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New EDMs

696 **Hillwood Boys Club**

Tabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Dr Zubir Ahmed

That this House congratulates Hillwood Boys Club and their founder, William Smith, on their outstanding contribution to community youth football for over 55 years; notes that some of our country's footballing legends, including Kenny Burns, Alex McLeish, Tommy Coyne, Bobby Hutchinson, Owen Coyle, Sandy Stewart, David McCracken, Peter Macdonald, Ross McCormack, Jon-Paul McGovern, Connor McGlinchey, and Gary Fisher developed their footballing prowess there; further notes that it has been a place of community growth and development in the later part of the 20th and now well into the 21st century, helping to bring families and friends together in a common pursuit of success for the club; and recognises that it provides not only an opportunity for players of all talents, ages, sex, gender, faith and race the chance to exercise, bond and develop but also helps in assisting the young people of the club into future employment opportunities and skills development through business associations.

697 **40th anniversary of Glasgow Central Mosque**

Tabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **1**

John Grady

That this House congratulates and celebrates the 40th anniversary of Glasgow's Central Mosque, the first purpose-built mosque in Scotland, which has provided an anchor for the

Muslim community; notes that during this time Glasgow has seen changes socially, culturally, and politically, and Central Mosque has served to allow Muslims a place to pray, reflect and come together as a community, allowing safe observation of religion as well as an understanding of the faith and ability to share and learn; and recognises that this anniversary is both a reflection on the enduring sense of belonging for Glasgow Muslims as well as an indication of the multi-faith city in which it has thrived.

698 **Ballymoney branch of Royal British Legion**

Tabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Jim Allister

That this House congratulates Ballymoney branch of the Royal British Legion on the centenary of its formation; expresses deep appreciation for its century of service to ex-service men and women; commends its officers and members; and looks forward to the continuation of its active service within the community.

699 **Police officers murdered in Londonderry**

Tabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes that on 27 January 1972 two police officers, Sergeant Peter Gilgunn and Constable David Montgomery, one a 26 year old Roman Catholic, the other a 20 year old Protestant, were murdered while on patrol in Londonderry by the IRA using a Thompson Sub Machine Gun; further notes the considerable interest by public inquiry, books, films and discussion groups in events known as Bloody Sunday in the same location three days later while ignoring these murders; and acknowledges that this year Londonderry and Strabane Council, Northern Ireland Assembly, House of Lords and House of Commons were represented at a wreath laying ceremony held to ensure that innocents murdered by terrorists are not forgotten.

700 **Cheltenham Town F.C. and the British Heart Foundation**

Tabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Max Wilkinson

That this House commends Cheltenham Town Football Club for its commitment to raise awareness of heart health in footballers; notes that the club is selling a one-off shirt to raise money for the British Heart Foundation, in partnership with Kohler Mira; recognises that footballers are at increased risk of dying from cardiac issues; and congratulates the Robins for their work on this campaign.

701 Australia DayTabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **1****Andrew Rosindell**

That this House joins the people of Australia in celebrating 26 January, Australia's National Day, which commemorates the anniversary of Captain Arthur Philip's unfurling of the Union Flag at Sydney Cove in 1788, and the coming into effect of the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948 establishing Australian citizenship as a legal concept; recognises the strong historical bonds and friendship between the United Kingdom and Australia, reinforced by a shared language, cooperation through the armed forces, competitive sports, the arts, and bilateral trade and investment; further recognises the importance of the common heritage and special relationship between the peoples of both countries; and calls on the Government to continue strengthening the close political, economic, and cultural ties that bind these two great nations and Commonwealth members, who share HM King Charles III as head of state and sovereign.

702 Preventing sudden deaths from undiagnosed heart conditionsTabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **1****Helen Maguire**

That this House notes with concern that at least 12 young people die each week in the UK from undiagnosed heart conditions, often without symptoms; highlights that these conditions can often be detected through simple electrocardiogram screenings; calls for greater awareness of cardiac health in schools, universities and grassroots sports, where physical activity increases risks; and urges the Government to expand access to diagnostic checks and screenings to prevent avoidable deaths among young people.

703 RED January campaignTabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes RED January, Rise Every Day in January, a nationwide campaign that encourages people to engage in physical activity every day in January and raises awareness about the connection between exercise and improved mental wellbeing; highlights that recent research shows a 4% decrease in adult participation in any type of activity during the winter months, resulting in a movement decline of 1.8 million participating adults; and encourages people to take part where possible and get involved for the betterment of mental and physical health.

704 102 years of Newtownards Baptist ChurchTabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Shannon [R]**

That this House notes the upcoming celebration of 102 years of Newtownards Baptist Church; highlights the wonderful community spirit that is shown in the Church and the professionalism of the leadership team of Pastor Richard Donnan and other members and elders of the Church; further notes the fabulous activities and events held on Sundays and throughout the week, especially the numerous events for young people including Tot Spot, and men and women's fellowship; wishes the Church all the best for the future; and thanks them for their service to the local community of Newtownards and beyond.

705 SnaresTabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **1****Ruth Jones**

That this House welcomes the Government's commitment to ban the use of snares in England and is heartened that the governments of Wales and Scotland have already successfully implemented such a ban; notes that a 2016 motion calling for a ban on snares was passed unanimously, and further, that a 2023 parliamentary debate on snares was triggered after more than 100,000 people signed a government petition; understands that many conservation land owners, such as The Woodland Trust, RSPB and Wildlife Trusts do not use snares on welfare grounds; further notes that many organisations including the British Veterinary Association, the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission, the RSPCA, Dog's Trust, Cats Protection and Badger Trust support a ban on snares on the grounds of animal welfare; acknowledges that snares are notoriously indiscriminate, catching, injuring and killing non-target animals, such as badgers, cats, dogs and deer, as well as causing pain and suffering to wild animals; and, in light of YouGov polling in 2025 demonstrating that 71% of those who live in England believe that the use of snares should be made illegal in the country, calls on the Government to bring in a ban on the sale, possession and use of all snares without delay.

706 Leeds railway station ticket office vacanciesTabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **7**

Richard Burgon
Grahame Morris
Ian Lavery
Jon Trickett
Ian Byrne
Kate Osborne

John McDonnell

That this House acknowledges that Leeds is one of the UK's busiest railway stations, with nearly 25 million passengers travelling to and from the station in 2023-24; recognises the vital role that ticket offices play for passengers, including ensuring they get the best value ticket for their journey, providing high quality advice and journey planning information, and providing a full range of fares and services, many of which are not available online or via Ticket Vending Machines; further recognises that the importance of ticket offices was exemplified by the unprecedented public opposition to plans to close around 1,000 ticket offices in 2023; notes with concern reports that there are seven longstanding unfilled vacancies at the ticket office which has caused the ticket office to be understaffed, leaving around 25 shifts a week uncovered; further notes that this understaffing is having a detrimental impact on passengers and the existing staff working in the ticket office; recalls that the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Department for Transport-managed train operators and the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) in November 2023 provided for any recruitment freezes to be lifted and vacancies filled; understands that Leeds station ticket office is managed by Northern Trains Ltd, which is owned by the Government; and therefore calls on the Government to ensure that all unfilled vacancies at Leeds ticket office are permanently filled as a matter of urgency.

707 The Bereavement Journey programmeTabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **1****Ruth Jones**

That this House celebrates that The Bereavement Journey community grief support programme, produced by AtaLoss, has doubled to running in 400 locations across the country since its relaunch last year; further celebrates 30 years since its start in original form; and commends the communities running the programme as they seek to respond to the cumulative impact of bereavement on society.

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.

621 Possible sanctions on Bidzina Ivanishvili

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **24**

James MacCleary
Jim Shannon
Wendy Chamberlain
Wera Hobhouse
Helen Maguire
David Chadwick

Ben Lake
Llinos Medi

Ann Davies

Liz Saville Roberts

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: **39**

Dawn Butler
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jon Trickett
Kate Osborne

Cat Eccles

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.

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

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **4**

Tonia Antoniazzi

Jim Shannon

Ian Lavery

Ben Lake

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

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

John McDonnell

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 2025Tabled: **15/01/25** Signatories: **7****Mr Gregory Campbell****Jim Shannon****Tom Gordon****Carla Lockhart****Jim Allister****Lisa Smart**

Dr Roz Savage

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 assessmentsTabled: **16/01/25** Signatories: **19**

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

Ben Lake

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.

652 Consultation on Work Capability AssessmentTabled: **17/01/25** Signatories: **12**

John McDonnell
Ayoub Khan
Mary Kelly Foy
Jeremy Corbyn
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jim Shannon

Ben Lake

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: **25**

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

John McDonnell

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.

655 Social housing in rural areasTabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **17**

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

John McDonnell

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.

658 Sale of caged hens' eggsTabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **14**

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

John McDonnell

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: **21**

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

John McDonnell

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: **19**

Edward Morello

Ian Roome

Helen Maguire

Liz Jarvis

Steff Aquarone

Ben Maguire

Ben Lake

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.

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

Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **8**

Jim Shannon

Carla Lockhart

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Mary Kelly Foy

Ayoub Khan

Ellie Chowns

John McDonnell

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 2025Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **11**

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

John McDonnell

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.

668 Garforth Town AFC and grassroots community footballTabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **21**

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

Liz Saville Roberts

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: **31**

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

Alison Bennett

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: **30**

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

Alison Bennett

Wera Hobhouse

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.

673 CAMRA Pub of the Year award 2024 for The Bailey HeadTabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **19**

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

Alison Bennett

Wera Hobhouse

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.

675 Flood preparednessTabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **25**

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

Sarah Gibson

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.

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

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **18**

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

Ben Lake

Jon Trickett

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 Yeovil

Tabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **10**

Adam Dance
Edward Morello
Mr Angus MacDonald
Helen Maguire
Sarah Dyke
Ian Roome

Anna Sabine

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.

679 Furniture poverty in social housing

Tabled: **22/01/25** Signatories: **11**

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Steve Witherden

John McDonnell

Grahame Morris

Jeremy Corbyn

Jim Shannon

Jon Trickett

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.

681 Road safety in rural areas

Tabled: **22/01/25** Signatories: **16**

Edward Morello

Adam Jogee

Ian Roome

Jess Brown-Fuller

Dr Roz Savage

Jim Shannon

Sarah Gibson

Calum Miller

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.

682 Israeli violence in the West Bank

Tabled: **22/01/25** Signatories: **18**

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

Jon Trickett

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.

686 Rural rail services

Tabled: **23/01/25** Signatories: **15**

Edward Morello
Adam Dance
Dr Roz Savage
Jim Shannon
Helen Maguire
Rachel Gilmour

Sarah Dyke

Sarah Gibson

Calum Miller

That this House acknowledges the inadequate rail services in rural areas such as those on the Salisbury to Exeter railway line, which serves West Dorset constituency; calls on the Government to act on the analysis and recommendations of the Connecting South West England Report from Greengauge 21 on much-needed electrification and the upgrade of single-line tracks with passing points to double lines to reduce delays and improve service reliability for passengers and operators; expresses concern over the lack of alignment between the timeline for the nationalisation of South Western Rail and the establishment of Great British Railways, and the risk this poses for achieving a cohesive and integrated rail strategy; further highlights the potential for missed opportunities in delivering a unified vision for the rail network,

risking fragmenting the long term approach to reform the rail network; and calls for targeted investment in rural rail infrastructure to address the underrepresentation of these areas in public transport planning.

687 Thailand legalises same-sex marriage

Tabled: **23/01/25** Signatories: **3**

Brian Leishman

Sarah Dyke

Will Stone

That this House congratulates Thailand on becoming the first country in Southeast Asia to legalise same-sex marriage, a historic milestone for rights and equality in the region; celebrates the thousands of couples who have joyfully formalised their unions since the law came into effect, recognising the profound significance this holds for their rights, dignity, and equality; commends the tireless efforts of activists and progressive lawmakers whose dedication made this landmark achievement possible; notes that the new law ensures equal legal protections for same-sex couples, including inheritance rights, adoption, and medical decision-making; recognises Thailand's leadership in fostering a more inclusive society; and encourages other nations in the region to follow this example by advancing marriage equality, affirming that love and commitment deserve recognition and protection regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

689 Publication of fuel court prices

Tabled: **23/01/25** Signatories: **16**

Martin Wrigley

Adam Dance

Jim Shannon

Helen Maguire

Tom Gordon

Jess Brown-Fuller

David Chadwick

Sarah Gibson

Edward Morello

Dr Roz Savage

Ben Lake

That this House calls on the Government to commit to the pump watch petrol price comparison platform, as recommended by the Competition and Markets Authority.

690 Independent parking regulatorTabled: **23/01/25** Signatories: **20**

Martin Wrigley
Adam Dance
Helen Maguire
Jess Brown-Fuller
Vikki Slade
Andrew George

Brian Mathew
Ben Lake
Calum Miller

Ian Roome
Sarah Gibson
Colum Eastwood

Wera Hobhouse
Dr Roz Savage

That this House believes there needs to be a proper independent parking regulator, with appropriate powers to regulate fees, enforcement and appeals.

691 95th Anniversary of Young Farmers' Clubs of UlsterTabled: **23/01/25** Signatories: **5**

Robin Swann [R]
Jim Shannon
Adam Jogee
Sarah Dyke
Tonia Antoniazzi

That this House congratulates the Young Farmers Clubs of Ulster on their 95th Anniversary; acknowledges the positive contribution they have made to the rural fabric and society in Northern Ireland, educating and supporting young people from all walks of life over numerous generations; appreciates and thanks all those who have held positions within the organisation, at club, county, national, international level and staff, by shaping our industry and community leaders; and further acknowledges the key role it has had in shaping Northern Ireland's farming future.

692 80th anniversary of Grosvenor Grammar SchoolTabled: **24/01/25** Signatories: **2**

Gavin Robinson
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Grosvenor Grammar School, Belfast, on celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2025; recognises the significant contribution the school has made to education and community life since its founding in 1945 as Grosvenor High School; commends its ethos of relationships, respect and responsibility, which inspires pupils to become lifelong learners and confident, tolerant adults; celebrates the school's state-of-the-art facilities; acknowledges the school's commitment to promoting all-round excellence in academics, the arts and

extracurricular activities; highlights the success of its distinguished alumni, including George Best, Ivan Little, Nathan Connolly and Academy Award-winning director Ross White; and applauds the efforts of pupils, staff, parents and carers in organising events and activities to celebrate this momentous milestone, ensuring that Grosvenor Grammar School's 80th anniversary is a fitting tribute to its legacy of educational excellence and holistic development.

693 **Mobile phone theft**

Tabled: **24/01/25** Signatories: **23**

Dawn Butler
Robin Swann
Iqbal Mohamed
Ms Diane Abbott
Sorcha Eastwood
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Margaret Mullane
 John McDonnell
 Brian Leishman
 Steve Witherden
 Will Stone
 Sam Rushworth

Kim Johnson
 Nadia Whittome
 Euan Stainbank
 Ian Byrne
 Jim Shannon
 Kate Osborne

Rachael Maskell
 Jon Trickett
 Apsana Begum
 Zarah Sultana
 Wera Hobhouse

That this House notes with concern that an estimated 78,000 people had phones or bags snatched from them in Britain in the year to March 2024; further notes that this represented a 153% rise when compared to the year to March 2023; acknowledges that 70% of all thefts in London are specifically related to mobile phones; recognises concerns that it is currently too easy to re-register mobile devices to new individuals; and calls on leading phone companies to do more to work with the police to design methods to discourage phone theft.

694 **Cervical Cancer Prevention Week 2025**

Tabled: **24/01/25** Signatories: **13**

Anna Sabine
Adam Jogee
Adam Dance
Ian Roome
Wera Hobhouse
Helen Maguire

Sarah Gibson
 Calum Miller
 Tom Morrison

Will Stone
 Steff Aquarone

Dr Roz Savage
 Jim Shannon

That this House commemorates Cervical Cancer Prevention Week which has just passed; celebrates the progress the UK has made in routine cervical screening, known as smear tests,

for women and HPV vaccinations for young girls and boys; remains committed to increasing the uptake of cervical screening as well as HPV vaccinations across society, as 80% of people will contract a high risk HPV infection in their lifetime; and praises the work of nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals in the screening and treatment of cervical cancer as well as the work of charities such as Macmillan and Cancer Research UK in their support for patients, families and the bereaved.

695 **Attempted removal of Ayman Odeh from the Israeli Knesset**

Tabled: **24/01/25** Signatories: **3**

Ayoub Khan

Chris Law

Colum Eastwood

That this House expresses deep concern regarding the efforts of Israeli coalition and opposition politicians to oust MK Ayman Odeh from the Knesset; joins Odeh in welcoming the Israel-Hamas ceasefire deal which enabled the exchange of Israeli and Palestinian hostages and abductees; supports the sentiment of Palestinians and Israelis being freed from the burden of occupation and building a shared future; notes that, of the 90 Palestinians hostages most recently released by Israel, 69 were women, 21 were children, and most had been held without charge or trial; acknowledges the existence of myriad political mechanisms that enable the targeting, exclusion, and marginalisation of Palestinian-Israeli members of the Knesset, including the conflation of one's support for Palestinian rights with support for terrorism or incitement to violence; further notes the similar employment of the impeachment process against MK Ofer Cassif, as a result of his signing a petition in support of the South Africa's case forwarded in the International Court of Justice, accusing Israel of committing genocide against the Palestinians in Gaza; believes in the value of maintaining a representative democracy that encompasses a broad array of political, social, and ethnic creeds; and calls on the Government to vehemently oppose any efforts by Israeli parliamentarians to further solidify an ethnocratic, apartheid state, and deny the Palestinian population's right to self-determination through the rooting out of democratically elected officials that represent their cause.