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New EDMs

1328 **School funding**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House notes with concern the significant underfunding of schools, leading to severe budgetary pressures and cuts; recognises the considerable strain placed on staff and students, including at a secondary school in Newbury, which faces a projected deficit of £870,000 this year; expresses concern for the impact on staff morale and job security; further notes the potential adverse effect on the quality of education provided to pupils; urges the Government to commit to ensuring proper funding for schools so every child can reach their potential; and calls on the Government to increase investment in the school system and to prioritise the education and future opportunities of young people.

1329 **Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre young game designers**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Christine Jardine

That this House congratulates the young game designers of Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre who, in collaboration with the Tinderbox Collective, have created the interactive game entitled Escape Drylaw; understands that this project and others like it are invaluable in helping young people develop transferable skills such as problem-solving, collaboration, storytelling, and digital design; notes the importance of young people engaging in their community and having

safe spaces to express themselves creatively; and wishes the community success with their future projects.

1330 **Reinstatement of the Winter Fuel Payment**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Luke Taylor

That this House notes with great concern the significant financial hardship caused by the removal of the Winter Fuel Payment for those already affected by the ongoing cost of living crisis; recognises the vital role this payment plays in supporting vulnerable individuals; urges the Government to reinstate this payment without further delay; and calls on the Government to provide immediate and clear guidance on eligibility criteria to ensure all those entitled to support receive it in a transparent manner.

1331 **Libraries Week 2025**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Sarah Dyke

That this House celebrates Libraries Week 2025, taking place from Monday 2 June to Sunday 8 June, as a national campaign recognising the vital role libraries, professional librarians and volunteers play in strengthening communities and driving opportunity; welcomes this year's theme entitled Libraries change lives by sustaining economic growth, which highlights the many ways in which library services across the UK support local economies by empowering jobseekers, supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses, delivering digital skills and literacy training; acknowledges the particular importance of libraries in rural communities where access to services and educational opportunities can be limited; highlights Somerset Council's mobile library service as an important resource for isolated and rural residents, providing a trusted and accessible gateway to books, digital services, and community support; further welcomes the findings of a recent independent review which cited Somerset Libraries as a national example of excellence; and calls on the Government to ensure continued investment in and the protection of library services as essential infrastructure in tackling digital exclusion, reducing educational inequality, promoting lifelong learning and economic growth across the UK.

1332 **25th anniversary of Sermon Audio**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House recognises 2025 as the 25th anniversary of Sermonaudio.com, an online platform which began as a small provider of a facility for Christian churches to use to ensure the Gospel message of salvation by faith alone; notes it has now expanded across the globe

to the extent that thousands of Churches and Ministries use it with over 400 million sermons and services downloaded; further notes it offers free unlimited access for listeners and viewers; commends the founder, Steve Lee; and expresses the hope that the project will continue in furthering the command of Jesus Christ to go out into all the world and preach the gospel.

1333 Future of rail freight

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **4**

Grahame Morris

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Cat Smith

Ian Lavery

This House notes with concern that the future of rail freight in Great Britain is uncertain; welcomes ASLEF's Rail Freight Future and Dignity for Drivers campaigns; recognises the importance of Great British Railways in supporting and growing rail freight and providing a strategic direction to the rail freight sector; further notes the existence of publicly-owned rail freight and the opportunity for expansion; and calls on the Government to invest in the infrastructure needed to create capacity for rail freight, level the playing field between road and rail freight, protect freight paths and access on the GBR network, improve facilities for train drivers, and strengthen rail freight growth targets.

1334 World Shin-Kicking champion

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Max Wilkinson

That this House congratulates Mike Newby on winning the World Shin-Kicking championship; recognises his incredible achievement in winning the title three years in a row, including his rigorous training and shin-conditioning regime; notes the unique Britishness of the sport; and thanks the organisers of the Cotswold Olimpick Games for the work they do to preserve this important tradition.

1335 Access to Work backlogs

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Charlotte Cane

That this House notes with concern the chronic delays in the Department for Work and Pensions' administration of the Access to Work (AtW) scheme, which is vital in supporting disabled people to enter and remain in employment; further notes that new claims for employed applicants are currently taking around nine months to process, while self-employed applicants are facing delays of up to 14 months; also notes that even existing applicants are experiencing waits of up to seven weeks for payments to be processed; is alarmed that the DWP has increased its

target for processing payments from 10 to 20 days due to staff shortages; recognises that many claimants need to submit claims in the final quarter of the year, placing additional strain on an already overstretched system; and is concerned by reports that over 60,000 applications remain unresolved as of early 2025.

1336 75th anniversary of Burton Albion Football Club

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Jacob Collier

That this House recognises and celebrates Burton Albion Football Club on its 75th anniversary; notes that the Club was formed on 6 July 1950 at Burton upon Trent Town Hall; further recognises the significant contribution the Club has made to the local community; thanks all the supporters, players, management, staff and volunteers past and present for their involvement; and wishes Burton Albion Football Club all the best for the future.

1337 Eisteddfod yr Urdd Dur a Môr 2025

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **4**

Llinos Medi

Ann Davies

Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House celebrates Eisteddfod yr Urdd Dur a Môr 2025, which was held in Margam Park near Port Talbot between 26 and 31 May; notes that Eisteddfod yr Urdd is Europe's largest youth festival and is a celebration of the Welsh language, culture and the wealth of young talent in Wales today; further notes that this year The Urdd celebrated a record-breaking 119,593 registrations to compete in over 400 competitions, which included a significant rise of 42% in the number of young Welsh learners participating compared to the previous year; thanks the organisers and volunteers who made this year's festival such a success; congratulates all of the contestants and performers who took part this year; and looks forward to next year's festival on Ynys Môn, when the Eisteddfod is expected to attract close to 100,000 visitors and create millions in income for the local economy.

1338 100th anniversary of Partick Library

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Patricia Ferguson

This House congratulates Partick Library in Glasgow West as it celebrates its 100th anniversary; notes that the Library, opened on 5 June 1925, is a Carnegie Library, one of a number of libraries funded by the Scottish-American philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, whose donation enabled Glasgow to build new and better-equipped libraries in a number of locations; recognises

the significant role that Partick Library has played in providing free access to educational resources, promoting literacy and inspiring people of all generations to explore literature; commends the Library for its important community work, such as hosting a weekly infant feeding support group, Digi-PALS providing one-to-one support with digital issues and RNID support sessions for those struggling with hearing loss; recognises that the Library is cherished by generations of Partick residents, with comedian and broadcaster, Billy Connolly noting his personal connection to the library, describing it as his salvation and sharing how the library sparked his love of reading and expanded his imagination, helping him through periods of isolation; commends Patrick Library which has so far survived a world war, a global pandemic and the banning of stiletto heeled shoes to save its linoleum floors in its first one hundred years; and wishes it a long and successful future for generations to come.

1339 **Accountability in the water industry and proposals for the reform of Ofwat**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **2**

Clive Lewis
Chris Hinchliff

That this House notes with concern the systemic failings of the water industry and its regulators, which have allowed water companies to break the law while forcing customers to pay twice for essential services; further notes that Ofwat's PR24 determination allocated enhanced funding to United Utilities for the Windermere Schemes without ensuring that this money would be used to improve sewerage services, rather than belatedly bring sites into compliance; recognises that this failure reflects wider national issues in the water industry, where investment has been inadequate and permit breaches persist; condemns Ofwat for relying on modelled, rather than real-world, data, allowing water companies to mark their own homework and evade accountability; further notes that Ofwat previously allowed financial extraction by private equity firms, resulting in higher bills and environmental degradation; and calls on the Government to reform Ofwat so that regulatory decisions are based on actual data, introduce a robust clawback mechanism to prevent unjustified charges, and ensure that water companies, not customers, bear the financial burden of bringing sites into legal compliance

1340 **Cupar Gold Medallists at International Cheer World Championships**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House congratulates the Nicolson and Neville sisters from Cupar on winning gold at the International Cheer Union World Championships in Orlando, Florida; celebrates that the team have been crowned world champions and contributed to Scotland's first-ever podium finish and gold medal; understands that the athletes all grew up in Cupar and were also next-door neighbours; recognises that Hannah, one of the sisters, has scoliosis which can mean she's in more pain than average, but that cheer and staying active has really helped her; and congratulates the gold medallists once again and wishes them all the best for the future.

1341 **Sir Bob Reid**Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1****Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House expresses its deepest condolences following the death of Sir Bob Reid; acknowledges that he held important positions in various companies, most notably at Shell and as CEO at British Rail in 1990, overseeing projects like the Channel Tunnel; notes that Sir Bob had strong leadership skills and was admired for his energy and enthusiasm, as well as having a liking for human contact and an easy manner, regardless of rank; recognises that Sir Bob was born in Cupar and later studied politics, economics and history at the University of St Andrews, where he represented the university at golf and met his future wife, Joan Oram; and understands this loss is felt widely and expresses sympathy to his friends and family following the sad news of his passing.

1342 **Eddie Kotlewski MBE**Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1****Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House expresses its deepest condolences following the death of Eddie Kotlewski MBE at the age of 71; acknowledges that Mr Kotlewski was the former lead firefighter at Auchtermuchty Fire Station and was awarded an MBE for a locally funded smoke alarm fire safety campaign which he launched to provide and install free smoke detectors in the homes of senior citizens across Auchtermuchty, Strathmiglo and Dunshalt; celebrates that the pioneering initiative led to 837 homes being visited and 168 alarms fitted, well ahead of formal community fire safety programmes; understands that Mr Kotlewski was also a respected Auchtermuchty businessman and joiner who dedicated his life to serving his community; notes that Mr Kotlewski lived with severe rheumatoid arthritis from 1991 but, despite the constant pain, remained resilient and active; understands this loss is felt widely; and expresses sympathy to his friends and family following the sad news of his passing.

1343 **Glasgow City FC qualification for the UEFA Champions League**Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1****Maureen Burke**

That this House congratulates Glasgow City FC on its 2-0 victory over Hearts on 18 May, securing them a place in the UEFA Champions League; commends Kimberley Smit and Nicole Kozlova for their crucial goals in the match and praises the whole team for their efforts in guaranteeing this win; recognises in particular Fiona Brown, who made her comeback 399 days after injury in her final season before retirement; acknowledges the significance of this achievement in promoting women's football in Scotland and beyond; and wishes the team the very best of luck in their European campaign.

1344 University of Strathclyde recognised as a University of SanctuaryTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1****Maureen Burke**

That this House congratulates the University of Strathclyde on being awarded University of Sanctuary status by City of Sanctuary UK, in recognition of its long-standing and wide-ranging commitment to supporting refugee and asylum seeker students, staff and academics; notes the university's provision of dedicated scholarships, mentoring, mental health services and academic opportunities for those with forced migrant status; commends its collaborative work with local and national partners, including The Bridges Programmes and the Scottish Refugee Council, to support access to higher education; further recognises the university's efforts to develop trauma-informed teaching practices and its ambitious action plan to embed and share sanctuary principles across its community; and applauds Strathclyde's leadership in fostering an inclusive, compassionate and welcoming environment for all those seeking sanctuary.

1345 Reform of NHS dentistry servicesTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1****Sarah Gibson**

That this House notes with concern the findings of the Public Accounts Committee's report entitled Fixing NHS Dentistry, which highlights the failure of the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England's 2024 dental recovery plan to improve access to NHS dental services; is alarmed that only 40% of adults in England were able to see an NHS dentist in the two years to March 2024, a decline from 49% prior to the covid-19 pandemic; recognises that the current dental contract, established in 2006, is unfit for purpose and does not incentivise dental practices to provide sufficient NHS care; acknowledges that initiatives such as the new patient premium and the golden hello recruitment scheme have not achieved their intended outcomes, with the latter resulting in less than 20% of the expected dentist appointments; expresses dissatisfaction that the Government has not committed to a clear timeline for reforming the NHS dental contract, as evidenced by the response to Written Question 46464 on 28 April 2025, where no specific timeframe was provided; and calls on the Government to work collaboratively with dental professionals, integrated care boards and other stakeholders to design and implement a new dental contract that addresses current shortcomings and promotes the provision of NHS dental services, ensuring equitable access to dental care for all citizens.

1346 National Fish and Chip Day 2025Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1****Liz Jarvis**

That this House celebrates National Fish and Chip Day 2025, which marks the 10th anniversary of the event; recognises the contribution of fish and chip businesses to the economy, hospitality

sector and local communities; acknowledges increases to prices in the sector, including the cost of energy, raw goods and packaging, staff wages and changes to employer National insurance contributions; celebrates Mike's Traditional Fish and Chips in Bishopstoke for being shortlisted in the National Fish and Chip Awards 2025 and for their role in the local community by employing staff from the local area, often school-leavers who are working for the first time and learning professional skills; and champions the contribution of small local hospitality businesses in strengthening our high streets and creating jobs across the UK.

1347 Interception of small boats by France

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Sir Gavin Williamson

That this House notes that 1,378 migrants attempted to cross the Channel on small boats on 31 May 2025, the highest daily tally so far this year; acknowledges that France only stopped 184 migrants that day despite agreeing in February 2025 to amend their laws to allow police to intercept boats in shallow waters; recognises that the French have intercepted just 38% of boats this year which is a decrease from 45% in 2024 and 47% in 2023; and calls on the Government to suspend Britain's fishing deal with the European Union until France upholds its promise to intervene and stop the small boats.

1348 RHS Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medal

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Sarah Dyke

That this House congratulates Georgie Newbery of Common Farm Flowers, Charlton Musgrove, on being awarded a Gold Medal at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show as part of the Farewell Flower Collective; celebrates the first-ever inclusion in the Show's 113-year history of a display dedicated to funeral flowers in the Great Pavilion; commends the powerful and moving centrepiece featuring a willow coffin with seasonal, British-grown flowers, showcasing the potential of sustainable funeral floristry; notes that all floral arrangements were created entirely without floral foam or single-use plastics and were fully compostable; recognises Georgie Newbery's contribution to British-grown flowers over the past 15 years, growing up to 100,000 stems annually without the use of chemicals, and maintaining large areas of her farm for wildlife and biodiversity; and further celebrates this achievement as a leading example of ethical, creative, and environmentally responsible floristry.

1349 Carers Week 2025Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1****Alison Bennett**

That this House supports Carers Week 2025, taking place from 9 to 15 June; recognises this year's theme is entitled Caring about equality; emphasises that millions of unpaid carers looking after family members and friends often face significant challenges and inequalities in their daily lives; asks the Government to address the significant inequalities faced by unpaid carers and commit to ensuring that carers receive the support they need and deserve; and endeavours to build a society that treats all carers equitably.

1350 Radiologists and clinical oncologistsTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1****Peter Prinsley**

That this House recognises the vital role played by resident and consultant radiologists and clinical oncologists in diagnostic imaging and cancer care across our NHS; pays tribute to the work that these doctors do to treat a variety of conditions from cancer to strokes as well as the leading role they are playing in the rollout of innovative technologies such as artificial intelligence in our health service; is concerned by figures in the latest Royal College of Radiologists census reports which show a 29 percent shortfall of radiologists amounting to 1,953 doctors and a 15 percent shortfall of oncologists, which is 193 doctors, across the UK in 2024; understands that these shortfalls can cause delays in patients getting access to treatment and are forecast to grow as demand for diagnostics and cancer care increases; and acknowledges the urgent need to recruit, train and retain the staff needed to support patients and ensure that backlogs and waiting lists do not continue to expand.

1351 Support for families affected by childhood cancerTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1****Carla Lockhart**

That this House recognises the unimaginable pain experienced by families receiving a childhood cancer diagnosis; pays heartfelt tribute to David and Sara Watson, who, following the devastating loss of their much loved son Adam, have channelled their grief into tireless campaigning to support other families on this harrowing journey; notes with deep concern the current delay of up to three months in accessing Child Disability Living Allowance (DLA) following a cancer diagnosis, despite the immediate and overwhelming needs of the child and their family; supports the call for urgent legislative reform through Adam's Law, which would ensure automatic and immediate access to Child DLA upon diagnosis of childhood cancer; commends the work of the charity B Positive in advocating for improved wraparound support

services; and urges the Government to act without delay to deliver compassionate, timely, and effective support to families facing the trauma of childhood cancer.

1352 **Housing jobs in Northern Ireland**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) was established as the main provider of social housing over 50 years ago and since its establishment with thousands of employees, it has consistently had an under representation of Protestants, despite the issue being raised on numerous occasions in the decades since; further notes the disadvantage suffered by Protestants has worsened considerably according to recent statistics released by the NIHE under Freedom of Information legislation; and calls on the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland to take steps to ensure that, given the historic circumstances of jobs and housing in Northern Ireland, specific action is taken to bring about a more equitable outcome.

1353 **60th anniversary of the Heald Green Flower Club**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Tom Morrison

That this House congratulates the Heald Green Flower Club on the occasion of its 60th anniversary; acknowledges the club's remarkable contribution to community life in Heald Green through its monthly Flower Arranging For All gatherings at the Heald Green Village Hall; praises the club for providing a welcoming and creative space for people to learn and enjoy the art of flower arranging; notes the benefits to participants including artistic development, improved wellbeing and the formation of friendships; commends the club's emphasis on seasonal arrangements, hands-on workshops and demonstrations led by experienced members; and pays tribute to the dedication of the club's organisers, for fostering a strong sense of community, creativity and joy over six decades.

1354 **40th anniversary of Surrey Research Park**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Zöe Franklin

That this House celebrates the 40th anniversary of Surrey Research Park, a pioneering community of innovation and technological advancement operated by the University of Surrey; recognises its ongoing role in fostering collaboration between academia and industry since it was established by the University of Surrey in 1985; further highlights its success as the birthplace of Guildford's games and space industries and as home to Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd, a global leader in satellite innovation spun out of the university and also celebrating its 40th anniversary this year; applauds its positive impact on both a local and

national scale, supporting around 200 companies, employing 7,410 employees and contributing £650 million to the economy; acknowledges how the work of the University of Surrey and the successful businesses based on the Surrey Research Park are a shining example of the role of universities as engines of growth, locally, regionally and nationally; and wishes all involved in this innovative community every success for the future.

1355 Direct flights to North Cyprus

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Sammy Wilson [R]

That this House calls on the Government to allow direct flights from the United Kingdom to Ercan International Airport in Northern Cyprus; notes the ongoing hardship caused by current travel restrictions to over 300,000 Turkish Cypriots in the UK and thousands of British nationals in Northern Cyprus; further notes that Ercan Airport meets international aviation security standards; recalls that over 50 Parliamentarians urged similar action in the last Parliament to end what they described as a discriminatory ban; and believes that facilitating direct flights would promote fairness, ease family travel and strengthen the UK's strategic presence in the region.

1356 Gold Eco Church Award for St Mary's Church, Ewell

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Helen Maguire

That this House congratulates St Mary's Church in Ewell on being awarded the prestigious Gold Eco Church Award by A Rocha UK; recognises this as a landmark achievement reflecting the Church's deep and sustained commitment to environmental stewardship, sustainability and care for creation; commends the efforts of the entire church community, whose work to embed eco-conscious values into worship, buildings, land use, community engagement and lifestyle has set a powerful example of faith in action; notes that St Mary's is now among a select group of churches across the UK to receive this highest level of recognition; and wishes the church continued success as it celebrates this milestone and continues its vital work for people and planet alike.

1357 Rule of Law and democratic freedoms in Tanzania

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House notes with deep concern the arrest, detention and charging of the leader of the main Tanzanian opposition party with highly questionable treason charges, which indicates a serious deterioration in the rule of law and the undermining of international standards for a fair trial in Tanzania; further notes with alarm the forcible deportation of former senior judicial and

legal figures from a neighbouring country who travelled to Tanzania as independent observers; also notes with particular concern the denial of consular access to detained individuals, prompting formal protests from the governments of neighbouring states; condemns in the strongest possible terms the arrest, reported mistreatment and forced removal of human rights defenders from neighbouring countries, as well as the false arrest and continued unlawful detention of regional legal professionals, actions which constitute grave violations of individual liberties and due process under the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations; observes that these actions signal a dangerous trend towards the political weaponisation of the judiciary and suppression of legitimate opposition, undermining prospects for free and fair elections; regrets that these developments erode the democratic legacy of Tanzania's founders and violate the principles of African unity and human rights enshrined in the charters of the African Union and East African Community; and calls on the UK Government to use all diplomatic efforts to push for a full restoration of democratic principles in Tanzania.

1358 **Cookham Abbey Dig 2025**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Joshua Reynolds

That this House celebrates the commencement of the 2025 excavation season at the site of the Anglo-Saxon monastery in Cookham, Berkshire, led by the University of Reading's Department of Archaeology; notes the exceptional preservation and national significance of the site, which was first identified in 2021 and has since yielded important discoveries including over 70 burials, many showing evidence of disease and healing, indicating the monastery's role as a centre of care and healing in the 8th and 9th centuries; acknowledges the site's historical importance as a royal monastery under Queen Cynethryth, widow of King Offa of Mercia, and its strategic location along the River Thames, a vital trade and communication route during the Anglo-Saxon period; commends the collaborative efforts of the University of Reading, Holy Trinity Church Cookham and the Friends of Cookham Abbey in facilitating the excavation and engaging the local community through educational outreach and public tours; and encourages continued support for this project, which offers invaluable insights into early medieval monastic life and contributes significantly to our understanding of England's historical heritage

1359 **Old Basing memory garden for bereaved parents**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Alex Brewer

That this House recognises the trauma, distress and heartbreak caused by baby loss and notes that having spaces for peace and connection with others can be a pivotal part of processing; acknowledges the importance of the memory garden at Basing House in providing a dedicated place of calm to parents grieving the loss of a baby; recognises the incredible work by the team at Hampshire Hospitals, the team at Basing House, and Jasmine Wheaton and Matt Snook, who devastatingly lost Noah and Evie, and have since helped to develop the memory garden

alongside the teams; commends Matt on his fundraising bike ride on Sunday 25 May from the John Radcliff Hospital in Oxford to Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital to raise valuable funds for the charity to help fund care for other bereaved families; and notes the support provided from Hampshire Hospitals Charity through its forget me not fund, which seeks to provide a range of services to all those affected by baby loss.

1360 Sunderland's promotion to the Premier League

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **7**

Grahame Morris
Mary Glindon
Kate Osborne
Sam Rushworth
Mary Kelly Foy
Mrs Sharon Hodgson

David Smith

That this House congratulates Sunderland Association Football Club on their promotion back to the Premier League following their victory at Wembley on Saturday 24 May 2025; commends the outstanding loyalty and enduring support of the fans throughout their time in League One, the Championship and now the top flight; praises the dedication of the players, coaches and club staff who have worked tirelessly over the past eight years to achieve this long-fought success; celebrates the work of the club's official charity, the Foundation of Light, across the North East; honours the manager, Regis Le Bris, for his leadership in guiding the club to this remarkable achievement; and recognises the contribution and sound judgement of the chairman, Kyril Louis-Dreyfus, in helping to bring Sunderland back where it belongs, in the Premier League.

1361 Blackburn Rovers Women's Team

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Tim Farron

This House condemns the decision made by the owners of Blackburn Rovers FC to remove the Blackburn Rovers Women's team from the Women's Championship; stands in solidarity with the club's players; considers this act to be unfair, short-sighted and an insult to players, fans and the women's game in general; further acknowledges that, on the 150th anniversary of the club's foundation and the 30th anniversary of the men's team's historic Premier League victory, the owners have shown callous disregard for the heritage of Blackburn Rovers; further calls for the owners to reverse this decision, apologise to the players and fans, or else to sell the entire club to someone who cares about it; and urges the Government to strengthen the proposed football regulator so that it will have the power to deal with the likes of Blackburn Rovers' current owners, on account of their failure to qualify as fit and proper people to run such a proud and distinguished club.

1362 40th anniversary of the Scottish Refugee CouncilTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1****Martin Rhodes**

That this House celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Scottish Refugee Council and commends its decades of vital work supporting people fleeing conflict and persecution; notes its beginnings in 1985 aiding refugees from Vietnam and its continued support for those displaced by crises in Bosnia, Iraq, Syria, Ukraine and beyond; recognises the positive impact of refugee communities on Scottish society; and affirms the importance of building a welcoming, compassionate Scotland for all who seek safety.

1363 Justice and redress in the case of Paul WestwoodTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1****Richard Baker**

That this House regrets that over 15 years have passed since Paul Westwood and his family, now resident in the United Kingdom, were forced to flee Zimbabwe, and that no justice has yet been secured in relation to the unlawful seizure of Mr Westwood's car business by Temba Mliswa, then Member of Parliament for Hurungwe West; notes with concern that Mr Westwood, a loyal and long-standing resident of Zimbabwe, suffered significant financial loss and personal trauma as a result of these events, and that many of his former employees, some of whom had worked for the business for decades, were left without livelihoods; further notes with grave concern reports that Mr Westwood and his family were allegedly threatened with violence, rape and death in order to compel them to surrender their business, and that these threats were never properly investigated; further notes that Mr Mliswa has subsequently faced multiple allegations of corruption and abuse of office, and that little progress has been made towards ensuring accountability for these and other alleged abuses; commends the UK Government's engagement with Zimbabwean authorities to promote transparency, justice and respect for human rights; further notes the UK's longstanding support for Zimbabwe's return to the Commonwealth on condition that the country demonstrates clear and sustained progress on democracy, governance and human rights, in line with the Commonwealth Charter; supports the recommendations set out in the Commonwealth Election Observation Report; and encourages a follow-up Commonwealth assessment mission to Zimbabwe in 2025 to assess progress on these

1364 Reform of monetary limits on charity lotteriesTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1****Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House acknowledges the role played by Britain's charity lottery sector in providing some £450 million in vital funds for good causes each year at no cost to the Government; recognises the unique nature of charity lottery fundraising, which is centred on long-term,

unrestricted giving; acknowledges such a model complements the overwhelmingly project-based funding offer from the National Lottery's distribution bodies; notes the charity lottery sector continues to call for removal of the £50 million annual limit on their sales and that such lotteries are the only gambling or fundraising product subject to such a cap, despite their low risk, charitable nature; understands that analysis by Britain's biggest charity lottery fundraiser, People's Postcode Lottery, projects that removing the annual sales limit and accompanying reforms could free up £175 million in funding for supported charities impacted by the cap; and urges the Government to use its forthcoming update on the sector to announce meaningful reform of the needless and outdated monetary limits placed upon charity lotteries so that they can raise even more for good causes across Britain.

1365 **Relaunch of Greener Henley**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Freddie van Mierlo

That this House congratulates Greener Henley on its successful relaunch as a registered charity committed to addressing critical environmental issues under the themes of safer, cleaner and greener; notes that the organisation is tackling food security, flooding and the impacts of HGVs under its safer agenda; air and water pollution under the cleaner agenda; and protection and restoration of natural biodiversity under the greener agenda; applauds the charity's ambitious aim to engage and mobilise 5,000 people, including 3,000 in Henley-on-Thames and 2,000 in surrounding villages, to take transformative action for the environment; welcomes the forthcoming launch of an innovative online platform that will allow individuals to log pledges such as planting wildflower borders or cycling to work, thereby creating a shared record of local climate and nature-friendly commitments; and commends Greener Henley for its leadership in fostering community-wide environmental responsibility through active engagement and events across the region.

1366 **Brain tumour diagnosis**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Clive Jones [R]

That this House recognises the urgent need to improve diagnostic pathways for brain tumours, the largest cancer killer of the under 40s; notes with concern the findings of The Brain Tumour Charity's April 2025 report entitled Exploring GP Access to Imaging in England, which highlights significant delays in diagnosis, with 45% of patients in England diagnosed via emergency presentation and 41% of brain tumour patients seeing a GP three or more times before diagnosis; expresses alarm at the widespread lack of awareness among GPs of NHS England's 2023 direct access imaging guidance and the postcode lottery in access to MRI and CT head scans; further notes the lack of clear referral pathways and radiology capacity as key barriers to effective use of direct access; urges the Government to respond to the report's seven key recommendations, including universal commissioning of direct access imaging, creation of full diagnostic pathways, and the development of a National Brain Tumour Strategy;

and calls on the Government to urgently work with integrated care boards to consider these recommendations and improve outcomes for patients facing this devastating disease.

1367 **Police officers**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Tim Farron

That this House recognises the tireless work of police officers around the UK; praises the selfless service of police officers' to their communities and their country in daily acts of unseen work, often in dangerous situations; notes in particular the fantastic work of Cumbria Constabulary in rural, remote communities, despite stretched resources over huge geographical distances; further notes the recent letter to The Times from six chief constables of the biggest forces in the UK and their warnings that without investment, government ambitions to reform policing, protect victims, and cut crime will fall short; recognises the worry that many officers will feel about continued uncertainty; and calls on the Government to ensure fair pay rises for police officers by reforming the Police Remuneration Review Body to make it properly independent of Government.

1368 **Arthurlie Football Club**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Blair McDougall

That this House congratulates Arthurlie Football Club on becoming League One Champions and securing promotion to the West of Scotland League Premiership; commends Kevin Rutkiewicz and his team for exceptional performances on the pitch; notes that such an achievement is thanks to hard work off the pitch by the Club's committee and volunteers; believes that clubs like The 'Lie are an important part of the personality of local communities like Barrhead; and looks forwards to continuing success for the team next season.

1369 **Neilston Football Club**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Blair McDougall

That this House congratulates Neilston Football Club on becoming Second Division champions in the West of Scotland Football League; commends the leadership of management team Andy Whiteford, Derek Kennedy, Craig Murphy, Jimmy Christie and Paul MacDonald; offers thanks to the volunteers who ensure the club's success and who look after Brig O'Lea stadium; notes the importance of the Farmer's Boys to the life of the village of Neilston; and looks forward to continuing success in the First Division next season.

1370 30th anniversary of Gatwick Detainees Welfare GroupTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1****Peter Lamb**

That this House congratulates the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group (GDWG) in their 30th anniversary year; notes that for three decades since migrants began being detained at holding centres adjacent to Gatwick Airport, volunteers of the GDWG have been visiting detainees, sharing their stories, and campaigning to improve the conditions and circumstances of the use of detention centres; and further notes that their work plays a vital role in ensuring the psychological and physiological needs of detainees are being met and bringing attention to the human costs of indefinite detention.

1371 Wastewater Infrastructure and Environmental Protection in Planning ApplicationsTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1****Victoria Collins**

That this House expresses concern about the potential impact of new developments on local water and drainage systems, particularly in areas with chalk streams, Sites of Special Scientific Interest and other protected habitats; notes that water companies often claim a site holds sufficient capacity despite local systems being under strain and environmental standards at risk; believes the current assessment process for wastewater capacity in planning applications lacks rigor and fails to account for long-term environmental costs; is disappointed that the Government's Planning and Infrastructure Bill fails to address this; urges the Government to include provision for sustainable drainage in future developments in the Bill by implementing Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010; calls on the Government to require water companies to provide independent infrastructure capacity assessments that consider local environmental pressures; further urges the Ministry of Housing, Local Government and Communities to grant local authorities greater powers to commission independent assessments; and further calls for all new developments to align with the UK's clean river objectives and protection of vulnerable habitats.

1372 Long covid in children and young peopleTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **1****Victoria Collins**

That this House notes with concern the significant impact of long covid on children and young people across the UK, with thousands experiencing prolonged symptoms following covid-19 infection; regrets the serious consequences for children's health, education, and family wellbeing; further notes the strain on schools and healthcare services; recognises the need for more research into long covid in children; calls on the Government to work with relevant organisations to ensure affected children receive proper recognition, care, and support;

and further calls on the Government to create a register for those suffering from long covid alongside establishing care pathways to ensure that all practitioners have the guidance to treat long-term covid-19 patients effectively.

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.

1280 **Sewage pollution**

Tabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **21**

Edward Morello

Dr Danny Chambers

Helen Maguire

Alex Brewer

Adam Dance

Wera Hobhouse

Andrew George

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.

1282 Fairtrade tea campaignTabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **7****Martin Rhodes****Jim Shannon****Douglas McAllister****Carla Denyer****John McDonnell****Rachael Maskell**

Andrew George

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.

1286 World Bee DayTabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **23****Anna Sabine****Alex Brewer****Helen Maguire****Adam Dance****Wera Hobhouse****Liz Jarvis**

Rachael Maskell

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.

1288 Dementia Action Week 2025Tabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **11**

Jim Shannon
Douglas McAllister
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Rupert Lowe
Daniel Francis
Luke Akehurst

Rachael Maskell

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: **5**

Jim Shannon
Carla Denyer
John McDonnell
Rachael Maskell
Mr Gregory Campbell

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 2025Tabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **21**

Tom Gordon
Adam Dance
Helen Maguire
Wera Hobhouse
Liz Jarvis
Steff Aquarone

Rachael Maskell

Andrew George

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.

1297 World Bee Day (No. 2)Tabled: **19/05/25** Signatories: **43**

Monica Harding
Adam Dance
Helen Maguire
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Wera Hobhouse
Mr Paul Kohler

Rachael Maskell

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.

1300 Legacy League's fundraising for Newbury Cancer Care

Tabled: **20/05/25** Signatories: **7**

Mr Lee Dillon
Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jess Brown-Fuller

Liz Jarvis

That this House recognises the efforts of the organisers of the Legacy League, Andrew Downing and Ashley Stockwell, for hosting a charity football tournament at Trinity School in Newbury to raise funds for Newbury Cancer Care; notes that the tournament consisted of eight teams and 85 players; congratulates all those involved in the event, which raised over £7,000 for Newbury Cancer Care; acknowledges the vital work of Newbury Cancer Care in supporting people across West Berkshire, including the provision of specialist medical equipment and support for healthcare workers to attend training courses; further notes the significant challenges currently facing small healthcare charities; and calls on the Government to recognise the importance of small healthcare charities and the contribution they make to local communities.

1302 120 years of DC Thomson

Tabled: **20/05/25** Signatories: **6**

Stephen Gethins
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Graham Leadbitter
Wendy Chamberlain
Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House marks 120 years since the establishment of DC Thomson in Dundee, celebrating its profound impact on publishing, journalism, and popular culture; recognises its role in shaping the city's identity and entertaining generations through some of the most iconic comic characters in history, including The Beano, The Dandy, Oor Wullie, and The Broons; acknowledges its contribution to news and storytelling through The Courier, The Evening Telegraph, and legendary titles such as Jackie and Commando; commends its ability to evolve in the digital age while maintaining its rich heritage; and expresses gratitude for its

enduring creativity and innovation, ensuring Dundee remains at the heart of publishing for generations to come.

1303 **Women in Transport's 20th anniversary**

Tabled: **20/05/25** Signatories: **8**

Mrs Elsie Blundell
Jim Shannon
Ayoub Khan
Jeremy Corbyn
Daniel Francis
John McDonnell

Rachael Maskell

Andrew George

That this House congratulates Women in Transport on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; recognises and commends the organisation's outstanding work in championing gender diversity and inclusion across the transport sector; applauds its commitment to supporting, connecting and advancing women at all stages of their careers throughout the UK; and wishes the organisation continued success in its vital work to create a more equitable, inclusive and representative transport industry.

1304 **Imprisonment of Lucy Connolly**

Tabled: **20/05/25** Signatories: **9**

Rupert Lowe
Sir Gavin Williamson
Mary Glendon
Mr Peter Bedford
Andrew Rosindell
Lewis Cocking

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes with concern the continued imprisonment of Lucy Connolly, a young mother, for a non-violent offence; recognises that the UK's prison system is facing unprecedented overcrowding; further notes that the use of custodial sentences for non-violent offenders, particularly primary carers, undermines family stability, disproportionately affects children, and is often counterproductive in reducing reoffending; believes that prison should be reserved for those who pose a serious risk to the public; and calls on the Government to urgently review sentencing practices, expand the use of community-based alternatives, and ensure that limited prison space is prioritised for dangerous and violent offenders, not young mothers like Lucy Connolly.

1305 **Shrill carder bee**Tabled: **20/05/25** Signatories: **12**

Sarah Dyke
Jim Shannon
Adam Dance
Vikki Slade
Wera Hobhouse
Steve Darling

Rachael Maskell
Andrew George

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jess Brown-Fuller

That this House notes with concern the decline of the Shrill carder bee; is alarmed that the Shrill carder bee is now only found in several areas of the UK including the Somerset Levels; further notes the vital role bees and other pollinators play in our ecosystems and food security; celebrates World Bee Day 2025; highlights that 85-95% of the UK's insect-pollinated crops rely on wild pollinators; notes that insect species pollinate £690 million worth of crops annually; but is concerned about the habitat destruction insects and pollinators face; notes with concern that 97% of all flower-rich grassland has been lost in the past 50 years; is further concerned by the damage that the use of pesticides containing neonicotinoids has on areas of wildlife, including the mobility of bees; congratulates the hard work of organisations such as Buglife and their B-Line project that is creating a network of insect highways across the UK reconnecting fragmented wildflower-rich habitats; and calls on the Government to build on the success of the National Pollinator Strategy by creating a complementary National Invertebrate Strategy.

1309 **British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme (No. 2)**Tabled: **21/05/25** Signatories: **20**

David Chadwick
Jim Shannon
Adam Dance
Brian Leishman
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jess Brown-Fuller

That this House condemns the ongoing injustice faced by members of the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme (BCSSS) and urges the Government to act immediately to ensure that all former mineworkers are treated with fairness and dignity; notes that, while the Government has recently released funds from the Miners' Pension Scheme, it has failed to extend the same support to BCSSS members, many of whom face real difficulty despite having contributed to the scheme throughout their working lives; believes that levelling up coalfield communities must begin by honouring the generation whose hard work built and sustained them; supports the BCSSS Trustees in their call for the £2.3 billion investment reserve to be distributed fairly to

members; and calls on the Government to consult directly with the trustees and commit to full transparency in all decisions relating to the scheme.

1311 **Humanitarian aid into Gaza**

Tabled: **21/05/25** Signatories: **35**

Mr Adnan Hussain
Ayoub Khan
Adrian Ramsay
Jeremy Corbyn
Sorcha Eastwood
Dr Simon Opher

Rachael Maskell

That this House calls on the United Nations, alongside the Security Council, to take urgent action to facilitate humanitarian aid access to Gaza, in light of the statement by the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs that 14,000 babies will die in Gaza if aid supplies do not get in to Gaza immediately and in response to the urgency of the escalating humanitarian crisis; and, recognising the importance of international cooperation, urges all willing member states to contribute resources and support to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of essential aid to the civilian population of Gaza.

1316 **Horsham FC**

Tabled: **21/05/25** Signatories: **6**

John Milne
Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon
Steve Darling
Clive Jones
Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House congratulates Horsham Football Club on a historic 2024-25 season; commends the team for reaching the first-round proper of the FA Cup for the third time in four years, securing the Isthmian League title, and achieving promotion to the National League South for the first time in the club's history; praises their second consecutive Sussex Senior Cup victory, and celebrates their commitment to football development, including the introduction of a women's team; acknowledges the vital role of the club's volunteers in supporting youth teams and community initiatives; and wishes Horsham FC continued success in the National League South for the 2025-26 season.

1317 Impact of No Recourse to Public Funds on child povertyTabled: **21/05/25** Signatories: **18**

Nadia Whittome
Olivia Blake
Tony Vaughan
Ms Diane Abbott
Abtisam Mohamed
Dr Simon Opher

Rachael Maskell

That this House recognises the urgent need for child poverty measures to include all children living in the UK, regardless of immigration status; notes with concern that an estimated 1.5 million children in families with migrant parents live in poverty, accounting for more than a third of the total number of children living in relative poverty according to new analysis by the Institute of Public Policy Research; further notes that twice the proportion of children in families with foreign-born parents are living in poverty compared to other children, 46% compared to 25%; also notes that an estimated 507,064 children had No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPf) as a condition of their visa at the end of 2023; notes that NRPf restrictions prevent families from accessing essential benefits including Child Benefit, leaving many in severe financial distress; highlights that the long-term impact of poverty on children's health, education, and wellbeing is well-documented; further notes that continuing to exclude children in migrant households from child poverty measures weakens the effectiveness of wider poverty reduction efforts; and calls on the Government to ensure that all legislative and policy initiatives aimed at tackling child poverty fully consider and address the needs of children affected by NRPf.

1318 Progress in UK-EU relationsTabled: **21/05/25** Signatories: **31**

James MacCleary
Helen Maguire
Wera Hobhouse
Adam Dance
Olly Glover
Victoria Collins

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jess Brown-Fuller

Liz Jarvis

That this House welcomes the steps taken at the recent reset Summit to improve UK-EU relations and move beyond the instability and confusion of recent years; recognises the potential for cooperation in areas such as science, defence and food trade to bring tangible benefits to people and businesses across the UK; regrets, however, that no formal commitment was made to establish a capped Youth Mobility Scheme, despite an agreement in principle and repeated calls from business and civil society; further regrets the Government's continued reticence to work towards a new, bespoke UK-EU customs union or agreement on deep alignment, which independent analysis suggests would deliver billions in economic growth and reduce

red tape for exporters; notes with disappointment that there remains no progress on easing post-Brexit barriers for UK touring artists and performers, whose livelihoods continue to suffer from unnecessary bureaucracy and restrictions; and urges the Government to deliver progress against each of these areas, recognising the economic value to be gained by doing so and the importance of delivering more opportunities for our young people and performing artists.

1320 10th anniversary of the Bay Cycle Way

Tabled: **22/05/25** Signatories: **2**

Cat Smith

Michelle Scrogg

That this House congratulates the Morecambe Bay Partnership on the 10th anniversary of the Bay Cycle Way; commends the Partnership and Sustrans for their vision in creating the 81-mile route from Walney Island in Barrow-in-Furness to Glasson Dock in Lancaster; recognises the incredible success of the route in attracting over three million walkers and cyclists in the past year alone; welcomes the positive impact the path has had on local wellbeing, physical activity and tourism; supports the Partnership's efforts to raise £5,000 through a series of birthday fundraising challenges; and celebrates the Bay Cycle Way as a shining example of how connecting people with nature and heritage can enrich lives and communities across the North West.

1321 UK-EU defence cooperation

Tabled: **22/05/25** Signatories: **23**

Helen Maguire

Manuela Perteghella

Clive Jones

Wendy Chamberlain

Wera Hobhouse

Ian Roome

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jess Brown-Fuller

Dr Roz Savage

Liz Jarvis

Claire Young

Mr Joshua Reynolds

That this House welcomes the establishment of the UK-EU Security and Defence Partnership as an important step toward rebuilding structured cooperation on defence issues; recognises the shared interest of both the UK and the EU in strengthening collective European security, particularly in light of Russian aggression in Ukraine and uncertainty around US President Trump's commitment to European defence; notes the potential for closer collaboration on military mobility, joint procurement and industrial capacity; further welcomes the Government's assertion that the agreement paves the way for UK defence firms to access the EU's proposed €150 billion SAFE fund; regrets the absence of concrete mechanisms or timelines for accessing this fund or for formal cooperation on defence industrial policy; expresses disappointment that the agreement only commits to exploring the possibility of an Administrative Arrangement with

the European Defence Agency, rather than announcing one; believes that full UK participation in the EDA would strengthen both parties' ability to respond to shared security challenges; urges the Government to ensure that the forthcoming Strategic Defence Review recognises the vital role of UK-EU defence cooperation in our future collective security; and further urges the Government to move towards agreeing tangible, formal security and defence arrangements following the Reset Summit.

1322 **Recognising Action for Brain Injury Week 2025**

Tabled: **22/05/25** Signatories: 5

Ian Byrne
John McDonnell
Rachael Maskell
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House marks Action for Brain Injury Week 19 to 25 May 2025; commends this year's 'On a Good Day' campaign to show the fluctuating and unpredictable nature of brain injury, highlighting the gap between capabilities on a good day versus on a bad day; recognises Headway's, the brain injury association, survey of survivors and carers which found that fatigue, memory, anxiety and concentration are reported to be the most commonly fluctuating effects of brain injury; observes that factors that contribute to a good day include improved effects of brain injury, having a healthy lifestyle, routine and having control, the occurrence of positive events and socialising, and conversely factors that contribute to a bad day include struggling with the effects of brain injury, particularly fatigue, social pressures, changes in routine and lifestyle factors; notes the survey findings that 80% of survivors and 84% of carers feel low in mood on a survivor's bad day while 80% of survivors and 91% of carers feel good on a survivor's good day, demonstrating the fluctuating nature of brain injury; further recognises the impact fluctuating effects have on survivors including strains on relationships, challenges in work or education and withdrawal from social situations; calls for more understanding, empathy and compassion towards brain injury survivors across society; and welcomes the work of Headway charities and volunteer-led branches across the country with services including brain injury rehabilitation programmes, carer support, social re-integration, community outreach and respite care.

1323 **King's Badge**

Tabled: **22/05/25** Signatories: 3

Brian Leishman
Grahame Morris
Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House congratulates Liam Differ on being awarded the Kings Badge for his remarkable contributions to the 1st Grangemouth Boys Brigade; notes that the King's Badge is the highest award that can be earned by a member of the Boys Brigade; further notes that the award

is presented to those with skills in leadership, communication, outdoor skills, community engagement and more; acknowledges that this is not the first time that the Kings Badge has been awarded to Grangemouth Boys Brigade, but the first since 1952; and congratulates all the participants on a remarkable year of awards and achievements.

1324 Real Living Wage Campaign

Tabled: **22/05/25** Signatories: **7**

Ian Byrne
John McDonnell
Grahame Morris
Kim Johnson
Rachael Maskell
Neil Duncan-Jordan

Olivia Blake

That this House supports the Living Wage campaign; notes that 4.5 million UK workers are currently paid below the real Living Wage; recognises that retail workers, cleaning staff and security are some of the lowest paid, which not only exacerbates income and wealth inequality in society but has a real impact on our economic growth; further recognises that some of the UK's biggest retailers such as Next, M&S and JD Sports, fail to provide all their workers with a real Living Wage; acknowledges that the aforementioned corporations may have policies in place but also outsource some services to other businesses which pay below the Living Wage; and also recognises that while the Employment Rights Bill brings forward essential employee protections, this must be supported by robust reporting and transparent disclosure mechanisms across all industries so that investors have a full and accurate picture to invest responsibly and confidently.

1327 Nature-Friendly Farming Week

Tabled: **22/05/25** Signatories: **15**

Sarah Dyke
Manuela Perteghella
Clive Jones
Ellie Chowns
Helen Maguire
Wera Hobhouse

Rachael Maskell
Claire Young

Mr Angus MacDonald
Jess Brown-Fuller

Dr Roz Savage
Mr Joshua Reynolds

That this House celebrates Nature-Friendly Farming Week; acknowledges the important role farmers across the UK play in growing food, restoring habitats, protecting wildlife, and strengthening rural communities; congratulates the nature-friendly farming network on their work to expand and support nature-friendly farming in the UK; notes with concern that the

abrupt closure of the Sustainable Farming Incentive scheme has meant that for the first time in 30 years there is no Government support for farmers wishing to move into organic farming; further notes with concern the impact that the family farm tax will have on nature-friendly farming as family businesses are broken up and sold; and calls on the Government to urgently reverse the family farm tax and invest an additional £1bn a year in the farming budget to protect the sustainable production of food.