

---

PUBLISHED – THURSDAY 15 MAY 2025

---

## Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 14 May 2025

Early Day Motions (EDMs) are motions for which no days have been fixed.

The number of signatories includes all members who have added their names in support of the Early Day Motion (EDM), including the Member in charge of the Motion.

EDMs and added names are also published on the EDM database at [www.parliament.uk/edm](http://www.parliament.uk/edm)

[R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

---

### New EDMs

#### 1258 **Cross-Channel train services for Kent and London**

Tabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **2**

**Tristan Osborne**

**Sojan Joseph**

That this House calls on the Government to support the return of cross-Channel train services to the Kent stations of Ashford and Ebbsfleet, which were suspended during the pandemic; and believes that the reinstatement could bring a direct economic benefit of £281 million to Kent, with a larger impact including tourist spend and other multiplier effects.

---

#### 1259 **Contribution of Saracen Primary, St Teresa's Primary and Broomlea Primary schools to the Bella the Beithir community art installation**

Tabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **1**

**Martin Rhodes**

That this House congratulates the pupils of Saracen Primary, St Teresa's Primary and Broomlea Primary schools in Glasgow North for their contribution to the Bella the Beithir community art installation at Stockingfield Bridge; recognises the creativity and dedication shown by the pupils in designing and crafting ceramic tiles and decorative pods that will become part of a 120-metre mosaic mythological creature celebrating the cultural heritage of Possilpark; applauds the collaboration between the schools, families, Make It Glasgow and artist Nichol Wheatley in delivering this unique project; acknowledges the support of NG Homes in helping

bring this community-led vision to life; commends the initiative for linking creative arts with local history and for fostering a strong sense of place, pride and intergenerational connection among young people and their families; and wishes every success for the unveiling and future appreciation of this public artwork.

---

1260 **Celebrating and supporting young carers in Wiltshire**

Tabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **1**

**Sarah Gibson**

That this House recognises and commends the dedication, resilience, and compassion of young carers in Wiltshire, who selflessly provide care and support to family members with illnesses, disabilities, mental health conditions or addiction issues; acknowledges the participation of 75 young carers from Royal Wootton Bassett Academy in a national award scheme aimed at raising awareness of their vital role; notes the establishment of the Young Carer Friendly Award in Wiltshire, developed in partnership with the Wiltshire Healthy Schools programme, to recognise good practice in identifying and supporting young carers in educational settings; applauds the efforts of organisations such as Youth Action Wiltshire and Carer Support Wiltshire in offering mentoring, respite activities, and emotional support to young carers; and calls upon the Government to ensure sustained support and resources for young carers, enabling them to balance their caregiving responsibilities with their personal development and education.

---

1261 **Universities and international students**

Tabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **1**

**Ian Sollom**

That this House is deeply proud of the UK's place as a world-leader in research and teaching in universities and other Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), home to many of the world's leading universities; notes with concern the deep financial issues facing many universities and HEIs, with more than four in ten universities in England expecting to be in a financial deficit by this summer; further notes the Government's announcement of 12 May 2025 that proposes restricting student visas, limiting the graduate route, and imposing a levy on universities' international student income; acknowledges the immense role that international students play in contributing to our country and our economy, while strengthening our soft power on the world stage; believes we must protect the UK's place as a world leader in research by safeguarding our reputation as a destination for the world's brightest minds; further believes that protecting university finances is of vital importance; therefore calls on the Government to urgently consult with the university and HEI sector on its immigration proposals; and further calls on the Government to move to a model where international student flows are reported separately to estimates of long-term migration to avoid counter-productive policies and to rapidly establish a review of higher education finance.

---

**1262 Closure of Yeovil District Hospital's maternity unit**Tabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **1****Adam Dance**

That this House expresses alarm at the sudden closure of Yeovil District Hospital's (YDH) Maternity Unit; notes that, from 5.00pm on Monday 19 May 2025, the Special Care Baby Unit at YDH will be closed for an initial period of six months, which means the hospital will be unable to safely provide care during labour and births at the Yeovil maternity unit for that period; further notes, with concern, that no reassurance could be provided that the maternity unit will be opened after the initial six month closure; recognises that the closure will create increased pressures on the already stretched maternity unit in Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton; also notes that the decision puts patient health in south Somerset at risk; acknowledges the fear and outrage of residents across Yeovil and South Somerset; and calls on Yeovil District Hospital, Somerset NHS Trust Foundation and NHS Somerset to urgently restore safe local maternity care in Yeovil.

---

**1263 Ray Dolby Centre**Tabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **1****Ian Sollom**

That this House celebrates the opening of the Ray Dolby Centre at the University of Cambridge; acknowledges this state-of-the-art facility as a cornerstone of the university's Cavendish Laboratory and a transformative hub for interdisciplinary research in physics and beyond; applauds the long tradition of ground-breaking discoveries at the Cavendish Laboratory, including the discovery of the electron, the structure of DNA and numerous Nobel Prize-winning advances; recognises that Ray Dolby, after whom the centre is named, exemplified the value of international academic exchange as a Marshall Scholar from the United States studying at Cambridge; notes that the Marshall Scholarship programme was established as an expression of gratitude for the Marshall Plan, demonstrating the enduring special relationship between the United Kingdom and the United States; affirms that the values of international cooperation, scientific advancement and shared prosperity that underpinned the post-war world order have never been more relevant than they are today; celebrates the vital contributions that international students make to the United Kingdom's global soft power, academic excellence and economic prosperity; and calls on the Government to continue supporting initiatives that strengthen international academic collaboration and exchange in the spirit of the post war vision for a peaceful and prosperous world built on cooperation and shared knowledge.

---

---

1264 **Hyperemesis Gravidarum**Tabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **1****Liz Jarvis**

That this House recognises the significant impact of Hyperemesis Gravidarum (HG), which affects around 3% of pregnancies in the UK; notes with concern the lack of diagnostic training given to general practitioners who first see sufferers before the first appointment with a midwife, which tends to come in the ninth week of pregnancy; acknowledges the personal toll on the physical and mental health of women who do not receive a formal diagnosis of HG and are left feeling isolated and unsupported when symptoms are misdiagnosed as morning sickness; calls for the end to the postcode lottery of access to drugs to treat symptoms of nausea and vomiting, including Xonvea; and urges the Government to work with Pregnancy Sickness Support and relevant stakeholders to update clinical guidelines and improve training to support early diagnosis and safer treatment options.

---

1265 **Brecon banking hub**Tabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **1****David Chadwick**

That this House calls for the urgent establishment of a full-service banking hub in the town of Brecon, following the closure of multiple bank branches in recent years; notes with concern that only one bank branch now operates in the town, despite Brecon serving a wide rural area with a discernible need for face-to-face access to cash and banking services; further notes that current legislation, under the competency of the UK Government, prohibits the creation of new banking hubs in locations where even a single bank remains, regardless of how inadequate that banking provision may be; believes that these legislative restrictions unfairly penalise rural towns like Brecon, where digital exclusion, distance from alternative services, and reliance on cash for business and agriculture remain key concerns; and further calls on the Government to amend the eligibility rules and ensure that Brecon is given the fair access to banking infrastructure that its community needs and deserves.

---

**1266 Import of goods from Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory**Tabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **12****Ellie Chowns****Abtisam Mohamed****Layla Moran****Brendan O'Hara****Claire Hanna****Ben Lake**

Carla Denyer

Liz Saville Roberts

Siân Berry

Ann Davies

Adrian Ramsay

Llinos Medi

That this House notes that the International Court of Justice has called for all states to abstain from entering into economic or trade dealings with Israel concerning the Occupied Palestinian Territory or parts thereof which may entrench its unlawful presence in the territory and to take steps to prevent trade or investment relations that assist in the maintenance of the illegal occupation; further notes that UN General Assembly Resolution ES-10/24 calls on all states to take steps towards ceasing the importation of any products originating in the Israeli settlements; is therefore concerned that UK Government rules allow settlement goods into the UK and British retailers and businesses can sell settlement goods or provide services to settlements; and therefore calls on the UK Government to ban the importation of goods originating from Israeli settlements and to prohibit companies domiciled in the UK from selling settlement goods and providing services to settlements.

---

**1267 Jewish LGBTQ+ groups at Pride**Tabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **1****Christine Jardine**

That this House expresses deep concern at the decision by the Jewish LGBTQ+ charity KeshetUK and other Jewish LGBTQ+ groups to withdraw from Pride in London this year, marking the second consecutive year they have felt unable to participate due to safety concerns and a lack of adequate assurances from event organisers; notes that this decision follows the unprecedented rise in antisemitism in the UK since the Hamas atrocities on 7 October 2023, and the subsequent war in Gaza, which has severely impacted the sense of safety and inclusion for Jewish communities, including those within the LGBTQ+ community; recognises the historic and ongoing contribution of Jewish LGBTQ+ individuals to the broader movement for equality and inclusion; unequivocally condemns all forms of antisemitism and homophobia, particularly where they intersect; calls on Pride in London and the relevant authorities to urgently review and strengthen safety protocols to ensure that all communities, especially minority groups, feel safe and welcome; urges greater engagement between Pride organisers and Jewish LGBTQ+ groups to rebuild trust and facilitate their participation in future events; and reaffirms this House's unwavering commitment to upholding the rights, safety, and dignity of all LGBTQ+ individuals, regardless of faith or ethnicity.

---

**1268 Political parties at Pride**Tabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **1****Christine Jardine**

That this House regrets the decision taken by organisers of several Pride marches and parades across the UK to not allow political parties to march; further regrets that that decision partly stems from a lack of trust in politicians and Government amongst many in the LGBTQ+ community; notes that many trans people are concerned by the rise in hate-crime against transgender and non-binary people, and worried about the practical implications of the recent ruling in the Supreme Court case *For Women Scotland vs The Scottish Minister* on their lives; reaffirms its commitment to standing up for the rights and dignity of all in the LGBTQ+ community, including trans and non-binary people; calls on Rt hon. and hon. Members in the House, and their political parties, to reaffirm their commitment to protecting and advancing the rights of trans and non-binary people across the UK; and hopes political parties which support the rights of LGBTQ+ people and the aims of Pride will be able to re-join these parades officially in future.

---

## 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.

**1180 Transparency of data-based and data-driven policing systems**Tabled: **30/04/25** Signatories: **16****Clive Lewis****Siân Berry****Ayoub Khan****David Davis****Jeremy Corbyn****Kim Johnson**

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House recognises there is a significant lack of transparency around the use of geographic and individual data-based and data-driven policing systems, that people do not know about the use of them in their community, or whether they have individually been targeted, that people do not know how, or are unable to, seek information about the data held on them by police forces and other authorities in the criminal legal system and that there should be a statutory obligation on police forces and other related authorities across England and Wales to register and publish details about all the predictive, profiling and risk prediction systems they are developing or using on a publicly available register and that notification

should be given to all those who have been processed through these system and to those given risk scores.

---

1181      **Trans+ History Week**

Tabled: **30/04/25**      Signatories: **55**

**Kate Osborne**  
**Charlotte Nichols**  
**Nadia Whittome**  
**Emily Thornberry**  
**Catherine Fookes**  
**Emily Darlington**

Tom Morrison  
Mr Joshua Reynolds

Adrian Ramsay

Steff Aquarone

That this House welcomes the second annual Trans+ History Week; notes the week held from 5 to 11 May 2025 will celebrate the millenia-old history and contributions of transgender, non-binary, gender-diverse and intersex people; highlights the ongoing challenges faced by Trans+ communities that includes high rates in hate crimes and threats to their rights; encourages efforts to protect Trans+ rights as well as ensuring Trans+ histories are included in education public life; and further welcomes Trans+ History Week efforts to ensure that all Trans+ people can thrive in a future of dignity respect and equality.

---

1184      **Climate and Nature Bill**

Tabled: **1/05/25**      Signatories: **56**

**Clive Lewis**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Alex Sobel**  
**Olivia Blake**  
**Nadia Whittome**  
**Dr Simon Opher**

Edward Morello

That this House declared an environment and climate change emergency on 1 May 2019, recognising the urgent need for action; notes that the Second Reading debate of the Climate and Nature Bill was adjourned, but not concluded, on 24 January 2025; further notes that the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs was disappointed that the Bill did not progress; acknowledges the Government's recognition of the climate and nature crisis as our greatest, long-term, global challenge, but that climate and nature policies remain siloed; welcomes the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero's commitment to collaborate with the Bill's proponents to advance its objectives, including via legislation, alongside the Government's acceleration of four related workstreams, and an annual climate and nature statement; reaffirms the Government's obligations to limit global warming to 1.5°C under the

Paris Agreement, and to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030 under the Global Biodiversity Framework; also welcomes Ministers' statements that legally-binding climate goals and nature goals provide certainty, spur investment, address market failures and deliver policy outcomes; notes with concern the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' recognition that Britain is among the world's most nature-depleted countries, and the Prime Minister's warning that exceeding 1.5°C will expose thousands of people in the UK to flood risk, economic instability, and national security threats; and therefore urges the Government to allocate parliamentary time for further debate on the Climate and Nature Bill to address these critical challenges.

---

**1186 Blockade of aid to Gaza**

Tabled: **1/05/25** Signatories: **64**

**Calum Miller**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Munira Wilson**  
**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Anna Sabine**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Christine Jardine

Ms Diane Abbott

That this House expresses its deep concern that the Israeli Government's current blockade of Gaza has now exceeded 50 days; notes with alarm the recent announcement from the World Food Programme that it has fully depleted its food stocks in Gaza; further notes the severe shortages of medicine, medical equipment, and staff to provide medical attention to those most in need; acknowledges that the vast majority of international and Palestinian aid organisations working in Gaza have had to suspend or scale back services since the recommencement of hostilities on 18 March 2025; and urges the Government to use all levers at its disposal to put pressure on the Israeli Government to immediately reopen aid routes into Gaza to allow essential goods and supplies to reach those suffering and alleviate the catastrophic humanitarian crisis.

---



**1191 Safe sleep standards in early years settings**Tabled: **6/05/25** Signatories: **25**

**Tom Morrison**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Liz Jarvis**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Clive Jones**

Christine Jardine

Martin Wrigley

That this House expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of nine-month-old Genevieve (Gigi) Meehan, who tragically died in May 2022 while in the care of a nursery in Cheadle, Greater Manchester; pays tribute to her mother Katie Wheeler and father John Meehan for their courage and determination in campaigning for change to prevent further tragedies; acknowledges the vital support and expertise of the Lullaby Trust in championing safer sleep guidance; notes with serious concern the failings in nursery safety standards and oversight that led to Gigi's death, including dangerous sleep practices and a lack of proper monitoring; also notes with concern that there have been 5,795 allegations of children being harmed in nursery settings in the last five years; believes urgent reform is needed to ensure consistent, enforceable safer sleep standards across early years settings; calls on the Government and Ofsted to conduct a full review of current guidance and practice; and further calls for mandatory safer sleep training for all early years staff and inspectors, compulsory installation of CCTV in all nurseries and early years settings, routine review of CCTV footage during inspections, regular genuinely unannounced Ofsted visits where concerns have been raised, and clear, statutory guidance on safe sleep practices and products for babies under two.

---

**1196 World Asthma Day 2025**Tabled: **6/05/25** Signatories: **14**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Robin Swann**  
**Chris Kane**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Claire Young**

Christine Jardine

Andrew George

Andrew Rosindell

That this House notes World Asthma Day 2025 on 6 May, and its theme, Make Inhaled Treatments Accessible for All; understands that 7.2 million people in the UK are living with asthma and that it is the most common long-term childhood health condition; regrets that, despite four people dying daily from asthma, of which the majority are preventable according to data from Asthma + Lung UK, 70% of people with asthma are not receiving all three basic elements of asthma care, including an annual review, inhaler technique check and written action plan; supports efforts to extend better care to all those living with asthma, and the

implementation of new asthma guidelines from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, British Thoracic Society and Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network; and recognises the work of charities such as Asthma + Lung UK to improve asthma prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care across the country.

---

**1202 Sewage discharge**Tabled: **6/05/25** Signatories: **22****Mr Lee Dillon****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Adam Dance****Helen Maguire****Tom Gordon****Gideon Amos**

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House notes with grave concern the 450,000 sewage discharges from storm overflows recorded in England during 2024; further notes with alarm the 512 sewage discharges into waterbodies in Newbury from just eight storm overflows, lasting 8,981 hours in total; expresses particular concern about these discharges affecting Newbury's internationally significant chalk streams, which require special environmental protection; condemns the Government's continued failure to take decisive action to stop water companies from dumping raw sewage into our rivers, lakes and seas; and calls on the Government to introduce mandatory monitoring of all sewage outlets, legally binding targets to reduce sewage discharges, and proper enforcement of existing regulations.

---

**1214 Access to NHS dentists**Tabled: **7/05/25** Signatories: **15****Mr Lee Dillon****Tom Gordon****Wera Hobhouse****Ian Roome****Adam Dance****Clive Jones**

Liz Jarvis

That this House notes with grave concern that only 30.7% of adults in West Berkshire have been seen by a dentist in the last two years, significantly below the national average of 40.3%; further notes with alarm the 7.8% decline in West Berkshire adults accessing dental services since 2015; recognises the vital role of NHS dentistry in preventative healthcare and reducing inappropriate pressure on hospital services; expresses deep concern that limited NHS dental provision in Newbury constituency, with only 17 NHS dental practices, is creating substantial barriers to access and resulting in unacceptable waiting times; and calls on the Government to

implement an urgent and comprehensive NHS dental reform strategy and introducing measures to support dental practices in taking on more NHS patients.

---

1217      **Electoral reform**

Tabled: **7/05/25**      Signatories: **35**

**Sarah Olney**  
**Tom Gordon**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Ian Roome**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Clive Jones**

Ian Sollom  
Andrew George

Christine Jardine

Liz Jarvis

That this House believes there is urgent need for electoral reform for elections in England; further believes that the local and mayoral elections which took place across England on 1 May 2025 are the latest result to highlight the inadequacy of the current system, showing a record breaking fragmentation of the vote; notes with concern that three in five English people did not vote for the candidate who won in their local, mayoral, and parliamentary elections, of the 1,282 contested wards in last week's elections, the average two-party vote share was just 36.8% which is the lowest on record; urges the Government to bring forward legislation to reform the electoral system via proportional representation for UK general elections as well as local elections in England; and calls on the Government to outline what plans they have to reform the electoral system to make it more representative of the British electorate and deliver fair votes.

---

1219      **Mental Health Awareness Week 2025**

Tabled: **7/05/25**      Signatories: **16**

**Sojan Joseph**  
**Dr Simon Opher**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Colum Eastwood**  
**Chris Kane**  
**Ellie Chowns**

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House recognises that Mental Health Awareness Week is between 12 and 19 May 2025; notes that the theme for this year is community; believes that being part of a safe, positive community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing; further believes that people thrive when they have strong connections with other people and supportive communities to remind them that they are not alone; notes with concern that while most online communities are accommodating places, 76 percent of secondary school teachers are extremely concerned about the influence of online misogyny on their schools; encourages those who do feel alone to

seek out support; calls for increased support for community mental health services to ensure there is a shift in mental health care from hospitals to the local community; further recognises the important role that Mental Health Awareness Week plays in bringing attention to mental health; and pays tribute to all those working in this sector.

---

**1222 Speed camera guidance**

Tabled: **8/05/25** Signatories: **8**

**Lisa Smart**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Tom Morrison**  
**Sarah Dyke**

Christine Jardine

That this House notes with deep concern the persistence of dangerous speeding on roads such as Strines Road in the constituency of Hazel Grove, where residents have repeatedly raised the alarm over unsafe driving conditions and the inadequacy of current enforcement mechanisms; regrets that under current guidance issued by the Department for Transport, most notably in Circular 01/2007: Using speed and red-light cameras for traffic enforcement: deployment, visibility and signing, fixed speed cameras are typically only deployed after three or more fatal or serious injury collisions have occurred; believes that this reactive approach undermines efforts to protect lives before preventable tragedies occur; supports the principle that road safety policy should be guided by clear evidence of danger, repeated community reporting, and visible patterns of high-speed driving; welcomes the Department's intention to include measures on speeding in the forthcoming Road Safety Strategy; and calls on the Government to use this opportunity to revise Circular 01/2007 to shift the focus to proactive, preventative intervention based on risk assessment and local need.

---

**1223 Rail ticket prices**

Tabled: **8/05/25** Signatories: **7**

**Shockat Adam**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Ayoub Khan**  
**Iqbal Mohamed**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Ellie Chowns**

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House notes with concern the continued increase in rail ticket prices across the UK; further notes that the cost of rail travel has become unaffordable for many people, placing an unfair burden on those who rely on public transport; recognises that high rail

fares risk undermining efforts to promote greener transport and reduce dependency on cars; acknowledges that not only are prices increasing, trains are also becoming more overcrowded and less frequent; believes that public transport is a vital public service and should not be run for private profit; calls on the Government to bring the railways back into public ownership to ensure fair pricing, greater investment in infrastructure and services, and to deliver a rail service that works in the public interest.

---

1226      **UK role in peace and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Tabled: **8/05/25**      Signatories: **17**

**James MacCleary**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Tom Morrison**  
**Rachel Gilmour**  
**Adam Dance**

Christine Jardine

That this House notes with deep concern the ongoing threats to peace and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina, particularly the actions of Milorad Dodik in rejecting the authority of the international peace envoy and undermining the Dayton Agreement; recalls the consistent warnings of the late Lord Ashdown, former High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, about the fragility of peace in the region; further notes with regret the UK Government's 2020 decision to withdraw British troops from the EUFOR Althea peacekeeping mission, which sent the wrong signal about the UK's commitment to the region; and calls on the Government to urgently reconsider its position, recommit to EUFOR and work in close coordination with international partners to strengthen regional stability and prevent further deterioration of the situation in the Western Balkans.

---

1230      **Gaza occupation proposals**

Tabled: **8/05/25**      Signatories: **51**

**Calum Miller**  
**Monica Harding**  
**James MacCleary**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Tom Morrison**  
**Munira Wilson**

Ian Sollom

Sarah Green

That this House expresses its outrage at proposals by the Israeli Government to indefinitely occupy Gaza; condemns the plans for the further forced displacement of Palestinians; affirms its belief that, if realised, these would constitute clear breaches of international law; notes with immense concern that these proposals will only make it more difficult to ensure the remaining

Israeli hostages in Hamas' captivity will return to Israel safely; believes that these measures will not bring more long-term security to Israel; urges the Government to commit to banning the export of all UK arms to Israel to ensure no UK weapons can be used to perpetrate human rights abuses in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; further urges the Government to sanction the extremist Ministers Ben-Gvir and Smotrich, who actively promote expansion into the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and calls on the Government immediately to recognise the state of Palestine, as a way of giving hope to millions of Palestinians and affirming their right to self-determination.

---

1233 **Deaf Awareness Week 2025**

Tabled: 8/05/25 Signatories: 32

**Tom Gordon**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Rachel Gilmour**  
**Adam Dance**

Christine Jardine

Andrew George

Andrew Rosindell

That this House recognises the importance of, and celebrates, Deaf Awareness Week 2025; acknowledges this year's theme, Beyond Silence; congratulates organisations such as the British Deaf Association, the Royal National Institute for Deaf People, and the National Deaf Children's Society for the vital work they do in supporting deaf people, their families, and the wider deaf community; commends local councils, including North Yorkshire Council, for openly supporting Deaf Awareness Week; encourages local authorities, businesses, and other organisations to continue improving their information and support for the deaf community; celebrates the diverse ways in which deaf people communicate and the richness of Deaf culture; and further recognises the importance of breaking down barriers to full accessibility for individuals with hearing loss, as well as those with other physical and mental disabilities.

---

**1234 Improving equestrian road safety awareness**Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **19**

**Mr Lee Dillon**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Tom Gordon**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Richard Foord**

**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Ian Sollom**

**Zöe Franklin**

**Dr Danny Chambers**

That this House acknowledges the vital role of horses in rural communities, particularly in areas such as Lambourn, known for its contributions to British horse racing; notes with deep concern that in 2024 alone, 3,100 road incidents involving horses were reported to the British Horse Society; recognises that one third of these incidents involve road rage or abuse directed at the rider; highlights the lack of public awareness around the 2022 changes to the Highway Code, including Rule 163, which advises drivers to pass horses at no more than 10mph and a minimum distance of 2 metres; commends the efforts of those taking part in the Road Safety Awareness Ride from Lambourn in memory of the two-year-old racehorse Knockalla who was killed; and calls on the Government to work with the equine sector, local authorities and road safety bodies to improve public awareness, enforce safe driving practices and protect horses and riders on UK roads.

**1236 Eastbourne Spring Water Festival 2025**Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **6**

**Josh Babarinde**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Andrew George**  
**James MacCleary**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House celebrates the Eastbourne Spring Water Festival 2025; recognises the need to reduce use of single-use plastics and the role of the Spring Water Festival as part of this effort; further recognises the need to improve local water quality for residents, visitors and our natural environment; encourages residents to attend events and amenities on offer, including beach cleans, sea swims, paddleboarding sessions and use of the water refill stations; and congratulates Plastic Free Eastbourne Community Leader Oliver Sterno and his team of volunteers and partner organisations to bringing together the Eastbourne Spring Water Festival 2025.

**1238 UK-EU Summit**Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **30**

**James MacCleary**  
**Calum Miller**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Monica Harding**  
**Sarah Olney**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

Mr Angus MacDonald                      Ian Sollom

That this House recognises the benefits of a comprehensive Youth Mobility Scheme between the UK and the European Union; urges the Government to adopt a more ambitious approach to negotiations, acknowledging that such a scheme would enhance cultural exchange, expand opportunities for our young people and boost our economy; calls on the Government to strengthen cooperation with the EU by securing a comprehensive Defence and Security Pact, which includes associating the UK with the European Defence Agency; and advocates for a closer trading relationship with the EU, including the negotiation of a bespoke Customs Union, to reduce trade barriers and support businesses by cutting red tape.

---

**1239 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day in Newcastle-under-Lyme**Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **3**

**Adam Jogee**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew Rosindell**

That this House notes that the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day has been marked through a host of commemorative events in Newcastle-under-Lyme including a church service at St Giles Church, the lighting of a beacon in Queens Gardens outside the headquarters of the District Borough Council, Castle House, a number of sessions and film screenings at the award winning Brampton Museum, a community party in the Westlands, commemorations at the brilliant local schools in Newcastle-under-Lyme and many important and personal reflections in the homes, gardens and lives of local people; acknowledges the remarks of His Majesty the King to the nation at 9pm on Thursday 8 May 2025; welcomes the spirit of remembrance, of community and of appreciation that brought people from right across Newcastle-under-Lyme and North Staffordshire together; gives thanks for the contribution and sacrifice of the greatest generation; and recommits itself to honouring the most important tribute to those who gave their lives, building a more tolerant, inclusive and peaceful world.

---



**1240 Overseas-qualified dentists**Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **13****Dr Roz Savage****Wera Hobhouse****Clive Jones****Adam Dance****Wendy Chamberlain****Tom Gordon**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Liz Jarvis

Helen Morgan

That this House notes that around 5,000 overseas-qualified dentists are currently waiting to sit the Overseas Registration Exam (ORE) in order to practice dentistry in the UK; further notes that each application process costs individuals approximately £5,000; highlights the case of one South Cotswolds constituent who has been unable to secure an exam slot for over two years; recognises the acute shortage of dentists, particularly in rural areas; acknowledges the serious consequences of limited access to dental care, including chronic pain and untreated infections; believes that enabling overseas-qualified dentists to practice can help relieve pressure on the existing dental workforce; and calls on the General Dental Council to re-evaluate the ORE process, expand exam capacity, and explore supervised practice pathways as a route to registration.

---

**1241 25th anniversary of Ballynahinch Protestant Boys Flute Band**Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **3****Jim Shannon****Jim Allister****Andrew Rosindell**

That this House celebrates the 25th anniversary of Ballynahinch Protestant Boys Flute Band; notes the band's contribution to the musical culture in Northern Ireland over the last 25 years and that to this day the band still has members that have participated from their conception; highlights the diversity of the band, in that the ages of members ranges from young children of primary school age to those in their 60s; commends the band's efforts in engaging with lodges, and community groups, which instils a real feel of social cohesion; further notes the band's 25th anniversary parade which will take place on 27 June 2025 in Ballynahinch, that lies in the constituency of Strangford; and wishes all members of the band the very best for their parade and future, and that they will achieve continued success for years to come.

---

**1244 Court transcript costs**Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **20**

**Sarah Olney**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Mr Joshua Reynolds**  
**Tom Gordon**  
**Helen Maguire**

Mr Angus MacDonald                      Ian Sollom

That this House believes that victims of crime should be able to access a transcript of court proceedings free of charge; notes that this would improve transparency throughout the criminal justice process; regrets the extortionate costs associated with court transcript fees, noting particular instances where victims were charged up to to £22,000; acknowledges this acts as a barrier to justice; recognises that being able to review sentencing remarks helps provide victims and survivors with clarity and closure about the outcome of their case; and urges the Government to make permanent the Rape and Sexual Offences Free Sentencing Remarks Pilot Scheme and extend this to include victims of all crime.

---

**1245 Restructure of local government debt**Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **5**

**Jon Trickett**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Margaret Mullane**

That this House expresses deeps concern that local government net debt across UK has doubled since 2010 and is spiralling out of control; notes a funding gap of £6.4 billion forming in the day-to-day council budgets in 2024-25 in comparison to 2019-20 budgets; acknowledges that councils will be confronted with the unacceptable choice of cutting services or using already worryingly declining reserves to balance their budgets without accounting for increased energy costs and inflationary pressures; recognises that over a decade of austerity has brought unnecessary Section 114 notices, which are ineffective and myopic; notes that these political decisions and Government action has encouraged risky behaviour and borrowing; further notes that councils are now laden with debt and spending a fortune on repayments; and calls on the Government to restructure local government debt to future-proof local authorities against the need to cut jobs, pay conditions and critical public services.

---

**1246 Community Energy Pathways and the King's Award for Sustainable Enterprise**Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **14**

**Pippa Heylings**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Victoria Collins**  
**Edward Morello**

Mr Angus MacDonald                      Ian Sollom

That this House congratulates Community Energy Pathways (CEP), a not-for-profit community energy social enterprise based in Lewes, East Sussex, on being awarded the prestigious King's Award for Sustainable Enterprise; notes that this award reflects two years of rigorous due diligence by the King's Fund, acknowledging CEP's outstanding contribution to empowering communities to deliver locally-owned, low-carbon energy solutions; recognises CEP's work in supporting over 60 community energy groups across 15 counties and towns, as well as the successful securing of £1 million from UK Power Networks to expand its reach to 20,000 people and facilitate over 1,200 in-person home energy visits; commends the organisation's innovative Energy Champions programme, which creates local jobs and equips residents with the knowledge and tools to cut energy costs and carbon emissions; further notes that community energy enjoys significantly greater public support than privately-owned alternatives, as evidenced by recent polling from Common Wealth; and calls on the Government to provide greater support to the community energy sector to accelerate the just transition to a low-carbon economy, reduce household energy bills, and strengthen local resilience and ownership of the UK's energy future.

---

**1249 Driving tests in Hampshire**Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **5**

**Liz Jarvis**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House notes significant backlogs in access to practical driving tests in Hampshire; recognises the impacts on young drivers and access to employment opportunities; acknowledges new 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; expresses concern over the growth of third-party reselling sites and reports of botting of the driving test booking system that creates major barriers for genuine learners; further notes the closure of the Forest Hills practical driving test centre in Southampton in 2022 and the reduction of capacity across the Solent region; further acknowledges the ongoing backlog and the impact that covid-19 has had on test availability;

and calls on the Government to intensify efforts to reduce driving test waiting times in the Eastleigh constituency and across Hampshire.

---

1251 **Support for the trans community**

Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **16**

**Siân Berry**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Claire Young**  
**Carla Denyer**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Kim Johnson**

Olivia Blake Neil Duncan-Jordan Adrian Ramsay

That this House celebrates the contribution that the trans community, binary and nonbinary, makes to the UK; recognises that transgender transition liberates trans people to be their true selves; notes that there is no such thing as gender ideology, but that term is used to oppose acceptance of trans people in society; condemns baseless fearmongering in the media that trans people present a risk to others; further notes that the increase in anti-trans hate crime recorded in England and Wales between 2012 and 2023 was 1,426 per cent; supports inclusive language for trans and nonbinary people; and calls on the Government to perform its statutory public sector equality duty to trans people, by eliminating discrimination against them, advancing equality of opportunity for them, and fostering good relations between trans and cis people.

---

1253 **Reductions to CrossCountry trains catering services**

Tabled: **13/05/25** Signatories: **8**

**Rachael Maskell**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Charlotte Nichols**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy Rebecca Long Bailey

That this House is concerned that CrossCountry trains is the latest passenger train operator to announce cuts to the provision of on-board catering services on long-distance rail services; is further concerned that these short-sighted cuts risks hundreds of railway jobs, while pushing passengers away from the railway network; notes that the provision of rail catering services across the industry has been under attack for many years by train companies seeking to cut costs and staffing at the expense of passenger service; further notes that there has already been a significant reduction in catering services since privatisation 30 years ago, with nearly all restaurant areas on trains abolished and the traditional buffet counter now also disappearing

on many services; believes the availability of snacks, drinks and in some cases light meals is an added value to the travel experience on our railways; further believes that on-board catering workers should be celebrated by train operators as an important part of the on-board team, offering passengers excellent customer service and providing reassurance; and calls on CrossCountry to reverse these cuts and on the Government to ensure that Great British Railways presides over expanded and properly funded catering provision, staffed in-house.

---

1254      **Service with the British Commanders'-in-Chief Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany, 1946-1990**

Tabled: **13/05/25**      Signatories: **2**

**Ben Obese-Jecty**  
**Andrew Rosindell**

That this House recognises the courage, service and commitment of the service personnel who served in the British Commanders'-in-Chief Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany (BRIXMIS) in East Germany during the Cold War; further recognises the high risk involved in the conduct of the intelligence collection patrols campaign against Warsaw-Pact forces, unarmed, without protective equipment or communications devices; highlights the vital value of the raw, actionable intelligence gathered; also recognises that the East German secret police and military forces were directed to kill or injure members of the Allied Military Liaison Missions, British (BRIXMIS), United States (USMLM) and French (FMLM) military personnel; notes that the duration of the operation which spanned from September 1946 to October 1990 saw the award of 58 OBE, MBE and BEM awards and honours, but leaves around 900 former service personnel with no formal recognition of their endeavour; highlights that there is a precedent for the award of a clasp to the General Service Medal for non-kinetic operations; and recommends that there should be an award of a BRIXMIS clasp for the General Service Medal, with all those who served during the campaign eligible for receipt of the clasp.

---

1256      **Negotiating rights for police officers**

Tabled: **13/05/25**      Signatories: **10**

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Cat Smith**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Mary Glendon**  
**Grahame Morris**

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House notes that pay and conditions for police officers in England and Wales are subject to recommendations by the Police Remuneration Review Body (PRRB) and that its letter of remit each year is drafted by the Home Office, directing it to look at specific areas of pay and conditions and within established parameters; further notes that, while the PRRB can step

outside of the areas and limits within this letter, its recommendations need approval by the Secretary of State for the Home Department; believes these restrictions at both the beginning and end of the process remove any true independence from the PRRB; also notes that PRRB recommendations are not binding and there is no right of appeal or arbitration; notes that police officers have no right to take industrial action and that, before the PRRB was introduced in 2014, police pay and conditions were resolved through a Police Negotiating Board and subject to binding arbitration, which is still used in Scotland; further believes that the PRRB process should be reviewed to allow for consultation and collective bargaining, with a system of binding arbitration introduced; insists that this is not asking for a blank cheque or for agreement to unreasonable demands but rather for a compensatory mechanism for the lack of any ability to take industrial action; and calls on the Government to enter into formal negotiations with the Police Federation of England and Wales with a view to reforming the current PRRB system to include binding arbitration.

---

1257 **Torbay Hospital Nurses League 80th anniversary**

Tabled: **13/05/25** Signatories: **4**

**Steve Darling**

**Ian Roome**

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

**Clive Jones**

That this House celebrates the 80th anniversary of the Torbay Hospital Nurses League; notes with admiration that the League has been in existence longer than the NHS itself and is open to all qualified nurses who either trained at Torbay Hospital or were employed there for more than two years; further notes that it is believed to be the longest-running nurses league in the UK, with over 200 members worldwide, including individuals who completed their training as far back as the 1940s; commends the League and its members for their commitment to improving patient and staff experiences, including through the donation of fleece blankets for end-of-life care, matching crocheted hearts for patients and families, emergency clothing and toiletries, dementia support packs, and items to enhance the staff working environment, all funded through craft fairs and coffee mornings held throughout the year; wishes them every success with their 80th anniversary reunion, including the commemorative church service and celebratory meal; and pays tribute to the invaluable contribution of nurses in Torbay and across the UK, and thanks them for their continued dedication, compassion, and professionalism.