

Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 28 January 2025

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New EDMs

708 **Congratulating Kathleen Coy on 60 years of volunteering with Scouts**

Tabled: **28/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Dave Robertson

That this House congratulates Kathleen Coy, who has stepped back after almost 60 years as a volunteer leader at the 5th Lichfield Scout group; recognises that as a cub and beaver leader Kathleen provided thousands of hours of fun for hundreds of local children; further recognises that, as a district organiser for the cubs, she shared her experience with scout groups across Lichfield district; and acknowledges that over her many decades in scouting she has inspired countless others to become leaders, with local volunteers describing her as an amazing person whose legacy will live on in the work she continues to do behind the scenes, and through the many lives she has touched.

709 **Congratulating Dr Neville Brown, Britain's oldest teacher**

Tabled: **28/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Dave Robertson

That this House congratulates Dr Neville Brown, Britain's oldest teacher, on celebrating his 90th birthday, and on more than 60 years in education; the House recognises Dr Brown's achievement, as the founder of Maple Hayes Dyslexia School in Lichfield, in pioneering a morphological approach to teaching reading—that is to say, an approach that focuses on the structure and meaning of words, as opposed to phonics, which focuses on the sounds of

words; recognises that Dr Brown's ground-breaking approach has helped many pupils who were previously unable to write to achieve academic success; and amplifies his call for a review of Britain's reliance on phonics-based teaching and the need for an inclusive approach that works for all children.

710 **130th anniversary of the Diglake Collier Disaster in Newcastle-under-Lyme**

Tabled: **28/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Adam Jogee

That this House marks the 130th anniversary of the Diglake Collier Disaster that took place in Bignall End, Newcastle-under-Lyme on 14 January 1895; acknowledges the memories of the 77 men and boys who lost their lives in this mining disaster; gives thanks that 161 of the 238 men and boys who were underground managed to escape with their lives; recognises that the law of 1895 prohibited all women and boys under 12 years of age from working underground hence many of the workers were local boys of 13 to 19 years of age where fathers and sons would often accompany each other on the same shift, with tragic results on 14 January 1895; notes that the then Staffordshire Sentinel inaugurated a relief fund, eventually raising £17,000 for the 37 widows and 88 bereaved children; rededicates itself to the importance of ensuring that workers can safely and securely carry out their duties now and in the future; appreciates the Revd Joy Ventom and the Church Wardens, led by Bob Alcock, at Audley Methodist Church for hosting a weekend of remembrance including on Sunday 19 January, a procession and memorial service featuring the Audley Brass Band; and, 130 years after the disaster reaffirms its duty, responsibility and privilege to remember the men and boys who died with pride, both now and for generations to come.

711 **Compensation for Equitable Life policyholders**

Tabled: **28/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Bob Blackman

That this House notes the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report into Equitable Life; acknowledges its finding of a decade of maladministration by Government Departments and their regulators and its recommendation for full financial redress; further notes the then Government's acceptance of the report's findings and how much individuals lost in retirement savings because of the maladministration; supports the principle that where the state has accepted responsibility for a failure, as well as the financial losses flowing from it, full redress should be provided; notes that of the £4.1 billion losses suffered by Equitable Life policyholders only £1.5 billion was made available for compensation; expresses deep concern that an estimated £180 million of that severely limited compensation is set to be kept by the Treasury and not reach the individuals affected; and calls on the Government to ensure that the full value of the £1.5 billion compensation announced to and authorised by Parliament is paid to policyholders, including to the most elderly and vulnerable pre-1992 with-profits annuitants who were excluded from the Equitable Life Payments Scheme on a technicality.

712 Hayes School outstanding Ofsted ratingTabled: **28/01/25** Signatories: **1****Steve Darling**

That this House congratulates Hayes School in Paignton on achieving a fantastic result in their recent Ofsted inspection with many areas, such as education quality, student behaviour, and leadership, receiving an outstanding evaluation; recognises the hard work, dedication, and commitment of the teachers, staff, and leadership team at Hayes School, including headteacher Mark Hanbury, in providing an exceptional standard of education for their pupils; acknowledges the importance of such achievements in inspiring other schools across the Bay to strive for excellence; and wishes Hayes School continued success in the years to come.

713 Royal Horticultural Society and A3/M25 roadworksTabled: **28/01/25** Signatories: **1****Zöe Franklin**

That this House recognises the outstanding contribution of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) to horticultural education and research at Wisley Gardens in Guildford; further recognises the important contribution the garden makes in terms of community engagement and events, leisure and health and wellbeing; notes with concern the current £6 million financial loss, predicted to total £11 million by 2026, that the National Highways A3/M25 roadworks are having on the Wisley Gardens and the RHS; and calls on the Government to engage with the charity and recognising this financial impact through compensation in order to safeguard for the future the RHS and its vital work.

714 Changing drinking culture on the parliamentary estateTabled: **28/01/25** Signatories: **1****Martin Wrigley**

That this House believes there should not be any alcoholic drinking on the premises during daytime working hours.

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.

636 Interstitial Lung DiseaseTabled: **14/01/25** Signatories: **12**

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

Michelle Welsh

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.

641 Open Doors 2025Tabled: **15/01/25** Signatories: **8**

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

Sir Julian Lewis

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: **21**

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

Adrian Ramsay

Martin Wrigley

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.

649 First Step to Stand: women's participation in local politics in FalkirkTabled: **17/01/25** Signatories: **5**

Euan Stainbank
Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon
Brian Leishman
Adam Jogee

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.

651 British companies and the transportation of Russian liquefied natural gasTabled: **17/01/25** Signatories: **5**

Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Graham Leadbitter
Ellie Chowns
Adrian Ramsay

That this House stands with the people of Ukraine against the illegal invasion and occupation of their country by Russia; believes that sanctions on Russian exports and, in particular, Russian-produced fossil fuels, are necessary to help reduce the ability of Russia to fund its ongoing

invasion; welcomes that the UK Government has prohibited the importation of Russian liquefied natural gas (LNG) into the UK; notes with concern, however, that British companies continue to be involved in the transport and sale of Russian LNG from Russia to other countries; further notes with extreme concern that it has been reported that Glasgow-based corporation Seapeak Maritime Glasgow Ltd own and operate six tankers transporting Russian LNG and at least 12 tankers transporting Russian gas through the Arctic Ocean have protection and indemnity insurance provided by UK-based insurers, including North of England P&I Association, Standard P&I Club per Charles Taylor & Co, and UK P&I Club; believes that companies involved in the sale and exportation of Russian LNG should not be eligible for Government assistance, financial or otherwise; and calls on the UK Government to close current loop-holes that allow British-based companies to transport Russian LNG despite previous sanctions.

652 **Consultation on Work Capability Assessment**

Tabled: **17/01/25** Signatories: **14**

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

Adrian Ramsay

Olivia Blake

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 Monday**

Tabled: **17/01/25** Signatories: **27**

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

Adrian Ramsay

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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 School**

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

Gordon McKee

Jim Shannon

Adam Jogee

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 areas**

Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **19**

Edward Morello

Ian Roome

Helen Maguire

Liz Jarvis

Ben Maguire

Adam Dance

Max Wilkinson

Adrian Ramsay

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, GiffnockTabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **3****Blair McDougall****Jim Shannon****Adam Jogee**

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.

658 Sale of caged hens' eggsTabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **15****Adam Dance****Helen Maguire****Tim Farron****Liz Jarvis****Jim Shannon****Jess Brown-Fuller**

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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: **24****Edward Morello****Ian Roome****Helen Maguire****Simon Hoare****Ben Maguire****Adam Dance**

Max Wilkinson

Mr Gregory Campbell

Adrian Ramsay

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 constituenciesTabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **21****Edward Morello****Ian Roome****Helen Maguire****Liz Jarvis****Steff Aquarone****Ben Maguire**

Max Wilkinson

Adrian Ramsay

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 2025Tabled: **20/01/25** Signatories: **9**

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

Adrian Ramsay

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: **12**

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

Adrian Ramsay

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.

669 Lichfield Young Farmers' Club Christmas Tractor RunTabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **7****Dave Robertson****Adam Jogee****Jim Shannon****Lizzi Collinge****Sarah Edwards****Josh Newbury**

Julia Buckley

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 wellbeingTabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **32****Tim Farron****Jess Brown-Fuller****Shockat Adam****Mr Angus MacDonald****Helen Maguire****Steve Darling**

Adrian Ramsay

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 careTabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **31**

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

Adrian Ramsay

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 FifeTabled: **21/01/25** Signatories: **8**

Wendy Chamberlain
Mr Angus MacDonald
Helen Maguire
Jamie Stone
Ian Roome
Dr Roz Savage

Adam Jogee

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

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

Edward Morello

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: **26**

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

Adrian Ramsay

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: **19**

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

Adrian Ramsay

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.

679 Furniture poverty in social housing

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

Neil Duncan-Jordan
Steve Witherden
John McDonnell
Grahame Morris
Jeremy Corbyn
Jim Shannon

Adrian Ramsay

Brian Leishman

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: **18**

Edward Morello

Adam Jogee

Ian Roome

Jess Brown-Fuller

Dr Roz Savage

Jim Shannon

Max Wilkinson

Adrian Ramsay

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: **19**

Jeremy Corbyn

Iqbal Mohamed

John McDonnell

Apsana Begum

Mr Adnan Hussain

Andy McDonald

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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 servicesTabled: **23/01/25** Signatories: **16****Edward Morello****Adam Dance****Dr Roz Savage****Jim Shannon****Helen Maguire****Rachel Gilmour**

Max Wilkinson

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.

688 Scottish Golf Awards 2025 - North East Fife finalistsTabled: **23/01/25** Signatories: **5****Wendy Chamberlain****Dr Roz Savage****Jim Shannon****Helen Maguire****Adam Jogee**

That this House congratulates Ian Muir, Abigail May and the Fife Golf Trust on making the finalists list for the 2025 Scottish Golf Awards; recognises Ian Muir has been nominated for Coach of the Year for his work as a performance coach at the University of St Andrews; notes Abigail May has been nominated for Female Amateur Golfer of the Year for reaching the semi-finals at the Scottish Girls' Amateur and representing Scotland with distinction at home and abroad; celebrates Fife Golf Trust, which includes Scoonie Golf Course in Leven, being nominated for the Impact and Innovation award for their 'Seven Golf Courses for Nature' project which aims to boost biodiversity and underlines the Trust's wider commitment to sustainability; wishes everyone the best of luck; and looks forward to the winners being announced on 14 March.

689 Publication of fuel court pricesTabled: **23/01/25** Signatories: **17****Martin Wrigley****Adam Dance****Jim Shannon****Helen Maguire****Tom Gordon****Jess Brown-Fuller**

Mr Gregory Campbell

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.

691 95th Anniversary of Young Farmers' Clubs of UlsterTabled: **23/01/25** Signatories: **8****Robin Swann [R]****Jim Shannon****Adam Jogee****Sarah Dyke****Tonia Antoniazzi****Mr Gregory Campbell**

Claire Hanna

Jim Allister

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: **4****Gavin Robinson****Jim Shannon****Mr Gregory Campbell****Alex Easton**

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: **24**

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

Mary Kelly Foy

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: **16**

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

Mary Kelly Foy

Jess Brown-Fuller

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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: **4**

Ayoub Khan
Chris Law
Colum Eastwood
Shockat Adam

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 Palestinian 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.

696 **Hillwood Boys Club**

Tabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **4**

Dr Zubir Ahmed
Jim Shannon
Adam Jogee
Mary Kelly Foy

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: **5**

John Grady
Dr Zubir Ahmed
Jim Shannon
Adam Jogee
Mary Kelly Foy

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: **2**

Jim Allister
Jim Shannon

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: **3**

Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Shannon
Jim Allister

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: **5**

Max Wilkinson
Jim Shannon
Helen Maguire
Edward Morello
Helen Morgan

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 Day**

Tabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **3**

Andrew Rosindell
Jim Shannon
Sir Julian Lewis

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: **7**

Helen Maguire
Ian Roome
Jim Shannon
Jess Brown-Fuller
Sir Julian Lewis
Wera Hobhouse

Adam Dance

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: **2**

Jim Shannon
Mr Gregory Campbell

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: **2**

Jim Shannon [R]
Adam Jogee

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 **Snares**

Tabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **3**

Ruth Jones
Mary Kelly Foy
Neil Duncan-Jordan

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 vacancies**

Tabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **9**

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

Jim Shannon

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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 programme

Tabled: **27/01/25** Signatories: **3**

Ruth Jones

Adam Jogee

Jim Shannon

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.