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Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 19 May 2025

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New EDMs

1280 **Sewage pollution**

Tabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1**

Edward Morello

That this House expresses grave concern over the ongoing sewage pollution crisis in England, particularly in rural constituencies like West Dorset; notes with alarm that over 450,000 sewage spills were recorded across England in 2024, including almost 4,200 in West Dorset, resulting in over 48,000 hours of sewage discharges into local rivers and beaches; further notes that the River Lim, which exits at Lyme Regis, has been declared ecologically dead due to overwhelming pollution, and that in 2019 only 17% of the 24 monitored water bodies in West Dorset were classed as having good ecological status; recognises the severe repercussions of this crisis on tourism, a key economic driver in West Dorset and many other constituencies, with visitors and residents forced to rely on water quality alerts to safely access local waterways; condemns the lack of accountability among water companies, who collectively paid £1.4 billion in dividends in 2022 and £51 million in executive remuneration over 2020 and 2021, while failing to adequately invest in infrastructure to prevent sewage spills; calls on the Government to implement stronger financial penalties for water companies that fail to meet environmental standards, to ring-fence these fines for reinvestment in affected communities, and to prioritise infrastructure upgrades in neglected rural areas; and urges the Government to ensure transparency and accountability in the water industry and to work with local businesses and communities to mitigate the environmental and economic impacts of sewage pollution, securing the future of tourism-dependent economies and protecting the nation's natural heritage.

1281 50th anniversary of Hambleton Choral GroupTabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1****Cat Smith**

That this House celebrates 50 years of singing from Hambleton Choral Group; notes that the group was the idea of the Vicar of Hambleton at the time, Rev. Ted Swinnerton who brought together a dozen men and women from the Lancashire village, and the group grew and the repertoire of music became more ambitious; further celebrates those founding members who are still active today, namely Malcolm Worsley, Norma Worsley and Dorothy Haworth; further notes that the group now holds two concerts a year, in May and in December; praises the fundraising the Choral Group have done over the years for numerous charities, big and small; thanks the Hambleton United Reformed Church for the use of their Hall as a base for the singers; and congratulates all members of the Hambleton Choral Group on an outstanding 50th anniversary Spring Concert on the 16 and 17 May 2025 at the URC Church Hall where the audience were treated to a musical delight.

1282 Fairtrade tea campaignTabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1****Martin Rhodes**

That this House condemns the grave working conditions that many tea growing communities face across the world; notes with concern that many tea farmers and workers do not earn enough to afford a decent standard of living; acknowledges that the challenges in the tea industry are deeply complex; supports multi-stakeholder dialogue in the tea sector to build progress towards living incomes and living wages for the people behind the tea we drink; calls for UK legislation to make it mandatory for businesses to carry out human rights and environmental due diligence in their supply chains; and urges the Government to honour its International Climate Finance commitment to support tea growing communities to adapt and build resilience to climate change.

1283 The Bookhouse in Broughty FerryTabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1****Stephen Gethins**

That this House congratulates The Bookhouse in Broughty Ferry for being shortlisted as one of the finalists for the British Book Awards 2025 Independent Bookshop of the Year Award; recognises that The Bookhouse is a family-run business that brings people together through book clubs and author signings; and acknowledges the work they do in concert with local schools and nurseries to support literacy and providing them with free books for children for World Book Day.

1284 Citizens Advice in East Dorset and PurbeckTabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1****Vikki Slade**

That this House recognises the significant impact of Citizens Advice working to provide information and support to people in need across the country; commends the East Dorset and Purbeck branch of Citizens Advice for their Advice Bus scheme which provides residents with free advice on issues such as debt, benefits access, employment and housing at visits to rural locations, and which has already supported 3,000 people; celebrates the Advice Bus' second anniversary and the accompanying Royal visit made by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal to mark the occasion; acknowledges the hard work of advisers at East Dorset and Purbeck Citizens Advice, and at other sites around the country; further recognises the need for such services is increasing due to the ongoing cost of living crisis; encourages the Government to engage with the reports produced by branches including the East Dorset and Purbeck branch that note the most pressing issues those seeking advice are facing; and urges the Government to consider the recommendations made by Citizens Advice in each area of support.

1285 Oakwood Primary School pupils and the Daffodil ClubTabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1****Maureen Burke**

That this House welcomes the efforts of primary 6 pupils at Oakwood Primary School in Easterhouse, who organised a successful spring fayre to raise funds for the Daffodil Club; acknowledges the vital work of the Daffodil Club in providing care and support to vulnerable pensioners; commends the pupils for fostering a meaningful partnership with pensioners at the club; and recognises the importance of intergenerational connections in strengthening communities and enhancing the lives of both young and elderly residents.

1286 World Bee DayTabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1****Anna Sabine**

That this House celebrates World Bee Day, a UN-designated day whose theme this year is to highlight the critical roles bees and other pollinators play in agri-food systems and the health of our planet's ecosystems; notes with concern the rise of the Asian hornet and its effect on wildlife and habitats, including songbirds; encourages people to use locally-sourced British honey; praises the work of local beekeepers and organisations who promote and upkeep high standards and identify and report non-native species or decline; calls for more bee inspectors to ensure that beekeepers across the country maintain high-standards; and further encourages people to engage with their local beekeeping communities to learn more about the relationship between human, animal and plant health.

1287 St Dunstan's DayTabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1****Sarah Dyke**

That this House celebrates St Dunstan's Day on 19 May, honouring the life and legacy of one of England's most influential saints; acknowledges that St Dunstan was born in 909 AD in Baltonsborough, near Glastonbury, and that his early life in Somerset helped shape the values and spiritual depth that defined his later achievements; notes his appointment as Abbot of Glastonbury, where in 943 he led the rebuilding of the Abbey and initiated a revival of monastic life that became the foundation for widespread reform across the English Church; recognises his later role as Archbishop of Canterbury and trusted advisor to successive kings, and his canonisation for a life of service, integrity and lasting spiritual impact; further celebrates his patronage of goldsmiths, blacksmiths, silversmiths, musicians and locksmiths, professions that reflect his commitment to craftsmanship, creativity and skill, making him a worthy icon of Glastonbury and Somerton with these industries remaining central to the constituency; and affirms that St Dunstan's Day is a day to celebrate his enduring influence on the English Church and Somerset's regional and religious history.

1288 Dementia Action Week 2025Tabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes Dementia Action Week 2025, which takes place between 19 and 25 May 2025, is dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of an early diagnosis for people affected by dementia; highlights that one in three people living with dementia in the UK do not have a diagnosis and that 91% of people affected by dementia say there are benefits to getting a diagnosis; acknowledges that there are currently one million people living with dementia in the UK and that this complex and terminal condition also affects families who take on significant caring roles; further notes that the Government must take steps to ensure people have access to specialist dementia care to support them through diagnosis; and thanks charities and agencies who go above and beyond to guide people through their journey of living with dementia.

1289 Cardiovascular disease preventionTabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises that cardiovascular disease (CVD) and CVD-risk conditions in this country are a leading cause of morbidity, disability and health inequalities; further recognises that 7.6 million people in the UK have a CVD condition and that this figure is projected to rise significantly by 2040; notes that CVD is also a major contributor to economic and productivity challenges; acknowledges that without concerted action we will continue to see the wide

reaching impacts of CVD and CVD-risk conditions on patients, the NHS and wider society; and calls on the Government to work with clinical leaders, patients and communities to deliver a national action plan for CVD which commits to improving prevention, care and outcomes for people living with, or at risk of, cardiovascular conditions.

1290 **World IBD Day 2025**

Tabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1**

Tom Gordon

That this House notes that 19 May 2025 marks World IBD Day, a global initiative to raise awareness of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis; recognises that over 500,000 people in the UK are currently living with Crohn's or colitis, with 25,000 more diagnosed each year; acknowledges that these are lifelong, often invisible conditions with no known cure, and that many people face significant physical, emotional and social challenges as a result; further notes that stigma and misunderstanding around IBD persist; welcomes this year's theme of courage, highlighting the strength it takes to navigate diagnosis, manage symptoms, endure flares, and speak openly about living with IBD; pays tribute to Crohn's & Colitis UK and their ambassador Amy Dowden MBE for their tireless work to raise awareness and provide support to those affected; and calls on the Government to ensure better public understanding, increased research funding, and improved care and support for all those living with Crohn's and colitis in the UK.

1291 **Pupils at Reddal Hill Primary School and Earth Day**

Tabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1**

Alex Ballinger

That this House celebrates the Year 4 pupils of Reddal Hill Primary School in Cradley Heath on learning about Earth Day and the importance of looking after our planet; commends them on their extremely well-worded letters and colourful drawings highlighting the significance of renewable energy solutions such as solar panels and wind turbines; congratulates them for their social-conscience and advocacy on this vital issue; and recognises the importance of educating the future generation of the value in acting sustainably and protecting the environment.

1292 **Denis Law Legacy Trail**

Tabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1**

Kirsty Blackman

That this House celebrates the new Denis Law Legacy Trail in the Printfield area of Aberdeen where he grew up, which recognises Denis Law's remarkable legacy as Scotland's only Ballon D'or winner, inspires youngsters from across Aberdeen and further afield to work hard to achieve

their dreams, and brings beautiful artwork to the heart of the history-rich Woodside area encouraging locals and visitors alike to explore.

1293 **200th anniversary of Impartial Reporter Newspaper**

Tabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes that May 2025 marks the two hundredth anniversary of the Impartial Reporter Newspaper based in Enniskillen Co. Fermanagh, Northern Ireland; recognises the continuing importance of local journalism even in the increasing online news era, and while many national and international news media outlets have come under heavy criticism for lack of impartiality in their reporting of current and historical events, much of local journalism has maintained an ethos of reporting accurately and fairly events in local areas; and expresses the hope that this will continue for many years to come.

1294 **Supporting young Carers in Wiltshire**

Tabled: **19/05/25** 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 Carers Award in Schools Programme within the Wiltshire Council Voice and Participation Service, a scheme developed to work closely with schools to recognise good practice in identifying and supporting young carers in educational settings; applauds the efforts of organisations such as Youth Action 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.

1295 **Gary Lineker's contribution to Match of the Day**

Tabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1**

Shockat Adam

That this House pays tribute to the extraordinary career and enduring legacy of Gary Lineker as he retires from his role on Match of the Day; celebrates him not only as one of England's greatest ever goal scorers and a former England team captain, but as the beating heart of Leicester City FC, the club he has always called home; applauds his unwavering composure, both as a player renowned for his calmness under pressure and as a broadcaster whose clarity

and humour became the voice of Saturday nights for millions; acknowledges his immense charitable work, including tireless support for children's cancer charities, vital donations to the British Red Cross during the covid-19 pandemic, and his critical role in rescuing Leicester City FC from financial ruin in 2002; honours his achievements on the pitch, including the 1986 World Cup Golden Boot and leading England to the semi-finals in 1990; and believes that football fans across the nation will deeply miss his warmth, wit, and wisdom, and wishes him the very best in his well-earned retirement from the show.

1296 **UK-EU Summit (No. 2)**

Tabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1**

Jim Allister

That this House notes with regret that the UK-EU summit did not reset relations on the basis that the UK reasserts full sovereignty over Northern Ireland and relieves it of colonial rule by the EU; notes that the SPS deal does not include customs and therefore all goods, including SPS goods, will be subject to EU customs declarations and checks on goods moving internally to Northern Ireland from GB; deplores that GB, like Northern Ireland, will now be subject to foreign laws it does not make and cannot change, that an Irish Sea border, including the parcels border, still partitions the United Kingdom; and is appalled that the UK has not taken control of British fishing waters.

1297 **World Bee Day (No. 2)**

Tabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **1**

Monica Harding

That this House celebrates 20 May 2025 as World Bee Day, designated by the United Nations in order to raise awareness of the essential role bees and other pollinators play in promoting individual and planetary health; recognises the centrality of bees to the British way of life, from the quiet industry of the hive to the pollination of hedgerows, orchards and cottage gardens that define our countryside, culture, and food security; further recognises the vital role of Britain's 250-plus bee species in pollinating crops and sustaining biodiversity, contributing over £500 million annually to UK agriculture; acknowledges the critical importance of bees in sustaining biodiversity, supporting food production, and ensuring ecological balance; expresses concern at the continuing decline in bee populations due to climate change, pesticide use, habitat loss, invasive species like the yellow-legged hornet, and disease; calls on the Government to encourage local authorities, schools, farmers, and the public to support bee-friendly initiatives, including further planting, sustainable agriculture, and reduced pesticide use; and expresses pride at the tireless work of beekeepers, conservationists, and scientists across the UK who contribute to the protection and promotion of bees.

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.

1202 Sewage discharge

Tabled: **6/05/25** Signatories: **25**

Mr Lee Dillon

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Adam Dance

Helen Maguire

Tom Gordon

Gideon Amos

Christine Jardine

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.

1203 Glasgow Open Justice Centre

Tabled: **6/05/25** Signatories: **4**

Martin Rhodes

Jim Shannon

John Grady

Patricia Ferguson

That this House commends the Glasgow Open Justice Centre at the University of Glasgow School of Law for winning the Best Contribution by a Law School at the 2025 Law Works and Attorney General's Student Pro Bono Awards; acknowledges the Centre's mission to empower communities and individuals to use the law to access justice and achieve social and economic inclusion; notes the significant expansion of their pro bono outreach since 2023, with 140 students engaged in 14 different projects, including a programme of Community Legal Education for homeless service users in partnership with the Marie Trust charity; and congratulates the students and staff involved for their dedication and contributions to pro bono activities.

1204 Emma Ritch Law ClinicTabled: **6/05/25** Signatories: **4****Martin Rhodes****Jim Shannon****John Grady****Patricia Ferguson**

That this House commends the Emma Ritch Law Clinic at the University of Glasgow School of Law for being highly commended by the judges in the Best New Pro Bono Activity category at the 2025 Law Works and Attorney General's Student Pro Bono Awards; recognises the Clinic's pioneering work as the first of its kind in the UK, providing independent legal advice and representation in sexual violence cases, supporting more than 30 individual clients and advocacy workers in relation to often complex issues of criminal evidence and procedure; notes that students overwhelmingly report the value of their experiential learning through the pro bono activities; and congratulates the students and staff involved for their dedication and contributions to pro bono activities.

1215 Wemyss Ware Pottery 40th anniversaryTabled: **7/05/25** Signatories: **7****Wendy Chamberlain****Dr Roz Savage****Jim Shannon****Sarah Dyke****Mr Angus MacDonald****Charlotte Cane**

Christine Jardine

That this House congratulates Wemyss Ware Pottery on their 40th anniversary later this month; notes that Wemyss Ware is a highly collectable and sought-after pottery, with famous collectors including Elton John and King Charles; further notes that the pottery includes a range of hand painted pottery cats, pigs, other animals, decorative tableware, tiles and limited edition collections; celebrates that the pottery has been produced by Griselda Hill at her Pottery in Ceres since 1985; and acknowledges that the site is a four-star visitor attraction with a visitor centre where guests can see first-hand her talented team at work.

1219 Mental Health Awareness Week 2025Tabled: **7/05/25** Signatories: **20**

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

Mr Richard Quigley

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.

1228 National Operating Department Practitioner DayTabled: **8/05/25** Signatories: **11**

Cat Eccles
Adam Jogee
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Sadik Al-Hassan

Dr Simon Opher

Jodie Gosling

Ms Marie Rimmer

That this House recognises and celebrates National Operating Department Practitioners (ODP) Day on 14 May, which highlights the vital role ODPs play in the delivery of safe, effective and compassionate care in our hospitals and surgical theatres across the United Kingdom; commends the dedication, skill and professionalism of ODPs who work tirelessly as key members of multidisciplinary surgical teams, often behind the scenes, ensuring the highest standards of patient care before, during and after operations; further welcomes efforts to raise awareness of the ODP profession among the public and prospective healthcare workers, particularly through outreach and education on National ODP Day; and calls on the Government to support and invest in the ODP workforce through education, career progression opportunities and public recognition of their essential contribution to the NHS.

1230 Gaza occupation proposalsTabled: **8/05/25** Signatories: **60**

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

Freddie van Mierlo

Pippa Heylings

Helen Morgan

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 2025Tabled: **8/05/25** Signatories: **37**

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

Jeremy Corbyn

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 awarenessTabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **29**

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

Sarah Dyke

Freddie van Mierlo

Mr Will Forster

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 2025Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **7**

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

Sarah Dyke

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 SummitTabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **36**

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

Sarah Dyke

Rachel Gilmour

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.

1240 Overseas-qualified dentistsTabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **20**

Dr Roz Savage
Wera Hobhouse
Clive Jones
Adam Dance
Wendy Chamberlain
Tom Gordon

Sarah Dyke

Alex Brewer

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.

1244 Court transcript costsTabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **27**

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

Sarah Dyke Christine Jardine

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.

1246 Community Energy Pathways and the King's Award for Sustainable EnterpriseTabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **24**

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

Sarah Dyke Christine Jardine

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: **7**

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

Alex Brewer

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.

1253 Reductions to CrossCountry trains catering services

Tabled: **13/05/25** Signatories: **23**

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

Jon Trickett
Richard Burgon
Lorraine Beavers

Ian Byrne
Apsana Begum
Chris Webb

Brian Leishman
Ian Lavery
Ms Marie Rimmer

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: **10**

Ben Obese-Jecty
Sir Iain Duncan Smith
Sir Julian Lewis
Jim Shannon
Mr Paul Foster
Will Stone

Bradley Thomas

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.

1257 Torbay Hospital Nurses League 80th anniversaryTabled: **13/05/25** Signatories: **7****Steve Darling****Ian Roome****Mr Angus MacDonald****Clive Jones****Jim Shannon****Dr Roz Savage**

Sarah Dyke

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.

1259 Contribution of Saracen Primary, St Teresa's Primary and Broomlea Primary schools to the Bella the Beithir community art installationTabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **3****Martin Rhodes****Jim Shannon****Patricia Ferguson**

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.

1261 Universities and international studentsTabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **21**

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Wendy Chamberlain
Lisa Smart
Wera Hobhouse
Pippa Heylings
Dr Al Pinkerton

Sarah Dyke

Ayoub Khan

Christine Jardine

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 unitTabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **12**

Adam Dance
Anna Sabine
Ian Roome
Helen Maguire
Ian Sollom
Jim Shannon

Sarah Dyke

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: **8**

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Zöe Franklin
Adam Dance
Jim Shannon
Dr Roz Savage

Sarah Dyke

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 GravidarumTabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **13****Liz Jarvis****Tom Gordon****Adam Dance****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Dr Roz Savage**

Sarah Dyke

Alex Brewer

Helen Morgan

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 hubTabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **6****David Chadwick****Adam Dance****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Dr Roz Savage****Sarah Dyke**

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.

1267 Jewish LGBTQ+ groups at PrideTabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **22****Christine Jardine****Tom Gordon****Lisa Smart****Wera Hobhouse****Helen Maguire****Mr Angus MacDonald**

Sarah Dyke

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 PrideTabled: **14/05/25** Signatories: **37****Christine Jardine****Tom Gordon****Tom Morrison****Lisa Smart****Wera Hobhouse****Helen Maguire**

Caroline Voaden

Alex Brewer

Sarah Dyke

Daisy Cooper

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.

1269 **UK aid for global forests and indigenous peoples**

Tabled: **15/05/25** Signatories: **11**

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Mr Will Forster
David Chadwick
Charlotte Cane

Sarah Dyke

Alex Brewer

That this House expresses deep concern at the threat to UK support for global forests and the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities (IPLCs) as a result of reductions to the Official Development Assistance (ODA) budget; notes that tropical forests are vital to climate regulation, biodiversity, food security and public health, and that halting deforestation could contribute up to 30% of climate change mitigation potential; further notes that forests are home to 1.6 billion people, including 300 million Indigenous Peoples whose knowledge, stewardship and tenure rights are critical to effective forest governance; recognises the positive impact of UK funding in tackling illegal logging and promoting sustainable forest economies through programmes such as Forest Governance Markets and Climate (FGMC2), Investments in Forests and Sustainable Land Use (IFSLU), The Amazon Catalyst for Forest Communities (AMCAT), the Biodiverse Landscapes Fund, and the Congo Basin Forest Action Programme; recalls the UK's leadership at COP26 through the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use and urges the Government to honour this commitment with sustained investment; affirms that private finance initiatives, such as the Tropical Forest Forever Facility, cannot replace the UK's bilateral support and the impact of direct partnerships with rainforest countries and IPLC-led solutions; and calls on the Government to protect existing forest programmes from aid cuts, restore the aid budget to 0.7% of GNI at the earliest opportunity, and ensure forest protection and Indigenous rights remain central to the UK's international climate and development strategy ahead of COP30.

1270 Peterhead Football Club, Scottish League 2 championsTabled: **15/05/25** Signatories: **2****Seamus Logan****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Peterhead Football Club on winning the 2024-25 Scottish League 2 champion title; recognises that Peterhead Football Club, affectionately known as The Blue Toon, secured their championship after defeating East Fife FC 1-0 at Balmoor Stadium; notes that they ended the season on 66 points, 4 clear of runners-up East Fife; commends scorer Peter Pawlett for scoring the only goal of the game; further commends managers Jordon Brown and Ryan Strachan and all their players and staff for their collective efforts and determination to succeed; and wishes the club well for the forthcoming season.

1271 60th anniversary of Bexley Voluntary Service CouncilTabled: **15/05/25** Signatories: **3****Daniel Francis****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Bexley Voluntary Service Council on its 60th anniversary; notes that the organisation was founded to provide support to organisations and residents across the London Borough of Bexley; highlights their work in supporting voluntary organisations and volunteers in the London Borough of Bexley; recognises the role they play in ensuring partnership working between voluntary organisations locally; thanks their staff and volunteers for their hard work; and wishes Bexley Voluntary Service Council all the best for the future.

1272 100th anniversary of 18th West Kent Boys BrigadeTabled: **15/05/25** Signatories: **2****Daniel Francis****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates the 18th West Kent Boys' Brigade on reaching their 100th anniversary this May; notes that the company was formed at Northumberland Heath Baptist Church in Belmont Road; highlights that many founders of the 18th West Kent Boys' Brigade would have been World War One Veterans and thanks them for their important contribution to this country and their community; notes that the current company is formed of an Anchor section, a Junior section and a Company section; thanks all the Brigade's volunteers for their work; and wishes them all the best for the future.

1273 125th anniversary of St Augustine's Church, Slade GreenTabled: **15/05/25** Signatories: **2****Daniel Francis**
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises and congratulates St Augustine's Church, Slade Green on its 125th anniversary this year; acknowledges the significant work undertaken to rebuild the church following the damage experienced from bombing in 1944 and from a fire in 1991: recognises the important impact that the church has had in the community across Slade Green; highlights its work in creating an inclusive supportive place of worship and hospitality to all ages; thanks the church community for their hard work; and wishes everyone connected with St Augustine's Church, Slade Green all the best for the future.

1274 Vickers, Crayford and Dartford Athletic Football ClubTabled: **15/05/25** Signatories: **3****Daniel Francis**
Jim Dickson
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates VCD Athletic Football Club's achievement in securing promotion from the South Counties East Football League Premier Division; commends the performance of the players and pays tribute to Danny Joy and Ross Baker for their work as joint-managers in their first season in the role; notes that the Vickers, Crayford and Dartford Athletic Football Club was founded in 1916 by employees of the now defunct Vickers armaments factory in Crayford; and wishes everyone at the club including their supporters and volunteers, the very best of luck in the Isthmian League South East Division for the 2025-26 season.

1275 Dementia Action WeekTabled: **16/05/25** Signatories: **17****Mr Lee Dillon**
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Helen Maguire
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Adam Dance
Alex Brewer
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Ayoub Khan
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the profound impact of dementia on both those living with the condition and their loved ones; commends the work of the Alzheimer's Society in establishing

Dementia Action Week to encourage people experiencing signs of dementia to seek vital help and support; applauds the initiatives of Thatcham Town Council, specifically their participation in the Paint the Town Blue campaign led by Dementia Friendly West Berkshire; and calls on the Government to significantly improve dementia care provision, with particular emphasis on enabling people to receive high-quality care in their own homes where appropriate and desired.

1276 **Rail services between Rose Hill Marple and Manchester Piccadilly**

Tabled: **16/05/25** Signatories: **4**

Lisa Smart
Sarah Dyke
Tom Morrison
Jim Shannon

That this House notes with concern that passenger numbers on the Rose Hill Marple to Manchester Piccadilly railway line remain around half of pre-pandemic levels; further notes that the service has been left with an infrequent timetable with uneven gaps which is unsuitable for commuters, such as students at Marple Hall School; notes that the final service from Manchester Piccadilly is at 9.21pm, meaning that the service cannot be used by those enjoying a night out in the city centre, and that there is no Sunday service on the line; and calls on the Government to work with Northern and Transport for Greater Manchester to ensure that the line returns to two services per hour in each direction and extend services to later in the evening and on Sundays.

1278 **International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia**

Tabled: **16/05/25** Signatories: **18**

Christine Jardine
Lisa Smart
Tom Gordon
Vikki Slade
Ellie Chowns
Pippa Heylings

Helen Maguire
 Jess Brown-Fuller
 Wera Hobhouse
 Helen Morgan

David Chadwick
 Tom Morrison
 Neil Duncan-Jordan
 Claire Young

Sarah Dyke
 Adam Dance
 Alex Brewer
 Richard Burgon

That this House recognises 17 May as the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia; further recognises the concern and fear that many LGBTQ+ people have felt in recent years, particularly in the trans community, despite the progress made in securing rights and protections for LGBTQ+ people in law; notes with deep concern that two-thirds of LGBTQ+ people report that they have experienced anti-LGBTQ+ violence or abuse, and the number of hate crimes recorded against trans people have more than doubled in the last five years; urges

the Government to implement a clear plan to tackle anti-LGBTQ+ hate crime, including ensuring that hate crimes against LGBTQ+ people are counted as aggravated offences; and calls on the Government to tackle discrimination against LGBTQ+ in housing, employment, education; and to stand up for LGBTQ+ rights across the world.

1279 **Digital-only immigration status**

Tabled: 16/05/25 Signatories: 4

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Ellie Chowns

Ayoub Khan

That this House expresses serious concern about the implementation of the digital-only immigration status, which was first rolled out in 2018 for those with status under the EU Settlement Scheme and by the end of 2024 had been extended to all migrants with an immigration status in the UK; notes that this system fails to provide individuals with secure, tangible, offline and independently accessible proof of status; recognises that the View and Prove process (requiring repeated access to a GOV.UK platform, two-factor authentication, and generation of share codes) is cumbersome, fragmented and unfit for purpose, presenting serious accessibility barriers for digitally excluded and vulnerable individuals; is deeply concerned about reports of alarming failures of data integrity, including corrupted records displaying incorrect photographs, biodata, or status; further notes that at critical moments poor internet connectivity also renders people unable to prove their status; stresses the significant consequences for people in those situations, including denial of job opportunities, housing, education, and healthcare, with people also often left stranded at borders at the point of travel; is alarmed by the potential parallels with the Windrush scandal; and calls on the Government to launch an independent review of the Home Office's implementation of the digital-only immigration status in consultation with impacted communities, considering secure alternatives and compensation for individuals who have incurred losses due to the system's failures.