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## **Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 31 March 2025**

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### **New EDMs**

1022      **Households below average income**

Tabled: **31/03/25**      Signatories: **5**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

**Rachael Maskell**

**Steve Witherden**

**Nadia Whittome**

**Brian Leishman**

That this House is angered by the latest households below average income figures which reveal that 4.5 million children are living in relative poverty after housing costs, which amounts to nine children in every classroom and a record high; understands there has been an increase in child poverty of 200,000 extra children since last year, estimated to be over 300 extra children in the average constituency that are now dealing with the adverse effects of poverty blotting and limiting their life chances; recognises that 48% of children in poverty live in a household where the youngest child is aged between 0-4, 72% of children in poverty live in a household where someone is in work, 43% of all children in lone-parent households live in poverty, 49% of children in poverty live in a household with 3 or more children, affected by the sibling tax (two-child benefit limit) and 44% of children in poverty live in a household where someone is disabled; believes this situation is a source of national shame; further understands that analysis from Save the Children shows that child poverty numbers will approach 5 million by the end of the Parliament unless urgent action is taken; expresses concern at the negative impact the latest welfare reforms may have on families with disabled members; and calls on the

Government to strengthen its commitment to tackling the root causes of poverty and provide a social security system that supports all those in need throughout their lifetime.

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1023 **Regent House centenary concert at Ulster Hall**

Tabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **1**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the centenary of Regent House Grammar School in Newtownards, commemorated with a concert at the Ulster Hall on 27 March 2025; notes that the event featured over 350 performers including students and special guests; highlights that past and present students as well as future students in the feeder schools came together for a night of music, showcasing the true talent coming from students at Regent House; thanks all staff for the organisation of this event and the work that has gone into its success; and observes that this was a tremendous event for the school and one that will go down in history.

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1024 **Mothering Sunday for people who lost their sons during The Troubles**

Tabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **1**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes Mothering Sunday; considers those mothers specifically who lost a child during the Troubles in Northern Ireland; highlights the mothers who bravely stood in the gap and defended their fathers, husbands, sons and brothers in the fields and homes of Ulster and that many women also served in the UDR as greenfinches and some gave their lives; notes the role of motherhood in Northern Ireland as pivotal now and in the future to teach children to understand the identity of Ulster; underlines the loyalty of mothers in Ulster and that generations to come will remember the strength of their ancestors; and sends sympathies to those mothers grieving the loss of a child lost throughout the Troubles and that their legacies will not be forgotten.

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1025 **125th anniversary of the Irish Guards**

Tabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **3**

**Gavin Robinson**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Sammy Wilson**

That this House commemorates the 125th anniversary of the Irish Guards, a distinguished regiment of the Household Division, formed on 1 April 1900 at the order of Her Late Majesty Queen Victoria to recognise the bravery shown by the regiment during the Second Boer War; acknowledges their continued bravery throughout the history of the UK in conflicts such as the First World War, the Second World War, the Falklands War, the Gulf War, and more recently in Iraq and Afghanistan and specifically their battle honours at Mons, the Somme, and Normandy;

recognises their many contributions to peacekeeping and humanitarian efforts across the globe, including their recent training of Ukrainian troops as part of Operation Interflex; celebrates the regiment's ongoing legacy, as they continue to serve our Nation with distinction, fulfilling vital roles in the defence of the United Kingdom as well as their ceremonial duties in London and Windsor; appreciates the unique identity of the regiment, embodied by their proud mascot, the Irish Wolfhound; and expresses gratitude to all Irish Guards, past and present, honouring their unwavering commitment and service to the UK.

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1026 **Trevor Magowan**

Tabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **1**

**Alex Easton**

That this House recognises the outstanding service of Trevor Magowan to Boys Brigade Northern Ireland; notes that he has been a member of Ballygrainey Presbyterian Boys Brigade Bangor NI for 64 years, 54 of them as an officer; further notes that he joined as a boy and progressed through the ranks to Captain; also notes that he has shown outstanding dedication and leadership to 1st Ballygrainey and has been a role model to hundreds of young men in our church and the community; recognises that despite health challenges in the past ten years he is still totally committed and has continued to inspire and set an example to young men; and notes that through the Boys Brigade Headquarters he was involved in training officer leaders from companies throughout Northern Ireland, encouraging them and sharing his own experiences.

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1027 **Arbikie Distillery**

Tabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **1**

**Stephen Gethins**

That this House congratulates Arbikie Distillery for winning the World Single Estate Distillery of the Year and Scotland's Single Estate Distillery of the Year at the World Whiskies Awards; further congratulates them for winning the Best Scotch Rye Whisky Award; notes that the Arbikie Distillery has sustainability at the heart of their operations and has developed the world's first climate positive spirits; and celebrates all the hard work of the team at the Arbikie Distillery and wishes them all the best for the future.

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1028 **Whitchurch banking hub**

Tabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **1**

**Helen Morgan**

That this House welcomes the opening of a banking hub in the Shropshire market town of Whitchurch, providing vital in-person banking and cash services to its residents; notes that the constituency of North Shropshire has lost five high street bank branches since 2021;

acknowledges the contribution of Cash Access UK in supporting communities that have lost access to building society and bank branches; further notes that rural residents are left isolated by poor transport links and a decline of available high street services in market towns; believes that market towns such as Ellesmere and Wem, which lack any in-person banking services, should be eligible for banking hubs; recognises the danger of digital exclusion to many constituents due to banking increasingly being conducted online; and calls on the Secretary of State for Business and Trade to engage with local Rt hon. and hon. Members and banks to ensure there are adequate in-person banking facilities in every market town.

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1029 **Zoe Barclay**

Tabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **1**

**Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Elgin apprentice horse groom Zoe Barclay on being named Equine Learner of the Year at the Awards for Land-based and Aquaculture Skills hosted by Lantra Scotland; notes that Zoe is currently studying an SVQ in Equine through SRUC and works as an apprentice groom for Caskieben Dressage and Coaching Ltd at Kinellar near Aberdeen; acknowledges the high praise she has received for her skills and dedication, with her employers noting her exceptional rapport with all horses, not just in riding; and commends Zoe for her commitment to her profession and her exemplary representation of the quality of apprenticeships in Scotland.

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1030 **Ailie MacLeod**

Tabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **1**

**Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Ailie MacLeod, a 16-year-old student from Kingussie High School, on winning the NPA Skills for Work Learner of the Year award at the recent Awards for Land-based and Aquaculture Skills; notes her exceptional leadership and organisational skills demonstrated during the Skills for Work Rural Skills course, including her excellence in a business project where students processed, marketed, and sold venison at school; acknowledges her further development through weekend work at the Highland Horse Fun equestrian centre in Kingussie; and commends the support of her lecturer, David Olds, and the encouragement from mentors, Becca Cameron and Ruaridh Ormiston, in fostering her passion for horses and the outdoors.

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**1031 Lorna Williamson**Tabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **1****Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Lorna Williamson, a business adviser from Moray, on receiving a Business Gateway Recognition Award for her exceptional support to local business owners; notes that Ms Williamson was selected from a competitive pool of nominees submitted by business owners who have directly benefited from her guidance and expertise; acknowledges the praise she has received for her valuable business skills and knowledge, with business owners noting that she is always available to help and be a sounding board; and commends Ms Williamson for her dedication and the tangible difference she makes in supporting entrepreneurs through challenges and opportunities.

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**1032 Lauren Bell**Tabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **1****Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Forres cyclist Lauren Bell on her outstanding achievements in track cycling; notes that in February 2025 Lauren secured a silver medal in the women's team sprint at the UEC Track Elite European Championships in Belgium; further notes her remarkable performance at the Lloyds National Track Championships in Manchester, where she clinched three gold medals over three consecutive days in the team sprint, keirin, and sprint events; acknowledges Lauren's dedication and hard work which have led to her impressive accomplishments; and wishes her continued success in her future cycling career.

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**1033 Inverness Airport**Tabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **1****Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Inverness Airport on being named Best Airport in Europe in the under 2 million passengers category for the fifth consecutive year at the 2024 Airports Council International (ACI) Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards; notes that the airport also received the accolade for Airport with the Most Dedicated Staff in Europe for the third year in a row, reflecting the unwavering commitment of its team to delivering exceptional customer service; acknowledges the significance of the ACI ASQ programme as a global benchmark for airport customer experience, with nearly 400 airports worldwide participating; and commends the management and staff of Inverness Airport for their consistent excellence and dedication to enhancing passenger satisfaction.

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**1034 Forres Rotary Citizen of the Year**Tabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **1****Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Bob James on being named Forres Rotary Citizen of the Year; notes his over 40 years of dedicated service to the community through involvement with the Round Table, James Milne Institute, Forres Heritage Trust, Forres Community Activities Association, and Rotary; acknowledges his humble attitude toward volunteering and his encouragement for others to participate; recognises his willingness to assist various groups in Forres, including setting up digital presentations and supporting event logistics; and commends his significant contributions to the community, which have enriched the lives of many and strengthened community bonds.

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**1035 Dead Slow campaign**Tabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **4****Ann Davies****Liz Saville Roberts****Ben Lake****Llinos Medi**

That this House commends the Dead Slow campaign to secure better equine road safety; notes that horse riders and carriage drivers are under increasing threat of injury and death whilst travelling along the highway; commends the British Horse Society (BHS) for their work with Road Safety Wales and the Welsh Government on various access and equestrian road safety issues; highlights that the BHS are currently working on better education for equestrians with a Ride Safe training scheme while the British Driving Society are promoting a safe carriage drivers scheme; further notes that the Highway Code was modified in 2022 to include guidance for motorists to pass horses at no more than 10mph and to make sure to leave at least two meters distance; also notes that 3,118 incidents were reported to the BHS in 2024, 81% of which occurred due to a vehicle passing by too fast or too closely; and calls on the Government to reinforce the behavioural messages and to make the public aware of the urgent importance of driving carefully around horses.

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**1036 Humanitarian response to the Myanmar earthquake**Tabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **1****Monica Harding**

That this House offers its deepest condolences to the people of Myanmar and Thailand after the devastating earthquake and tragic loss of life; recognises the work done by responders to rescue survivors from rubble, deliver food and provide urgent medical assistance; welcomes the Government's announcement of a £10 million package to provide life-saving aid; hopes that this can be increased as the scope of the destruction becomes clearer; acknowledges that

this earthquake comes after more than four years of Myanmar's brutal civil war, which has left 20 million people in need of humanitarian assistance; condemns the repressive violence of Myanmar's military junta, in particular the continuing use of airstrikes on civilians in the aftermath of the earthquake; supports the ongoing work of the UN's Independent Investigative Mechanism on Myanmar to deliver justice for victims and accountability for alleged serious international crimes; encourages the UK to continue to provide critical bilateral assistance to Myanmar, and to work with international partners and through multilateral institutions to ensure humanitarian access for aid delivery; and affirms support for a peaceful, democratic resolution to the conflict for the people of Myanmar.

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**1037      Wealth tax and social security reform**

Tabled: **31/03/25**      Signatories: **1**

**Sorcha Eastwood**

That this House opposes the approach of the UK Government to reforming disability benefits; believes that withdrawing or cutting social security support for those most in need will exacerbate poverty and increase pressure on other public services; recognises that there are more progressive and sustainable ways to generate additional revenue, including tax increases for the super-wealthy; calls on the Government to reconsider the punitive elements of its proposals and ensure fairness and dignity for those requiring welfare support; and further urges the Government to work with devolved administrations on the establishment of a UK-wide commission to develop holistic, cross-departmental proposals for addressing economic inactivity among those with long-term illnesses and disabilities.

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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.

**952      Banking hubs**

Tabled: **17/03/25**      Signatories: **23**

**Chris Coghlan**

**Helen Maguire**

**Andrew George**

**Brian Leishman**

**Steff Aquarone**

**Caroline Voaden**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House welcomes the return of in-person banking and cash services, with the opening of a banking hub in the market town of Dorking; notes that banking hubs offer important

everyday banking transactions and a community banker for more specific or complex enquiries; acknowledges the contribution of Cash Access UK in supporting communities that have lost access to bank and building society branches; and further notes that more full-service banking hubs are urgently needed across the UK.

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954      **Sharrington phone box**

Tabled: **17/03/25**      Signatories: **10**

**Steff Aquarone**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Ian Roome**  
**Martin Wrigley**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Alison Bennett**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House recognises the importance of the K6 telephone box in the village of Sharrington, North Norfolk; notes with deep concern that BT have proposed the closure of this telephone box; acknowledges that Sharrington lacks a reliable mobile phone signal; appreciates the worries of the local population, especially the elderly residents who feel a sense of security from this guaranteed connectivity; congratulates the 50 local residents who took direct action on 14 March by queueing up to make calls and prove the importance of the phone box; celebrates the tireless campaigning work of Sharrington resident Derek Harris, who has lived in the village for 50 years; calls on Historic England to list the phone box to recognise its importance; and further calls on BT to reverse their decision and maintain the Sharrington phone box.

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956      **Solar panels at Deanland Wood Park**

Tabled: **17/03/25**      Signatories: **4**

**James MacCleary**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House expresses concern that around 100 households at Deanland Wood Park, many elderly, have been unable to use their solar panels for months due to compliance disputes and the liquidation of Park Home Energy; notes that residents who paid thousands for these systems now face rising energy costs with no resolution; is concerned by the lack of action from liquidators and park management; and calls on the Government to urgently intervene to ensure residents can access the renewable energy they paid for.

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**957 10th anniversary of the English Riviera Film Festival**Tabled: **17/03/25** Signatories: **7**

**Steve Darling**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Martin Wrigley**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House congratulates the English Riviera Film Festival on its 10th anniversary and celebrates the dedication, creativity, and hard work of all those involved in making the festival a continued success; recognises the efforts of festival director John Tomkins and the entire festival team, judges, presenters, photographers, and film crews, as well as the Royal Lyceum Theatre for hosting the anniversary awards event; acknowledges the outstanding talent of filmmakers from across the UK and beyond, including those who travelled from Los Angeles to take part; commends the success of Across the Gola by Jude Kiriwald, winner of both Best Documentary Film and the Audience Award for Best Film; and notes the importance of independent film and cultural events in enriching local communities and inspiring future generations of filmmakers.

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**958 Rowcroft Hospice**Tabled: **17/03/25** Signatories: **12**

**Steve Darling**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Caroline Voaden**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Cameron Thomas**  
**Andrew George**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House acknowledges the exceptional work of Rowcroft Hospice, an independent charity based in Torquay, providing specialist palliative care services to individuals and families facing life-limiting illnesses across South Devon; commends their comprehensive support, including inpatient care, home care, and bereavement support; celebrates the upcoming Strictly Rowcroft event on 17 May 2025 at the Princess Theatre, Torquay, where 12 local participants will perform Latin and ballroom routines to raise vital funds for the hospice; and notes with admiration that the hon. Member for South Devon, is among the participants, exemplifying commendable community engagement and support for this invaluable institution.

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**959 Honouring the life of Ray Merlin Rutter**Tabled: **17/03/25** Signatories: **9**

**Sarah Dyke**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Steve Darling**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House celebrates the life and legacy of Ray Merlin Rutter, who has sadly passed away at the age of 77; recognises Merlin's singular contribution to the Glastonbury community, where he was a beloved and well-known figure, often seen wearing his distinctive blue robes and wizard hat; acknowledges that Merlin offered rune readings to visitors from across the world outside Glastonbury Abbey, enhancing the town's reputation for inclusivity and community spirit, and appreciates his unwavering commitment to bringing joy to others, making him a key part of Glastonbury's cultural fabric; expresses gratitude for Merlin's dedication as a volunteer and advocate for the Love Glastonbury Community Fridge, a vital local initiative that redirects fresh food destined for landfill to community members in need to tackle food poverty whilst simultaneously battling food waste; commends the lasting positive impact that Merlin had on the town through his warmth and kindness; and extends condolences to his family, friends, and the wider community, recognising his presence in Glastonbury will be deeply missed, and his legacy fondly remembered.

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**960 The Alban Bun**Tabled: **17/03/25** Signatories: **8**

**Daisy Cooper**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Martin Wrigley**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Steve Darling**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House celebrates that for nearly 700 years the Alban Bun has been part of the Easter tradition at St Albans Cathedral; recognises the Alban Bun's status as the precursor to the famous Hot Cross Bun; notes that Brother Thomas Roccliffe, a monk at the abbey, is said to have developed the original recipe in 1361 and would distribute his buns to the poor on Good Friday; further notes that Brother Thomas Roccliffe developed an original recipe which remains a closely guarded secret; thanks all those involved in baking this year's buns; further celebrates all the hard work of the team at the Abbot's Kitchen Cafe in St Albans Cathedral for serving and selling

Alban Buns throughout Lent; and encourages hon. Members to visit St Albans and enjoy this most wonderful tradition.

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**963 Chronic urinary tract infections and women's health**

Tabled: **17/03/25** Signatories: **28**

**Helen Maguire**  
**Helen Morgan**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Luke Taylor**  
**Andrew George**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House recognises the urgent need for improved care and support for those suffering from chronic urinary tract infections (UTIs), a debilitating condition that significantly impacts quality of life; notes with concern the lack of awareness, research, and effective treatment options available to patients; acknowledges that women's health as a whole demands greater attention, funding, research and care from the Government; and calls on the Government to prioritise investment in women's health, improve access to specialist care, and ensure that those affected by chronic UTIs or other debilitating conditions receive the diagnosis and treatment they deserve.

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**964 Support for Saturday clubs**

Tabled: **18/03/25** Signatories: **9**

**Martin Wrigley**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Steve Darling**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House recognises the important work that Saturday clubs perform for vulnerable young people and their families; further recognises the need for Saturday clubs such as the Orchard Saturday Club to receive proper funding settlements; and also recognises the important work that Saturday clubs perform in training people on safeguarding, first aid and specialist skills.

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**970 International Space Station**Tabled: **19/03/25** Signatories: **7**

**Alex Brewer**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Ian Roome**  
**Clive Jones**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House congratulates John McFall of North East Hampshire constituency for becoming the first person with a physical disability to be cleared to fly to the International Space Station; notes that the UK and Europe are leading the way in their commitment to open opportunities for all; celebrates John's achievements including a bronze medal for sprinting at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games, being an orthopaedic surgeon attached to the Queen Alexandra Hospital in Portsmouth, and his selection to join European Space Agency's Reserve Astronaut Corps; and recognises John's dedication to challenging society's assumptions around disability.

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**971 Bank closures**Tabled: **19/03/25** Signatories: **28**

**Alex Brewer**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Steve Darling**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Adam Dance**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House notes with concern that Santander is set to close its Fleet High Street branch at the end of June 2025; believes that this closure, along with others across the country, will greatly impact many in our community who rely on high street bank branches for essential services, particularly the elderly, disabled, and those without transport; further notes that many residents from surrounding rural villages already face significant challenges in accessing banking services, and that this closure will exacerbate those difficulties; acknowledges the disproportionate impact of branch closures on rural communities, where public transport options are limited and alternative banking facilities are scarce; and calls on the Secretary of State to urgently engage with banks and local MPs to prevent further branch closures before the establishment of adequate banking hubs in these areas.

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**976 Funding for schools in South Cambridgeshire**Tabled: **20/03/25** Signatories: **6**

**Pippa Heylings**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Charlotte Cane**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House notes with concern that fairer funding is needed for schools in South Cambridgeshire constituency, which have consistently received less schools block funding than the Cambridge region and the rest of England; further notes that there is a difference of over £400 per pupil in schools block funding between South Cambridgeshire and England in the 2024–25 period, as well as in previous years; recognises that schools across the country are facing a funding crisis due to spiralling inflation in their costs; further recognises that school and college funding per pupil should increase above the rate of inflation every year; also notes with concern that mainstream schools' core funding is due to fall next year to its lowest level in over 15 years; notes that special schools in England have faced £419 million of cuts since 2010, with local authorities expecting to have a cumulative £5 billion SEND deficit by March 2026; highlights that there has been a 72.8% increase in the number of EHC plans in South Cambridgeshire from 2019 to 2024, compared to 62.7% across England, demonstrating the urgent need for fairer funding; and calls on the Government to provide fairer funding for schools in South Cambridgeshire, including significant investment in capital funding and high needs funding.

**979 Scottish Tourism Month 2025**Tabled: **20/03/25** Signatories: **7**

**Jamie Stone**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Graham Leadbitter**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Sarah Gibson**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House recognises that March is Scottish Tourism Month; notes the importance of the tourism industry in the Highlands, welcoming over two million visitors every year; highlights the significance of the tourism and hospitality sector to the economy and culture of the Far North, bringing in £762 million from international and domestic visitors in 2023; acknowledges that the Highlands possess some of the most unique, diverse, and breathtaking scenery in the United Kingdom; celebrates the hard work of all of those working in the tourism industry; and recommends that all enjoy the beauty and adventure that Scotland has to offer.

**981 Congratulating Alan Hansen on receiving an MBE**Tabled: **20/03/25** Signatories: **4**

**Brian Leishman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Euan Stainbank**

That this House congratulates Scottish football legend Alan Hansen on being awarded an MBE for his outstanding services to football and broadcasting; recognises that Hansen, born in Sauchie, Clackmannanshire, began his career with Partick Thistle before becoming one of Scotland's greatest footballing exports, winning eight First Division titles, three European Cups, and two FA Cups with Liverpool during the 1970s and 1980s; commends his contribution to the Scottish national team, earning 26 caps; acknowledges his highly respected and influential role as a pundit on BBC's Match of the Day for over two decades, where his expert analysis shaped football coverage and debate in the UK; notes his recovery from serious illness last summer and wishes him continued good health; and celebrates his lasting contribution to Scottish and British football, both on and off the pitch.

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**982 Support for young disabled people after education**Tabled: **20/03/25** Signatories: **29**

**Max Wilkinson**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Tom Gordon**  
**Liz Jarvis**  
**Claire Young**

Mr Angus MacDonald  
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Liz Saville Roberts  
Ann Davies

Ben Lake

That this House acknowledges the findings in the National Star and the Together Trust's report entitled What Comes After Education; recognises the report's key findings, including that young people do not feel listened to, feel worried about leaving education, need access to meaningful activities, want to choose where they live and who they live with, want to be able to work, want meaningful relationships, need reasonable adjustments to attend university, and that transition plans must be proactive and involve the young person and their family; urges the Government to consider the report's findings when deciding on changes to welfare policy; and calls on the Government to enact the report's recommendations when enacting welfare changes.

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**985 Access to football pitches for women and girls**Tabled: **24/03/25** Signatories: **31****Helen Maguire****Ian Roome****Anna Sabine****Wera Hobhouse****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Rachael Maskell**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Ben Lake

Liz Jarvis

Pippa Heylings

Llinos Medi

Liz Saville Roberts

Ann Davies

That this House expresses concern over ongoing inequalities in access to quality training facilities for women's and girls' football; notes that women's and girls' teams are often allocated pitches in worse locations and poorer conditions than their male counterparts; further notes reports from local clubs that training slots for women's teams are frequently being taken by men's teams, limiting opportunities for women and girls to participate in the sport; believes that equal access to quality facilities is essential for gender equality in football; and calls on the Government, local authorities, and sporting bodies to take urgent action to ensure fair distribution of pitches and training resources for players at all levels.

**986 Fee waivers for ILR applications**Tabled: **24/03/25** Signatories: **22****Kim Johnson****Rachael Maskell****Jim Shannon****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Nadia Whittome****Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

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Ann Davies

Ben Lake

Ian Byrne

That this House supports the Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London's call for a fee waiver to be introduced for Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) applications for those on family and private life visas; notes that ILR provides security and stability, yet the £2,885 fee is unaffordable for many despite costing the Home Office just £646 to process; regrets that this denies many people, including UK born children and parents of British children, permanent status and forces them into financial hardship and repeated visa renewals; believes this system is counterproductive, creating unnecessary administrative burdens for both individuals and the Home Office; and calls on the Government to introduce a fee waiver to ensure financial barriers do not prevent people securing permanent immigration status after completing their qualifying periods.

**992 Boghall Butchers**Tabled: **24/03/25** Signatories: **5**

**Kirsteen Sullivan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Tracy Gilbert**  
**Euan Stainbank**  
**Martin Rhodes**

That this House celebrates the achievement of Bathgate's Boghall Butchers whose kebab pie was crowned champion at the British Pie Awards in Melton Mowbray; acknowledges the creativity and dedication of Christine and Paul Boyle in developing the award-winning pie, featuring a doner kebab filling; recognises the significance of this victory among 900 entries from across the UK, involving many diverse and unique competitors; commends the Boyle family's butcher shop, which has been serving the community for 50 years; further recognises the butchers as a point of pride for the Bathgate community; and wishes Boghall Butchers well in future.

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**996 Second anniversary of Eco Action Hub for Maidenhead and Windsor**Tabled: **24/03/25** Signatories: **6**

**Mr Joshua Reynolds**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House celebrates the second anniversary of Eco Action Hub for Maidenhead and Windsor, a remarkable community organisation dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability and resilience in the Maidenhead and Windsor areas; recognises the invaluable contributions of Eco Action Hub for Maidenhead and Windsor in fostering a greener and healthier borough through their diverse initiatives, including the Repair Café, Library of Things, and educational workshops; commends their efforts in bringing local people together to take positive action in the Climate Emergency, helping individuals make small but impactful changes in their lives to combat climate change and loss of biodiversity; applauds their commitment to creating a vibrant and enjoyable space that inspires the community to contribute towards a more sustainable future; and wishes Eco Action Hub for Maidenhead and Windsor continued success in their mission to reduce carbon, increase nature, and improve wellbeing for all residents.

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**997 Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance 25th anniversary**Tabled: **24/03/25** Signatories: **16****Edward Morello****Helen Maguire****Anna Sabine****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Jim Shannon****Sarah Dyke**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House recognises the brilliant work of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance on its 25th anniversary of dedicated service; further recognises the extraordinary contribution of its pilots, volunteers, paramedics, and doctors in providing lifesaving pre-hospital critical care to people in need, particularly in remote, coastal and rural areas; notes that the service has responded to nearly 3,000 incidents in the past year alone; acknowledges the vital role the air ambulance plays in transporting patients to Dorset County Hospital; pays tribute to the first patient treated by the charity 25 years ago, who has spoken of his gratitude and the service's lifesaving impact; applauds the unwavering support of the public, whose donations have enabled the service to grow from small beginnings to a vital emergency response resource; and expresses profound gratitude for the dedication and commitment of all those who have contributed to the continued success of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance in saving lives across the region.

**1000 Ensuring stability for Ukrainian refugees in the UK**Tabled: **24/03/25** Signatories: **34****Pippa Heylings****Helen Maguire****Ian Roome****Wera Hobhouse****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Rachael Maskell**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

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Ann Davies

Liz Jarvis

That this House believes that Ukrainian refugees fleeing war must be treated with compassion in the UK; recognises that the war in Ukraine still wages on, more than three years after Putin first invaded; notes with concern recent reports that some Ukrainian refugees have faced losing their homes and jobs due to uncertainty around their visa extensions; acknowledges that Ukrainian refugees deserve certainty, enabling them to rebuild their lives in the UK if they wish and fully contribute to our economy; further acknowledges that certainty regarding visa extensions would grant young Ukrainians the opportunity to complete their education in the UK to protect and enhance their future; and calls on the Government to give Ukrainian refugees the certainty

they deserve by automatically extending their visas and setting out a pathway for obtaining Indefinite Leave to Remain.

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1001 **Changes to Great Western Railway ticket offices and stations**

Tabled: **24/03/25** Signatories: **14**

**John McDonnell**

**Jim Shannon**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

**Ayoub Khan**

**Kim Johnson**

**Shockat Adam**

Ian Byrne

That this House is alarmed that First Group rail operator Great Western Railway (GWR) has proposed a number of changes to its stations and ticket offices which include reducing ticket office windows and opening hours; is shocked that it should propose these changes despite the unprecedented and overwhelming public opposition to plans in 2023 to close around 1,000 ticket offices, including at GWR, which demonstrated the importance of ticket offices and station staff for many rail passengers; recognises that the recent Transport Committee report found that the ticket office closure plans risked significantly damaging people's access to rail and the presence of staff is often a crucial determinant as to whether disabled people are able to travel by rail; is concerned that GWR's proposals will undermine the role of ticket offices, to the detriment of passenger safety, security and accessibility; understands that the RMT union, which represents GWR station staff, is opposed to these proposals and has expressed concerns about a lack of proper negotiation by the company; notes that GWR paid out dividends of £24.3m in 2024; further notes that GWR is operating under a National Rail contract managed and funded by the Government; and calls on the Government to instruct GWR to scrap its proposed changes to ticket offices and stations and commit to retaining all ticket office and station staffing levels, operating hours and window provision.

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**1003 Support for the World Health Organization**Tabled: **25/03/25** Signatories: **23****Monica Harding****Helen Maguire****Claire Young****Rachael Maskell****Jim Shannon****Zöe Franklin**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Liz Saville Roberts

Ann Davies

Pippa Heylings

Ben Lake

Liz Jarvis

Helen Morgan

Llinos Medi

That this House affirms its support for the World Health Organization (WHO); believes that President Trump's decision to withdraw from the WHO via an executive order is irresponsible and dangerous; recognises that in an interconnected world, global health security and national health security are closely connected; further recognises that multilateral cooperation is vital for addressing health threats arising from climate change, anti-microbial resistance, low vaccination rates, and the proliferation of conflict and state fragility; further believes that the WHO's work on these issues and on pandemic preparedness is essential for delivering the improved global health outcomes that will help to keep the UK safe; welcomes the Government's continued support of the WHO; and calls on the Government to encourage its American counterparts to restart support and funding for the WHO.

**1009 Avanti West Coast ticket offices and station staffing**Tabled: **25/03/25** Signatories: **16****Rebecca Long Bailey****Ayoub Khan****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Jim Shannon****Kim Johnson****Cat Smith**

Liz Saville Roberts

Ann Davies

Ben Lake

Ian Byrne

Llinos Medi

That this House understands that First Group majority-owned rail operator Avanti West Coast has been undertaking a stations rostering review; is alarmed at reports that this review may be used to undermine ticket offices and station staffing, with Manchester Piccadilly, Birmingham New Street and London Euston stations particularly affected; recognises that the RMT union has longstanding concerns about Avanti's failure to fill station staff vacancies and its widespread reliance on fixed-term contracts, leading to delays at ticket offices and closures of ticket offices during their regulated hours; is concerned that these issues persist despite the overwhelming opposition to the 2023 ticket office closures proposals which demonstrated the importance of ticket offices and staff for many passengers; acknowledges that a recent Transport Committee

report found that the ticket office closure plans risked significantly damaging people's access to rail and the presence of staff is often a crucial determinant as to whether disabled people are able to travel by rail; expresses concern that Avanti's proposals risk detrimental impacts on passenger safety, service and accessibility; notes that Avanti paid out dividends of £8.1 million in 2024; further notes that Avanti is on a National Rail contract managed and funded by the Government; and therefore calls on the Government to instruct Avanti to permanently fill all existing vacancies, transfer staff on fixed term contracts onto permanent contracts and ensure its ticket offices and stations are properly staffed.

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1012 **Congratulating Barry Ahearn**

Tabled: **25/03/25** Signatories: **12**

**Helen Maguire**  
**Ayoub Khan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Zöe Franklin**  
**Ian Roome**  
**Dr Roz Savage**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Helen Morgan

That this House congratulates Barry Ahearn who completed 27 half marathons in honour of his sister Abbie Walsh who sadly passed away following a cardiac arrest during an epileptic seizure in September 2023; applauds that his amazing efforts have raised awareness of the seriousness of the condition; recognises that the funds he has raised will further epilepsy research and support those already suffering with the condition; notes that Wednesday 26 March 2025 is Purple Day, Epilepsy Awareness Day; further recognises that around 1 in 100 people in the UK have epilepsy; and calls on the Government to improve the diagnosis of epilepsy and the supply of the necessary medication so those with the condition can be identified and treated as soon as possible.

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1013 **British Summer Time clock change**

Tabled: **26/03/25** Signatories: **2**

**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes the twice per year change when UK clocks and watches are altered by one hour, British Summer Time starting this year on 30 March and then changed back on 26 October; and calls for an informed debate on the advantages and disadvantages of deciding that there could be a five year period where no time changes occur, to establish whether there is a reduction in road accidents during the morning rush hour, and a favourable public reaction to the move away from the twice yearly change of one hour.

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**1014 Human rights in Balochistan (No. 2)**Tabled: **26/03/25** Signatories: **4****John McDonnell****Ellie Chowns****Siân Berry****Jim Shannon**

That this House strongly condemns the severe human rights violations with ongoing reports of enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, and violent crackdowns on peaceful protests in Balochistan; is alarmed by the recent arrest of Dr Mahrang Baloch, a prominent human rights activist, along with members of the Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) and their family members; notes that Dr Mahrang Baloch and activist Bebo Baloch were arrested during a peaceful demonstration in Quetta, sparked by the enforced disappearance of BYC member Beberg Baloch and his brother, Dr Hammal Baloch, a scientist; further notes reports indicate that both were later handed over to the police and placed under remand without due process; is shocked that during the sit-in protest, security forces reportedly opened indiscriminate fire on demonstrators, resulting in at least five fatalities, including 13-year-old Nehmat Baloch, while leaving many others injured; understands that the authorities have intensified their suppression of demonstrations, using excessive force and live ammunition to disperse crowds and prevent further gatherings; calls on the Government to demand the immediate and unconditional release of Dr Mahrang Baloch, Bebo Baloch, Bebarg Zehri, Dr Hammal Zehri, Sammi Baloch, Lala Wahab, Nabeel Nodh, and other detained activists; and urges the Pakistani authorities to uphold fundamental human rights, including freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

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**1015 Beer festivals 2025**Tabled: **26/03/25** Signatories: **7****Martin Wrigley****Wera Hobhouse****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Adam Dance****Ian Roome****Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon**

That this House gives special thanks to MaltingsFest in April 2025, supported by the Society of Independent Brewers, Warminster Maltings, and Newton Abbot Town Council; further gives thanks to other beer festivals across the country; supports businesses struggling with the hike in the cost-of-living which is impacting businesses and jobs across the South West and the whole UK, including the increases in utilities costs, raw material prices, and National Insurance contributions; and thanks CAMRA and the BBPA for their work supporting pubs and breweries across the country.

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**1016 Radiotherapy (No. 2)**Tabled: **26/03/25** Signatories: **18**

**Tim Farron**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Andrew George**  
**Steff Aquarone**

Mr Angus MacDonald  
Jim Shannon

Pippa Heylings  
Susan Murray

Helen Morgan  
Liz Jarvis

This House acknowledges the urgent need for a bold and comprehensive National Cancer Plan to reduce cancer waiting times from point of referral; recognises that radiotherapy is a lifesaving, highly advanced, and cost-effective treatment needed in half of all cancer cures and by one in four people in the UK at some point in their lives; pays tribute to the frontline professionals delivering this care across the country; notes with concern that cancer waiting times have been routinely missed in recent years, with too many patients unable to access modern radiotherapy; and calls for the National Cancer Plan to prioritise improving access to curative radiotherapy, invest in AI technology that empowers clinicians, and ensure patients receive timely, effective treatment to ease pressures on NHS cancer services, waitlists, workforce, and technology.

**1017 Government review into Volumetric Concrete Mobile plants**Tabled: **26/03/25** Signatories: **6**

**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Graham Leadbitter**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the Volumetric Concrete Mobile (VCM) sector employing 15,000 skilled workers in 155 constituencies, contributing £380m to the economy and £100m to the Exchequer; notes that from 1975 VCMs have run at weights above 32 tonnes to produce concrete with zero waste, servicing multiple customers, pouring different strengths of concrete on one circuit, saving an estimated 14 million concrete lorry miles pa on UK roads, eliminating 598,000 lorry journeys and 120,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> creating a 20% increase in CO<sub>2</sub>, nitrogen oxide and particulates, generating carbon costs of £7 million pa and requiring 200 more HGV drivers; further notes that VCMs avoid wasting c.4.8 billion litres of water pa required by old-fashioned drum mixers to flush out concrete waste, and expresses concern that National Highways failed to carry out an environmental impact assessment on cutting VCM weights to 32 tonnes, and made no account in its calculations of the fact that most VCMs weight under 32 tonnes after the first delivery of the day while almost all drum mixers weigh 32 tonnes for their entire journey to every site and failed to question the c40 roll-overs of drum mixers as against one for VCMs;

highlights that 5-axle 44 tonne VCMs manufactured and exported from the UK are road legal in many countries including Canada, Denmark and Brazil; and urges Ministers to review this decision and make the current 38.4 and 44 tonne weight limits permanent before the next election, honouring a pledge given before the 2024 election.

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**1018 900th anniversary of Stirling**

Tabled: **27/03/25** Signatories: **7**

**Chris Kane**  
**Katrina Murray**  
**Graeme Downie**  
**Brian Leishman**  
**Richard Baker**  
**Euan Stainbank**

Jim Shannon

That this House notes the conclusion of a year of celebrations marking the 900th anniversary of Stirling being granted Royal Burgh status by King David I; recognises the breadth and diversity of events that have engaged communities across Stirling in celebrating its rich heritage, including the Walking of the Marches, the Station Square Stirling Timeline artwork by artist David Galletly, and Stirling's Makar, Laura Fyfe's poem Her Slow Beating Heart; acknowledges the work of archaeologist and writer Dr Murray Cook in stimulating interest in the anniversary over a number of years; welcomes the contribution of the University of Stirling in launching the free online course Heart of Scotland: History & Heritage of Stirling at 900 Years; celebrates key moments such as Stirling's first Pride, the 2024 edition of the Forth Valley Food and Drink Festival, and the Massed Pipe Band Parade to conclude the celebrations; commends the coordinating work of Stirling Council, particularly the civic office and the events team; further acknowledges the role of Artlink Central, in their 35th anniversary year, for documenting the impact and contributions of individuals, local groups, and the wider Stirling community throughout the Stirling 900 programme; and expresses confidence that the legacy of these celebrations will continue to inspire civic pride, cultural enrichment, and community engagement in Stirling for generations to come.

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**1019 Chryston High School wind band**

Tabled: **27/03/25** Signatories: **2**

**Katrina Murray**  
**Euan Stainbank**

That this House congratulates Chryston High School wind band for winning a gold award at the Scottish Concert Band Festival final, which was held in Perth Concert Halls on 15 March; and recognises that their achievement is even more significant as this was the first time the band had competed in the Festival.

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**1020 Scams and fraud**Tabled: **28/03/25** Signatories: **15****Alex Brewer****Sarah Gibson****Clive Jones****Wendy Chamberlain****Helen Maguire****Mr Angus MacDonald**

Pippa Heylings

Ben Lake

Ian Roome

Cameron Thomas

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Steff Aquarone

Liz Saville Roberts

Ann Davies

Liz Jarvis

That this House expresses deep concern over the rise of scams across the UK which target older and vulnerable people; notes the speed at which new technologies continue to provide increasingly sophisticated tools to criminals to commit fraud, at the cost to thousands of individuals who often face little chance of compensation; recognises that scams can be in a variety of forms, including but not limited to, phone scams, cold calls, postal scams, doorstep scams, email scams, pension scams, and investment scams; and calls for increased safeguarding processes in retail spaces to ensure that staff have the necessary information and advice to help them spot and avoid scams targeting the money of older or vulnerable individuals.