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New EDMs

669 **Lichfield Young Farmers' Club Christmas Tractor Run**

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Dave Robertson

That this House congratulates Lichfield Young Farmers' Club and their committee of Tom Harrison, Thomas Sabin, Jess Smith-Moon, Tabitha Heathcote, Alfie Lee and Matilda Gall for organising the 2024 Christmas Tractor Run, which brought extra seasonal cheer to the city and was well received by the community; recognises that the event raised over £11,800 for good causes including St Giles Hospice and 4Louis; and notes that, through this fundraising, the event will support people at the end of their lives and families with child loss.

670 **Benefits of outdoor education to children's wellbeing**

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Tim Farron

That this House recognises the significant benefits of outdoor education to children's physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing; calls on the Secretary of State for Education to undertake a review into these benefits within six months of the passing of the Children's Wellbeing Bill; further urges the Secretary of State to publish a report on the review's findings within six months of the passing of this Act; and believes that the inclusion of outdoor education within

a child's learning experience is essential for promoting resilience, physical health, and social development.

671 **Provision of residential outdoor education for children in kinship care**

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Tim Farron

That this House recognises the unique challenges faced by children in kinship care and the vital role outdoor education plays in fostering self-esteem and developing essential life skills; calls on local authorities to take such steps as are reasonably practicable to ensure that children living in kinship care receive at least one residential outdoor education experience; and urges the Government to prioritise access to outdoor education opportunities for children in kinship care as part of their broader commitment to child welfare and development.

672 **Countryside Alliance Awards finalists in North East Fife**

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House congratulates local businesses Balgove Larder and Bowhouse on being finalists in the Countryside Alliance Awards, also known as the Rural Oscars; understands that the awards celebrate British food and farming, enterprise and heritage through small hard-working local businesses; notes that the Rural Oscars are now in their 18th year and are set apart from other award schemes as they are driven by public nomination; and wishes Balgove Larder and Bowhouse the best of luck and looks forward to the announcement of the winners in March 2025.

673 **CAMRA Pub of the Year award 2024 for The Bailey Head**

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Helen Morgan

That this House congratulates the staff of The Bailey Head pub in Oswestry on their outstanding achievement of winning the prestigious CAMRA 2024 Pub of the Year competition; recognises the challenges faced by pubs in recent years due to economic pressures and changing social habits; expresses hope that this well-deserved award will bring continued success and prosperity to The Bailey Head and inspire other pubs across the UK to strive for excellence in their service to their local communities; appreciates the importance of The Bailey Head supporting local suppliers; praises the pub's dedication to providing outstanding drinks and snacks, a feeling of community within Oswestry and exceptional service; acknowledges the sense of community, effort and commitment that the team at The Bailey Head has shown in establishing a warm atmosphere for both locals and visitors; and underlines the significance

of pubs as essential social centres that contribute significantly to local economies and offer a place for people to come together.

674 Fundraising efforts of Trinity School in Newbury

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House recognises the efforts of the year nine students at Trinity School in Newbury for their fundraising and awareness-raising activities in support of Dingley's Promise, a charity dedicated to supporting children with SEND; thanks these students for their dedication to enhancing educational opportunities for children with SEND, helping to support their development and future success; acknowledges the invaluable work of Dingley's Promise in delivering life-changing support to children under five with SEND and their families in West Berkshire; and expresses concern over the current insufficiency of support and resources available to families with children with SEND.

675 Flood preparedness

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Freddie van Mierlo

That this House is deeply concerned by the recent flooding across the UK and the devastating impact this has had on communities, businesses and transport routes; recognises the particular tragedy of instances where members of the public have lost their lives as a result of flooding and severe weather; notes its gratitude for the efforts of emergency services, utilities company staff and communities who have responded to flooded events with bravery and efficiently; understands that issues in current eligibility criteria for flooding support schemes mean that many in rural communities miss out on vital support; further notes with concern that the Flood Recovery Framework has not been activated following the devastating floods this winter despite over 1,000 homes experiencing flooding following flooding in September 2024; calls on the Government to reassess the eligibility criteria for flooding support schemes to ensure all flooded properties are supported; urges the Government to tailor the qualifying criteria for the Farming Recovery Fund to reflect the realities of flooding for rural communities and farmers and to raise the Environmental Land Management budget by £1 billion a year to recognise farmers' key role in managing flood water; further calls on the Government to commit to funding for flood defences past 2026, to allow local authorities to commit to long-term flood preparedness plans; and asks the Government to ringfence funding allocations for natural flood risk management.

676 South QueensferryTabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **1****Christine Jardine [R]**

That this House congratulates South Queensferry on being selected as the most beautiful town in Scotland by travel experts from across the UK; notes that the town boasts breathtaking views, historic architecture, lovely shop fronts and plentiful green space; commends the local residents and businesses for contributing to the town's beauty; and encourages tourists in Edinburgh to visit the town to see the Forth Rail Bridge, Hopetoun House and South Queensferry High Street, all of which contribute significantly to the outstanding beauty of the local area.

677 Imprisonment of Alaa Abd El-Fattah (No. 2)Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **6**

John McDonnell
Richard Burgon
Ian Byrne
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Apsana Begum
Brian Leishman

That this House expresses its concern at the continued imprisonment of British citizen Alaa Abd El-Fattah; notes that the Foreign Secretary is due to visit Egypt imminently; and urges the Foreign Secretary to insist that the Egyptian government release Mr El-Fattah and, as a minimum, allow him to visit Mr El-Fattah.

678 Cancer Connect YeovilTabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **1****Adam Dance**

That this House celebrates the work of Cancer Connect Yeovil; notes that the group is part of the non-medical support offered by the Cancer Support Team based at Yeovil District Hospital; also notes that the group is open to anyone at any stage of cancer treatment or recovery and aims to better support those affected by cancer and to meet others who understand; thanks Rebecca Cracknell for her invaluable five years of hard work running the group; recognises, more broadly, that support groups based around the arts have been shown to improve mental and physical health outcomes as well as aiding emotional expression, improving coping and psychological adaptation to cancer, and enhancing optimism and hope for survival; and expresses its support for the continuation of funding for Cancer Connect Yeovil in 2025 and beyond.

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.

604 **Housing**

Tabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **14**

Gideon Amos

Calum Miller [R]

Jess Brown-Fuller

Dr Roz Savage

Susan Murray

Vikki Slade

Munira Wilson

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.

629 **Life and achievements of Bob Williams**

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **11**

Vikki Slade [R]

Anna Sabine

Brian Mathew

Jim Shannon

Sarah Dyke

Helen Maguire

Dr Roz Savage

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.

636 Interstitial Lung Disease

Tabled: **14/01/25** Signatories: **11**

Jim Shannon
Mr Gregory Campbell
Tristan Osborne
Gavin Robinson
John McDonnell
Ellie Chowns

Carla Lockhart

Shockat Adam

Sorcha Eastwood

That this House recognises the urgent need to improve the experience of people with Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) and Pulmonary Fibrosis, a progressive and life-limiting lung disease affecting over 70,000 people in the UK; acknowledges the impact of the disease on patients, their families, and caregivers, including significant physical, emotional, and financial burdens; notes the current variation in access to timely diagnosis, specialist care, and support services, which can result in inequities in patient outcomes; welcomes the ILD Care Pathway developed by OneVoiceILD, supported by Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis, which is designed to free up overstretched capacity in specialist ILD centres to allow for faster expert diagnosis of ILD, and help ensure better quality care closer to patients' homes; and calls on the Government to work with NHS England, devolved health services, healthcare professionals, and patient organisations to urgently implement the ILD Care Pathway.

637 Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week 2025

Tabled: **14/01/25** Signatories: **4**

Jim Shannon
Mr Gregory Campbell
Gavin Robinson
Carla Lockhart

That this House celebrates the launch of Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week 2025; notes that the initiative seeks to raise the profile of apprenticeships and promote participation

across all levels and vocations; highlights that this is led by the Department for Economy and that this years theme is "getting it right for you" which underlines that over 13,000 people in Northern Ireland are doing apprenticeships and more people than ever are choosing to pursue apprenticeships as a stepping stone to their chosen career; thanks the Department for Economy for championing apprenticeship opportunities in Northern Ireland; and sends best wishes to everyone working hard to achieve their goals through apprenticeships.

638 Rolls-Royce Motor Cars investment in Goodwood

Tabled: **14/01/25** Signatories: **5**

Jess Brown-Fuller

Ian Roome

Jim Shannon

Helen Maguire

Dr Roz Savage

That this House celebrates the £300 million investment that Rolls Royce Motor Cars (RRMC) is making into its Goodwood headquarters in Goodwood, Chichester; notes that Rolls Royce Motor Cars has contributed over £4 billion to the British economy since 2003; believes that brands such as RRMC that deliver high-quality, low-volume manufacturing are an exemplar of British manufacturing; understands that manufacturing apprenticeships such as those delivered by RRMC are essential for training the engineers of the future; further notes that salaries in the British manufacturing sector are 10% higher than the mean annual gross pay, according to 2024 figures from Make UK; calls on the Government to recognise the value of local investment to achieve economic growth; and acknowledges the positive impact that premium brands such as RRMC have on the domestic economy, and international prestige of, the UK.

640 Female football cards and consumer products

Tabled: **14/01/25** Signatories: **14**

Helen Maguire

Jim Shannon

Mr Will Forster

Zöe Franklin

Steff Aquarone

Martin Wrigley

Liz Jarvis

Dr Roz Savage

Max Wilkinson

That this House acknowledges the significant progress made in women's football and the increased visibility of female players at both national and grassroots levels; notes with concern the lack of availability of birthday and greeting cards celebrating female footballers; believes that the underrepresentation of female athletes in such products undermines efforts to promote gender equality in sports; calls on greeting card manufacturers and retailers to expand their ranges to include more options featuring female football players; and encourages greater

representation of women's sports across all forms of media and consumer products to inspire the next generation of female athletes.

641 **Open Doors 2025**

Tabled: **15/01/25** Signatories: **5**

Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Shannon
Tom Gordon
Carla Lockhart
Jim Allister

That this House notes the launch of the Open Doors World Watch List 2025 on Wednesday 15 January 2025, which assists in helping to highlight areas worldwide where Christians continue to be persecuted and where many face the most extreme oppression, threats and on many occasions death; and calls on the Government to increase support to all those working to end such persecution across the world.

646 **US trade and impact assessments**

Tabled: **16/01/25** Signatories: **14**

Ed Davey
Helen Maguire
Adam Dance
Ian Roome
Steff Aquarone
Wera Hobhouse

Liz Jarvis Dr Roz Savage

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be deposited in the Library of the House of Commons all impact assessments which His Majesty's Government has made regarding the impact of potential US tariffs on the UK economy.

647 **William Buchanan's contribution to Falkirk**

Tabled: **16/01/25** Signatories: **3**

Euan Stainbank
Mary Kelly Foy
Brian Leishman

That this House commends William Buchanan for over 35 years of bringing festive cheer to Bonnybridge and Falkirk, starting with carol singing on a tractor and later continuing at Hopepark Sheltered Housing Complex; recognises the dedication of his family who have upheld

this tradition, dressing as elves to visit residents each Christmas morning; notes the comfort this brings, particularly to those with little other human contact on Christmas Day; and pays tribute to William's commitment to his community, ensuring no one is forgotten during the festive season.

649 First Step to Stand: women's participation in local politics in Falkirk

Tabled: **17/01/25** Signatories: **4**

Euan Stainbank

Mary Kelly Foy

Jim Shannon

Brian Leishman

That this House commends Councillor Siobhan Paterson for organising the First Step to Stand workshop in Falkirk on Sunday 2 February at Falkirk Trinity Church between 1pm and 3pm, aimed at encouraging more women to engage in local democracy; recognises the importance of empowering women to stand for elected office and contribute to their communities; notes the workshop's role in providing inspiration, practical advice, and a supportive network for aspiring female councillors; and applauds Falkirk Council's commitment to fostering greater female representation in politics.

652 Consultation on Work Capability Assessment

Tabled: **17/01/25** Signatories: **8**

John McDonnell

Ayoub Khan

Mary Kelly Foy

Jeremy Corbyn

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Jim Shannon

Shockat Adam

That this House notes the High Court judgement ruling that the last Government's consultation on changes to the criteria for the Work Capability Assessment was unlawful; and calls upon the new Government to ensure that any proposals to reform the Work Capability Assessment are undertaken by a process of co-production with disabled people and the organisations, groups and campaigning bodies representing disabled people including Disabled People Against Cuts (DPAC) and on the basic principle advocated by disabled people of "nothing about us, without us."

653 Blue MondayTabled: **17/01/25** Signatories: **21**

Anna Sabine
Ian Roome
Steff Aquarone
Wera Hobhouse
Caroline Voaden
Cameron Thomas

Liz Jarvis

Dr Roz Savage

That this House recognises Blue Monday and that January can be a particularly difficult month for those struggling with their mental health and wellbeing; commemorates the work of charities such as Samaritans for all their hard work around the year and around the clock in supporting vulnerable people and for their initiative ‘Brew Monday’ which encourages people to reach out to and speak to those they care about; laments that young people in the UK have higher mental health needs than ever; and acknowledges the need for a mental health professional in every primary and secondary school, mental health hubs in the community and regular mental health check-ups.

654 50 years of St Bride’s Primary SchoolTabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **2**

Gordon McKee
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the pupils, staff and parents of St Bride’s Primary School in Govanhill on its 50th anniversary; recognises the commitment of staff, who go above and beyond each day to inspire children and give them the tools necessary to succeed; and celebrates the cultural diversity of the pupil roll, with over 16 nationalities present and 22 languages spoken.

655 Social housing in rural areasTabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **12**

Edward Morello
Ian Roome
Helen Maguire
Liz Jarvis
Ben Maguire
Adam Dance

Jim Shannon
 Steve Darling

Cameron Thomas
 Dr Roz Savage

Jess Brown-Fuller
 Helen Morgan

That this House recognises the importance of providing high-quality social housing to all residents, particularly in rural areas such as West Dorset; calls on the Government to ensure

better minimum energy performance certificate standards and build quality for both existing and new social housing developments; notes that energy-efficient homes reduce environmental impact, lower energy bills, and alleviate financial burdens on low-income households; and urges the Government to prioritise policies that promote sustainable, energy-efficient, and affordable housing as part of a broader strategy to address the housing crisis and combat climate change.

656 **Congratulations to Catch Fish and Chips, Giffnock**

Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **2**

Blair McDougall

Jim Shannon

That this House believes that nothing is better than good fish and chips; notes that Catch Fish and Chips in Giffnock have been recognised as one of the ten best fish and chip restaurants by the 2025 Fry Magazine awards; congratulates the owners and staff on this achievement; and looks forward to many more years where catch sell their delicious food to the people of Giffnock and wider East Renfrewshire.

657 **Bradford UK City of Culture**

Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **3**

Mr Gregory Campbell

Carla Lockhart

Jim Shannon

That this House notes that January 2025 begins Bradford's year as UK City of Culture; recognises the many artistic and cultural events that take place to help promote each winner of the title since Londonderry became the first UK city to win the award in 2013; and expresses the hope that as the year progresses lessons from previous years can be learnt so that at the close of the year communities throughout the city see benefits that extend beyond the year itself.

658 Sale of caged hens' eggsTabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **8**

Adam Dance
Helen Maguire
Tim Farron
Liz Jarvis
Jim Shannon
Jess Brown-Fuller

Olly Glover

Dr Roz Savage

That this House recognises the United Kingdom's long-standing leadership in animal welfare and its commitment to maintaining the highest standards in farming; celebrates the dedication and innovation of British farmers in producing high-quality food while improving animal welfare standards; acknowledges the significant public concern about the welfare of laying hens in caged systems and the evidence of improved health, welfare, and natural behaviours in cage-free systems; notes research showing that free-range eggs often provide better nutritional value for consumers; commends the ongoing efforts by farmers and retailers to transition to higher-welfare systems; further notes the steps taken by other countries to phase out caged systems and the growing demand for ethical and sustainable food production; and calls on the Government to work collaboratively with industry, farmers, and stakeholders to develop a clear and fair timeline for ending the sale of eggs from caged hens in the UK by 2030, ensuring a fair transition for producers, supporting investment in alternative systems, and maintaining the UK's position as a global leader in animal welfare.

659 Hospices and palliative careTabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **15**

Edward Morello
Ian Roome
Helen Maguire
Simon Hoare
Ben Maguire
Adam Dance

Jim Shannon
 Cameron Thomas
 Shockat Adam

Neil Duncan-Jordan
 Jess Brown-Fuller
 Dr Roz Savage

Wera Hobhouse
 Steve Darling
 Helen Morgan

That this House recognises the essential care provided by hospices and other palliative care providers, such as Weldmar Hospicecare and Julia's House in Dorset, including end-of-life support and specialist care for seriously ill children; notes with concern that only 8% of Julia's House's income comes from public funding and that Weldmar Hospicecare is forecasting a deficit of over £1 million; further notes that hospices alleviate significant pressure on the NHS; and calls on the Government to fix the postcode lottery in palliative care, and ensure

all hospices are properly resourced under a fair funding deal, with specific consideration for children's hospices and those providing specialist care, to ensure they can continue to deliver vital services for vulnerable residents.

660 Support for SMEs in coastal and farming constituencies

Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **11**

Edward Morello

Ian Roome

Helen Maguire

Liz Jarvis

Steff Aquarone

Ben Maguire

Adam Dance

Jim Shannon

Jess Brown-Fuller

Steve Darling

Dr Roz Savage

That this House acknowledges the detrimental impact of National Insurance contribution rises and higher business rates on small and medium enterprises (SMEs), particularly in coastal and farming constituencies like West Dorset; notes that these sectors are essential for tourism and seasonal employment but are disproportionately affected by these financial pressures; calls for fundamental reform of the business rates system to support small businesses and high streets while stopping the penalisation of productive investment; and further calls on the Government to take immediate action to alleviate the financial burden on SMEs before it forces closures that will devastate local economies.

661 Wassailing in Somerset

Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **7**

Sarah Dyke

Helen Maguire

Adam Dance

Jim Shannon

Anna Sabine

Wera Hobhouse

Dr Roz Savage

That this House celebrates the tradition of wassailing, a pagan ceremony deeply rooted in Somerset's cultural heritage; notes that this Anglo-Saxon and Celtic custom involves blessing orchards to ensure a fruitful apple harvest for the year ahead; recognises that this tradition, which typically takes place on Old Twelfth Night, 17 January, involves singing, chanting, beating pots and pans and pouring cider or apple juice around the base of the largest or oldest tree in the orchard in the hope of warding off evil spirits to ensure a bountiful crop, before sharing a traditional wassail drink of cider blended with honey and spices; highlights the cultural and communal significance of wassailing in Somerset in bringing communities together; celebrates

the importance of support for traditional cider producers, using British homegrown apples to create premium natural cider, superior in quality to sugar-laden cider made with concentrate, which circumvents the governments stipulation that cider must contain a minimum of 35% juice; acknowledges that the product's ability to evade government legislation is a leading reason why so many traditional orchards have been felled; calls on the government to strengthen their support for local orchards in Somerset and across the country to secure fair prices throughout the supply chain; and recognises the need to give the Grocery Code Adjudicator more powers to protect consumers and producers from unfair prices.

662 Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Big Garden Birdwatch 2025

Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **4**

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Mary Kelly Foy

That this House notes the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) annual Big Garden Birdwatch 2025; highlights that across the UK, 600,000 people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch 2024, counting an incredible 9.7 million birds; further notes that house sparrows took the top spot, but counts of these birds are down by 60% compared to the first birdwatch in 1979; underlines that we have lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years; further highlights that there are 342,587 people already signed up and that this is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in nature; and thanks the RSPB for all they do and encourages everyone to consider taking part in this years Birdwatch 2025.

663 Cervical Cancer Prevention Week 2025

Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **5**

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Mary Kelly Foy
Helen Morgan

That this House notes Cervical Cancer Prevention Week 2025, which takes place from 20 to 26 January; highlights that cervical screening is not easy for many, but screening is estimated to save 5,000 lives a year across the UK; underlines that this week is a chance to support and empower individuals to take control of their health, and that it is also a time to advocate for better access to resources and education around cervical health; further notes by working together as a community, people can break down stigmas, encourage conversations and make cervical cancer awareness and cancer prevention a priority; thanks the wonderful NHS for all they do to support women through cervical cancer prevention; and calls on the Government to support calls to review and lessen the age for commencement of cervical screening.

664 Congratulations to President TrumpTabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **4**

Jim Allister
Richard Tice
Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Donald Trump on his inauguration as 47th President of the United States of America; and looks forward to the leader of the free world defending national sovereignty and borders and insisting that the EU's colonial control of the trade and economic laws of Northern Ireland is ended before any trade deal is negotiated with the United Kingdom.

665 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of FalkirkTabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **3**

Euan Stainbank
Jim Shannon
Brian Leishman

That this House congratulates the Rotary Club of Falkirk on its 100th anniversary of service to the local community; recognises the club's longstanding commitment to charitable initiatives, civic engagement, and community development since its establishment in 1924; notes the installation of a wishing well in the Howgate Shopping Centre as part of its centenary celebrations, with proceeds supporting charitable causes; acknowledges the club's historical contributions, including the provision of the Floral Clock in Dollar Park and restoration work on the Steeple; and wishes the Rotary Club of Falkirk continued success in its mission of service above self for many years to come.

666 King Charles's visit to Sauchie Community GroupTabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **2**

Brian Leishman
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Sauchie Community Group and the wider Clackmannanshire community for their outstanding efforts in hosting His Majesty King Charles III during his surprise visit to Sauchie as part of his trip to Clackmannanshire; notes the significance of this visit in recognising the invaluable contributions of local organisations such as the multi-award-winning Sauchie Community Group, the Cowden Japanese Garden, and the Wee County Veterans; commends the work of these groups in supporting community cohesion, volunteering, and the welfare of ex-armed forces personnel; acknowledges the role of Provost Donald Balsillie, Nikki Bridle, and Lord Lieutenant Johnny Stewart in welcoming His Majesty and arranging a memorable event; applauds the dedication of local volunteers and organisers for their continued commitment to improving the lives of residents in Clackmannanshire;

believes that it is the dedication and resilience of ordinary citizens that drives positive change in communities across the UK; and calls for continued support and investment in local grassroots organisations to ensure their crucial work is sustained and celebrated.

667 **Heart of the Game charity match raises funds for mental health**

Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **3**

Brian Leishman

Jim Shannon

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House congratulates Kieren Mooney, a lifelong Alloa Athletic fan, on the success of the Heart of the Game charity football match, which raised £6,600 for the Scottish Action for Mental Health (SAMH); notes that the event not only provided an entertaining 6-4 match but, more importantly, served as a platform to promote discussions around mental health, break down stigmas, and encourage openness; recognises the efforts of all participants, including organisers and players, who shared their personal experiences to inspire conversations about mental health; commends Scott MacDonald, founder of the Bands for Brothers initiative, for partnering with the event to further raise awareness and support for men's mental health; and urges communities across the UK to support similar grassroots initiatives that address mental health, promote dialogue, and provide vital funding for organisations like SAMH.

668 **Garforth Town AFC and grassroots community football**

Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **18**

Richard Burgon

Brendan O'Hara

Colum Eastwood

Steve Witherden

Ian Byrne

Kate Osborne

Nadia Whittome

Imran Hussain

Jon Trickett

Jim Shannon

Brian Leishman

Ian Lavery

John McDonnell

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Grahame Morris

Rebecca Long Bailey

Jeremy Corbyn

Zarah Sultana

That this House celebrates the work of volunteers at Garforth Town AFC, nicknamed the miners, at the Bannister Prentice Community Stadium; notes the positive impact that they make in ensuring this wonderful community football club keeps going, growing and thriving; sends condolences to the friends and family of Dennis Sanderson who recently passed away at the age of 93 and was the epitome of volunteering at a non league club; congratulates club officials and volunteers past and present who have shaped the club's 60 year journey from its 1964 formation as the Miners Arms pub team to their present standing in the Northern Premier League First Division East via honours including the Wilkinson Sword Trophy, the NCEL

Division 1 Championship and winning the NCEL Premier Division Play Off; further notes the impressive attendances at home games and committed travelling support at away matches; further celebrates the infectious enthusiasm and hard work of general manager Sam Whitley, the committed and energetic stewardship of club chairs Craig Bannister and Andy Hey and dedication of honorary president Steve Hayle; recognises all those who contribute to the club including through working on social media, ticket sales, marshalling parking, the raffle and in the bar and food stall; notes their important role in hosting Leeds United Women's home games; believes Garforth Town AFC shows the special value of grassroots community football; and wishes manager Paul Marshall, his team and all the players every success for the rest of the season.