work together to bring about this significant and positive change; and notes this upgrade has created a fun and vibrant space for young people in the community to come together and enjoy their play area, creating a long-lasting and positive impact on the community.

625 Hyndland Secondary School, CyberFirst Girls Competition Winner 2024-2025Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1****Patricia Ferguson**

That this House congratulates Charlotte, Jess, Sania, and Aoibhe, pupils at Hyndland Secondary School winners of the Scotland category of the CyberFirst Girls Competition 2024-2025; commends the students for their hard work, resilience, and dedication throughout the competition; notes that that the competition aims to inspire girls interested in technology to pursue a career in cyber security, providing an opportunity for young women to engage with advanced cyber topics outside the curriculum, nurturing talent, developing skills and introducing girls to the possibility of a career in cyber; and commends the National Cyber Security Centre for organising the competition, which attracted entries from over 12,500 girls across the UK.

626 Eva Drummond, British Citizen Youth AwardTabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1****Patricia Ferguson**

That this House congratulates Eva Drummond for being awarded a British Citizen Youth Award; recognises that the award honours 21 young people across the UK who have made an important impact on their communities and wider society; commends Eva for her work across several years as a volunteer and activist, focusing on anti-bullying, youth mental health and youth advocacy; notes that she has been an important voice for anti-bullying across Scotland through her participation in the respectme Youth Action Group which helped to produce an anti-bullying campaign rolled out in Scotland in 2022 and 2023, entitled Listen Up Respect our Rights, as well advocating for young people and promoting their voice as an #iwill ambassador; and recognises that the award is a significant achievement, honouring her hard work, dedication and selflessness.

627 Glasgow Wood community donationTabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1****Patricia Ferguson**

That this House commends the community effort to save Glasgow Wood by all those who donated to a Crowdfunder, which has raised over £16,000 so far; recognises that Glasgow Wood does important sustainable work preventing timber from going to landfill by transforming waste wood into high quality indoor and garden furniture which is both sold and given to those in need; commends Glasgow Wood's work as a charitable and social enterprise providing training and volunteer opportunities to members of the local community who have experienced barriers to employment; and thanks all of the individuals and businesses who donated money to the Crowdfunder, which has allowed Glasgow Wood to continue its important work.

628 Review of the Windsor FrameworkTabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Allister**

That this House, in circumstances where the Protocol/Windsor Framework was imposed on Northern Ireland without cross-community consent and its operation for another four years was likewise secured without the need cross-community consent, because of the resulting inequity, finds it incongruous that the terms of reference for Lord Murphy's review of the operation of the Windsor Framework seeks cross-community consent for any proposed changes.

629 Life and achievements of Bob WilliamsTabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **3****Vikki Slade [R]****Anna Sabine****Brian Mathew**

That this House celebrates the life and achievements of Bob Williams, former Dorset County Councillor, Deputy Leader of Borough of Poole and President of Mid Dorset & North Poole Lib Dems, who has sadly passed away; acknowledges Bob's dedication and commitment to Broadstone and Poole, firstly through 28 years as an elected member and latterly as a much valued community volunteer; recognises his commitment to local authority service in particular supporting youth services, planning and setting up Pride in Poole; notes the key role that he played, alongside fellow Liberal Democrat Brian Clements, in securing and building the Twin Sails Bridge; commends his support for Broadstone after his political career ended being the voice of the Broadstone Christmas Parade and serving as secretary for the Broadstone Chamber of Trade and Commerce for many years; pays tribute to his dedication to his wife Shelagh, children Christian and Kerry and his wider family, and to the Liberal Democrats where he served first as Chair of the local party and then as President, and notes his qualities as a kind and gentle man who had a talent for singing and always offered his practical help putting up Christmas lights, fixing the community hall and setting out the fun day; and thanks him for the role he played in securing the election of many councillors in Dorset and to Parliament of Dame Annette Brooke MP and Vikki Slade MP both of whom consider him a cherished friend.

630 Wild Moon Morris (No. 2)Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1****Sarah Dyke**

That this House congratulates Wild Moon Morris, the Glastonbury-based folk dance club, on their invitation to perform on 2 February 2025 to celebrate Imbolc, the Pagan festival marking

the beginning of spring and the official opening of the Celtic Settlement in Moredo, Portugal; recognises the cultural significances of Wild Moon Morris, who through their contemporary form of Morris dancing help to preserve Celtic cultural heritage, foster community engagement and celebrate seasonal change through music, choreography and folklore; applauds their female-led recital alongside the all-female Pauliterias de Malhadas, the UNESCO-recognised Careto Demons, and The Academic Iberica da Mascara, whose performances celebrate the rich tapestry of folk and Celtic paganism shared between the UK and Portugal; notes with appreciation the financial support provided by the people of Glastonbury, Moredo Town Council, City Council Braganca and the International Art Co-operative, which have enabled this cultural collaboration; and wishes Wild Moon Morris and all participating performers every success in their recitals celebrating the arrival of spring and demonstrating the importance of cultural unity within Celtic Paganism.

631 Chris Head OBE

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Kate Osborne

That this House congratulates Jarrow and Gateshead East constituent Christopher Head for being honoured with an OBE for services to justice in the New Years Honours List; notes that he was the youngest subpostmaster at just eighteen when taking over the West Boldon Post Office Branch; further notes that this commendation is wholly deserved after his years of tireless campaigning for justice for his fellow subpostmasters affected by the Post Office Horizon Scandal; recognises his enormous contribution to exposing this scandal including assisting hundreds of other subpostmasters with their cases; recognises his tenaciousness in continuing his fight for justice and for people to be held to account; and wishes him every success in the future.

632 Julia and Clive Davies: 35 years of volunteering with Headway Swansea

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Tonia Antoniazzi

That this House recognises the dedication of Julia and Clive Davies for 35 years of volunteering with Headway Swansea, a voluntary non-professional charity which provides support to brain injury survivors, their families and carers; commends their compassion and commitment over the decades making a life-changing difference to brain injury survivors and their families in the Swansea area; remembers and celebrates the life of Julia and Clive's son, who suffered a brain injury in 1989 and is no longer with us; celebrates the couple's dedication to supporting brain injury survivors in their community through organising monthly social evenings to support people affected by brain injuries and setting up Headway Swansea's afternoon activities group; further commends Julia and Clive's work supporting members on visits to doctors, Citizens Advice, solicitors and other professional bodies, Clive's work in supporting patients and Morriston Hospital TBU with gardening rehabilitation within hospital grounds, and Julia's role as a secretary of Headway offering substantial support to brain injury survivors and their families;

notes the significant funds raised by them over the years to support Headway Swansea; welcomes recognition for their achievements from Headway Swansea; and further recognises the work of local independent Headway charities and volunteer-led branches across Wales and the rest of the UK, including Headway Swansea, and all the work they do support everyone affected by brain injury

633 Right to protest outside the BBC

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1**

John McDonnell

That this House is alarmed by attempts by the Metropolitan Police to prevent an agreed march for Palestine from protesting at the BBC on 18 January 2025; notes the route for the march was confirmed with the police nearly two months ago and as agreed with them was publicly announced on 30 November 2024; believes that the BBC is rightly accountable to the public and that police powers should not be used to shield it from democratic scrutiny; rejects the Metropolitan Police's claim the march could cause disruption to a nearby synagogue noting that the nearest synagogue to the BBC is not even on the march route; further notes that the Metropolitan Police themselves have acknowledged that there has not been a single incident of any threat to a synagogue attached to any of the previous marches for Palestine, and that thousands of Jewish people have been joining the protests, many of them part of an organised Jewish bloc; notes that since these restrictions were announced nearly 200 MPs, trade union and civil society leaders and groups including Amnesty International UK and Liberty, Holocaust survivors and their descendants, lawyers, journalists and prominent cultural figures as well as over 700 members of the British Jewish community have spoken out in support of the right to protest; and, therefore, calls on the Government to urge the Metropolitan Police to drop these repressive restrictions and allow the planned protest to take place at the BBC.

634 Public inquiry into Birmingham pub bombings

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Ayoub Khan

That this House continues to mourn the tragic events of the Birmingham pub bombings, which occurred on 21 November 1974, resulting in the deaths of 21 people and causing injuries to 220 individuals; regrets deeply the hardship and miscarriage of justice suffered by the Birmingham Six, who endured wrongful imprisonment for over 16 years before their eventual acquittal; further regrets the lack of closure for both victims and their loved ones in the 50 years that have elapsed since this grievous incident; acknowledges the urgent need to deliver justice to the true perpetrators of this brutal attack and to provide closure to those harmed both by the attack itself and by the flawed criminal proceedings that followed; and urges the Government to initiate a statutory public inquiry into the Birmingham pub bombings, to ensure that those affected may finally receive the answers and accountability to which they have long been entitled.

635 1st Halesowen Scout Group Christmas lunchTabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **1****Alex Ballinger**

That this House commends the exceptional work of the 1st Halesowen Scout Group who offered a free two course meal to people across Halesowen; notes that Christmas and the festive period can be a difficult time for some and the group spent time and effort to ensure elderly and isolated people in the community got to enjoy a warm, homemade Christmas lunch; and recognises the dedication and hard work of all the Scouts in the group who are assets to our community.

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.

563 The EU and the arms trade, human rights, and the Israel-Gaza conflictTabled: **16/12/24** Signatories: **25****James MacCleary****Helen Maguire****Steve Darling****Adam Dance****Dr Roz Savage****Jess Brown-Fuller**

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House expresses grave concern over the ongoing humanitarian crisis and violations of human rights in Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories; reiterates the urgent need for all parties to adhere to international law and the principles of proportionality in the use of force; calls for the UK Government to work closely with European partners to push for a sustainable peace settlement based on a two-state solution, where Israel and Palestine are recognised as independent, viable, and democratic states with secure borders based on pre-1967 lines; recognises the critical role of the European Union in fostering peace through diplomatic initiatives and humanitarian aid; urges the UK Government to adopt a policy of presumption of denial for arms exports to countries with poor human rights records, as identified in the FCDO's Human Rights and Democracy Report; highlights the importance of ensuring that UK and EU arms exports do not contribute to violations of international law or exacerbate conflicts, including the Israel-Gaza conflict; and calls on the UK to prioritise collaboration with European allies to strengthen global accountability for human rights violations and uphold the values of liberalism, internationalism, and the rule of law.

568 Renewal of the Listed Places of Worship Grant SchemeTabled: **16/12/24** Signatories: **23**

Adam Dance
Steve Darling
Wera Hobhouse
Dr Roz Savage
Jim Shannon
Ian Roome

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House notes with concern that the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme is due to expire in March 2025; notes that the scheme enables congregations of all faiths to recover the Value Added Tax costs of vital repairs to their listed buildings, making it the most universal and accessible source of relief; also notes that almost half of all Grade I listed buildings in England are historic churches; acknowledges that for 23 years the grant scheme, run by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, has provided a vital lifeline to congregations throughout the UK as they struggle to raise sufficient funds to repair their historic places of worship; recognises the success of the scheme in maintaining places of value to local communities and the nation's heritage for future generations, such as St Mary Magdalene Church in Barwick, East Corker Village Church, and Holy Trinity Church in Yeovil; also recognises the scheme has received cross-party support across successive governments; and calls on the current Government to ensure the renewal of the scheme as a matter of urgency.

570 World Darts ChampionshipTabled: **16/12/24** Signatories: **11**

Max Wilkinson
Helen Maguire
Dr Roz Savage
Ian Roome
Jim Shannon
Jess Brown-Fuller

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House notes the contribution of the World Darts Championship at Alexandra Palace; recognises the tournament's positive impact on the festive sporting and television schedule; and further recognises the importance of darts to the sporting and cultural life of our nation.

577 Democratic violations and violence in GeorgiaTabled: **17/12/24** Signatories: **20****James MacCleary****Adam Dance****Wera Hobhouse****Helen Maguire****Richard Foord****Jim Shannon**

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House condemns the escalating violence and democratic backsliding in Georgia, including the disproportionate use of force by Georgian authorities against peaceful protesters, journalists, and opposition figures; expresses concern at the arbitrary detentions of civilians, suppression of peaceful assembly, and anti-democratic actions; notes with concern the Georgian Government's disregard for constitutional and legal norms; further condemns potential foreign interference in Georgia's democratic institutions; calls on the Government to demonstrate solidarity with the Georgian people by pressing for the protection of democratic and political rights, and working with international partners, including the EU, to investigate the irregularities of the latest elections; and further calls on the Government to follow the actions of the United States and formally suspend the United Kingdom's strategic partnership with Georgia.

583 Local postie David ReynoldsTabled: **17/12/24** Signatories: **7****Kirsteen Sullivan****Brian Leishman****Patricia Ferguson****Gregor Poynton****Martin Rhodes****Iqbal Mohamed**

Douglas McAllister

That this House commends dedicated Armadale resident and local postie David Reynolds for his bravery in the course of his work; praises his quick thinking and fast action to save the life of a woman found soaked through and collapsed in the snow; recognises the hard work of posties especially at this time of year in all weather; thanks posties for regularly going above and beyond their duty to work against loneliness and isolation; and thanks David Reynolds for his three decades of service and wishes him the very best in the future.

584 **Government response to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman report on communication of changes to women's State Pension age**

Tabled: **18/12/24** Signatories: **43**

Steve Darling
Wendy Chamberlain
Clive Jones
Tom Morrison
Cameron Thomas
Dr Al Pinkerton

Mr Lee Dillon

Manuela Perteghella

That this House condemns the Government's refusal to provide any compensation to women affected by changes to the State Pension age, turning its back on millions of pension-age women who were harmed through no fault of their own; regrets Ministers' decision to effectively ignore the recommendations of the independent Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman; recognises the damage done to our economy by the previous Conservative Government, but believes that Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) women should not have to pay the price of Conservative mismanagement; notes that the Liberal Democrats have campaigned for years for fair compensation of WASPI women in line with the Ombudsman's recommendations; and calls on the Government to rethink this heartless decision and give those affected the fair treatment they deserve.

587 **Healthy lunches**

Tabled: **18/12/24** Signatories: **23**

Sarah Dyke
Ellie Chowns
Wendy Chamberlain
Helen Morgan
Dr Roz Savage
Sarah Gibson

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House recognises the importance of eating a healthy and nutritious lunch; further recognises that poor diet is now the biggest risk for preventable disease, placing a huge strain on the NHS; notes that the number of food-secure households decreased by 2% according to the UK Food Security Report 2024; recognises the important role British farmers play in putting nutritious food on our plate, but is aware of the financial pressure food producers in the UK are currently facing; is worried further notes that 61% of farmers are concerned they will have to give up their farms within the next 18 months; and calls on the Government to ensure fairness in the food supply chain by strengthening the Groceries Code Adjudicator to protect consumers from unfair price rises and to support food producers.

596 Posthumous Victoria Cross for Blair Paddy MayneTabled: **6/01/25** Signatories: **9**

Jim Shannon
John Cooper
Mr Gregory Campbell
Alex Easton
Dr Scott Arthur
Bob Blackman

Shockat Adam

That this House remembers the heroic endeavours of Blair Mayne; believes that these should be acknowledged through the award of a posthumous Victoria Cross; notes that Blair, known as Paddy, Mayne was a native of Newtownards in the constituency of Strangford and that he was a legendary member and officer of the Special Air Service; highlights that he served with considerable valour and distinction throughout the Second World War and will always be remembered for his efforts; and underlines that his legacy shall never be forgotten and that he should no longer be denied the honour of a Victoria Cross for his sensational contribution to the Special Services throughout the War.

601 Detainment of Dr Hussam Abu SafiyaTabled: **7/01/25** Signatories: **30**

Shockat Adam
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Rachael Maskell
Brian Leishman
Claire Hanna
Ayoub Khan

Steve Witherden

Mr Angus MacDonald

Kate Osborne

That this House condemns Israel's raid and destruction of Kamal Adwan Hospital, one of the last functioning hospitals in Gaza; expresses deep concern over the detention of Dr Hussam Abu Safiya, the director of the hospital and a paediatric specialist; calls for his immediate release along with other detained medical personnel in accordance with international humanitarian law which safeguards medical workers from detention and harm in conflict settings; condemns Israel's systematic and deliberate targeting of healthcare facilities and personnel in Gaza; further calls on the government to exert pressure on Israel to uphold the rights of medical professionals and ensure the protection of healthcare facilities; and expresses solidarity with all those working to provide medical care and humanitarian aid in Gaza.

604 HousingTabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **8**

Gideon Amos
Calum Miller [R]
Jess Brown-Fuller
Dr Roz Savage
Susan Murray
Vikki Slade

Ian Roome

Mr Lee Dillon

That this house notes with concern the ongoing housing crisis; recognises that the Empty Homes Network and Local Government Association has reported a 10% increase in long term empty homes; understands the detrimental impact these empty homes have on this crisis; notes that consenting the development of thousands of green fields will not solve the housing crisis; and instead calls for the Government to ensure that developers build genuinely affordable homes for local people in line with the Liberal Democrat commitment to create 150,000 new social homes a year; calls for second homes to be prevented from sitting empty through higher council taxes and planning controls; and urges the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government to support the provision of new homes by providing Local Authorities with the funding and powers required to bring residential housing back into use and invest in a new generation of rent to own homes for young and excluded renters to get into home ownership.

606 Protecting children from sexual abuseTabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **49**

Lisa Smart
Wera Hobhouse
David Chadwick
Ben Maguire
Josh Babarinde
Pippa Heylings

Ian Roome

Rachel Gilmour

Dr Al Pinkerton

Richard Foord

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House believes that no child should ever be subjected to sexual abuse or exploitation; recognises that any perpetrators must face the full force of the law; emphasises that to fully deliver justice for survivors, steps must be taken at all levels of Government to better protect children from sexual abuse and sexual exploitation in the future; commends the work of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, chaired by Professor Alexis Jay, which examined how institutions in England and Wales had protected children from sexual abuse and culminated in 20 far-reaching recommendations to improve that response in the future; notes with concern the lack of progress made in implementing these recommendations, despite more than two years passing since the final report was published; and calls on the Government to

urgently implement all 20 recommendations, while providing regular reports to Parliament on its progress.

610 **Afghan women and girls**

Tabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **23**

Wendy Chamberlain

Ayoub Khan

Claire Hanna

Dr Roz Savage

Susan Murray

Adam Dance

Ian Roome

Richard Foord

Colum Eastwood

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House deplores the systemic and violent subjugation of women and girls in Afghanistan by the Taliban, including extensive restrictions on speech, education, working, and unaccompanied travel or movement in the public sphere; notes that this is described by the United Nations special rapporteur as amounting to a gender apartheid; acknowledges the Tirana Declaration agreed by Afghan female leaders in September 2024; further acknowledges the critical need to hold Taliban leaders accountable for human rights violations; and calls on the Government to reaffirm its commitment to Afghan women and girls throughout its diplomatic, international development and defence policies.

611 **Import and sale of real fur**

Tabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **26**

Ruth Jones

Irene Campbell

Sarah Edwards

Will Stone

Adrian Ramsay

Wera Hobhouse

Shockat Adam

Steve Witherden

Chris Hinchliff

Robin Swann

Mary Glendon

Colum Eastwood

Kim Johnson

Rosie Duffield

Andrew Ranger

Douglas McAllister

Abtisam Mohamed

That this House urges the Government to ban the import and sale of real fur; notes that the UK has banned the main methods of fur production, namely leg-hold trapping and fur farming, due to their cruelty; believes that it is hypocritical to allow the import and sale of real fur; further notes that real fur is rejected by the public, many fashion houses and retailers, and that the sale of fur has been banned in California; and further believes that a fur ban is a natural extension of the existing import bans on cat and dog fur and commercial seal fur products, and

that a comprehensive fur ban will help maintain the UK as a global leader in the promotion of animal welfare.

613 First Bus price fares in Somerset

Tabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **9**

Sarah Dyke
Helen Morgan
Dr Roz Savage
Adam Dance
Wera Hobhouse
Anna Sabine

Ian Roome

That this House welcomes the decision by First Bus to keep fares across Somerset under £3, despite the national fare cap's increase, demonstrating a strong commitment to affordable and accessible transport for residents of Somerset; recognises that the Government's decision in the Autumn Budget effectively equates to a 1p income tax hike for commuters placing a significant financial burden on commuters, particularly in rural areas, who are reliant on affordable bus services; applauds the collaborative efforts of First Bus and Somerset Council in ensuring sustainable travel remains affordable, with the majority of bus passengers in Somerset benefiting from single fares of £2.40 for journeys up to six miles, 20% lower than the national cap; commends First Bus for maintaining lower fares on town services and for children, with some tickets priced as low as £1; acknowledges that affordable public transport is essential for residents in rural areas, such as Glastonbury and Somerton, where bus services provide vital access to work, school and other essential services; supports the role of public bus services in reducing carbon emissions, cutting congestion, and ensuring equal access to opportunities; and calls on the Government to scrap their £3 bus fare cap increase, reverting to the £2 bus fare cap, to avoid financially burdening working people, rural communities and those on low incomes who are dependent on affordable transport.

615 Contribution of Selsey Life magazine to the Selsey community

Tabled: **9/01/25** Signatories: **4**

Jess Brown-Fuller
Adam Dance
Helen Maguire
Dr Al Pinkerton

That this House recognises with gratitude the outstanding dedication and service provided by Selsey Life magazine over the course of 301 issues, culminating with its final December 2024/January 2025 edition; commends its immense contribution to the Selsey community in sharing local news, promoting events, and fostering a sense of unity and belonging; applauds the exceptional commitment and hard work of Amanda, Steve, and the team of volunteers who

made the magazine possible for many years; notes with concern the challenges faced by print journalism, particularly its disproportionate impact on elderly and vulnerable individuals who rely on physical publications for local information and engagement; acknowledges the vital role of community journalism in preserving local identity and facilitating informed communities; and calls on the Government to take steps to protect and promote the sustainability of print news to ensure it remains accessible to all, regardless of age or digital proficiency.

617 **Sharon Scrivens**

Tabled: **9/01/25** Signatories: **6**

Dr Roz Savage
Adam Dance
Clive Jones
Helen Morgan
Helen Maguire
Ian Roome

That this House commends Sharon Scrivens on being awarded a British Empire Medal for her tireless work to fundraise for Cancer Research UK; applauds her and her fellow volunteers on their leadership of the CRUK Cirencester Relay for Life; recognises the incredible work that fundraisers like Sharon do to support their local communities; encourages others to get involved with the challenge and support this incredible cause; and calls on the Government to continue supporting grassroots fundraising efforts and ensure that such community-led initiatives receive the recognition and resources they deserve in the fight against cancer.