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New EDMs

1576 MG ALBA and global recognition for Gaelic broadcasting

Tabled: 1/07/25 Signatories: 1

Mr Angus MacDonald

Gu bheil an Taigh seo a' cur meal-a-naidheachd air MG ALBA airson na h-Aithisg Bhliadhnail aca airson 2024-25 (That this House congratulates MG ALBA on the publication of its 2024-25 Annual Report, which marks a record-breaking and transformative year for Gaelic broadcasting); welcomes the achievement of the highest-ever digital audience figures, with the SpeakGaelic platform surpassing 10 million views; celebrates the continued success of the FilmG competition, with over 100 youth entries for the second consecutive year; notes the international recognition for Gaelic drama and film, including An t-Eilean, Clò Beag Chirsty Bella and Mathan Leis an Ainm Wojtek; further notes that MG ALBA supported over 340 jobs, more than half of them in the Highlands and Islands; recognises the importance of MG ALBA's work in supporting Gaelic language, culture and economic development; and supports MG ALBA's call for a fair, sustainable and long-term funding settlement to ensure the continued growth of Gaelic media across the UK and internationally.

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Palestine Action and the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2025

Tabled: 1/07/25 Signatories: 1

Iqbal Mohamed

That this House condemns the Government's proposed Statutory Instrument to proscribe Palestine Action as a terrorist organisation; believes this constitutes a dangerous escalation in the crackdown on civil liberties; recognises the fundamental distinction between non-violent direct action and terrorism; affirms the right to protest as a core tenet of any democratic society; notes that criminal offences such as property damage should be dealt with under existing criminal law, not by redefining protest as terrorism; recalls the proud British history of disruptive protest by the Quakers, Suffragettes and others, whose actions were instrumental in winning rights, not committing terrorism; asserts that the attempt to brand Palestine Action as terrorists is an authoritarian move to silence dissent and shield the UK's complicity in Israel's military actions; highlights growing concern from UN human rights experts over the misuse of anti-terror powers against peaceful activists; further condemns reports of activists being detained without informing their families; warns this is part of a broader pattern of disproportionate repression against campaigners such as Just Stop Oil and Youth Demand; further asserts that criminalising support for a protest group is a chilling threat to freedom of expression; and opposes this Statutory Instrument in defence of civil liberties, human rights and the ongoing struggle for peace and justice for the Palestinian people.

1578

NI Equality Commission and Supreme Court ruling

Tabled: 1/07/25 Signatories: 1

Jim Allister

That this House expresses dismay at the attempts by the Equality Commission in Northern Ireland to find ways to circumvent the very clear ruling by the Supreme Court on biological sex being the determinant in regard to the terms woman and man; regrets that the Commission has allowed itself to become a vehicle for pro-trans ideology; and repudiates the suggestion that the Supreme Court ruling might not be followed in Northern Ireland.

1579

Loan Charge and settlement terms offered to large companies and individuals

Tabled: 1/07/25 Signatories: 1

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House is deeply concerned at the treatment of those facing the Loan Charge; notes that instead of commissioning a truly independent review of the Loan Charge, Ministers announced a highly restricted review, conducted by a former Assistant Director of HMRC, Ray McCann, only looking at settlement terms; expresses astonishment at the fact, exposed by a Freedom of Information response, that HMRC did a deal with large companies over similar schemes for just 15% in 2015, which means they received an 85% discount; is deeply concerned

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that this has never been revealed to Parliament; notes that this was revealed privately to Sir Amyas Morse, Baron Morse, in 2019 by Ray McCann who also stated that HMRC had refused to offer any discounts to contractors and was treating them uniquely harshly; further notes that HMRC has a duty to treat all taxpayers equally and believes that its treatment of those facing the Loan Charge breaches this; also notes that current Treasury Ministers have described those facing the Loan Charge as victims of mis-selling, yet the Loan Charge remains in place focused on the victims and that those who mis-sold schemes face no action; notes that HMRC has referred ten suicides and 13 attempted suicides to the Independent Office of Policy Conduct; believes that had HMRC offered an 85% discount to the victims of mis-selling there would have been no suicides; and calls for a proper independent inquiry into the Loan Charge scandal.

1580 Shona Mutch Girlguiding Laurel Award

Tabled: 1/07/25 Signatories: 1

Kirsty Blackman

That this House congratulates Shona Mutch of Aberdeen on being awarded the prestigious Laurel Award by Girlguiding UK, one of the highest honours in the organisation; recognises that the Laurel Award is presented for outstanding service to guiding and exceptional leadership that has had a significant impact on the movement; notes Shona Mutch's remarkable dedication to Girlguiding over more than 50 years, including her time as a Brownie leader overseas in Indonesia; highlights her significant contribution to Girlguiding Aberdeen, particularly through her leadership as County Commissioner from 2007 to 2013; acknowledges her ongoing service as a unit leader in Aberdeen since 1997; and commends the inspirational example she has set for generations of young women and fellow volunteers, embodying the very best of community leadership and civic commitment.

1581 **75th anniversary of the Corcreeney Branch, Baker Club, Apprentice Boys of Derry**

Tabled: 1/07/25 Signatories: 1

Carla Lockhart

That this House congratulates the Corcreeney Branch, Baker Club, one of the parent clubs of the Apprentice Boys of Derry, based at Gibson's Hill in County Armagh, on reaching its 75th anniversary; acknowledges the Baker Club's central role within the Apprentice Boys of Derry, an organisation founded to commemorate the historic Siege of Derry in 1688–89, a defining moment in the defence of civil and religious liberty during the Williamite War in Ireland; notes that the Baker Club is named in honour of Colonel Henry Baker, who served with distinction as Governor during the siege and whose leadership is remembered with great respect; recognises the enduring commitment of the Corcreeney Branch to preserving this heritage and promoting historical understanding within the community; and sends best wishes for the continued strength and success of the branch and its members.

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Tackling food waste

Tabled: 1/07/25 Signatories: 1

Jess Brown-Fuller

That this House notes with concern that the UK wastes around 9.52 million tonnes of food each year, including 6.4 million tonnes of edible surplus which is enough to feed nearly 14 million people annually; expresses concern that only 30% of large food and drink businesses are measuring and reporting their food waste, and only 25% have set reduction targets, falling far short of national and international commitments; further notes that households are responsible for around 70% of this waste, equivalent to over four meals per person per week; recognises the critical role of charities like UKHarvest in addressing both food waste and food poverty; applauds UKHarvest for rescuing 641 tonnes of surplus food and redistributing 1.52 million meals across the south of England in 2024/25; commends their Community Food Hubs and Grub Clubs, which together supported over 79,000 people with free surplus food; and calls on the Government to take urgent action to reduce food waste, increase redistribution, and support organisations working to ensure good food is not needlessly thrown away.

1583

Parliamentary approval for UK military action against Iran

Tabled: 1/07/25 Signatories: 12

Adrian Ramsay Liz Saville Roberts Richard Burgon Stephen Flynn Claire Hanna Shockat Adam

Ellie Chowns John McDonnell Ayoub Khan
Ben Lake Ann Davies Llinos Medi

That this House is deeply concerned about the military confrontation between the United States, Israel, and Iran; supports diplomatic efforts to maintain a ceasefire; acknowledges the deployment of UK combat aircraft and naval assets to the region; and notes that whilst there is no requirement for parliamentary approval to a decision to commit Britain to military support or action, there are precedents for doing so and, therefore, urges the Government not to undertake, support or facilitate any military action against Iranian territory or forces without debate and a vote in this House.

1584

Community-led reopening of The Lion pub in South Cambridgeshire

Tabled: 1/07/25 Signatories: 1

Pippa Heylings

That this House congratulates the residents of Ickleton in Cambridgeshire on the successful community-led reopening of The Lion public house, formerly The Ickleton Lion, after raising over

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£440,000 in just 10 weeks to save the historic 18th century building; notes the extraordinary efforts of the Ickleton Community Benefit Society and the 415 investors, both local and international, who came together to secure this vital community asset from closure and redevelopment; applauds the many volunteers who dedicated hundreds of hours to restore the pub, ensuring it could reopen its doors as a welcoming and inclusive hub for all generations; pays tribute to lifelong resident Betty Willmott, aged 93, for her moving words and symbolic role in the reopening, and to campaign chair Rachel Radford for her inspirational leadership; acknowledges the important role played by County Councillor Peter McDonald in initiating conversations between Ickleton and other community-owned pubs and for his tireless support throughout the process; recognises the irreplaceable social, economic, and cultural value that village pubs bring to rural communities; and calls on the Government to increase support for communities seeking to protect and restore local assets of community value.

1585 Anniversary of the July 2024 protests in Bangladesh

Tabled: 1/07/25 Signatories: 1

Apsana Begum

That this House marks a year since the July protests and mass uprising in Bangladesh which led to the fall of Sheikh Hasina's regime; condemns the repression of students, workers, and activists that resulted in 1,400 people killed and thousands injured in just 46 days; notes that according to the United Nations Sheikh Hasina's regime, its security and intelligence apparatus, together with violent elements associated with her ruling party, committed serious and systematic human rights violations; recognises the need for democracy, and justice and accountability for human rights abuses, corruption, repression, and persecution; and supports the grassroots' ongoing call for democratic freedoms, public service investment, trades union rights, improved working conditions, equality for women, religious freedom and for a Bangladesh that is run in the interests of the people of Bangladesh.

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.

1495 **100th anniversary of Garvagh Pipe Band**

Tabled: 17/06/25 Signatories: 5

Mr Gregory Campbell Jim Allister Jim Shannon Andrew Rosindell Carla Lockhart

That this House notes the 100th anniversary of the founding of Garvagh Pipe Band, based in the small village of Garvagh, Co. Londonderry; further notes that the band has maintained the

strong tradition of piping in Northern Ireland that has existed for generations; acknowledges that the band is currently competing in grade 4B, offering pipe and drumming tuition classes to local people in the area; offers all those associated with the band good wishes on such a momentous anniversary; and expresses the hope that future generations will continue to benefit from its success.

1522 Press ownership by foreign states

> Tabled: **20/06/25** Signatories: 52

Max Wilkinson Dr Roz Savage Wera Hobhouse Mr Will Forster **Helen Maguire** Liz Jarvis

Caroline Voaden Tessa Munt Marie Goldman **Brian Mathew Cameron Thomas** Clive Jones Tom Morrison Zöe Franklin Ben Maguire Andrew George Brian Leishman James MacCleary

Freddie van Mierlo Alex Brewer

That this House recognises that a free press is the cornerstone of our democracy; understands that holding power to account relies on journalistic independence and editorial freedom; notes with concern that foreign state ownership of national newspapers risks allowing foreign states to undermine the independence and integrity of British journalism; further recognises that the Government's proposed 15% non-cumulative threshold opens the door to foreign state influence in our press; and calls on the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport to remove the right of foreign states to own any part of the British news media ecosystem immediately.

1523 Protected title for anaesthetists

> Tabled: **20/06/25** Signatories: 13

Michelle Welsh **Robin Swann Ellie Chowns** Jim Shannon **Dr Simon Opher** Siân Berry

Andrew George

That this House notes that the job title anaesthetist is not currently legally protected for use by doctors; further notes that two thirds of patients staying in hospital have contact with anaesthetists; believes that protecting the title would increase patient confidence in who they were being treated by; acknowledges that the term anaesthesiologist is used for the profession

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in other countries and may be adopted in the UK in the future; and calls on the Government to use forthcoming legislation around medical regulation to protect both terms.

1525 Cancer Prevention Action Week on alcohol and cancer

Tabled: 20/06/25 Signatories: 10

Cat Smith
Ellie Chowns
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Iqbal Mohamed
Jon Trickett

Brian Leishman

That this House commemorates Cancer Prevention Action Week on alcohol and cancer organised by World Cancer Research Fund and supported by 25 organisations working to reduce alcohol harm and cancer incidence and improve public health; acknowledges that alcohol is a Group One carcinogen and a well-established modifiable risk factor for seven cancer types, including two of the most common in the UK, breast and bowel; highlights that these risks are present even at low levels of consumption; notes with concern that a poll commissioned by the World Cancer Research Fund found that only 7% of the British public were aware that alcohol is linked to cancer when asked unprompted; acknowledges that Government policy on alcohol does not reflect that it is responsible for around 17,000 cancer diagnoses annually; recognises that the covid-19 pandemic led to an increase in high risk drinking behaviours which could result in 18,785 extra cancer cases by 2035; urges the Government to introduce a comprehensive national alcohol strategy for England, without delay, which includes mandatory health warnings, marketing restrictions and minimum unit pricing; stresses that the strategy must align with a focus on alcohol as a risk factor in the National Cancer Plan for England; recognises the importance of working with devolved administrations to tackle alcohol-attributable cancers; and affirms that, in taking bold action, the Government will make significant strides in its health mission to shift from sickness to prevention, and achieve its ambitions to reduce NHS waiting times, address health inequalities and grow the economy.

1527 Visas and access to education for Ukrainian refugee children

Tabled: 20/06/25 Signatories: 22

Pippa Heylings Dr Roz Savage Mr Will Forster Helen Maguire Sarah Dyke Tom Gordon

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Andrew George

That this House expresses serious concern about the detrimental impact of short-term visas granted under the Ukraine Sponsorship and Ukraine Family Schemes on the education and wellbeing of Ukrainian refugee children in the UK; notes the case of a Year 9 student living in south Cambridgeshire, whose limited 18-month visa leaves her uncertain whether she will be permitted to remain in the UK to complete her secondary education and sit GCSE exams; further notes that this situation is widespread, with many families due to apply for extensions under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme, which also only provides a further 18 months of leave; highlights the stress and instability caused by this uncertainty, particularly for those seeking to access GCSEs, A-levels, university places and student finance, and for adults attempting to retrain or gain professional accreditation; draws attention to the Government's statutory obligation under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children; and calls on the Government to urgently review the implications of shortterm leave for displaced Ukrainian families and to provide guarantees that children will be able to remain in the UK to complete their education and sit public exams, clear guidance on eligibility for student finance and access to higher education and a more flexible and longerterm visa extension process that allows families to plan, integrate and contribute without fear of disruption.

1529 **Gurkha pensions**

Tabled: 20/06/25 Signatories: 22

David Chadwick Dr Roz Savage Wera Hobhouse Mr Will Forster Helen Maguire Sarah Dyke

Jim Allister Ian Roome

That this House honours the extraordinary loyalty and service of the Gurkha soldiers who have fought alongside British forces for over 200 years; notes with deep concern that thousands of Gurkha veterans who retired before 1 July 1997 remain trapped on inferior pensions under the outdated Gurkha Pension Scheme, leaving many in poverty here in the UK, including in communities such as Brecon where Gurkha veterans and their families have made an enduring

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contribution; condemns this longstanding injustice, which denies these veterans the full recognition and support they deserve; rejects the Government's current transfer offer as wholly inadequate and financially punitive; believes that all Gurkhas, regardless of date of retirement, should be granted full access to the Armed Forces Pension Scheme on an equal, year-for-year basis; further believes that this ongoing discrimination against Gurkha veterans is a dereliction of the UK's moral duty under the Armed Forces Covenant; and calls on the Government to act without further delay to end this injustice and ensure that every Gurkha veteran receives the full and equal pension they have earned through their loyal service to the United Kingdom.

Role of relationship education in preventing violence against women and girls

Tabled: 20/06/25 Signatories: 32

Helen Maguire Dr Roz Savage Wera Hobhouse Claire Young Mr Will Forster Martin Wrigley

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Andrew George

That this House recognises the critical role of comprehensive, age-appropriate relationship education in preventing violence against women and girls (VAWG); notes with concern that many young people are growing up in environments where harmful and misogynistic messages are prevalent both online and offline; acknowledges that without early, preventative education focusing on respect, consent, boundaries, and recognising coercive behaviour, efforts to combat VAWG address symptoms rather than root causes; highlights that one in four women and one in six men will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime, with those aged 16–19 being most at risk; further notes that despite increasing political attention, sexual assault rates among women have risen in recent years; believes that embedding relationship education in schools is vital to challenge harmful norms and promote healthy relationships; and calls on the Government to incentivise schools to extend Relationships, Sex and Health Education lessons to include 16-18 year-olds and invest in training for school staff to better understand the online spaces that young people navigate today.

1531 Local authority funding

Tabled: 20/06/25 Signatories: 27

Vikki Slade
Tom Morrison
Calum Miller
Dr Roz Savage
Wera Hobhouse
Claire Young

Andrew George

That this House is deeply concerned by the crisis in local government funding and the findings of the Thirty-First Report of the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 2024-25 on Local Government Financial Sustainability, published on 18 June 2025, and the estimate that local authority deficits will reach between £2.9bn and £3.9bn per year by 2027-28; regrets that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government cannot guarantee local government funding increases will result in improved outcomes for residents; understands that a reduction in local authority funding directly impacts the provision of social care, SEND and vital local public services; is shocked that neither the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government nor HM Treasury undertook an assessment ahead of increases to national insurance contributions on the impact to local authority budgets; notes that the crisis in local government funding was exacerbated by the previous Government which ultimately failed to fix the social care crisis; recognises the burdens on local government budgets are compounded by the Government's plans for local government re-organisation; and calls on the Government to publish a proper plan to end the crises in social care and SEND provision which are pushing councils to the brink of collapse and ensure local authorities have the resources they require to provide the vital local public services communities deserve and desperately need.

1536 **9th anniversary of the EU referendum**

Tabled: 23/06/25 Signatories: 5

Jim Allister Jim Shannon Alex Easton Mr Gregory Campbell Carla Lockhart

That this House deplores that nine years on from the Brexit referendum, the greatest democratic mandate in the nation's history, Brexit has still not been delivered for Northern Ireland and that instead the United Kingdom has been partitioned by a foreign EU customs and regulatory border in the Irish Sea, leaving Northern Ireland under the EU Customs Code and subject in 300 areas of law to EU, not UK, law; and therefore calls on the Government to take back control and sovereignty over the whole United Kingdom and to regulate the international border with the EU through application of the solution of mutual enforcement.

1540 Human rights in Burma/Myanmar

Tabled: 23/06/25 Signatories: 6

Jim Shannon
Ellie Chowns
Adrian Ramsay
Siân Berry
Blair McDougall
Carla Lockhart

That this House expresses its grave concern about the continuing egregious human rights violations and desperate humanitarian crisis in Burma/Myanmar; notes with alarm that over 4 million people have been forcibly displaced; further notes with concern that more than 100,000 homes, along with hospitals, schools, and places of worship have been destroyed in the course of the military's attacks against civilians; condemns the military regime's systematic attacks on civilians, including almost 400 airstrikes since devasted earthquakes on 28 March 2025; calls for the immediate and unconditional release of the estimated 22,115 political prisoners remain in jail in Myanmar today, including the country's democratically elected head of government Aung San Suu Kyi and the President, U Win Myint; urges the Government of the United Kingdom to increase its leadership role and use its influence to mobilise the international community to take action to end the human rights crisis, increase humanitarian assistance to the people of Myanmar, support efforts to establish a genuine, inclusive federal democracy and hold the perpetrators of mass atrocity crimes to account; further urges the United Kingdom and the international community to support locally-led institutions and programs and to intensify pressure on the military regime through the implementation of robust, targeted sanctions; and calls on the United Kingdom to bring the crisis in Myanmar as an agenda item to the United Nations Security Council as a matter of urgency.

1541 Armed Forces Day in Newtownards 2025

Tabled: 23/06/25 Signatories: 6

Jim Shannon Robin Swann Jim Allister Mr Gregory Campbell Gavin Robinson Carla Lockhart

That this House celebrates the success of Armed Forces Day in Newtownards in the constituency of Strangford last Saturday 21 June 2025, that took place from 10am-5pm in Ards Airfield; notes the day kicked off with an official armed forces parade, featuring bands, pipes and drums of the Royal Irish Regiment alongside a display of the Red Arrows, the C47 Dakota and the Falcons; highlights the strong community engagement and how the event aims to honour those who serve and have served in the Armed Forces; underlines the success of this event with over 60,000 attendees and that this will go down in history as a day to remember; thanks the Armed Forces, Ards and North Down Borough Council and Eventsec for their work in making the day a

success and also the general public for coming out in their thousands to support our wonderful Armed Forces.

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1542 Prison education insourcing

Tabled: 23/06/25 Signatories: 29

Kim Johnson
Liz Saville Roberts
Ian Byrne
Charlotte Nichols
Brian Leishman
Ian Lavery

Valerie Vaz Iqbal Mohamed

That this House notes the worrying state of prison education, with 82 percent of prison and young offender institutions judged by Ofsted as requiring improvement or inadequate for overall effectiveness of education, skills and work provision; further notes that contracts for the new Prison Education Service (PES) have recently been awarded, with groups of prisons assigned to one of three providers, all of which previously delivered education under the Prison Education Framework; notes that prison educators are paid less in England than their counterparts in other further education workplaces, with the Education Select Committee warning in 2022 that poor pay, lack of career development, unsafe working environments and no time or respect to do a quality job has left the recruitment and retention of qualified and experienced prison educators at crisis point; believes rehabilitation should be at the heart of incarceration, and education should be at the heart of rehabilitation, but outsourcing has for years diverted vital resources away from the development, design and delivery of truly meaningful prison education and has overseen the de-professionalisation of education into a commodity, failing prisoners, staff and wider society alike; and calls on the Government to explore all legal options for terminating the PES contracting process immediately and instead insourcing all such provision under an effectively resourced, publicly owned national prison education system that supports educators to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum to prisoners, with a national contract for prison education staff and parity of esteem with further education.

1554

Aberdeen International Airport, winner of Airport of the Year

Tabled: 25/06/25 Signatories: 3

Stephen Flynn Jim Shannon Graham Leadbitter

That this House congratulates Aberdeen International Airport on being named Airport of the Year at the Scottish Transport Awards; understands that in order to receive the prestigious award from the Scottish Transport Awards, the airport demonstrated a commitment to sustainability, innovation, community engagement and providing a high-quality service to all

passengers; commends the hard work and dedication of all frontline and behind-the-scenes staff at Aberdeen International Airport; and wishes them the very best for the future.

1556

Waiting times for child and adolescent mental health services in Wiltshire

Tabled: 25/06/25 Signatories: 5

Sarah Gibson Jim Shannon Brian Mathew Adam Dance Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House expresses concern that, according to data provided in response to Written Parliamentary Question 59837, 2,565 children and young people in Wiltshire were not seen within four weeks of being referred to NHS mental health services during the 2024-25 period; notes that of the 6,755 referrals for under-18s, only 2,900 were seen within the recommended 28-day timeframe, while 1,290 referrals ended without contact; further notes the importance of early intervention in mental health to prevent escalation and harm; recognises the strain placed on families and NHS services when timely support is unavailable; believes that children and young people deserve prompt and effective access to mental health care; and supports measures to improve provision, including increased investment in services, regular mental health check-ups for young people, community-based mental health hubs, and the placement of qualified mental health professionals in every school.

1557

Burial of stillborn babies in unmarked graves

Tabled: 25/06/25 Signatories: 14

Sarah Gibson Ellie Chowns Wera Hobhouse Siân Berry Adrian Ramsay Tom Morrison

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House expresses its deep concern at the revelation that an estimated 89,000 stillborn babies were buried in unmarked communal graves in the United Kingdom up until the late 1980s; regrets that in many cases, bereaved parents were neither informed of their child's burial location nor given the opportunity to participate in or consent to arrangements; acknowledges the distress this has caused to families who were often denied the chance to grieve or commemorate their loss; commends the individuals and organisations who have worked to raise awareness of this issue and support those affected; believes that this historic practice represents a failure to treat stillbirth with the dignity and compassion it deserves; and calls on the Government to ensure that all available burial records are preserved and made accessible,

to promote national recognition of the impact on bereaved families, to make it easier for families and communities to mark and memorialise the sites of historic mass graves, and to work with relevant organisations to support remembrance and healing.

1558 Scottish Al

Scottish Album of the Year Award and Dundee

Tabled: 25/06/25 Signatories: 3

Chris Law Jim Shannon Graham Leadbitter

That this House welcomes the announcement that the Scottish Album of the Year Award will be hosted in Dundee in 2025, 2026 and 2027; notes that the event in Dundee's Caird Hall in November this year will be the first time the event will be hosted outside of Scotland's Central Belt; recognises that this announcement has only been made possible through a three-year partnership between the Scottish Music Industry Association and Leisure and Culture Dundee, V&A Dundee and Unesco Dundee City of Design; further recognises the important role that the host venue, Caird Hall, has played in the history of music in both Tayside and Scotland, bringing acts to Dundee through the years including The Beatles, Frank Sinatra, David Bowie and Led Zeppelin; recognises that nominations for the coveted prize will open on 1 July; and wishes the organisers of the event and all eventual nominees all the best ahead of the event on 20 November later this year.

1560 **90th birthday of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama**

Tabled: 25/06/25 Signatories: 5

Chris Law Wera Hobhouse Jim Shannon Peter Lamb Graham Leadbitter

That this House congratulates His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama ahead of his 90th birthday on 6 July 2025; recognises this will mark the start of the Year of Compassion, celebrating the inspiring role that the Dalai Lama has played in the Tibetan people's peaceful struggle for an end to the Tibet-China conflict; further recognises this will be a joyous occasion for Tibetan communities around the world, as they commemorate the Dalai Lama's life, legacy, and profound spiritual and political leadership; notes the Dalai Lama has been recognised by a number of bodies and organisations for his role in Tibetan life, not least his award of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989; wishes all in the Tibetan community both in the UK and abroad well ahead of the celebration events later this year; further notes the upcoming conference of religious heads and representatives of Tibetan Buddhist traditions, in which the Dalai Lama is expected to offer guidance on the matter of his reincarnation; and believes it is for the people of Tibet and for those in the Tibetan diaspora to decide upon the future reincarnation of the Dalai Lama.

1561 Naloxone

Tabled: 25/06/25 Signatories: 15

Adam Dance
Ellie Chowns
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Helen Maguire
Mr Will Forster

Mr Angus MacDonald Andrew George Brian Leishman

Jess Brown-Fuller

That this House recognises the importance of naloxone as a lifesaving medication that temporarily reverses the effects of an opioid overdose; expresses alarm at the broad rise of deaths involving opioids in recent years; acknowledges that an addiction to drugs is not a lifestyle choice, nor a moral flaw, but a chronic life-threatening health condition; notes that naloxone, administered as a nasal spray or injection, instantly and temporarily blocks the effects of the opioid taken, which gives enough time to call emergency services and for them to arrive, making it lifesaving; celebrates that naloxone can be legally administered by anyone in the UK in an emergency situation and recent progress in expanding access to naloxone; accepts that more needs to be done to urgently increase access to naloxone, train more first responders, and increase public awareness of naloxone; and therefore calls on the Government to ensure that naloxone is made available at key public locations, a national naloxone programme is introduced, and a national public awareness campaign is commissioned.

1562 Plant Health

Tabled: 25/06/25 Signatories: 3

Jim Allister Jim Shannon Carla Lockhart

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 559), dated 7 May 2025, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8 May, be annulled.

Early Day Motions

Wednesday 2 July 2025

Hannah Beaton-Hawryluk MBE 1564

> Tabled: **26/06/25** Signatories: 9

Christine Jardine Adam Dance Jim Shannon **Mr Angus MacDonald Jamie Stone Martin Wrigley**

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Steve Darling Wera Hobhouse Ian Roome

That this House congratulates South Queensferry resident Hannah Beaton-Hawryluk on her award of an MBE in the 2024 Birthday Honours; recognises her work for the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB) as Chair of its Edinburgh branch; notes her Ukrainian heritage inspired her to join the group as her father settled in Edinburgh after the Second World War; further notes she became Chair of the group in March 2022 shortly after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, having left her job at the Royal Botanic Garden to dedicate herself to the AUGB; commends her efforts in raising more than £5.5 million in aid for Ukrainian refugees since 2022, and in setting up a regular programme of activities for refugees in Edinburgh; further commends her focus on ensuring Ukrainian children can continue speaking their mother tongue; and wishes her and her family an enjoyable day at her investiture ceremony this month, and further success for the AUGB.

1566 Stampede by the Sea

> Tabled: **30/06/25** Signatories: 4

Edward Morello Mr Angus MacDonald Adam Dance Ian Roome

That this House congratulates all those involved in the hugely successful Stampede by the Sea public art trail across West Dorset, which raised over £180,000 for Weldmar Hospicecare through the auction of more than 50 painted elephant statues; celebrates the creativity of the artists and the generosity of bidders, including the anonymous donor of £25,000 for the elephant Sanctuary; gives particular thanks to West Dorset Leisure Holidays for their generous purchase and donation of Ropey to Bridport Town Council; recognises the council's plans to tour Ropey around the area to raise further awareness and funds for hospice care; notes the trail's success in bringing together the communities of Bridport, Lyme Regis, and West Bay; and commends Weldmar Hospicecare for their vital services despite financial pressures and funding reductions.

1567 Malmesbury FC Girls and Women's Teams and Rhianon Stidever

Tabled: **30/06/25** Signatories: 3

Dr Roz Savage **Mr Angus MacDonald** Ian Roome

That this House recognises the outstanding contribution of Rhianon Stidever to grassroots football in Wiltshire through her inspirational work with Malmesbury Youth FC Girls and Malmesbury Victoria Women's FC; applauds her tireless commitment as a player, coach, manager and mentor, and her role in expanding opportunities for women and girls in football from a small group of 15 players to over 100 girls and 40 women across all age groups; congratulates her on being named Wiltshire FA Grassroots Awards Winner 2025, a welldeserved recognition of her leadership, dedication and the positive impact she has made in her local community; further recognises the inclusive ethos she promotes, which prioritises learning, development and community over competition; celebrates the role of Malmesbury Youth FC and Malmesbury Victoria FC in enabling this progress; and commends all involved in advancing opportunities for girls and women in sport.

1568 20th anniversary of Forth Valley Community First Responders

> Tabled: **30/06/25** Signatories: 3

Euan Stainbank Elaine Stewart Brian Leishman

That this House congratulates the Forth Valley Community First Responders (CFRs) on 20 years of lifesaving service; recognises the dedication of the group's volunteers, who responded to 554 emergency call-outs and gave over 2,200 on-call hours in 2024 alone; pays tribute to founder Rod Moore and long-serving members like Craig Hannah; and commends the vital role CFRs play in supporting patients before ambulance crews arrive.

20 years of the Friends of Brooklyn Crescent Park 1569

> Tabled: **30/06/25** Signatories: 2

Tom Morrison

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House congratulates the Friends of Brooklyn Crescent Park for their 20 year anniversary; celebrates the team of dedicated volunteers who have transformed this once neglected space into a thriving and vibrant community park; and notes the publication of their new book chronicling the rich history of Brooklyn Crescent Park in Cheadle Village from its origins as Brick Kiln Field in 1844 to the beautiful and welcoming community space it is today.

1570 NatWest Bank and LGBT+ policies

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Mr Gregory Campbell Carla Lockhart

That this House notes that NatWest Bank includes a statement on its website saying We aim to continue to deliver a better LGBT+ colleague and customer experience; further notes that a customer who objected to the numerous pro LGBT+ materials displayed at one of its branches to bank online if he didn't like the material on display; expresses its concern that that branch declined to host material promoting a Christian charity that offers help and guidance to people of all backgrounds who are in financial difficulties; and is concerned that the Bank is more focused on hosting events and promoting movements that appear to be designed to appeal to political activists than helping everybody experiencing financial problems, irrespective of their politics or gender.

1571 Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme

Tabled: 30/06/25 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon Mr Gregory Campbell Jim Allister Carla Lockhart

That this House commemorates the anniversary of the Battle of the Somme on 1 July 1916; notes that the first day of the Somme was the deadliest day in British military history, with 19,240 men killed; highlights that the Battle of the Somme was one of the most costly battles of the First World War, lasting nearly five months with hundreds of thousands injured; underlines the ongoing work of charities like the Royal British Legion, who go above and beyond to raise funds to support ex servicemen and women across the United Kingdom; thanks our soldiers for their sacrifice; and asks the Government to continue to ensure that the legacy of this occasion will never be forgotten.

1572 Sarcoma Awareness Month 2025

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Jim Shannon Carla Lockhart Shockat Adam

That this House marks Sarcoma Awareness Month 2025, celebrated in July, which raises awareness about Sarcoma, a rare type of cancer that develops in soft bones and tissues; notes the theme of this year's awareness is early diagnosis and educating the public on the most common of symptoms and the life of people dealing with the impacts it can have; highlights that approximately 5,300 people are diagnosed with Sarcoma in the UK each year, making up

2% of all cancers diagnosed in the UK each year; underlines that Sarcoma is often referred to as the loneliest cancer because it has over 100 different subtypes and people with it often never meet someone with the same subtype; thanks Sarcoma UK and other charities for their work in ensuring support is available for people diagnosed with sarcoma; and encourages the Government to ensure that it delivers high-quality care for people with sarcoma in the future.

1573 Durham Miners' Gala 2025

Tabled: 30/06/25 Signatories: 16

Mary Kelly Foy John McDonnell Andy McDonald Brian Leishman Jeremy Corbyn Kim Johnson

Neil Duncan-Jordan Ian Lavery Andrew George

Elaine Stewart

That this House celebrates the 139th Durham Miners' Gala, to be held on Saturday, 12 July 2025, organised by the Durham Miners' Association (DMA); recognises the Gala, known as The Big Meeting, as the world's greatest celebration of trade-unionism, working-class culture, and international solidarity; notes its historical significance since 1871; recognises the contribution of mineworkers in defeating fascism in World War II, acknowledges the DMA's commitment to preserving the legacy of Durham's mining communities and promoting social justice; celebrates the continued growth of the Gala which saw over 200,000 people drawn to Durham's historic streets in recent years; recognises the contribution of the National Union of Mineworkers to the labour movement, Labour Party and trade-unionism; welcomes the traditional Miners' Service at Durham Cathedral; calls on Honourable Members to support this enduring symbol of unity by attending or endorsing the Gala's values of fairness, equality, and solidarity; and encourages everyone to become a Marra.

1574 Methanol poisoning, UK traveller risk, awareness and education in schools

Tabled: 30/06/25 Signatories: 8

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That this House is deeply concerned by ongoing deaths and serious injuries among UK nationals overseas caused by methanol poisoning, where industrial alcohol is unknowingly consumed in

counterfeit or contaminated spirits; notes that methanol poisoning has occurred in countries including Indonesia, Laos, India, Brazil, Turkey and within Europe; further notes the 2023 findings of coroner Alison Mutch following the death of a British citizen in Bali, highlighting low public awareness, inadequate Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office guidance and the lack of a Government campaign; regrets that UK travel advice requires users to navigate multiple sections and uses insufficiently strong language and contrasts this with the Australian Government's proactive approach to warning its citizens; recognises that methanol poisoning symptoms are often mistaken for ordinary alcohol intoxication, delaying life-saving treatment; is concerned that travel industry guidance, including that from ABTA, remains minimal; believes stronger public health messaging is urgently required, including clearer online advice, outreach through universities and GPs, and warning materials akin to cigarette packaging campaigns; supports the use of student ambassadors, visual media and real-life case studies to raise awareness; calls on the Government and travel industry to adopt a more robust and visible approach to informing travellers about the dangers of methanol poisoning and staying safe; and further believes that education on this should begin earlier, and supports the inclusion of methanol poisoning awareness within the PSHE curriculum in secondary schools, supported by centrally developed teaching materials and audio-visual resources, to ensure young people are better equipped before travelling.

1575 Glaucoma Awareness Week

Tabled: 30/06/25 Signatories: 5

Shockat Adam Andrew George Steve Darling Brian Leishman John Milne

That this House acknowledges the importance of raising awareness about glaucoma, a leading cause of irreversible blindness worldwide; notes that glaucoma often presents with no early symptoms and can go undiagnosed until significant vision loss has occurred; welcomes Glaucoma Week as an opportunity to highlight the importance of regular eye screenings and early detection; recognises the vital role of healthcare professionals in educating the public about glaucoma risk factors, including age, family history, ethnicity, and certain medical conditions; calls on the Government to support initiatives aimed at improving access to eye health services, funding for glaucoma research, and public education campaigns; and urges the promotion of Glaucoma Week activities to encourage individuals to have regular eye examinations to prevent avoidable blindness.