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## Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 22 January 2025

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### New EDMs

#### 679 Furniture poverty in social housing

Tabled: **22/01/25** Signatories: **1**

##### Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House recognises the problem of furniture poverty; notes that 6 million people in the UK are living without basic furniture; understands that the problem is particularly serious in the social rented sector with 2.3m social housing tenants lacking three or more essential items; acknowledges that only 2% of social housing properties are currently let as furnished or part-furnished compared to 29% in the private rented sector; believes in the importance of increasing the supply of homes for social rent but that a proportion of these homes must be offered to tenants furnished to reduce the levels of furniture poverty that exist across the UK; further believes this would help to provide stable accommodation for those fleeing domestic violence, helping to improve education outcomes for children and also helping to improve health outcomes; and calls on the Government to amend the Decent Homes Standard to ensure that at least 10% of all social homes be made available as furnished properties.

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#### 680 Harrogate Theatre's 125th anniversary

Tabled: **22/01/25** Signatories: **1**

##### Tom Gordon

That this House congratulates Harrogate Theatre on reaching its 125th anniversary this year; recognises the organisation's work since it was founded in 1900, with programmes including

live events such as theatre, comedy, music and dance, hosting touring productions, producing its own award winning pantomime, hosting community companies, supporting emerging artists through its Artist Development Hub and last, but by no means least, running its own youth theatre providing young people with the opportunity to try out different theatre skills and explore their own creativity; and further recognises its place as a much loved cultural centre in the heart of Harrogate.

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681 **Road safety in rural areas**

Tabled: **22/01/25** Signatories: **1**

**Edward Morello**

That this House acknowledges the persistent road safety challenges in rural areas such as West Dorset, including large potholes, poor visibility, and narrow, winding roads shared by cars, lorries, buses, cyclists, and horse riders; calls on the Government to prioritise community-based road safety improvements and implement safety measures in new road infrastructure from the outset; highlights the importance of utilising advanced safety technologies in modern vehicles and ensuring road designs are compatible with these technologies; and urges investment in rural road networks to protect all road users and support the needs of local communities.

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682 **Israeli violence in the West Bank**

Tabled: **22/01/25** Signatories: **13**

**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Iqbal Mohamed**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Mr Adnan Hussain**  
**Andy McDonald**

Kim Johnson  
Shockat Adam  
Adrian Ramsay

Ms Diane Abbott  
Zarah Sultana

Ian Byrne  
Carla Denyer

That this House notes that the Israeli army is conducting a wide ranging military campaign in the West Bank causing injury and deaths in significant numbers, as well as oppression and humiliation of Palestinians; further notes the increase in the number of military checkpoints and lockdowns constraining and forbidding movement of many including hospital staff, medics (Jenin Government Hospital) and civilians; acknowledges the impediments placed in the way of the Palestine Red Crescent in carrying out its vital work as a result of military raids; condemns the escalation in Israeli settler terrorist attacks on Palestinian villages and homes; and reaffirms the right of all in the region to freedom of movement and to be allowed to carry on with their daily lives without fear of death or persecution.

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**683 Make it Glasgow**Tabled: **22/01/25** Signatories: **1****Martin Rhodes**

That this House congratulates Make it Glasgow in receiving the Glasgow Times Community Champions Lord Provost Special Recognition Award; recognises the hard work of Louise Nolan, Ruth Impey and Roisin Colyer working to bring ceramics manufacturing back to the North of Glasgow; commends their commitment to creating jobs and offering training to revive industrial ceramic skills; and notes their efforts to create a sustainable business model that harbours community values, helps build local skills and improve the environment.

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**684 Possibilities**Tabled: **22/01/25** Signatories: **1****Martin Rhodes**

That this House congratulates Possibilities in receiving the Glasgow Times Community Champions Team award; commends the continuous support and respite that the group offers to disabled and vulnerable people in the North of Glasgow; recognises how Possibilities continues to champion their members through social groups and community-led assets in a welcoming environment; praises their Cook 'n' Care social enterprise that has run for almost 25 years, providing a meal delivery service for vulnerable, elderly and disabled people in their own homes; and further congratulates and thanks the Possibilities team on behalf of everyone in Glasgow North for their tireless work and commitment to supporting their community.

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**685 Claypits Nature Reserve**Tabled: **22/01/25** Signatories: **1****Martin Rhodes**

That this House congratulates Claypits Nature Reserve in receiving the Glasgow Times Community Champions Environmental Champion Award; commends the volunteers who have maintained the green space to protect and enhance the wildlife that lives here in Glasgow North; acknowledges the conservation of the natural beauty of the wildlife as well as fostering an environmental education for the local community; and recognises their work with the landowners and Scottish Canals to create and maintain a green space in the heart of the Hamiltonhill and the wider Glasgow North community.

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## 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.

### 622 Sexual harassment in the workplace

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **36**

**Dawn Butler**

**Jim Shannon**

**Mary Kelly Foy**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

**Jon Trickett**

**Kate Osborne**

Abtisam Mohamed

Ayoub Khan

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.

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**640 Female football cards and consumer products**Tabled: **14/01/25** Signatories: **21****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon****Mr Will Forster****Zöe Franklin****Steff Aquarone****Martin Wrigley**

Alex Brewer

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Mr Lee Dillon

Steve Darling

Cameron Thomas

Wendy Chamberlain

Mike Martin

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: **6****Mr Gregory Campbell****Jim Shannon****Tom Gordon****Carla Lockhart****Jim Allister****Lisa Smart**

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: **16**

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

David Chadwick

Calum Miller

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.

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**653 Blue Monday**Tabled: **17/01/25** Signatories: **22**

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

Mr Angus MacDonald

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.

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**655 Social housing in rural areas**Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **13****Edward Morello****Ian Roome****Helen Maguire****Liz Jarvis****Ben Maguire****Adam Dance**

Mr Angus MacDonald

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.

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**658 Sale of caged hens' eggs**Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **10****Adam Dance****Helen Maguire****Tim Farron****Liz Jarvis****Jim Shannon****Jess Brown-Fuller**

Vikki Slade

Steve Darling

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.

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**659 Hospices and palliative care**Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **18****Edward Morello****Ian Roome****Helen Maguire****Simon Hoare****Ben Maguire****Adam Dance**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Vikki Slade

Ayoub Khan

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.

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**660 Support for SMEs in coastal and farming constituencies**Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **14****Edward Morello****Ian Roome****Helen Maguire****Liz Jarvis****Steff Aquarone****Ben Maguire**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Vikki Slade

David Chadwick

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.

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**661 Wassailing in Somerset**Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **8**

**Sarah Dyke**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Anna Sabine**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

Mr Angus MacDonald

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.

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**662 Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Big Garden Birdwatch 2025**Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **5**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Ayoub Khan**

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.

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**663 Cervical Cancer Prevention Week 2025**Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **7**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Helen Morgan**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**

Ayoub Khan

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.

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**664 Congratulations to President Trump**Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **5**

**Jim Allister**  
**Richard Tice**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**

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.

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**668 Garforth Town AFC and grassroots community football**Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **19**

**Richard Burgon**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Colum Eastwood**  
**Steve Witherden**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Kate Osborne**

Mary Kelly Foy

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.

**670 Benefits of outdoor education to children's wellbeing**Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **22**

**Tim Farron**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Shockat Adam**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Steve Darling**

Wendy Chamberlain  
 Caroline Voaden  
 Adam Dance

Mr Gregory Campbell  
 David Chadwick  
 Sarah Dyke

Vikki Slade  
 Ian Roome  
 Richard Foord

Helen Morgan  
Wera Hobhouse  
Tom Gordon

Liz Jarvis  
Mr Will Forster

Anna Sabine  
Edward Morello

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.

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

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **20**

**Tim Farron**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Shockat Adam**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Steve Darling**

Vikki Slade  
Dr Al Pinkerton  
Richard Foord  
Anna Sabine  
Tom Gordon

Caroline Voaden  
Adam Dance  
Helen Morgan  
Manuela Perteghella  
Mr Joshua Reynolds

David Chadwick  
Sarah Dyke  
Liz Jarvis  
Gideon Amos

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.

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

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **4**

**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Jamie Stone**

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.

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

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **11**

**Helen Morgan**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Vikki Slade**  
**Steve Darling**

Ben Maguire  
Sarah Dyke

Liz Jarvis  
Mr Will Forster

Richard Foord

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.

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**674 Fundraising efforts of Trinity School in Newbury**

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **3**

**Mr Lee Dillon**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Helen Maguire**

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.

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675 **Flood preparedness**

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **17**

**Freddie van Mierlo**  
**Edward Morello**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**

Mr Joshua Reynolds  
Layla Moran  
Ian Roome  
Wera Hobhouse

Jamie Stone  
Liz Jarvis  
Adam Dance  
Tom Morrison

Steff Aquarone [R]  
Cameron Thomas  
Caroline Voaden

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.

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676 **South Queensferry**

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **4**

**Christine Jardine [R]**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Jamie Stone**

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.

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**677 Imprisonment of Alaa Abd El-Fattah (No. 2)**

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **14**

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

Shockat Adam  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Zarah Sultana

Ian Lavery  
Andy McDonald

Neil Duncan-Jordan  
Ayoub Khan

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.

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**678 Cancer Connect Yeovil**

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **5**

**Adam Dance**  
**Edward Morello**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Sarah Dyke**

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.