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### New EDMs

1047      **Work of the Royal British Legion in Stratford-on-Avon**

Tabled: **2/04/25**      Signatories: **1**

#### **Manuela Perteghella**

That this House recognises the vital work of the Royal British Legion branches across Stratford-on-Avon, including in Alcester, Bidford-on-Avon, Newbold-on-Stour, Claverdon, Henley-in-Arden, Long Compton, Shipston-on-Stour, Stratford-upon-Avon and Studley; praises their tireless efforts to ensure that remembrance is kept alive and that the sacrifices of our brave service men and women are never forgotten; acknowledges the role of the Legion in giving a voice to the ex-service community and raising awareness of the challenges they face, including poor access to key services; commends the Stratford-upon-Avon branch for running the Royal British Legion Club on Bull Street, which provides a social space for veterans and regularly hosts band nights that showcase local talent; and celebrates the legion's fantastic team of fundraisers and their continued commitment to supporting veterans and their families throughout the constituency.

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**1048 Libraries in state primary schools**Tabled: **2/04/25** Signatories: **15**

**Imran Hussain**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Colum Eastwood**  
**Mr Will Forster**

Rachael Maskell  
Maureen Burke  
Zöe Franklin

Valerie Vaz  
Gill Furniss  
Helen Maguire

Charlotte Nichols  
Sammy Wilson  
Euan Stainbank

That this House welcomes the National Literacy Trust and Penguin Random House's Libraries for Primaries campaign; is concerned that research shows that one in seven state primary schools in the UK do not have a library or dedicated library space; understands that children in disadvantaged areas are disproportionately affected by this; urges the Government to add data collection on libraries in schools to the school census; congratulates the campaign for transforming over 1,000 school libraries and training over 2,500 teachers and support staff so far; notes that the UK needs to go further, as there is currently no statutory requirement for schools to have a library despite the positive effects the statutory requirement to have libraries in prisons has had in that space; is further alarmed by the results of the National Literacy Trust's Annual Reading Survey which shows that two thirds of children and young people do not read for pleasure; recognises the personal benefits reading for pleasure brings to children and their development including higher attainment, increased opportunities and better wellbeing; highlights research by British Land with the National Literacy Trust which shows that reading for pleasure can result in more children getting five good GCSEs, which in turn would boost their lifetime earnings and raise the UK's GDP to deliver economic growth; and believes all schools in the country should have a library or dedicated library space, particularly in the context of the current reading for enjoyment crisis.

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**1049 Camelon Bowling Club award of £2,000 grant from Flutter UKI**Tabled: **2/04/25** Signatories: **1**

**Euan Stainbank**

That this House congratulates Camelon Bowling Club on being awarded a £2,000 grant as part of the Flutter UKI Cash4Clubs grassroots sports programme; recognises the vital role that Camelon Bowling Club plays in promoting local participation in sport and physical activity; commends the club's ongoing commitment to improving its facilities and supporting coaching programmes for its members; and acknowledges the importance of the Cash4Clubs programme in providing financial support to community sports clubs, enabling them to enhance their operations and sustainability, as demonstrated by the continued success of the programme, which this year has supported 200 clubs across the UK and Ireland.

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**1050 Israeli Defence Force attacks on humanitarian workers**Tabled: **2/04/25** Signatories: **1****Tom Morrison**

That this House is deeply shocked by the killing of 15 paramedic and rescue workers in Gaza, whose bodies were discovered handcuffed in mass graves following an attack from the Israeli Defence Force; notes the statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk, condemning the attack and calling for an independent, prompt and thorough investigation into the deaths; recognises the essential and life-saving work carried out by humanitarian personnel, including those from the Palestine Red Crescent Society, Palestinian Civil Defence, and UNRWA, who came under fire while attempting to rescue their injured colleagues in Rafah on 23 March 2025; strongly condemns all attacks on humanitarian workers, which constitute a grave violation of international law; urges the UK Government to take immediate action by calling for an independent investigation, holding those responsible to account and ensuring the protection of humanitarian personnel in conflict zones; and asks the Government to put every effort into ensuring the unconditional and immediate release of hostages and the lifting of the Israeli government's illegal blockade of Gaza.

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**1051 Gerry Watkins**Tabled: **2/04/25** Signatories: **1****Dr Roz Savage**

That this House congratulates Gerry Watkins on receiving the Unsung Hero Award for his exceptional service to the community in Cirencester; recognises his dedication and selfless efforts in helping the homeless and vulnerable; acknowledges his tireless work, which includes running projects such as the Big Yellow Bus which has provided accommodation for the homeless since September 2017; further recognises his efforts on Food for Thought, a new initiative aimed at providing hot meals, drinks, clothes, and essential support to those in need; commends Gerry on providing company and emotional support to the lonely and vulnerable members in his community; notes that 345,000 people are currently homeless, and that 47% of adults aged 16 and above experience loneliness; and calls on the Government to increase the provision of the necessary support for the lonely and the homeless, especially in rural communities.

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**1052 Protecting children from data exploitation**Tabled: **2/04/25** Signatories: **7**

**Victoria Collins**  
**Munira Wilson**  
**Max Wilkinson**  
**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Caroline Voaden**  
**Steff Aquarone**

Manuela Perteghella

That this House believes that social media platforms and online services must be designed with children's safety in mind; notes that under current UK law, children as young as 13 can have their personal data collected, processed, and used for targeted advertising and algorithm-driven content; further notes that the majority of EU Member States set 16 as the minimum age for personal data processing; further believes that younger users are particularly vulnerable to manipulation by addictive platform design and invasive data collection practices; also notes that algorithms fuelled by children's personal data can lead to addictive engagement loops, exposure to harmful content, and increased risks of online exploitation; and calls on the Government to set the UK's digital age of consent for data processing at 16, in line with many other European jurisdictions, ensuring that social media platforms and other online services prioritise children's rights, safety, and wellbeing by default.

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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.

**975 DARC in Wales**Tabled: **19/03/25** Signatories: **15**

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Siân Berry**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Steve Witherden**  
**Richard Burgon**

Brian Leishman

That this House notes with deep concern the proposed US-UK-Australian military radar project, DARC (Deep Space Advanced Radar Capability), which would install 27 21m-high, 15m-wide parabolic radar dishes within sight of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park; believes this would severely harm the visual landscape, local tourism, and the internationally recognised natural ecology of the area; further notes the concerns regarding potential health risks posed

by radiofrequency signals, as indicated by scientific studies, on residential populations located less than a kilometre from the site; highlights that DARC, as part of the AUKUS Treaty, is in violation of the 1967 Outer Space Treaty's prohibition on the national appropriation of space and undermines international law; warns that the deployment of anti-satellite weaponry, for which DARC is a crucial targeting device, threatens to destabilise the civilian satellite network by generating hazardous space debris of a volatile and unpredictable nature which increases the probability of damage to essential infrastructure; urges the Government to recognise that DARC lacks strategic military necessity compared to other priorities; and calls on the government to permanently withdraw its planning application for the Pembrokeshire site and any alternative UK location.

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986      **Fee waivers for ILR applications**

Tabled: **24/03/25**      Signatories: **26**

**Kim Johnson**

**Rachael Maskell**

**Jim Shannon**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

**Nadia Whittome**

**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

Iqbal Mohamed

Sorcha Eastwood

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.

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**1000 Ensuring stability for Ukrainian refugees in the UK**Tabled: **24/03/25** Signatories: **39**

**Pippa Heylings**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Ian Roome**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Mr Joshua Reynolds**  
**Rachael Maskell**

Richard Foord

Martin Wrigley

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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**1003 Support for the World Health Organization**Tabled: **25/03/25** Signatories: **28**

**Monica Harding**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Claire Young**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Zöe Franklin**

Martin Wrigley

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.

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**1004 Bangladesh Independence Day**Tabled: **25/03/25** Signatories: **4****Shockat Adam****Jim Shannon****Andrew George****Mr Will Forster**

That this House celebrates the 54th anniversary of the independence of Bangladesh; recognises the events of the Liberation War as a reminder of the importance of the right to self-determination and freedom; commemorates all those who sacrificed their lives for the freedom and independence of Bangladesh; remembers the victims of the atrocities committed during the conflict, particularly the widespread use of rape as a weapon of war; further recognises the huge progress Bangladesh has made, particularly in social and economic development, since 1971; acknowledges the efforts of the interim government to navigate the current political transition period; and calls for continued support for Bangladesh's political stability and the need for a transition into a democratically elected government with free and fair elections to ensure long term stability in Bangladesh.

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**1015 Beer festivals 2025**Tabled: **26/03/25** Signatories: **10****Martin Wrigley****Wera Hobhouse****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Adam Dance****Ian Roome****Mr Angus MacDonald**

Claire Young

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: **30**

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

Lisa Smart  
Claire Young

Anna Sabine

Charlie Maynard

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: **8**

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

David Mundell

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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1020      **Scams and fraud**

Tabled: **28/03/25**      Signatories: **24**

**Alex Brewer**  
**Sarah Gibson**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**

Wera Hobhouse  
Claire Young

Lisa Smart

Martin Wrigley

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.

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1022      **Households below average income**

Tabled: **31/03/25**      Signatories: **9**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Steve Witherden**  
**Nadia Whittome**  
**Brian Leishman**  
**Jim Shannon**

Imran Hussain

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: **4**

**Jim Shannon**

**Jim Allister**

**Sarah Dyke**

**Gavin Robinson**

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: **5**

**Jim Shannon**

**Mr Gregory Campbell**

**Jim Allister**

**Sarah Dyke**

**Gavin Robinson**

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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**1036 Humanitarian response to the Myanmar earthquake**

Tabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **20**

**Monica Harding**  
**Luke Akehurst**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Brian Mathew**

Wera Hobhouse  
Tom Morrison  
Ann Davies

Sarah Gibson  
Ben Lake  
Llinos Medi

Mr Will Forster  
Liz Saville Roberts

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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**1038 Legacy of Storm Éowyn in Victoria Park**

Tabled: **1/04/25** Signatories: **2**

**Patricia Ferguson**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes that a number of mature trees in Glasgow's Victoria Park were felled by Storm Éowyn in January 2025; recognises that successful fundraising efforts on behalf of the Friends of Victoria Park generated sufficient monies to allow 30 new trees to be planted by volunteers and supporters; understands that the fallen tree trunks will now be carved to provide decorative and useful items for park users; and thanks everyone who contributed money or time towards the project which will ensure that the park continues to be a welcoming and enjoyable place to visit.

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**1039 Drummore Primary School litter pick and Eco schools award**Tabled: **1/04/25** Signatories: **2****Patricia Ferguson****Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises the excellent work undertaken by the pupils of Drummore Primary School who took part in a litter pick in their local area of Drumchapel; notes that the young people collected many bags of rubbish as part of the Spring Clean Scotland campaign; congratulates the school on achieving an Eco schools award; and commends them for their efforts to keep their local area in good order.

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**1040 Tackling child poverty**Tabled: **1/04/25** Signatories: **11****Kirsty Blackman****Chris Law****Stephen Flynn****Seamus Logan****Brendan O'Hara****Graham Leadbitter**

Shockat Adam

Jim Shannon

That this House believes that every child has the right to a childhood free of poverty; recognises the essential work of child poverty charities who step up to support children where the UK Government is failing them; acknowledges that such charities do so in a context of deepening and spreading poverty and existential operational challenges; thanks Includem, AberNecessities, Save The Children, Child Poverty Action Group, Joseph Rowntree Foundation and Aberlour for sharing their insights at the SNP Westminster Child Poverty Roundtable this week; calls on the Government to scrap the two-child benefit cap, end the assault on social security, reconsider the increase in National Insurance contributions for the charity sector, reconsider changes to Personal Independence Payment criteria, and replicate the Scottish Government's commitment to eradicating child poverty by matching Scottish Child Payment UK-wide; and further calls on the UK Government to avoid stigmatising and demonising rhetoric when referring to people who require social security support.

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**1041 Llanberis Mountain Rescue and the St David's Volunteering Awards 2025**Tabled: **1/04/25** Signatories: **5****Liz Saville Roberts****Ben Lake****Llinos Medi****Ann Davies****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Llanberis Mountain Rescue Team (MRT) on their recent success at this year's St David's awards in Cardiff, winning the Volunteering Award; notes that Llanberis MRT was formally recognised by the then Mountain Rescue Council in 1973; acknowledges that Llanberis MRT is by now recognised as the busiest team in the UK, often dealing with several calls for help in one day; recognises the selfless commitment of the volunteers who give their time to rescue hundreds of people on Yr Wyddfa every year; further notes that Llanberis MRT is a small charity, relying solely on the generosity of public donations to cover insurance, equipment, training and utilities costs; is concerned at the significant increase in the number of incidents requiring the services of search and rescue teams; thanks all volunteer search and rescue teams operating across Wales and the rest of the UK who selflessly perform acts of heroism day in and day out in all kinds of weather; and welcomes the establishment of a new All Party Parliamentary Group to speak up on behalf of search and rescue teams to lobby for the support they need and deserve.

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**1042 Energy Technical Academy Group's Female Introduction to Trades Open Day**Tabled: **1/04/25** Signatories: **3****Susan Murray****Jim Shannon****Sarah Dyke**

That this House celebrates the inaugural Female Introduction to Trades Open Day organised by the Energy Technical Academy Group (ETAG) in Kirkintilloch on 29 March 2025; affirms the importance of encouraging women into the trade sector; recognises the work of ETAG as one of Scotland's leaders in upskilling key skills in much-needed, critical energy service industries; highlights the significance of these trades, such as that of gas engineers, electricians and plumbers, as a vital part of our communities; endorses the commitment to ensuring tradespeople are adequately skilled in installing and working with new technologies within an ever-developing sector; attests to the importance of green, eco-friendly technological solutions for the energy sector; notes their contribution to the future of UK economy by directly helping to alleviate the national shortage of skills; acknowledges the importance of the community having access to trained, trustworthy tradespeople; thanks Jacqui Wilkie for organising the event; and expresses its appreciation for the director Tommy Smith and his team for their innovative outlook and commitment to widening participation in the energy sector.

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**1043 Strode College awarded the CyberFirst Silver Award**Tabled: **1/04/25** Signatories: **4**

**Sarah Dyke**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Strode College on being awarded the CyberFirst Silver Award by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC); acknowledges the College's exceptional efforts in advancing cybersecurity education and inspiring students to pursue careers in the sector; praises the successful hosting of CyberCon by Strode College's T Level students, which brought together industry leaders, practitioners and professionals for interactive workshop sessions and career exploration; welcomes the practical experience and guidance offered to students through such an initiative; notes the opportunity afforded by the CyberFirst bursary of £4,000 available annually for students progressing into cyber-related higher education; commends Strode College's ongoing work to strengthen the UK's cyber workforce by equipping young people with vital skills and access to future employment in cybersecurity; and urges the Government to increase investment in further education colleges delivering digital and cybersecurity training to meet the national skills demanded in an ever increasing technologically advanced world.

**1044 Festival Medical Services and Ukraine**Tabled: **1/04/25** Signatories: **6**

**Sarah Dyke**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Martin Wrigley**

That this House commends the remarkable efforts of Nich Woolf, Chair of the Somerton-based Festival Medical Services (FMS), and his three fellow volunteers for driving 1,600 miles through France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany and Poland to deliver a fully equipped FMS ambulance to Ukraine, which was handed over to a local surgeon upon arrival in Kyiv; recognises the outstanding work of the FMS, which, with generous support from UK donors, also secured two 4x4 vehicles to be converted for frontline medical use in Ukraine; notes that since the start of Russia's illegal invasion just over three years ago, FMS has worked with other charities to deliver vital trauma boxes, individual first aid kits and defibrillators to areas of Ukraine in most need; stresses that with over 12,605 civilians having been killed and a further 29,178 injured since the start of the conflict, the need for continued medical support for Ukraine is vital and its delivery is urgent; pays tribute to Nich and his team for embodying the UK's steadfast commitment to the Ukrainian defence of their own sovereignty and democracy; and

calls on the Government along with our European partners to increase and accelerate their military, medical and humanitarian aid to Ukraine, particularly as the US under President Trump draws back, continuing to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Ukraine against Putin's barbaric war machine.

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1045     **Disability hate crime**

Tabled: **1/04/25**     Signatories: **17**

**Christine Jardine**

**Lisa Smart**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Helen Maguire**

**Adam Dance**

**Brian Mathew**

Jess Brown-Fuller

Sarah Gibson

Liz Saville Roberts

Claire Young

Shockat Adam

Martin Wrigley

Ann Davies

Sarah Dyke

Jim Shannon

Ben Lake

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That this House condemns the increase in recorded disability hate crime across the UK; notes with concern that, despite an overall drop on the previous year, there were more than 10,000 incidents recorded in England and Wales in the year to March 2024, with conviction rates for violent offences at just 1%; further notes with concern the increase in disability hate crime in Scotland; supports the work of charities including United Response in raising awareness of the impact of this crime; commends their recent survey on the impact of disability hate crime on public transport; expresses its shock at the scale of this issue, with 24% of those surveyed experiencing disability hate crime in the previous quarter, but just a third felt comfortable enough to report the incident to the authorities; and calls on the Government to introduce a statutory aggravated offence for disability hate crime.

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1046     **News journalism and artificial intelligence tools**

Tabled: **1/04/25**     Signatories: **8**

**Rebecca Long Bailey**

**Claire Hanna**

**John McDonnell**

**Kim Johnson**

**Ian Lavery**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

Brian Leishman

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the vital importance for a democratic society of professional news reporting, photography and broadcasting; understands the desire of the Government to foster a business climate favourable to investment and development of artificial intelligence

in the United Kingdom; is concerned, however, to ensure that technological developments are not allowed to undermine the economic sustainability of employment in professional news journalism; believes that it is vital that news reporters, photographers, broadcasters and other creatives are properly remunerated and credited where their work is used as the basis for derivative content using artificial intelligence; urges requirements on developers of artificial intelligence models to use content only where consent has been provided for set purposes, ensuring transparency over the sources of their training data; and therefore calls for the introduction of effective regulatory protections to protect the future of our media and creative industries.