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New EDMs

1402 **100th anniversary of the Junior Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland**

Tabled: **5/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Carla Lockhart

That this House congratulates the Junior Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland on its 100th anniversary, marking a century since its formation in 1925; recognises the valuable role the organisation has played in fostering a sense of community, faith, and civic responsibility among young people; commends the Junior Lodge for promoting the principles of Orangeism through education, fellowship, and service over the past hundred years; notes the significance of the Centenary Parade to be held in Lisburn, County Antrim on Saturday 31 May 2025, which will bring together Junior Lodges from across the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland; welcomes the planned celebrations, including the participation of the Junior Orange Women's Association and the showcasing of cultural and historical traditions; and wishes all participants a safe, successful and memorable day of celebration.

1403 **246th running of the Epsom Derby**

Tabled: **5/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Helen Maguire

That this House celebrates the 246th running of the Epsom Derby, taking place on 6 and 7 June 2025; notes that the first Derby was held on 4 May 1780 and that it has since become a cornerstone of British horse racing and a significant cultural tradition; recognises the enduring

legacy of the Derby not only as a sporting institution but also as a major economic contributor, providing seasonal boosts to the local economy of Epsom and surrounding towns through increased revenue for local businesses and a rise in tourism and hospitality; acknowledges the Derby's unique place in social history, particularly the actions of suffragette Emily Wilding Davison, who lost her life protesting for women's rights at the 1913 race, marking a pivotal moment in the struggle for gender equality; and commends all those involved in preserving and promoting this historic event for future generations.

1404 **200th Oriam Parkrun**

Tabled: **5/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Dr Scott Arthur [R]

That this House warmly congratulates the organisers, volunteers, and participants of the Oriam Parkrun on reaching its 200th event; recognises that this significant milestone reflects a strong collaborative partnership between Oriam, Scotland's Sports Performance Centre, Heriot-Watt University, the local community, and Parkrun; acknowledges the vital role Oriam Parkrun plays in promoting physical and mental wellbeing through its free, inclusive, and community-led weekly 5k events, staying true to the ethos: Free, Forever, For Everyone;

notes with appreciation that over 32,000 course completions have been amassed by more than 9,000 runners and walkers, made possible by the dedication of nearly 700 volunteers;

commends the Oriam Parkrun team for creating a welcoming and supportive environment for participants and volunteers of all ages and abilities; thanks the Heriot-Watt University Estates team for their continued efforts in maintaining the course; extends gratitude to the Oriam coffee cart and the Student Union for providing post-event refreshments; celebrates the positive and far-reaching impact the event has had on the local community in Edinburgh and beyond; and wishes Oriam Parkrun continued success and growth in the years to come.

1405 **Surrey Search and Rescue**

Tabled: **5/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Zöe Franklin

That this House recognises Surrey Search and Rescue for their invaluable voluntary work in assisting the emergency services to find missing vulnerable adults and children; acknowledges their 24/7 commitment to supporting those in need; commends their team of over 80 people and search dogs for their tireless efforts to keep people safe, especially those with dementia and those at risk of suicide; further recognises their unsung role in bridging the gap between emergency services and vulnerable people; highlights the unseen but essential work of search and rescue organisations nationwide; and calls on the Government to further enable these organisations to continue their vital efforts.

1406 Proposed sale of Spirit AeroSystems and jobs in Northern IrelandTabled: **5/06/25** Signatories: **1****Alex Easton**

That this House notes with deep concern the proposed sale of Spirit AeroSystems, a key employer in Northern Ireland and an integral part of the UK aerospace supply chain; recognises the strategic importance of Spirit's operations to major industry partners including Boeing, Airbus, and Bombardier; acknowledges the vital contribution of the workforce, represented by GMB and Unite the Union, in maintaining high-skilled manufacturing in the region; is alarmed by the potential loss of over 3,700 jobs and the wider economic impact across Northern Ireland; believes that the company should be kept together as a single, unified entity in order to maintain its operational integrity and safeguard the future of the UK aerospace sector; further notes the precedent of Government intervention in cases such as British Steel to protect strategically important industries; and calls on the Government to urgently convene a meeting with all relevant stakeholders and to explore all available options to ensure the continued viability of Spirit AeroSystems in the UK and the protection of all associated jobs.

1407 World Elder Abuse Awareness DayTabled: **5/06/25** Signatories: **1****Rachael Maskell**

That this House notes that 15 June 2025 marks World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), an international occasion to highlight the abuse, neglect and exploitation experienced by older people; recognises the vital work of Hourglass, the only UK-wide charity dedicated to ending the abuse of older people, in supporting victim-survivors and raising awareness across communities; supports calls for more open, inclusive, and sustained dialogue about the abuse of older people to challenge stigma, support victim-survivors, and prevent future harm; further notes with concern that every year over 2.5 million people are affected by abuse, yet underreporting and public silence remain persistent barriers to action; calls on the Government to consult on a dedicated strategy to end violence and abuse against older people; and further calls on hon. Members to support WEEAD, amplify its message, and work towards a Safer Ageing Society where every older person is respected, heard, and protected.

1408 Holm coffee shopTabled: **5/06/25** Signatories: **1****Cat Smith**

That this House congratulates Holm coffee shop in Lancaster on serving its Nordic style coffee in the city centre for five years; notes that opening up just weeks before the first lockdown was not a easy start for a small local business; further notes that despite a challenging start the favourite of coffee and cake lovers in Lancaster city centre mean it has grown from strength

to strength, recently expanding premises and collaborating with other small businesses in Lancaster; and wishes Josh Cannings and his team all the very best for the future.

1409 **Chinese Embassy**

Tabled: **5/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Calum Miller

That this House expresses deep concern about the proposed construction of a Chinese mega-Embassy in London; notes with alarm the potential national security risks which would result from the proposed Embassy, including an increased capacity for surveillance by the Chinese Communist Party; acknowledges the grave concerns raised by pro-democracy Chinese and Hong Kong activists about the proposals for a mega-Embassy; calls on the Government to ensure that there is the right to peacefully and safely protest outside the proposed site of the Embassy; further calls on the Government to include all Chinese officials, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region officials and Chinese Communist Party-linked organisations on the enhanced tier of the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme; also calls on the Government to urgently publish its promised UK-China Audit, outlining the threats posed to the UK's values and interests by the Chinese Communist Party; and calls on the Government formally to block the construction of the new mega-Embassy.

1410 **Lionesses and Welsh women's national team at the UEFA Women's European Championship in Switzerland**

Tabled: **5/06/25** Signatories: **1**

Chris Bloore

That this House offers its full support to both the England and Wales women's national football teams as they prepare to compete in the UEFA Women's European Championship, beginning on 2 July 2025 in Switzerland; acknowledges the England team, led by manager Sarina Wiegman, as the defending champions; celebrates the historic achievement of the Wales women's team, under the leadership of manager Rhian Wilkinson, in qualifying for their first ever UEFA Women's European Championship; recognises the continued growth and success of women's football in the UK and the inspiration it brings to fans of all ages; and wishes both squads the very best of luck for a successful and competitive tournament.

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.

1308 Former secretary of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Kurdistan Region of IraqTabled: **21/05/25** Signatories: **6**

Mary Glindon
Jim Shannon
Mrs Sharon Hodgson
John Slinger
Dawn Butler
Sir Julian Lewis

That this House notes that Gary Kent, a parliamentary staff member since 1987, was secretary of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Kurdistan Region of Iraq for nearly two decades until last year; welcomes the recent decision of the Kurdistan Regional Government to commend his notable service and dedication and commitment and persistent efforts that have significantly developed ties of friendship and co-operation while not preventing him from, in the words of the Kurdistan Regional Government, seeing us as we are, warts and all, and, like a true friend, suggesting to us how we can improve the situation for the betterment of our society and economy; and adds its thanks to Gary Kent for his work in advocating for stronger co-operation with a nation and government that are proud of their partnership with the UK.

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

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

Jeremy Corbyn

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.

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

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

Ian Byrne

John McDonnell

Rachael Maskell

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Mr Gregory Campbell

Jim Shannon

Jeremy Corbyn

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.

1324 Real Living Wage CampaignTabled: **22/05/25** Signatories: **10**

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

Jeremy Corbyn

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.

1330 Reinstatement of the Winter Fuel PaymentTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **14**

Luke Taylor
Claire Young
Jim Shannon
Helen Maguire
Mr Angus MacDonald
Christine Jardine

Mr Lee Dillon

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.

1332 25th anniversary of Sermon AudioTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **3**

Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Shannon
Adam Jogee

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.

1345 Reform of NHS dentistry servicesTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **32**

Sarah Gibson
Claire Young
Adam Dance
Brian Mathew
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon

Victoria Collins
Anna Sabine
Tom Morrison

Richard Foord
Edward Morello
Rachel Gilmour

Olly Glover
Luke Taylor

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: **17**

Liz Jarvis
Adam Dance
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse
Mr Angus MacDonald
Christine Jardine

Adam Jogee

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 FranceTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **16**

Sir Gavin Williamson
Rupert Lowe
Jack Rankin
Martin Vickers
John Lamont
Jim Shannon

Andrew Rosindell

Sir Julian Lewis

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.

1350 Radiologists and clinical oncologistsTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **6**

Peter Prinsley
Jim Shannon
Andrew George
Luke Akehurst
Clive Jones [R]
Helen Morgan

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.

1354 40th anniversary of Surrey Research ParkTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **9**

Zöe Franklin
Jim Shannon
Mr Angus MacDonald
Clive Jones
Helen Maguire
Dr Al Pinkerton

Chris Coghlan

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.

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

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **9**

Alex Brewer
Adam Dance
Jim Shannon
Mr Angus MacDonald
Clive Jones
Helen Maguire

Mr Lee Dillon

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.

1364 **Reform of monetary limits on charity lotteries**

Tabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **17**

Wendy Chamberlain
Jim Shannon
Mr Angus MacDonald
Tom Gordon
Ben Maguire
Olly Glover

Mr Lee Dillon

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 HenleyTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **6****Freddie van Mierlo****Jim Shannon****Mr Angus MacDonald****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke****Mr Lee Dillon**

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.

1367 Police officersTabled: **2/06/25** Signatories: **19****Tim Farron****Claire Young****Adam Dance****Jim Shannon****Helen Maguire****Manuela Perteghella****Olly Glover**

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.

1374 75th anniversary of Comber Rec FC

Tabled: **3/06/25** Signatories: **2**

Jim Shannon

Adam Jogee

That this House notes the 75th Anniversary of Comber Rec FC, celebrated on the 2 June 2025; highlights that the club started in 1950, where Comber Rec played in the Churches League up until 1955 and then played in the Northern Amateur Football League, a league in which they still take part to this day; underlines Comber Rec's success in the Northern Ireland Steel Cup in 1991-92, winning 4-1 against Brantwood; further notes the diversity of Comber Rec in having teams ranging from toddlers up to men and women of all ages, including two ladies sections; further highlights the dedication of all players, supporters and team management whose efforts enable the club to thrive; and wishes Comber Rec all the very best for the future.

1375 Prayer for Pentecost

Tabled: **3/06/25** Signatories: **4**

Jim Shannon

Ruth Jones

Tim Farron

Andrew Rosindell

That this House warmly welcomes news that Christians from across the British Isles will be taking part in 72 hours of unbroken prayer this weekend to celebrate Pentecost, the birth of the Church and to pray for our local communities; highlights that, since 2006, the National Day of Prayer and Worship have been gathering Christians to join the movement for unity, prayer and transformation across the UK, from grassroots villages to larger towns; underpinning the importance of prayer for every Christian; further notes that people are encouraged to join the 72 hours of prayer, which starts at midnight on Thursday 5 June and ends on Pentecost Sunday evening on 8 June; offers good wishes all those celebrating Pentecost this weekend; and thanks the Church for the continued contribution it makes to the spiritual life and wellbeing of so many within the UK.

1380 World Cider Day 2025Tabled: **3/06/25** Signatories: **10**

Sarah Dyke
Adam Dance
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Mr Will Forster
Liz Jarvis

Claire Young

Martin Wrigley

Andrew Rosindell

That this House celebrates World Cider Day on 3 June, founded in 2013 to promote the heritage, craftsmanship and cultural significance of cider making around the globe; recognises that cider holds a unique place in British life, with the UK cider industry valued at over £3.4 billion annually, supporting thousands of jobs in the agricultural, production and hospitality sectors; highlights the importance of Somerset as the historic and spiritual home of British cider, where generations of producers have cultivated orchards, preserved traditional methods and built an industry that is central to the county's identity and rural economy; further recognises that Somerset's cider makers continue to lead the way in preserving this tradition while embracing innovation and sustainability; acknowledges the industry's commitment to environmental responsibility but expresses concern that the current design of the Extended Producer Responsibility scheme risks placing unsustainable burdens on small and medium-sized cider makers, many of whom are rooted in Somerset's rural communities; and calls on the Government to work in partnership with the sector to ensure that environmental goals are achieved in a way that supports producers, protects local economies and secures the future of the British cider industry.

1381 Volunteers Week 2025Tabled: **3/06/25** Signatories: **17**

Dr Roz Savage
Jess Brown-Fuller
Ian Roome
Adam Dance
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon

Rachel Gilmour
 Cameron Thomas

Victoria Collins
 Claire Young

Richard Foord
 Martin Wrigley

That this House supports Volunteers Week 2025; celebrates the extraordinary work that volunteers, charities, and grassroots organisations do to support their local communities; notes the work of volunteer-supported organisations across the South Cotswolds, including Cirencester Stroke Club, Tetbury Men's Shed, The Big Yellow Bus Project, Food for Thought, The Churn Project, Cirencester Hospital and Relay for Life, among countless others; thanks the volunteers who give up their time to support the health, wellbeing, and livelihoods of their

fellow residents; and encourages the Government to do everything it can to ensure this vital work can continue.

1382 **50 years of Stepps Community Fire Station**

Tabled: **3/06/25** Signatories: **3**

Katrina Murray
Jim Shannon
Adam Jogee

This House recognises 50 years of life saving service of Stepps Community Fire Station; congratulates Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for this and for their ongoing commitment to community fire stations; notes that this purpose-built station is a local landmark with the fire tower easily recognised; further notes that the purpose of the tower is for the training of fire fighters; observes that this facility is located in North Lanarkshire in Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch constituency and provides support in north east Glasgow, Muirhead, Chryston, Cardowan, Mount Ellen and Gartcosh as well as to major incidents across west central Scotland; highlights that this is the second incarnation of a community fire station in a community that has a long standing tradition of voluntary and retained fire fighters; further observes that these fire fighters either live or work in the local communities they serve; and also highlights that fire fighters attend a wide range of emergency incidents as well as carrying out community safety visits to the local community.

1385 **Gaza (No. 2)**

Tabled: **3/06/25** Signatories: **72**

Ed Davey
Calum Miller
Josh Babarinde
Zöe Franklin
Charlotte Cane
Steve Darling

Chris Coghlan

That this House expresses its condemnation of the Israeli government's expansion of military activity in Gaza and declaration of 22 new settlements in the West Bank; denounces Prime Minister Netanyahu's unwillingness to comprehensively lift the devastating aid blockade; rejects as dangerous, insufficient and unworkable the operation of the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation; calls on the Government to develop an alternative plan with other countries to take aid into the Strip through a humanitarian corridor, ideally sponsored by the UN; believes that Hamas should immediately and unconditionally release the remaining 58 hostages; notes that military action will not support getting the remaining hostages back to Israel, and that only diplomacy has been the consistently effective tool through which those in Hamas' captivity have made it home; urges the Government to immediately sanction Ministers Ben-Gvir, Smotrich and Katz,

who consistently call for the dispossession of Palestinians, and to immediately ban all UK arms exports to Israel; urges the Government to immediately suspend the 2030 roadmap for UK-Israel bilateral relations, until the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza is alleviated; calls on the Government, in lieu of imminent action by the Israeli government to allow full aid access to Gaza and draw back its military campaign, to expand sanctions to Israeli Ministers and Members of the Knesset who support continuing the blockade and military action; and urges the Government to recognise the state of Palestine, showing beyond doubt the UK's commitment to Palestinians' right to self-determination and a two-state solution as the only just, political settlement.

1388 Devon Day 2025Tabled: **3/06/25** Signatories: **12**

Steve Darling
Ian Roome
Richard Foord
Rachel Gilmour
Martin Wrigley
Jim Shannon

Wendy Chamberlain

Helen Maguire

Clive Jones

That this House recognises and celebrates Devon Day on 4 June 2025, a day to honour the rich history, culture and natural beauty of the county of Devon; notes the significance of this date as the feast day of St Petroc, one of the patron saints of Devon; acknowledges the contributions of Devon's communities to the United Kingdom through tourism, agriculture, the arts and innovation; commends the efforts of local authorities, community groups and schools in promoting Devon's heritage and identity; encourages people across the country to learn more about Devon's unique landscapes, from Dartmoor to the Jurassic Coast, and to support its local businesses; and calls on the Government to continue supporting regional celebrations that strengthen local pride and cohesion.

1390 90th anniversary of Cheltenham LidoTabled: **4/06/25** Signatories: **4**

Max Wilkinson
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones

That this House celebrates Cheltenham Lido's 90th birthday; acknowledges the important role that the lido plays in Cheltenham's community; notes the historical importance of the lido as a Grade II listed building; further notes the success of Cheltenham Lido's sustainability project, which is reducing carbon emissions while providing financial sustainability for the pool; and

calls on the Government to work with local authorities and communities like Cheltenham to secure the long-term financial and environmental sustainability of outdoor swimming pools.

1391 Dental provision in the North West

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

Lisa Smart
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones

That this House expresses deep concern over the shortage of NHS dental services in the North West of England; is alarmed that parents are frequently advised to seek private dental care for their children simply to access routine check-ups; notes with particular concern that more than 100,000 children aged six to ten have been admitted to hospital with decaying teeth since 2018; believes this situation is depriving children of essential early dental care; supports the introduction of supervised toothbrushing schemes in nurseries and schools; further believes that VAT should be removed from children's toothbrushes and toothpaste to make oral hygiene more affordable for families; and urges the new Government to collaborate with primary care bodies to end the emergence of dental deserts, particularly in the North West, by reforming the broken NHS dental contract, incentivising dentists to return from the private sector, and using flexible commissioning to ensure patients can access NHS dental services when needed.

1392 Madleen Freedom Flotilla Ship

Tabled: **4/06/25** Signatories: **14**

Rachael Maskell
Brendan O'Hara
Iqbal Mohamed
Ms Diane Abbott
Shokat Adam
Claire Hanna

Kim Johnson
Cat Smith
Siân Berry

Jeremy Corbyn
Ian Byrne
Dr Simon Opher

Neil Duncan-Jordan
Graham Leadbitter

That this House stands in solidarity with the crew of 12, including climate activist Greta Thunberg, of the Madleen Freedom Flotilla Ship bound for the Gaza Strip, attempting to break Israel's siege of Gaza to deliver vital aid including essential medical supplies, food and children's aid; supports the statement by UN experts that the people of Gaza have the right to receive aid through their own territorial waters even under occupation, and that the Coalition ship has the right to free passage in international waters to reach the people of Gaza; agrees that Israel must not interfere with its freedom of navigation, long recognised under international law and must adhere to international law and comply with orders from the

International Court of Justice to ensure unimpeded access for humanitarian aid; notes that malnutrition cases in the region have skyrocketed, UNICEF have stated that currently 14,000 children are suffering from acute malnutrition, elderly Palestinians as well as children are dying of starvation due to prolonged food shortages and a lack of access to medical aid, further notes that the entire 2.1 million population of Gaza is at risk of famine if the blockade is not lifted urgently; and notes that member states including the UK have a legal obligation and moral imperative to stop the starvation in Gaza.

1393 National Carers Week 2025 and the Women in the North report

Tabled: **4/06/25** Signatories: **7**

Mary Kelly Foy
Emma Lewell
John McDonnell
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon
Grahame Morris

Adam Jogee

That this House notes that 9 to 15 June 2025 marks Carers Week; recognises the vital contribution made by unpaid carers across the UK; acknowledges the theme for this year's Carers Week, Caring About Equality, which highlights the inequalities many carers face; further notes the findings of the Women in the North report by Health Equity North, which found that women in the North of England are more likely to be unpaid carers, live in poverty, and have fewer qualifications than women elsewhere in the country; expresses concern at the disproportionate impact this has on health, wellbeing, and life opportunities; and calls on the Government to take urgent steps to address regional inequalities and to provide greater recognition, resources, and support for unpaid carers, particularly women in the North.

1394 Non-stun slaughter ban

Tabled: **4/06/25** Signatories: **3**

Rupert Lowe
Bradley Thomas
Andrew Rosindell

That this House expresses concern over the continued allowance of non-stun animal slaughter in the United Kingdom, particularly in relation to its widespread use in halal meat production; recognises the substantial body of veterinary evidence indicating that pre-stunning significantly reduces animal suffering at the point of slaughter; notes polling which consistently shows strong public support for mandatory stunning of animals before slaughter; regrets that current religious exemptions permit practices that fall below the UK's stated animal welfare standards; and therefore calls on the Government to urgently review the legislative framework around non-stun slaughter, consider restricting or banning the practice, and introduce mandatory,

clear labelling of meat products by method of slaughter so that consumers can make informed choices.

1395 Christian persecution in Kebbi State, Nigeria

Tabled: **4/06/25** Signatories: **10**

Sir Desmond Swayne

Sir John Hayes

Martin Vickers

Jim Shannon

Carla Lockhart

Sir Edward Leigh

Tom Morrison

Andrew Rosindell

That this House notes with extreme concern reports of recent widespread jihadist-driven attacks in Nigeria, including the coordinated targeting of at least six predominantly Christian villages in the Danko Wasagu local government area of Kebbi State between 8 and 15 May 2025: further notes that the communities of Waje, Tsalon Damisa, Dajin Maikyasuwa, Dajin Kanya, Gaya, and Rimau were attacked, resulting in the deaths of more than 60 individuals; and calls on His Majesty's Government and Nigerian authorities to take more effective action to protect vulnerable communities and to bring to justice those responsible.

1396 Scottish Opera wins Classical:NEXT Innovation Award

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

Martin Rhodes

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Scottish Opera on being awarded the prestigious worldwide Classical: NEXT Innovation Award for its pioneering health and arts initiative, Breath Cycle; notes that the project, the first of its kind, which began in 2013, now supports people living with a range of respiratory conditions, including long covid; further notes that Breath Cycle has engaged nearly 2,500 participants across Scotland, the wider UK and Europe; recognises the reported benefits to participants' mental and physical health, energy levels and confidence; and celebrates the recognition of Breath Cycle as a ground-breaking project that is shaping the future of classical music through bold, thoughtful and effective innovation in practice.

1397 Funding for Ely and Haughley Rail junction upgradesTabled: **4/06/25** Signatories: **4****Charlotte Cane****Jim Shannon****Adam Dance****Clive Jones**

That this House recognises the critical role of the Ely and Haughley rail junctions in supporting national economic growth, regional development, and the transition to greener transport; notes that these long-overdue infrastructure upgrades have been in planning for decades and are now essential to unlocking capacity for both freight and passenger services across the East of England and beyond; further notes that the Ely Area capacity enhancements and Haughley junction upgrade would enable 2,900 additional freight services annually from the Port of Felixstowe, reduce road congestion by removing 98,000 HGV journeys, stimulating 277,000 extra rail passenger journeys per year, it would also reduce carbon emissions by 1.7m tonnes of CO₂ over 60 years and it will reduce congestion by 5.6 million hours per year; highlights that the schemes would generate a return of £4.89 for every £1 invested, with an additional £60 million in wider economic benefits already identified; acknowledges the alignment of these projects with private sector investment; and therefore urges the Government to allocate funding to enable Network Rail to proceed with detailed planning and delivery of these essential infrastructure improvements, thereby supporting regional growth, decarbonisation, and national connectivity.

1398 Mauritius TreatyTabled: **4/06/25** Signatories: **86****Mrs Kemi Badenoch****Nigel Farage****Jim Allister****Priti Patel****Richard Tice****James Cartlidge**

Rupert Lowe

Alex Easton

Laura Trott

Chris Philp

Mr Peter Bedford

Aphra Brandreth

James McMurdock

Stuart Andrew

Robin Swann

Gavin Robinson

Sarah Pochin

Jim Shannon

Kevin Hollinrake

Alex Burghart

That the Agreement, done at London and Port Louis on 22 May 2025, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius concerning the Chagos Archipelago including Diego Garcia, should not be ratified.

1399 PA Media Ltd parliamentary newswire coverageTabled: **4/06/25** Signatories: **2****Rebecca Long Bailey****Kim Johnson**

That this House notes with concern the proposals by PA Media Ltd, trading name of the Press Association, to cut posts and merge the previously separate teams responsible for monitoring the House of Commons and House of Lords for the purposes of providing a newswire service to journalists, and reduce the number of dedicated political journalists covering Holyrood; further notes that the separation of these remits has allowed staff to ensure that updates on the organisation's Newswire service are accurate, trusted and hugely valued by outlets who need not rely on Hansard uploads, which are not available immediately after debates; fears the merger of this work will lead to less detailed coverage of events in both Houses and little to no coverage of activity in one House if journalists are directed to focus resources differently; notes that the proposals have been strongly condemned by the National Union of Journalists as a threat to public interest journalism on democratic activity by elected officials, with the public's ability to scrutinise parliamentarians negatively impacted if reporting on parliamentary activity is curtailed; and calls on PA Media Ltd to pause the implementation of these proposals and cuts to others in the Content team pending further meaningful discussions with the union and parliamentarians from across the two Houses and thorough consideration of alternative proposals.

1400 Mauritius Treaty (No. 2)Tabled: **4/06/25** Signatories: **6****Jim Allister****Sarah Pochin****Alex Easton****Jim Shannon****Robin Swann****Gavin Robinson**

That this House believes the Mauritius Treaty should not pass because completing the decolonisation of Mauritius cannot be achieved without reference to the people of the Chagos islands (See: UN 742 VII, 1953) who have not been afforded a voice in the treaty negotiations; observes that the Mauritian government cannot speak on their behalf because most Chagossians do not live in Mauritius where there is, in any event, evidence to suggest that they have experienced discrimination; acknowledges that the inclusion of the Chagos islands in the same colony as Mauritius was arbitrary given that their peoples relate to different ethnicities and religions separated by 1,339 miles, such that had the colony been decolonised as a whole and then allowed to express self-determination, the formation of two separate countries would have been unsurprising; strongly believes that as the Chagossian people all live in UN Member states, exploiting their absence from their islands to validate the transfer of those islands to Mauritius without consulting them, simply compounds the injustice of their forcible removal, replacing one form of colonialism with another; also strongly objects to the extortionate costs

of the treaty, and its deeply troubling geo-strategic implications given the close relationship between China and Mauritius, the first African country to enter into a free trade agreement with China, and its entering into an agreement with Russia the same week the treaty was announced to boost cooperation in fishing and marine research.

1401 Scottish Rugby and the British and Irish Lions

Tabled: **4/06/25** Signatories: **6**

Christine Jardine [R]

Wendy Chamberlain

Susan Murray

Helen Maguire

Jim Shannon

Adam Jogee

That this House congratulates Pierre Schoeman and Duhan van der Merwe of Edinburgh Rugby on their selection for the British and Irish Lions squad ahead of their tour to Australia; also congratulates Scott Cummings, Zander Fagerson, Huw Jones, Blair Kinghorn, Finn Russell and Sione Tuipulotu from the Scottish Men's national team on their selection; commends the six players making their debut for the Lions on this tour; further commends the coaching staff, medical staff and physiotherapists, and the teams at Scottish Rugby and Edinburgh Rugby on their commitment, skill and dedication to the sport that has led to eight Scots in the squad; notes their first match will be a friendly against Argentina in Dublin on 20 June; and wishes them and the whole squad the best of luck ahead of their tour.