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New EDMs

1148 **Black Maternal Health Awareness Week 2025**

Tabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **1**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House notes with concern that Black women in the UK are still three times more likely to die during pregnancy or childbirth, and Asian women are two times more likely; is further concerned by reports from MMBRACE UK's maternity mortality data which indicates a statistically significant increase in the overall maternal death rate in the UK in 2020-22 and that this increase remained statistically significant when deaths due to covid-19 were excluded; acknowledges that racial disparities persist in maternity care, with ethnic minority women more likely to experience poorer health outcomes, substandard care, and higher rates of complications during pregnancy and childbirth; recognises that factors contributing to these disparities include structural racism, unconscious bias, socioeconomic inequalities, and gaps in culturally competent care; urges the NHS to ensure that all maternity services adopt targeted policies to address inequalities, including better access to interpreters, community midwives, and tailored perinatal mental health support for ethnic minority mothers; welcomes the Government's commitment to set a target to end the racial disparity in maternity care but regrets that one has not yet been set; and calls on the Government to establish a national strategy to eliminate racial disparities in maternity care, with clear accountability mechanisms and measurable targets.

1149 **Comic art**Tabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **1****Tim Farron**

That this House celebrates the UK's vibrant and flourishing comic industry; praises the ingenuity and originality of British comic artists and publishers; notes the launch of Comic Book UK as a representative voice for the industry, which includes the publishers of some of the world's most celebrated comics and best known characters; recognises the influence of the Lakes International Comic Art Festival, held annually in Bowness, in promoting the diversity and creativity of comic art old and new; and further celebrates the potential of comics to inspire a love of reading and engagement in creativity among people of all backgrounds.

1150 **Incitement of violence against political representatives**Tabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **1****Sorcha Eastwood**

That this House defends the role of art as a powerful force for protest, solidarity, and accountability, especially in standing with oppressed peoples; recognises art's vital role in holding governments and institutions to account; affirms that political art can be provocative, critical, and disruptive; but utterly condemns any language that incites or promotes violence against elected representatives, or expresses support for proscribed terrorist organisations, as seen in recent statements by Kneecap promoting slogans such as the only good Tory is a dead Tory, kill your local MP and up Hamas and Hezbollah; and reaffirms that political disagreement must never cross into glorification of terrorism or incitement to violence.

1151 **Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week**Tabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **2****Liz Jarvis****Vikki Slade**

That this House marks Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Week from 26 April to 4 May 2025; recognises the unpredictability and variable presentation of the disease in the 150,000 living with MS in the UK; notes the need to provide individualised support to manage the unique symptoms and needs of each person living with the condition; calls on the Government to ensure neurology is a priority of the NHS 10-Year Plan so that timely diagnosis and treatment can be accessible to all; acknowledges the need to empower employers to make work more inclusive and better support people with MS to stay in good-quality employment for longer; and highlights the importance of protecting PIP payments that provides vital support to help sufferers manage extra costs associated with living with the disease and accessing work.

1152 War Widows/Widowers Pension compensation and medical dischargeTabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **4****Ann Davies****Ben Lake****Liz Saville Roberts****Llinos Medi**

That this House is concerned that many widows of service persons who died after medical discharge and subsequently remarried are not entitled to War Widows/Widowers Pension compensation; notes that many widows and widowers of service persons who passed away, including during the Second World War, have rightfully received a War Widows/Widowers Pension to support them after their partner's death; acknowledges that many recipients remarried following their loss and consequently lost their entitlement; further notes that from 2015, widows and widowers under the War Pension Scheme could prospectively have their entitlements restored were they to become single again and not forfeit it going forwards; welcomes the War Widows Ex-gratia Payment Scheme announced in 2023 that compensates widows and widowers who lost their pensions due to remarriage or cohabitation before 2015; is disappointed that widows of service persons who died after medical discharge remain outside that scheme, and that the UK Government has said it currently has no plans to extend eligibility to claim for an additional period of restored War Widows Pension to those whose family members passed away after medical discharge; and calls on the UK Government to reconsider its policy, so that the widows of service persons who lost their lives after medical discharge can be resupplied with their lost War Widows Pensions.

1153 Prevent strategyTabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **1****Lisa Smart**

That this House welcomes the transparency in publishing the recent Prevent Learning Reviews; further welcomes the announcement of a permanent Commissioner who will likely undertake engagement with communities impacted by Prevent; urges the Government to swiftly act on concerns of the communities disproportionately impacted by Prevent; and further urges the Government to collect and publish data on Prevent's operation disaggregated by ethnicity and faith.

1154 Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke Stress Awareness MonthTabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes April is stress awareness month and Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke are raising awareness on both the causes of stress and ways it can be managed to limit the negative impact on members of the public; highlights that stress is a natural reaction in the

body and many daily aspects of life can cause stress, leading to negative impacts on our bodies and minds; underlines that some may be more likely to turn to unhealthy habits as a way to cope with stress, such as excessive alcohol use, smoking and eating unhealthy foods; further notes the importance of taking time to unwind and increase knowledge on stress prevention; and thanks Chest Heart and Stroke for all that they do to raise awareness of campaigns such as this and that their message will go a long way in supporting people feeling overwhelmed with stress.

1155 **10 years of Ards Peninsula First Responders**

Tabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **1**

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates 10 years of Ards Peninsula First Responders, the first ever community responder group in Northern Ireland; notes that the charity is made up of 26 fantastic volunteers who provide a crucial community link in providing care for those in need; highlights the group's chair, Jamie Nicolls, who has been with the group since the very beginning and has dedicated his time and efforts to supporting the group; underlines that since the very start they have been tasked with over 4,000 calls, covering 84 square miles responding to critical emergencies; further notes the essential service that the First Responders provide to the local community and that so many rely on them each year; wishes them all the best for the future; and thanks all volunteers involved for their commitment to providing care to those ill and in need.

1156 **Birth anniversary of Basaveshwara**

Tabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **1**

Barry Gardiner

That this House welcomes the birth anniversary celebrations of the social philosopher and Hindu Saint, Basaveshwara, which will take place on 30 April at the Albert Embankment in London; notes the contemporary relevance of his teaching about religious tolerance and mutual respect, at a time when India is mourning the deaths of 26 innocent tourists through the unprovoked attack at Pahalgam by cross border terrorists associated with the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba; and recalls Basaveshwara's legacy as a foundational thinker about democracy, equality and human rights in the Indian subcontinent.

1157 Thames Valley Police resourcesTabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **1****Mr Lee Dillon**

That this House recognises the vital work carried out by police officers across the Thames Valley in reducing crime rates; expresses deep concern about structural changes in Newbury constituency that risk increasing crime rates through reduced local police presence; notes that the closure of Newbury custody suite necessitates officers traveling 20 miles to Reading, significantly reducing their presence on Newbury's streets; and calls on the Government to provide Thames Valley Police with adequate resources to ensure effective policing in Newbury.

1158 25th anniversary of PavillionTabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **1****Maureen Burke**

That this House congratulates Pavillion on celebrating its 25th anniversary; notes the outstanding community work undertaken by the youth club during this time, providing activities skills to young people across Easterhouse; highlights the variety in opportunities available for those aged between 4 and 18; and recognises the leadership team's commitment to transforming lives and thanks them for their sustained efforts.

1159 Northern Ireland's golfing legacy and the Open ChampionshipTabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **1****Mr Gregory Campbell**

That this House notes the Open Golf Championship is due to be held at Royal Portrush Golf Club; and recognises that Northern Ireland's rich golfing legacy has been enhanced in the modern era with Rory McIlroy's outstanding achievements in becoming a five times Major Champion, in addition to the pioneering exploits of May Hezlet who, between 1899 and 1908, won the British Ladies Championship three times, the Irish Ladies Championship five times and was recognised by the Ulster History Circle at the Royal Portrush Clubhouse in the run up to the Open Championship returning in July 2025.

1160 Curry Rivel Active Travel Group's new cycle pathTabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **1****Sarah Dyke**

That this House welcomes the completion and opening of the first phase of a new active travel route between Curry Rivel and Langport, providing a safe, off-road alternative to the busy A378 for both pedestrians and cyclists; notes that this initial section was delivered through the sustained efforts of the Curry Rivel Active Travel Group in partnership with Curry Rivel Parish Council, local landowners, and neighbouring parishes; acknowledges funding support from Somerset Council and the Rural England Prosperity Fund, alongside valuable community contributions and volunteer efforts led by Tony Greenaway; recognises the significant public health and wellbeing, environmental and road safety benefits for rural residents, particularly school children and those without access to cars; further notes the plight of many rural communities who continue to lack safe walking and cycling routes and would greatly benefit from similar infrastructure; highlights the potential for easy to access routes to boost the local economy, supporting rural businesses; welcomes the role of this new path in a wider network planned across the Somerset Levels and Moors; and calls on the Government to prioritise investment in rural active travel infrastructure, adopting a nationwide active travel strategy.

1161 Life of Andy ChiltonTabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **1****Sarah Dyke**

That this House celebrates the life and legacy of Andy Chilton, who has sadly passed away at the age of 73; acknowledges that Andy was a much loved and recognisable figure in Wincanton, whose character, selflessness and service greatly benefited the local community; applauds his distinguished 35 year career in the Royal Navy serving aboard HMS Hermes, HMS Battleaxe, HMS Illustrious, HMS Forth and HMS Tiger, from which he retired in 2001 with the rank of Senior Warrant Officer Stores Accountant, having been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal; pays tribute to his remarkable dedication to public service in civilian life, notably through founding and leading the South Somerset Community Accessible Transport Scheme (CATBUS) for 16 years located at the Balsam Centre, which has since become a vital service valued by the local residents; further acknowledges his tireless volunteer work following his retirement from CATBUS, supporting organisations and charities including the Wincanton branch of the Royal British Legion, the Wincanton Armed Forces Breakfast Club, Growing Spaces, Wincanton Live-at-Home Scheme and the Got Your Six veterans hub; notes with sadness that Andy's passing has left a significant gap in the life of the community; and sends its deepest sympathies to his wife Dee, their children, grandchildren and close friends.

1162 Service of Paul and Glynis to the community in ButleighTabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **1****Sarah Dyke**

That this House celebrates the life's work of Paul and Glynis, who ran the Post Office and village shop in Butleigh for 29 years and contributed to making it the beating heart of the community; thanks them for their dedication, kindness and tireless service to local residents, who will miss them enormously; wishes them a very happy and well-deserved retirement following the closure of Butleigh's Post Office on 9 April 2025; recognises the essential role Post Office branches play in the life of our villages, towns and high streets, particularly in rural areas across the UK; and calls on the Government to act to secure the future of the Post Office by putting it on a sustainable footing for the long term, including supporting its mutualisation to give sub-postmasters greater independence and a stronger voice.

1163 Comments made by KneecapTabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Allister**

That this House condemns without equivocation the menacing incitement to murder public servants by the renegade group Kneecap; believes public confidence in the justice system requires police and prosecutory action against these purveyors of hate, particularly following the imprisonment of many people for their social media posts; demands no further public funding for Kneecap; and calls on the organisers of Glastonbury Festival to rescind their invitation to the group.

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.

1022 Households below average incomeTabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **15****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Rachael Maskell****Steve Witherden****Nadia Whittome****Brian Leishman****Jim Shannon**

Apsana Begum

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.

1036 Humanitarian response to the Myanmar earthquakeTabled: **31/03/25** Signatories: **47****Monica Harding****Luke Akehurst****Jeremy Corbyn****Jess Brown-Fuller****Jim Shannon****Brian Mathew**

Apsana Begum

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.

1045 Disability hate crime

Tabled: **1/04/25** Signatories: **36**

Christine Jardine

Lisa Smart

Wera Hobhouse

Helen Maguire

Adam Dance

Brian Mathew

Mr Lee Dillon

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.

1050 Israeli Defence Force attacks on humanitarian workers

Tabled: **2/04/25** Signatories: **65**

Tom Morrison

Layla Moran

Helen Maguire

Adam Dance

Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

Alison Bennett

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.

1052 **Protecting children from data exploitation**

Tabled: **2/04/25** Signatories: **39**

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

Mr Lee Dillon

Mr Paul Kohler

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.

1060 Abduction of Ukrainian childrenTabled: **3/04/25** Signatories: **46**

Calum Miller
Monica Harding
Helen Maguire
Manuela Perteghella
Ian Roome
Tom Morrison

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House expresses its anger and revulsion at the abduction of over 30,000 Ukrainian children since the start of Russia's invasion; notes with disgust this tactic of the Russian Armed Forces, which threatens to rob Ukraine of its future; believes that these mass abductions authorised by President Putin constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity; calls for President Putin to be held accountable for these crimes and for the implementation of the outstanding International Criminal Court arrest warrant against him; supports wholeheartedly the work of the Bring Kids Back initiative and the Yale Humanitarian Research Lab (YHRL) to locate and bring home the abducted children; further notes with alarm that US Government funding for the YHRL will soon expire following the decision by President Trump to cease further funding for the programme; also notes with concern that the YHRL has only been given six weeks notice to prepare for the cessation of funding; urges the Government to commit to filling the funding gap for the YHRL, ensuring it can continue its vital work; and further urges the Government to seize the £25 billion of frozen Russia assets across the UK and to direct these to humanitarian, financial and military aid to Ukraine.

1061 British Coal Staff Superannuation SchemeTabled: **7/04/25** Signatories: **25**

Ann Davies
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Liz Saville Roberts
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Dave Doogan

Luke Akehurst

Amanda Hack

That this House is deeply concerned regarding the impact of the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme (BCSSS) scandal; notes that, in the Autumn Budget, the Government released equivalent funds from the Miners' Pension Scheme (MPS), but this welcome move to improve former miners' pensions was not extended to the BCSSS; highlights that the Government's failure to release frozen funds is causing immense hardship for people who have paid into the system for decades but are now left without the vital support they need and deserve; further notes that the BCSSS Trustees have been campaigning for members of the BCSSS to be treated equally to members of the MPS; agrees with the Trustees in their view that

the £2.3bn BCSSS investment reserve should be transferred to members as soon as possible; and calls on the Government to review how any future surplus in the BCSSS is shared between members and the Government.

1077 Chalk stream river protection

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

Alex Brewer
Sarah Dyke
Helen Maguire
Martin Wrigley
Edward Morello
Steff Aquarone

Mr Lee Dillon

Tristan Osborne

That this House recognises the crucial role of chalk stream rivers in ensuring water security and supporting local ecosystems; acknowledges the significant threats faced by chalk stream rivers, including over-abstraction, wastewater pollution, sewage dumping, and urban development; notes with concern that, without action, incidents of water scarcity and ecological degradation in these unique waterways will increase due to ongoing environmental harm; further notes that in 2024 there was more than 975 hours' worth of sewage pumped into the river Loddon and the river Whitewater, two chalk stream rivers that run through North East Hampshire; and calls on the Government to recognise the ecological distinctiveness of chalk streams and implement specific protections to preserve them, as these irreplaceable ecosystems are at risk of disappearing without urgent intervention.

1084 Right to peaceful protest and freedom of assembly

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **15**

Lisa Smart
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Zöe Franklin
Sarah Dyke
Helen Maguire

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House recognises that the right to peaceful protest and freedom of assembly is a cornerstone of a free and democratic society and insists that it must be safeguarded; expresses serious concern over the wide-ranging draconian anti-protest powers introduced by the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and the Public Order Act 2023 under the previous Government; acknowledges that the police already have the powers they need to stop what

goes beyond a peaceful protest; and therefore calls on the Government to repeal the protest-related provisions within these Acts and to reaffirm its commitment to civil liberties and the democratic right to protest.

1085 **Ian Gibson Fellowship**

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **9**

Alice Macdonald

Jim Shannon

Clive Lewis

Jess Asato

Siân Berry

Liz Saville Roberts

Ann Davies

Llinos Medi

Ben Lake

That this House welcomes the announcement by the Quadram Institute and UK charity, Invest in ME Research, to fund the first postdoctoral fellowship for research into myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME); congratulates Dr Katharine Seton on being the first fellow and notes that this new position was created to continue and extend research into ME and build on the foundations already in place for further developing the UK/European Centre of Excellence for ME research on the Norwich Research Park; is pleased that the charity has decided to name this fellowship the Invest in ME Research Ian Gibson Fellowship in memory of scientist, Scottish footballer and good friend of people with ME, the late Dr Ian Gibson, who led research into cancer and became Dean of Biological Sciences at the University of East Anglia in 1991 and elected Member of Parliament for Norwich North in 1997; and believes this is a fitting tribute to the former Member for Norwich North who was a highly respected Chair of the Science and Technology Select Committee and an outstanding advocate for science and health.

1088 **Northfleet School for Girls award of the Lionesses Futures Fund Pitch**

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **4**

Dr Lauren Sullivan

Jim Shannon

Daniel Francis

Tristan Osborne

That this House congratulates Northfleet Schools Trust on securing £970,000 from the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation; celebrates the creation of a new 3G pitch at Northfleet School for Girls to expand women's and girls' football in Gravesham; commends England's Lionesses as reigning European champions and sends them the support of this House and country as they prepare to defend their title this summer; and welcomes the positive impact this investment will have on sport and community life across Gravesham.

1089 Future of children's palliative careTabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **20**

Mr Will Forster
Ian Roome
Wera Hobhouse
Jess Brown-Fuller
Jim Shannon
Zöe Franklin

Mr Angus MacDonald

Dr Danny Chambers

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House notes with concern the findings of the report entitled Built to Last? The State of Children's Palliative Care in 2025, published by Together for Short Lives; recognises that the report reveals a stark postcode lottery in access to high-quality palliative care for seriously ill children across England, particularly in relation to 24/7 end-of-life care at home; expresses alarm that only 19% of Integrated Care Boards currently commission this service on a formal basis; acknowledges that this disparity is driven by workforce shortages, a lack of accountability among NHS bodies and councils and a significant funding shortfall projected to rise to £310 million by 2025-26; welcomes the vital services provided by organisations such as Shooting Star Children's Hospices in Surrey Heartlands and surrounding areas; and calls on the Government to urgently implement the recommendations of the report by reviewing the funding and planning of children's palliative care, investing in paediatric nursing bursaries and specialist consultant training, holding Integrated Care Boards and local authorities to account for delivering on existing policy, and committing to a sustainable, long-term funding model for children's hospices, including the continuation of ringfenced, centrally distributed funding beyond 2025-26.

1090 Introduction of the Hillsborough Law and the 36th anniversaryTabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **38**

Tom Morrison
Jess Brown-Fuller
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Vikki Slade

Ian Roome

Mr Angus MacDonald

Mr Paul Kohler

That this House supports the urgent introduction of the Hillsborough Law to ensure justice, transparency and accountability in public inquiries and inquests; recognises the tireless campaigning of the Hillsborough families and survivors, who have fought for over three decades for the truth to be acknowledged and for meaningful reform; notes that the Hillsborough Law would enshrine a statutory duty of candour on public authorities and officials, ensuring they act with honesty and integrity during investigations and would provide bereaved families with parity of legal representation during inquests; further notes with concern that, despite a

commitment made by the Prime Minister in September 2024 that the law would be introduced before the 36th anniversary of the tragedy on 15 April 2025, this deadline was unfortunately missed; believes that this delay risks further undermining trust in the system and prolonging the pain of those affected; and calls on the Government to honour its promise by bringing forward and implementing the Hillsborough Law in full, without dilution, as a lasting legacy of justice and reform in memory of the 97 lives lost at Hillsborough.

1093 **Support for active travel**

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **9**

Sarah Gibson
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Jess Brown-Fuller
Sarah Dyke
Helen Maguire

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House congratulates the work being led by Active Travel England and specifically the Royal Wootton Bassett Environment Trust which is working to promote active travel in Wiltshire; acknowledges that investment in active travel routes is needed to stimulate local economies; and notes that local authorities need to be empowered so they can leverage the planning system more effectively to deliver local active travel routes.

1094 **NHS parking charges**

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **20**

Sarah Gibson
Jim Shannon
Zöe Franklin
Sarah Dyke
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Helen Maguire

Mr Angus MacDonald

Mr Lee Dillon

Dr Danny Chambers

That this House notes with concern that hospital patients, staff and visitors have been charged over £1 billion in car parking fees over the past eight years; recognises the significant financial burden this places on National Health Service staff, who work tirelessly to provide care, and on patients and their families, who should not face exorbitant costs while accessing essential healthcare services; further notes that hospital parking charges amount to an unfair tax on the sick and those who care for them; calls on the Government to cut hospital parking fees for National Health Service staff, patients and visitors; and urges the Government to establish a

visitors and caring fund to ensure that National Health Service trusts can offset the revenue lost from parking fees without compromising investment in frontline services.

1095 **Wiltshire's LINK schemes and volunteering**

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **4**

Sarah Gibson

Jim Shannon

Sarah Dyke

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House recognises the invaluable work of Wiltshire's LINK schemes, including Chippenham LINK, Corsham LINK, Calne and District LINK and Royal Wootton Bassett LINK, in providing transport for older and vulnerable residents to NHS appointments and social inclusion events; acknowledges the vital role LINK volunteers play in reducing pressure on local NHS services, particularly in rural areas where public transport options are limited; notes with concern the impact of NHS dental practice closures, which has increased journey times for patients and volunteers alike; further notes the importance of recruiting younger volunteers to ensure the sustainability of these schemes in the long term; and calls on the Government to promote and support volunteer driver initiatives to help maintain essential community transport services.

1096 **Siemens Mobility in Chippenham**

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **5**

Sarah Gibson

Jim Shannon

Sarah Dyke

Clive Jones

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House congratulates Siemens Mobility on its £100 million investment to establish a state-of-the-art rail infrastructure manufacturing, digital engineering and research and development facility in Chippenham; recognises the company's long-standing presence in the town since 1897 and its commitment to innovation, sustainability and high-skilled employment; welcomes the anticipated opening of the new facility in 2026, which will replace the existing factory and accommodate approximately 800 local staff; acknowledges the role of this investment in strengthening the UK's rail technology sector and contributing to the local and national economy; and commends Siemens Mobility for its dedication to advancing rail infrastructure and fostering economic growth in Chippenham and beyond.

1097 Corsham Bowls Club centenary celebrationTabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **4****Sarah Gibson****Jim Shannon****Sarah Dyke****Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House congratulates Corsham Bowls Club on reaching its centenary year in 2025; acknowledges the club's significant contribution to the local community in Corsham over the past 100 years; notes the successful grand opening of their centenary season on 5 April 2025; recognises the generous support from The Late Lord Methuen's Charitable Trust and Corsham Town Council in facilitating the club's recent developments; and wishes Corsham Bowls Club continued success and prosperity in its next century of promoting the sport of bowls within the community.

1098 Practical driving tests in the South WestTabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **13****Sarah Gibson****Wera Hobhouse****Martin Wrigley****Jim Shannon****Sarah Dyke****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House notes the significant delays in access to practical driving tests across the United Kingdom; recognises the particular impact this has on learners in rural areas where access to public transport is limited and the ability to drive is often essential for employment, education and caring responsibilities; acknowledges the measures introduced by the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency, including the recruitment of additional examiners and the extension of the driving test cancellation period from three to ten working days, effective from 8 April 2025; expresses concern over reports of third-party resellers charging learners up to £195 for test bookings that officially cost £62 on weekdays; and calls on the Government to intensify efforts to reduce driving test waiting times in the Chippenham constituency and the South West more broadly.

1105 National League restructuringTabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **9**

Steve Darling
Martin Wrigley
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke
Helen Maguire
Liz Jarvis

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House celebrates the decision of Torquay United FC, alongside all 72 National League clubs, to vote unanimously in favour of introducing a third promotion place from the National League into League Two; recognises that this change would bring the promotion structure in line with that between League Two and League One; acknowledges the dedication and ambition of clubs within the National League who face an unfair bottleneck in their progression through the football leagues; believes that a third promotion place would ensure a fairer and more competitive system that rewards sporting merit and ambition; and calls upon the English Football League, the Football Association, and other relevant governing bodies to support and implement this change to promote fairness and opportunity in the football pyramid.

1107 St George's Day 2025Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **21**

Adam Jogee
Leigh Ingham
David Williams
Dave Robertson
Dr Allison Gardner
Mr Luke Charters

Liz Saville Roberts

Ann Davies

Llinos Medi

That this House joins the people of England in celebrating St. George's Day on 23 April 2025; understands the significance of England's national day to many people throughout the world; acknowledges the important role that England and her people play in strengthening the bonds of solidarity across the United Kingdom; welcomes the opportunity to celebrate England's patron saint and all that is great about England not least its history, identity, cultures and traditions; notes the application from the Hon. Members for Newcastle-under-Lyme and Buckingham and Bletchley to the Backbench Business Committee for a debate to mark St George's Day 2025 and English Affairs and looks forward to the debate taking place at the earliest opportunity; encourages schools and their leaders in counties, cities, towns and villages across England to give our young people the chance to engage with and enjoy this day;

and gives thanks for the leadership role that England, and the United Kingdom, plays on the world stage and reaffirms its commitment to preserving, celebrating and cherishing England's green and pleasant lands, and her people, this year and all years.

1113 **Food poverty**

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **10**

Dr Roz Savage
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke
Helen Maguire
Liz Jarvis

Mr Angus MacDonald Shockat Adam

That this House recognises the vital work of Malmesbury and District Foodbank in supporting people in crisis by providing emergency food packs and helping them find further support from other agencies and charities; pays tribute to the leadership of Dick Gray, Operations Trustee, and Simon Kershaw, Operations Manager, whose dedication has inspired a brilliant team of volunteers; thanks the volunteers for offering kindness, compassion, and a listening ear to everyone who walks through the door; acknowledges that in 2024 the Trussell Trust supplied the highest recorded number of emergency food parcels across the country in a single year; and calls on the Government to take urgent action to address the issue of food poverty.

1114 **Malmesbury Amatuer Boxing Club**

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **4**

Dr Roz Savage
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House recognises Malmesbury Amatuer Boxing Club for its outstanding contribution to the community including providing fantastic coaching and community engagement; acknowledges the crucial work by its longstanding head coach, Mike Rees, who provides a safe space and opportunities for the young people of Malmesbury and the surrounding villages to learn and compete in boxing; notes the inspiring work that the Club does to help people diagnosed with Parkinson's, helping them to regain their physical and mental strength through boxing sessions; congratulates the work that the Club does with young people in the local area, giving them national and international opportunities to compete; and further recognises the fantastic work that sports clubs provide to communities.

1115 LED headlightsTabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **13****Martin Wrigley****Jim Shannon****Sarah Dyke****Helen Maguire****Clive Jones****Mr Will Forster**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Dr Danny Chambers

That this House notes with concern the growing number of reports and studies from organisations including the RAC indicating that excessive brightness and improper alignment of some LED headlights can cause discomfort, temporary blindness, and pose safety risks to other road users, including drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians; is concerned about the lack of specific regulations to address LED's brightness levels and align standards for LED headlights in the UK; awaits the findings of the Department for Transport's independent review into headlight glare; and calls on the Government to ensure regulation for the brightness of LED car headlights improves road safety for all users, with collaboration from automotive manufacturers, safety experts, and international bodies, and to implement standards for vehicle lighting which balance technological advancement with public safety as soon as possible.

1116 Sentencing Guidelines and pre-sentence reportsTabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **21****Josh Babarinde****Clive Jones****Wera Hobhouse****Martin Wrigley****Jess Brown-Fuller****Zöe Franklin**

Mr Angus MacDonald

David Chadwick

That this House recognises that everyone should be treated equally under the law; further recognises the vital role pre-sentence reports (PSRs) play in providing courts with the information they need to make informed sentencing decisions that keep our communities safe while aiming to rehabilitate offenders; believes that the equal application of justice is a fundamental principle of a fair society; expresses concern that the use of PSRs has declined sharply by 44% between 2013 and 2023; notes with concern that the Probation Service has been left overstretched and under-resourced, making it difficult to consistently deliver high-quality PSRs; acknowledges the importance of addressing disproportionality that sees ethnic minority communities over-represented in the criminal justice system, including by fully implementing the recommendations of the Lammy and Angiolini Reviews; and calls on the Government to

restore public confidence and ensure everyone is treated equally under the law by taking steps to make PSRs consistently available and bringing forward a Royal Commission on Sentencing to restore public confidence and guide evidence-based reforms.

1117 Collapse of Rana Plaza, Bangladesh

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **10**

Apsana Begum
John McDonnell
Ian Byrne
Jim Shannon
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Imran Hussain

That this House marks that on 24 April 2025 it is 12 years since the collapse of the Rana Plaza building in Dhaka, Bangladesh, which killed at least 1,132 workers and injured more than 2,500, a large proportion of whom were women in what was one of the worst industrial accidents on record; is concerned at the ongoing poor labour conditions, low wages and unsafe work environments, with a high incidence of work-related accidents and deaths, faced by workers in the garment sector worldwide; notes the emergence of new health and safety risks in the wake of the climate crisis, such as heat stress and flood risk; recognises that without the ability to organise, workers are inhibited from fully securing improved working conditions and challenging abuse; believes that all workers deserve a workplace that provides them with a living wage, safe working conditions and trade union rights including the right to refuse unsafe work, to take strike action and to collectively bargain; and calls on global clothing brands to uphold commitments to conduct enhanced human rights due diligence with workers and their representatives and implement responsible and ethical purchasing practices.

1118 Bracknell Town Council 70th anniversary

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **4**

Peter Swallow
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones
Tristan Osborne

That this House notes the 70th anniversary of Bracknell Town Council; recognises the significant contribution the Town Council has made over seven decades; expresses its heartfelt thanks to all those who have served as town councillors, of all parties, as well as its hard-working staff; and commends its continued commitment to provide services for the residents of Bracknell Town.

1119 Somerset County Cricket Club and Tom BantonTabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **7**

Gideon Amos
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke
Wera Hobhouse
Adam Dance
Clive Jones

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this house congratulates Tom Banton and Somerset County Cricket Club for his remarkable record-breaking score on the weekend of the 5th of April; commends Tom for making history with the highest ever score by a Somerset batter in first class cricket, achieved in the Rothesay County Championship First Division match against Worcestershire at the Cooper Associates County Ground in Taunton; recognises Tom's mammoth 371 runs, having faced 405 balls, struck 56 fours and two sixes; understands the deep-rooted importance of Somerset County Cricket Club and cricket in Taunton and across Somerset, where the sport is a proud part of local identity and community life; and notes that achievements like Tom's inspire future generations and strengthen Somerset's rich cricketing heritage.

1121 Restless legs syndromeTabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **15**

Helen Morgan
Vikki Slade
Adam Dance
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse

Mr Angus MacDonald
Ben Lake

Sarah Dyke
Ann Davies

Llinos Medi
Liz Saville Roberts

That this House recognises the significant impact of restless legs syndrome (RLS), also known as Willis-Ekbom disease, which affects up to 10% of the UK population; notes with concern that current NICE guidelines do not reflect the increasing clinical evidence regarding the risks associated with dopamine agonists, including the growing incidence of impulse control disorders such as gambling addiction and hypersexuality; acknowledges the economic and personal toll of untreated or misdiagnosed RLS on individuals and the NHS; supports the call by the charity RLS UK for a revision of the NICE guidelines to ensure they reflect modern best practice and patient experience; calls for improved training for general practitioners to support early diagnosis and safer treatment options; and urges the Government to work with RLS UK and relevant stakeholders to update policy and clinical guidelines, ensuring better outcomes for those affected by this debilitating condition.

1122 Earth Day 2025Tabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **15**

Sarah Dyke
Vikki Slade
Adam Dance
Tom Morrison
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse

Mr Angus MacDonald

Tristan Osborne

Dr Danny Chambers

That this House celebrates Earth Day on 22 April 2025, marking its 55th anniversary; recognises the global importance of this year's theme, Our Power, Our Planet; acknowledges that Earth Day brings together millions of people worldwide in collective action to protect the environment, and that this year's theme highlights the need to empower individuals to drive climate solutions and hold those in power to account; notes the urgent need to triple global renewable energy generation by 2030, embracing solar, wind, hydroelectric, geothermal, and tidal power to combat climate change and secure a sustainable future; calls for ambitious investment in renewables to ensure 90% of the UK's electricity comes from clean sources by 2030; and urges the Government to commit to doubling nature by 2050 by planting at least 60 million trees each year to restore biodiversity and tackle the climate crisis.

1125 Palantir Technologies, Peter Thiel and the NHS (No. 2)Tabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **19**

Martin Wrigley
Manuela Perteghella
Andrew George
Jim Shannon
Ian Sollom
Wera Hobhouse

Mr Angus MacDonald

Helen Maguire

Sarah Dyke

Dr Danny Chambers

That this House believes that every individual deserves high-quality healthcare, accessible when and where it's needed and free at the point of use; further believes in the importance of upholding British democratic values throughout the work of the Government and all public services; notes the negative implications of Government contracts being awarded to those who do not share such values; further notes with concern the awarding of NHS data contracts to Palantir Technologies, a company whose founder and chair has repeatedly been shown not to be in alignment with such values; and supports the call of the Science, Innovation and Technology Committee to protect the interests of data owners such as NHS patients.

1126 Immigration application fees for young adults and childrenTabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **19**

Tim Farron
Adam Dance
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse
Wendy Chamberlain
Tom Gordon

Mr Angus MacDonald

Sarah Dyke

Siân Berry

That this House expresses deep concern over the current cost of visa application fees, particularly the lack of a fee waiver for indefinite leave to remain (ILR); notes that in June 2022, the previous Government changed the immigration rules for young adults and children to shorten the settlement route for young migrants on the private life route, making them eligible for settlement after five years of temporary status; further notes that, since then, limited leave to remain application fees having risen by 47% since 2022 to £3,845, making them increasingly unaffordable and pushing young people and families into financial hardship with risk of losing their lawful status; recognises that the absence of a fee waiver for those unable to afford ILR has a profound impact on young people who have grown up in the UK and are eligible, leading to severe financial and mental health challenges, and no hope of permanent status, simply because of the lack of fee waiver; and urges the Government to conduct a full review of the impact of current visa fees on young migrants and children and to extend fee waivers to ILR applications on the private life route to enable these young adults and children to secure their future and fully participate in the society they call home.

1127 Morrisons breakfast clubsTabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **13**

Christine Jardine
Adam Dance
Jim Shannon
Wendy Chamberlain
Wera Hobhouse
Clive Jones

Mr Angus MacDonald
Dr Danny Chambers

Sarah Dyke

Tristan Osborne

That this House commends Morrisons for providing free breakfasts to support families during the Easter school holidays between 7 and 27 April 2025; notes this is the third year of their partnership with Kellogg's, and in that time, they have provided over 22,000 bowls of cereal; recognises the breakfast clubs in over 396 cafés for providing cereal and fruit for the whole family; and further commends the companies for providing vital support for many families during the absence of school breakfast clubs.

1128 Death of Pope FrancisTabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **35**

Ian Byrne
Rebecca Long Bailey
Richard Burgon
John McDonnell
Zarah Sultana
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Shockat Adam
 Llinos Medi
 Tristan Osborne

Liz Saville Roberts
 Ben Lake

Ann Davies
 Imran Hussain

That this House expresses its sadness at the death of the Vicar of Christ, Pope Francis, affectionately known as the People's Pope; offers its condolences to Catholic people in Britain and across the world; notes that Pope Francis was the first Latin American pontiff; pays tribute to Pope Francis for his work to promote interfaith collaboration, harmony and solidarity; commends Pope Francis for championing the oppressed, marginalised and demonised, particularly his support for migrant rights, as shown by the first trip of his pontificate outside of Rome, where he visited migrants on the island of Lampedusa; further commends Pope Francis for his powerful denunciations of poverty, inequality, and unfettered markets; praises Pope Francis for having been a leading voice for justice and peace, including using his final public address to call for a ceasefire in Gaza, as well as his daily check-ins with Catholic Palestinians in Gaza; further expresses its view that the world is a poorer place without Pope Francis' moral leadership and courage; expresses its hope that Pope Francis' legacy will live long into the future; and trusts that he may rest in peace.

1129 Great British Beef Week 2025Tabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **12**

Mr Alistair Carmichael [R]
Adam Dance
Jim Shannon
Ian Roome
Martin Wrigley
Clive Jones

Mr Angus MacDonald
 David Chadwick

Dr Danny Chambers
 Tristan Osborne

Sarah Dyke

That this House recognises Great British Beef Week (GBBW) from 23 April to 30 April 2025, a nationwide campaign which celebrates the exceptional taste of British beef and which highlights the hard work and dedication of the farmers who produce it; notes that GBBW is now in its 15th year; congratulates Ladies in Beef who founded the campaign which is now supported by farming unions and a wide range of other British food producer groups; further notes that British beef is produced to globally high standards and that this should be celebrated and

supported; calls on the Government to embrace these standards and not to undercut British beef farmers in any future trade agreements; and wishes the organisers of Great British Beef Week all the best in their work this year and into the future.

1132 UK parliamentarians sanctioned by the Russian Federation

Tabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **28**

Tom Gordon
Claire Young
Vikki Slade
Charlotte Cane
Richard Foord
Edward Morello

Mr Angus MacDonald
Liz Saville Roberts

Sarah Dyke
Ann Davies

Mr Lee Dillon
Llinos Medi

That this House unequivocally supports those hon. and Rt hon. Members and Peers targeted by the Russian Federation in the latest round of retaliatory sanctions announced on 23 April 2025; condemns the Russian Government's continued attempts to stifle international criticism and accountability for its illegal and unjustified invasion of Ukraine; rejects the Russian Foreign Ministry's inflammatory rhetoric and baseless accusations against UK parliamentarians; reaffirms the right and duty of hon. and Rt hon. Members and Peers to speak out in defence of human rights, international law, and the sovereignty of democratic nations; expresses solidarity with all those sanctioned for standing up against authoritarianism, including members from across the political spectrum; and calls on the Government to continue providing steadfast support to Ukraine, to stand with the Russian people who oppose the war, and to hold the Putin regime accountable for its actions.

1133 Life of Pope Francis

Tabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **6**

Valerie Vaz
Mary Glendon
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Ann Davies
Llinos Medi

That this House celebrates the life of Pope Francis, the 265th Pope, Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church; recognises his historic role as the first Jesuit and Latin American Pope; acknowledges that the Holy Father was a champion of Church reform, advocating for the inherent worth of every person, breaking tradition to wash the feet of women, refugees, victims of abuse, the homeless and prisoners on Maundy Thursdays, continuing in illness visiting Rome's Regina Coeli prison on Maundy Thursday on 17 April 2025; further recognises his efforts towards

equity, encouraging steps toward allowing women to be deacons, inviting the homeless to celebrate his 80th birthday, creating a Vatican office for the care of refugees and migrants, urging the world in *Laudato Si* to develop a relationship with the Earth, Our Common Home describing an environmental-social crisis marked by the globalisation of indifference to the poor; honours his work to democratise the Church with the Synod on Synodality in October 2023 and 2024, and his decision to make it mandatory for all Catholic priests to report safeguarding cases to state authorities and the Church while protecting the seal of the confessional; notes his commitment to peace with daily calls to Father Gabriel Romanelli of the Holy Family Church in Gaza City for 18 months; and extends condolences to around 1.4 billion Catholics worldwide and 6.2 million in the United Kingdom who mourn the loss of a spiritual leader whose legacy transcends religious boundaries.

1135 **Sanctioning of UK Parliamentarians by Russia**

Tabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **36**

James MacCleary

Calum Miller

Vikki Slade

Claire Young

Adam Dance

Tom Morrison

Mr Angus MacDonald

Mr Lee Dillon

Ann Davies

Sarah Dyke

Edward Morello

Llinos Medi

David Chadwick

Liz Saville Roberts

Dr Danny Chambers

That this House condemns the Russian Federation's decision to impose sanctions on Members of the UK Parliament, for standing up in support of Ukraine and in defence of democracy across Europe; notes that this action by the Kremlin is part of a wider pattern of intimidation and disinformation aimed at weakening democratic institutions and undermining international support for Ukraine; reaffirms the UK Parliament's cross-party commitment to holding Vladimir Putin's regime accountable for its illegal invasion of Ukraine, war crimes, and repeated violations of international law; further reaffirms its resolute commitment to support the defence of Ukraine with military, financial and humanitarian aid; and urges continued unity across all political parties in resisting authoritarian interference and defending the principles of sovereignty, freedom, and democracy on which European peace and security depend.

1136 Travel-related restrictions and haemoglobin tests for blood donationsTabled: **24/04/25** Signatories: **8**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Mary Glindon
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Zarah Sultana
Kim Johnson
Chris Hinchliff

Sarah Olney Apsana Begum

That this House celebrates the opening of the new Brixton Blood Donation Centre, which has welcomed over 3,700 donors in its first three months of operation, including more than 1,000 first-time donors and 10 per cent identifying as Black; recognises this as a promising step towards improving the diversity of the donor pool; notes with concern that this progress remains insufficient in the face of rising demand for the Ro blood subtype commonly found in people of African descent, which is essential for treating sickle cell anaemia, the fastest-growing genetic condition in the UK, with usage increasing by 15 per cent annually; is aware that only 2 per cent of regular blood donors currently have the Ro subtype; further notes that many willing donors, particularly of African and Caribbean heritage, are being turned away due to travel deferral rules due to the presence of diseases which can be tested for and iron testing protocols that are not precise and reject a number of Black women from donating for low iron levels when a further test could be done; acknowledges the importance of maintaining a safe blood supply, but stresses that outdated and overly restrictive guidelines are excluding healthy donors and putting patients' lives at risk; and calls on the Government, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency and NHS Blood and Transplant to urgently review travel-related deferral policies and haemoglobin thresholds in line with the latest scientific evidence and international practice, including the use of more accurate, population-sensitive testing methods.

1137 20th anniversary of the Upper Bann Fusiliers Flute BandTabled: **24/04/25** Signatories: **2**

Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the Upper Bann Fusiliers Flute Band on the occasion of their 20th anniversary; notes the band's commitment to music, tradition and community over the past two decades; recognises the role flute bands play in cultural heritage and youth engagement across Northern Ireland; further notes that the band will mark this milestone with a commemorative parade in Lurgan on Friday 25th April 2025; commends all those involved in organising the event and participating bands; and wishes the Upper Bann Fusiliers continued success for the years ahead.

1138 Foster Care FortnightTabled: **24/04/25** Signatories: **6****Jess Asato****Mary Glindon****Tom Morrison****Jim Shannon****Apsana Begum****Tristan Osborne**

That this House celebrates Foster Care Fortnight from May 12 to May 25 in its aim to raise awareness about fostering and highlight the transformative role of foster carers; recognises the importance of foster care for providing children who are unable to live with their families with a safe, stable and loving home; urges the Government to commit to a dedicated national foster care strategy to recruit more foster carers and improve commissioning processes to get children in the right home for them the first time; further urges Ministers to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of foster carers, including those approved for by both local authorities and independent fostering agencies, and to ensure they have continued access to the support, training and resources needed to provide the highest standard of care for vulnerable children; and encourages all hon. Members to promote Foster Care Fortnight and engage with their local authority and providers to raise awareness of the vital work they do.

1139 Birmingham AirportTabled: **24/04/25** Signatories: **2****Ayoub Khan****Shockat Adam**

That this House acknowledges the vital role of aviation in bolstering trade, tourism, and cultural exchange; recognises Birmingham Airport as a crucial gateway serving the Midlands and beyond; calls upon the Government to work collaboratively with airlines and relevant stakeholders to increase the number of direct international flights from Birmingham Airport; welcomes the potential agreement forthcoming for direct flights from Birmingham to Sylhet, Bangladesh, in light of the significant British Bangladeshi community residing in the region, enhancing connectivity and economic opportunities; notes that facilitating direct travel routes would aid in reducing unnecessary travel times and costs currently faced by passengers who must transit via other airports; further notes that such services would contribute positively to regional development by attracting business and tourism, aligning with the Government's growth agenda and its commitment to regional economic growth and prosperity; and urges the prioritisation of the expansion of direct flight routes from Birmingham Airport, especially to underserved destinations like Sylhet, and to engage in dialogue with both domestic and international airlines to address this demand, thereby supporting the UK's broader strategic interests in aviation, trade, and community connectivity.

1140 Birmingham bin strikesTabled: **24/04/25** Signatories: **2****Ayoub Khan**
Shockat Adam

That this House expresses profound concern over the ongoing bin strikes in Birmingham, which have significantly disrupted waste collection services and impacted the daily lives of residents across the city; notes the importance of essential frontline services being maintained efficiently and the need for fair and equitable working conditions for refuse collection staff; calls on Birmingham City Council to engage constructively with trade unions and all relevant stakeholders to swiftly reach an immediate settlement that addresses the concerns of the workers involved; and urges the Government to support local negotiations where possible, ensuring that adequate resources and guidance are provided to facilitate a fair resolution to the industrial action and to re-establish reliable waste management services for all communities in Birmingham.

1141 Armenian genocideTabled: **24/04/25** Signatories: **9****Chris Law**
Sir John Whittingdale
Siân Berry
Colum Eastwood
Liz Saville Roberts
Ann Davies

Llinos Medi

Ben Lake

Ellie Chowns

That this House joins the Armenian community in commemorating the 110th anniversary of the Medz Yaghern, or Great Crime, otherwise known as the Armenian genocide where 1.5 million Armenians were massacred and starved by the Ottomans; notes the urgent need to formally recognise the Armenian genocide, fully support commemorative activities, and promote educational initiatives; pays tribute to the victims, survivors and their descendants, who faced the Armenian genocide; encourages the sharing of testimonies in order to ensure the horrors of the past are never repeated or forgotten; expresses thanks to all of those who work to educate every person from every background in the UK about the Armenian genocide, its contemporary relevance, and why we must acknowledge this crime as having happened; urges all hon. and Rt hon. Members to observe this day and to pledge to speak out against the denial of the Armenian genocide; and calls on the Government to formally recognise the Armenian genocide.

1142 Mass deportation of illegal migrantsTabled: **24/04/25** Signatories: **5**

Rupert Lowe
Jack Rankin
Jim Allister
Carla Lockhart
Alex Easton

That this House expresses grave concern at the continued presence of over one million illegal migrants in the United Kingdom; notes that illegal entry into the country represents a clear breach of national law and undermines the integrity of the UK's immigration system; further notes the considerable cost to the taxpayer in housing, processing and supporting individuals with no legal right to remain in the UK; recognises the growing public demand for decisive and consistent enforcement of immigration laws; and therefore urges the Government to implement a comprehensive national strategy to identify, detain, and deport all individuals found to be residing in the United Kingdom illegally, and to ensure that such policies are backed by the necessary legislative, diplomatic, logistical and financial resources to restore confidence in the rule of law and the security of our borders.

1143 ANZAC Day 2025Tabled: **25/04/25** Signatories: **5**

Andrew Rosindell
Adam Jogee
Dr Danny Chambers
Jim Shannon
Tristan Osborne

That this House solemnly marks the 110th anniversary of the landings at Anzac Cove on 25 April 1915; honours the extraordinary courage, resilience, and sacrifice of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who, alongside British and other Allied forces, endured unimaginable hardship during the Gallipoli campaign; reflects on how that harrowing campaign, though marked by immense loss, became a defining moment in the emergence of modern national identities for both Australia and New Zealand; pays tribute to all those who gave their lives in defence of freedom and democratic values; celebrates the enduring bonds of friendship, shared history, and common values that unite the peoples of the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand, further strengthened by their shared Sovereign, His Majesty King Charles III; and expresses its gratitude to all those involved in organising the 2025 Anzac Day commemorations in London, including the services at Hyde Park Corner, The Cenotaph in Whitehall, and Westminster Abbey on Friday 25 April 2025.

1144 Tartan TalkersTabled: **25/04/25** Signatories: **2****Richard Baker****Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises the tremendous achievements of Tartan Talkers, a charity founded following the tragic death of Scott Taylor, of Cowdenbeath, in 2022; acknowledges the vital support the charity provides to young men across Fife at risk of suicide through its peer-to-peer buddy system, which undoubtedly saves lives, as well the profound comfort Tartan Talkers provides families affected by suicide; further recognises the breadth of experience provided by the charity's remarkable volunteers; and calls on hon. and Rt hon. Members to continue to support measures which help raise awareness of, and help prevent, young male suicide.

1145 National Stalking Awareness WeekTabled: **25/04/25** Signatories: **18****Luke Taylor****Clive Jones****Liz Jarvis****Ayoub Khan****Vikki Slade****Ian Roome**

Jess Brown-Fuller

Tom Morrison

Sarah Dyke

Tom Gordon

Mr Angus MacDonald

Wera Hobhouse

Jim Shannon

Mr Lee Dillon

Helen Maguire

Dr Danny Chambers

David Chadwick

Tristan Osborne

That this House marks National Stalking Awareness Week; acknowledges the profound impact stalking has on victims' mental and physical health; notes that stalking is too often viewed solely as a criminal justice matter, when in fact it poses a serious and long-term public health challenge; recognises that many victims experience anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other health conditions as a result of persistent stalking; urges that healthcare professionals be trained to identify stalking behaviours, offer trauma-informed care, and follow the Recognise, Respond, Refer approach to ensure victims are connected with appropriate support services; calls on the Government and healthcare bodies to establish clear referral pathways to specialist organisations to improve early intervention and health outcomes; and highlights the importance of implementing anti-stalking policies in healthcare, public, and workplace settings to ensure the safety and wellbeing of staff and patients.

1146 Bedfordshire Rheumatology teamTabled: **25/04/25** Signatories: **2****Mohammad Yasin****Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the achievement of Bedfordshire Rheumatology team who have been recognized as one of three trusts nationally who have actively reduced the diagnostic delay in Axial Spondyloarthritis (Axial SpA); understands the impact of Axial SpA as an inflammatory condition of the spine and joints, which works silently, leaving people in increasing pain and exhaustion; and supports the aims of the Act on Axial SpA campaign to reduce the current UK average time between first symptom to diagnosis from eight and a half years to one year.

1147 Wadebridge FoodbankTabled: **25/04/25** Signatories: **7****Ben Maguire****Clive Jones****Ian Roome****Mr Angus MacDonald****Helen Maguire****Sarah Dyke**

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Wadebridge Foodbank for receiving The King's Award for Voluntary Service; recognises the vital contribution of the Foodbank's volunteers who collectively give their time to support individuals and families in Wadebridge, Bodmin, Camelford, Padstow, and the surrounding areas; acknowledges the Foodbank's dedication to providing food and essential items alongside financial health checks and emotional support; and further congratulates the volunteers and staff on this outstanding achievement which highlights the transformative impact of community support in Cornwall.