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Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 29 April 2025

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New EDMs

1164 **Clarification of the criteria for a border poll**

Tabled: **29/04/25** Signatories: **1**

Alex Easton

That this House notes the recent comments by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, indicating that the decision to call a referendum on Irish unity could be based on opinion polls; further notes that these comments were published in an AgendaNI article and come at a time of renewed political sensitivity around the issue; recognises that under the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement and the Northern Ireland Act 1998, the decision to call such a referendum rests solely with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, who must be satisfied that a majority in Northern Ireland would likely express a wish to leave the United Kingdom and form a united Ireland; and calls on the Secretary of State to clarify the official position of the Government on the criteria used to trigger a border poll in order to maintain public confidence in the impartiality and legality of the process.

1165 **Behaviour Code Seminar attendance publication**

Tabled: **29/04/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes the Behaviour Code Seminars which continue to be held, where hon. and Rt. hon Members are invited to participate and learn how to treat others with respect, including learning how to understand everyone's role in contributing to a respectful working culture; and

recognises that many have taken up the offer to attend, and while the names of those who have attended, not attended, or who are waitlisted for a seminar, will be published on Wednesday 30 April 2025, respectfully asks that adverse criticism of those who have attended should be avoided where possible.

1166 **Public Hearts defibrillator campaign**

Tabled: **29/04/25** Signatories: **1**

Max Wilkinson

That this House congratulates Clare Seed and everyone at the Public Hearts campaign for their work in installing 100 lifesaving defibrillator machines in Cheltenham; notes that the Public Hearts campaign is a leading example of how the charity, private and public sectors can work together on lifesaving health initiatives; applauds the campaign's efforts to raise awareness of defibrillator use; acknowledges the benefit that this will have in helping save lives and encouraging community-led health initiatives; and celebrates the role Public Hearts has already played in saving lives.

1167 **100th anniversary of the Children's Library at Torquay Library**

Tabled: **29/04/25** Signatories: **1**

Steve Darling

That this House congratulates Torquay Library on the 100th anniversary of the opening of its Children's Library in 1925; recognises the history of the Library, established following Torquay's successful application for funding from Andrew Carnegie in 1902, leading to the opening of the Carnegie Public Library in 1907; notes the vital role played by civic leaders including Councillor E.H. Sermon and the Rev. J. Charteris Johnson in the creation and promotion of the Children's Library; acknowledges the continued importance of public libraries in providing universal, free access to books, art, culture, and safe community spaces, particularly through the work of Libraries Unlimited across Torbay and Devon; expresses concern about the ongoing challenges of literacy deprivation, highlighted by the National Literacy Trust, and recognises the role of libraries in supporting literacy, wellbeing, social connection, and opportunities for all; and celebrates the exciting programme of centenary events taking place over the next 12 months, including storytelling sessions with local author Clare Helen Welsh, Alice in Wonderland tea parties, Story Sculptor workshops, and community activities designed to inspire creativity, learning, and connection for people of all ages, that will enrich our community across Torbay.

1168 Congratulating Prime Minister Mark CarneyTabled: **29/04/25** Signatories: **2****Helen Maguire**
Calum Miller

That this House congratulates Prime Minister Mark Carney on his victory in the Canadian elections; reflects with gratitude on the deep historic and culture ties between our countries; celebrates our shared values and joint commitment to liberalism, free trade and democracy; strongly supports the strengthening of ties between the UK and Canada, including on defence and trade; further supports Prime Minister Carney's willingness to stand up for Canadian interests in the face of annexation and economic threats from US President Donald Trump; and urges the Government to adopt this same approach in its dealings with President Trump, including calling on the President to end his damaging global trade war and to recommit to support for Ukraine.

1169 Challenges in the hair and beauty sectorTabled: **29/04/25** Signatories: **1****Liz Jarvis**

That this House is concerned by the challenges facing the hair and beauty industry due to the labour-intensive nature of the sector and structural issues within the VAT system, challenges to the employer model, and the lingering impact of the covid-19 pandemic; acknowledges the year-round demand for these services and the value they bring to high streets; notes the British Hair Consortium report which estimates a loss of £2.4 billion in VAT receipts since 2009; recognises the fast growth of the self-employed model within the sector that is projected to rise to 76% by 2030 and is largely devoid of the employment rights that come with being an employee; expresses concern at the decline of apprenticeships in the sector and the resulting loss in lifetime productivity benefits; calls on the Government to monitor disguised employment and ensure HMRC takes appropriate action to ensure businesses operate on a level playing field; and commends the efforts of hair and beauty businesses across Eastleigh and Chandler's Ford, including Elite Hair Salon and Jemma George Hair Artistry.

1170 Accountability in London Luton Airport expansionTabled: **29/04/25** Signatories: **1****Victoria Collins**

That this House deeply regrets the decision to approve the expansion of London Luton Airport despite overwhelming concerns from local communities and environmental experts; notes that this expansion will lead to worsening air quality, increased noise pollution, and a near doubling of carbon emissions, further undermining the UK's climate commitments; recognises the establishment of an independent body and the Green Controlled Growth framework as key mechanisms to mitigate these harms, but stresses that they must be more than symbolic; calls

on the Government to ensure that the independent body has genuine enforcement powers, publishes regular, publicly accessible reports on environmental and public health impacts, and holds the airport operator accountable for any failure to meet its commitments; urges Ministers to confirm clear consequences for breaches of climate targets, noise reduction promises, and air quality standards, including financial penalties and operational restrictions if necessary; and believes that local residents must not be forced to bear the costs of broken promises, weak oversight, or corporate negligence.

1171 **Arbroath Football Club**

Tabled: **29/04/25** Signatories: **1**

Stephen Gethins

That this House recognises Arbroath Football Club's achievement in winning Scottish League 1 and being promoted to the Scottish Championship; commends the performance of the players and the contribution of managers David Gold and Colin Hamilton and their team; and notes the hard work of the Arbroath FC Community Trust in using football as a means of connecting with the wider community in Arbroath.

1172 **Frome Town Women Football Club**

Tabled: **29/04/25** Signatories: **1**

Anna Sabine

That this House celebrates Frome Town Women Football Club, an independently run football club providing football for women, aged 16 and over, in and around Frome, as well as providing football opportunities to over 100 local girls each week; acknowledges the role the club plays in creating a positive and inclusive space for women and girls; recognises the Club's accomplishments and achievements since being established in 1980; expresses its gratitude to the trainers, fans, sponsors and volunteers for all their support for the Club; notes the importance of women's football, and women's sport more generally, in communities up and down the country; recognises the link between women's sport and mental health and wellbeing; appreciates role models in women's sport in paving the way for future generations and talent; and recognises the need for greater investment in women's sport.

1173 **Spring Statement 2025 and young disabled people**

Tabled: **29/04/25** Signatories: **1**

Brian Leishman

That this House expresses deep concern at the proposal set out in the Government's March 2025 Green Paper Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working to exclude new Universal Credit claimants from receiving the health element of Universal Credit until they reach 22 years old; notes that this policy will result in a loss of around £400 per month

for young disabled people who are assessed as unable to work; highlights the case of Freya, a 15-year-old constituent of Alloa and Grangemouth, who has profound and lifelong disabilities and will never be able to enter the workforce; recognises that under these proposals, Freya will face a substantial drop in income when she turns 18, despite no change in her needs or condition; believes that removing support based solely on age is discriminatory, illogical and harmful to disabled people and their families; and urges the Government to reverse this decision and guarantee full access to the health element of Universal Credit for all disabled people who are medically assessed as unable to work, regardless of age.

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.

1050 **Israeli Defence Force attacks on humanitarian workers**

Tabled: **2/04/25** Signatories: **67**

Tom Morrison

Layla Moran

Helen Maguire

Adam Dance

Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

David Chadwick

Chris Law

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.

1051 **Gerry Watkins**Tabled: **2/04/25** Signatories: **7****Dr Roz Savage****Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon****Pippa Heylings****Sarah Dyke****Martin Wrigley**

Clive Jones

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.

1052 **Protecting children from data exploitation**Tabled: **2/04/25** Signatories: **40****Victoria Collins****Munira Wilson****Max Wilkinson****Dr Danny Chambers****Caroline Voaden****Steff Aquarone**

Chris Law

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 children**

Tabled: **3/04/25** Signatories: **47**

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

Chris Law

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.

1065 **Securing habitat for endangered swifts and other cavity nesting birds**

Tabled: **7/04/25** Signatories: **17**

Barry Gardiner
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jim Shannon
Shockat Adam
Dr Simon Opher
Jon Trickett

Mary Kelly Foy

This House notes with concern the dramatic decline in the breeding population of swifts whose numbers have dropped by 60% since 1995; recognises that the loss of natural nesting habitat for swifts and other cavity nesting birds has meant that four species of these birds are now on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species; welcomes the

fact that Barratt Homes, Vistry and other members of the Home Builders Federation have stated they have no objection to legislation that would require the incorporation into all new domestic buildings of swift bricks, which are universal bricks that would provide nesting habitat for eight species of small bird, and that these would not delay or increase the costs of the Government's house-building plans; and therefore urges the Government to introduce such regulations at the earliest opportunity so as to prevent the extinction of one of our most loved species.

1069 **Oaklands College success in sport and academia**

Tabled: **7/04/25** Signatories: **8**

Daisy Cooper

Jim Shannon

Sarah Dyke

Martin Wrigley

Adam Dance

Clive Jones

Steve Darling

That this House recognises the outstanding work being carried out by Oaklands College in fostering sporting, academic and vocational excellence; commends the College for its longstanding commitment to developing talent and providing students with exceptional opportunities since 1921, most recently exemplified by the establishment of the Sports High Performance Centre; notes the College's role in supporting elite athletes, with distinguished alumni such as Paralympic Champion Olivia Breen, Olympic medalist Daryll Neita, and former England footballer and broadcaster Alex Scott, demonstrating the success of its high-quality coaching and development programmes; acknowledges the College's rising student outcomes as a result of its focus on academic achievement, career readiness and the integration of technology-enabled learning to enhance student engagement and skills development; further recognises its strong partnerships with local, regional and national employers to provide students with relevant experience and industry-aligned skills; highlights the College's significant investment in its new Construction Centre, which will provide state-of-the-art training facilities to equip students with the technical expertise needed to excel in the construction industry and continue to develop facilities for construction and engineering; and calls on the Government to continue supporting institutions like Oaklands College that play a crucial role in nurturing sporting, academic and vocational success.

1076 Stepping Hill HospitalTabled: **8/04/25** Signatories: **8**

Lisa Smart
Tom Morrison
Sarah Dyke
Martin Wrigley
Adam Dance
Mr Angus MacDonald

Steve Darling

That this House expresses deep concern at the urgent and worsening state of infrastructure at Stepping Hill Hospital in Hazel Grove, where the repairs backlog is reported to exceed £134 million; notes with alarm the numerous reports from constituents regarding unsafe and inadequate facilities, including power cuts delaying treatments, flooding in hospital corridors, regular breakdowns of lifts and a light fitting falling in a delivery suite during active labour; further notes that patients have been unable to find parking spaces, forcing some to park in supermarket car parks and walk to the hospital, while others, including those experiencing cardiac events, have had to wait in overcrowded conditions due to a lack of seating; recognises that the closure of buildings deemed unsafe has placed further pressure on staff and services, exacerbating waiting lists and worsening patient outcomes; and urges the Government to commit to the overall funding of £134 million required to fully address the repairs backlog, with a clear and detailed timetable and to support the establishment of a second site in central Stockport to alleviate pressure on the current site and improve services.

1084 Right to peaceful protest and freedom of assemblyTabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **18**

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

Steve Darling

Chris Law

Alison Bennett

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

Alice Macdonald
Jim Shannon
Clive Lewis
Jess Asato
Siân Berry
Liz Saville Roberts

Tessa Munt

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.

1100 Rory McIlroy's grand slam victoryTabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **6**

Alex Easton
Jim Shannon
Jim Allister
Clive Jones
Ben Lake
Wendy Chamberlain

That this House congratulates Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy on his historic victory at the 89th Masters Tournament at Augusta National, becoming only the sixth male golfer in history to complete the modern career Grand Slam; notes that McIlroy's triumph, following a dramatic sudden-death playoff against England's Justin Rose, sees him join the legendary ranks of Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus, and Tiger Woods as winners of all four major championships; pays tribute to his remarkable journey from his early days at Holywood Golf Club in County Down, where his talent was first nurtured and developed; recognises the immense pride his achievement brings to the people of Northern Ireland and the inspiration he provides to young athletes across the region; and acknowledges McIlroy's continuing role

as a global ambassador for Northern Irish sport, demonstrating the strength, character, and sporting excellence that his home nation contributes to the world stage.

1111 **Anniversary of the death of Stephen Lawrence**

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **7**

Shockat Adam
Jim Shannon
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Ayoub Khan
Andrew George
Clive Jones

Mr Will Forster

That this House honours the memory of Stephen Lawrence, who was tragically murdered in a racist attack at the age of 18 on 22 April 1993; remembers Stephen as a bright, ambitious young man with aspirations of becoming an architect; recognises the profound tragedy of his murder and the long and painful struggle for justice that followed; honours the unwavering courage of Stephen's family, particularly Baroness Doreen Lawrence, whose tireless campaign for justice exposed institutional racism within the Metropolitan Police and led to lasting reforms in policing, equalities legislation and public accountability; praises the work of the Stephen Lawrence Research Centre at De Montfort University for its contributions to social justice, and for being a leading voice in conversations on race and identity and challenging structural inequalities; and calls on the Government to commit to tackling systemic racism which continues to impact Black communities.

1115 **LED headlights**

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **23**

Martin Wrigley
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke
Helen Maguire
Clive Jones
Mr Will Forster

Wera Hobhouse
 Chris Law
 Dave Doogan
 Alison Bennett

Christine Jardine
 Sorcha Eastwood
 Victoria Collins

Sir Desmond Swayne
 Edward Morello
 Cat Smith

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.

1117 Collapse of Rana Plaza, Bangladesh

Tabled: **22/04/25** Signatories: **11**

Apsana Begum

John McDonnell

Ian Byrne

Jim Shannon

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Chris Law

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.

1120 Second state visit by Donald TrumpTabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **18**

Kate Osborne
Ms Diane Abbott
Steve Witherden
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Kim Johnson
Nadia Whittome

Ian Lavery

That this House notes the record of US President Donald Trump, including his misogyny, racism and xenophobia; condemns his previous comments on women, refugees and torture; further notes several problematic diplomatic developments since the invite for a second state visit was issued; also notes concerns on his comments about the UK, parliamentary democracy, the middle east and equalities; expresses concern about his conduct around Ukraine; believes it would be inappropriate for President Trump to address Parliament; notes previous motions, debates and decisions in the House including on the withholding of the honour of a joint address to the Houses of Parliament; and calls on the Speakers of both Houses and the Leader of the House to ensure that previous precedents are upheld and President Trump does not officially address either House.

1121 Restless legs syndromeTabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **17**

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

Tim Farron

Sorcha Eastwood

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: **17**

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

Steve Darling

Chris Law

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.

1123 Close season for hare shootingTabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **4**

Ruth Jones
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Mary Glendon
Will Stone

That this House notes with concern the ongoing absence of a statutory close season for the shooting of hares in England and Wales, despite their status as a priority species under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan; recognises that this lack of protection allows hares to be shot during their breeding season, leading to the orphaning of dependent leverets, compromising the welfare of lactating does and having a detrimental impact on local populations; further notes that brown hare numbers have declined significantly over the past century due to changes in agricultural practices, habitat loss, and persecution such as coursing made illegal under the Hunting Act 2004; acknowledges that Scotland and Northern Ireland have already implemented close seasons for hares; and therefore calls on the Government to introduce a statutory close season for the shooting of hares in England and Wales, in line with modern wildlife management principles and animal welfare standards, to ensure the recovery and long-term survival of this iconic species.

1126 Immigration application fees for young adults and childrenTabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **21**

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

Mr Will Forster

Chris Law

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.

1128 Death of Pope FrancisTabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **36**

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

Chris Law

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.

1132 UK parliamentarians sanctioned by the Russian Federation

Tabled: **23/04/25** Signatories: **30**

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

Mr Will Forster

Chris Law

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: **7**

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

Chris Law

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: **38**

James MacCleary

Calum Miller

Vikki Slade

Claire Young

Adam Dance

Tom Morrison

Mr Will Forster

Chris Law

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.

1138 Foster Care FortnightTabled: **24/04/25** Signatories: **7**

Jess Asato
Mary Glindon
Tom Morrison
Jim Shannon
Apsana Begum
Tristan Osborne

Chris Law

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: **3**

Ayoub Khan
Shokat Adam
Jim Shannon

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 strikes**

Tabled: **24/04/25** Signatories: **3**

Ayoub Khan
Shockat Adam
Jim Shannon

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 genocide**

Tabled: **24/04/25** Signatories: **13**

Chris Law
Sir John Whittingdale
Siân Berry
Colum Eastwood
Liz Saville Roberts
Ann Davies

Jim Shannon
Jessica Morden

Clive Lewis

Graham Leadbitter

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.

1143 **ANZAC Day 2025**

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

Andrew Rosindell
Adam Jogee
Dr Danny Chambers
Jim Shannon
Tristan Osborne
Chris Law

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 Talkers**

Tabled: **25/04/25** Signatories: **3**

Richard Baker
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

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: **23**

Luke Taylor
Clive Jones
Liz Jarvis
Ayoub Khan
Vikki Slade
Ian Roome

Steve Darling
Chris Law

Mr Will Forster
Claire Young

Will Stone

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.

1147 Wadebridge FoodbankTabled: **25/04/25** Signatories: **8**

Ben Maguire
Clive Jones
Ian Roome
Mr Angus MacDonald
Helen Maguire
Sarah Dyke

Adam Dance

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.

1148 Black Maternal Health Awareness Week 2025Tabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **7****Bell Ribeiro-Addy****Jim Shannon****Kim Johnson****Cat Eccles****Will Stone****Chris Law**

Cat Smith

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 artTabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **6****Tim Farron****Jim Shannon****Steve Darling****Clive Jones****Adam Dance****Chris Law**

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: **5**

Sorcha Eastwood

Jim Shannon

Lisa Smart

Gavin Robinson

Carla Lockhart

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: **10**

Liz Jarvis

Vikki Slade

Jim Shannon

Steve Darling

Wera Hobhouse

Clive Jones

Adam Dance

Chris Law

Jess Brown-Fuller

Claire Young

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: **6**

Ann Davies
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Llinos Medi
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

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: **15**

Lisa Smart
Vikki Slade
Steve Darling
Tom Gordon
Zarah Sultana
Cameron Thomas

Clive Jones
Shockat Adam
Jess Brown-Fuller

Adam Dance
Mr Will Forster
Alison Bennett

Tom Morrison
Wera Hobhouse
Claire Young

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 Month

Tabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **2**

Jim Shannon

Gavin Robinson

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: **2**

Jim Shannon

Gavin Robinson

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 BasaveshwaraTabled: **28/04/25** Signatories: **2****Barry Gardiner****Jim Shannon**

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: **3****Mr Lee Dillon****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones**

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: **2****Maureen Burke****Jim Shannon**

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 and 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: **3****Mr Gregory Campbell****Jim Shannon****Gavin Robinson**

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: **3****Sarah Dyke****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones**

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: **4**

Sarah Dyke
Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon
Steve Darling

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: **3**

Sarah Dyke
Jim Shannon
Steve Darling

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: **4****Jim Allister****Jim Shannon****Gavin Robinson****Alex Easton**

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.