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# Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 2 July 2025

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# **New EDMs**

1586 **50th anniversary of Ynys Môn Gymnastics Club** 

Tabled: 2/07/25 Signatories: 4

Llinos Medi Ben Lake Liz Saville Roberts Ann Davies

That this House celebrates the 50th anniversary of Ynys Môn Gymnastics Club; notes that the Club began running gymnastics lessons at Holyhead Leisure Centre in 1975, and has since expanded into establishing its own premises running lessons 6 days of the week to over 500 members as the only gymnastics club on the island; commends all those at the club who have worked hard to provide gymnastics lessons for the children and young people of Ynys Môn and Holyhead over the past 50 years; and wishes the Club the very best for the future as it marks this important milestone.

1587 **10th anniversary of the Museum of Orange Heritage at Sloan's House** 

Tabled: 2/07/25 Signatories: 1

# Carla Lockhart

That this House congratulates the Museum of Orange Heritage at Sloan's House, Loughgall, on reaching its 10th anniversary since opening to the public; notes the significant contribution the museum has made in preserving and promoting the cultural heritage and history of

the Orange Institution; commends the dedication of past and present Directors, staff, and volunteers, including those from its sister museum at Schomberg House, for their commitment to education, historical preservation, and community engagement; acknowledges the vital support of Lodges, visiting groups and individual donors over the past decade; expresses thanks to all who have supported the museum's work; remembers with respect and gratitude the volunteers who have passed away and whose contributions were instrumental to the museum's success; further notes the historic significance of the visit of His Majesty King Charles III, then HRH The Prince of Wales, on 24 May 2016, as a particular highlight in the museum's first decade; and wishes the Museum of Orange Heritage continued success in the years ahead as it welcomes visitors from across the United Kingdom and beyond.

1588 First women's game at Littlewick Green Cricket Club in 215 years

Tabled: 2/07/25 Signatories: 1

#### Mr Joshua Reynolds

That this House congratulates Littlewick Green Cricket Club on hosting its first ever women's cricket match on Saturday 28th June 2025; notes the historic significance of this event for the club, which has been a cornerstone of the local community since its establishment in 1810; commends the efforts of Sue and Mike Duxbury for founding girls' cricket at the club in 2021 and growing it into two age groups, with five players now representing the County; further recognises the pivotal role of Mark Dries in establishing the club's first women's league team; celebrates the participation of players Sue Duxbury (Captain), Georgina Bramall, Sarah Sullivan, Lillie Roberts, Helen Todd, Poppy Hamilton, Evie Griffiths, Hannah Duxbury and Stacey Smith-Cox in this landmark match against Warfield Women; applauds the inclusive and community-driven spirit of Littlewick Green Cricket Club; and encourages continued support for the growth of women's and girls' cricket across the UK.

1589 Cambridge City Football Club and the opening of the new stadium in Sawston

Tabled: 2/07/25 Signatories: 1

# **Pippa Heylings**

That this House warmly congratulates Cambridge City Football Club on its return to a permanent home ground in Sawston ahead of the 2025–26 season; recognises the immense dedication and perseverance shown by the club's board, investors and, in particular, the Satchell family, whose leadership and tenacity were critical to securing this outcome in the face of repeated obstacles including judicial reviews and planning challenges; pays tribute to the loyal supporters and members of the Supporters' Trust who have sustained the club through more than a decade without a home ground; celebrates the club's vital role in fostering community identity and opportunity across generations, including the outstanding development of girls' and women's football through Cambridge City Girls Youth, which has produced players who have progressed to the first team and contributed to the growth of Cambridge City Women; welcomes the establishment of the club's new academy, set to launch in September 2025, which will offer young players a pathway combining football development with sports

science qualifications; and calls on the Government and local authorities to ensure continued support for grassroots and community-based clubs which serve as essential pillars of inclusion, aspiration and local pride.

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Proposals to resettle people from Palestine in the United Kingdom

Tabled: 2/07/25 Signatories: 1

#### **Rupert Lowe**

That this House notes with deep concern reports of proposals and pressures to resettle Palestinian migrants from Gaza or elsewhere in the UK; recognises the acute and complex security, integration and social cohesion challenges such resettlement would pose; further notes that the UK has already experienced significant strain on its housing, public services and community relations due to recent high levels of immigration; believes that responsibility for displaced persons in the Middle East should lie primarily with regional actors better placed to offer culturally and geographically-appropriate refuge; and calls on the Government to make clear that it will not participate in any resettlement scheme for Palestinian migrants.

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1591 **Ark Cancer Centre** 

Tabled: 2/07/25 Signatories: 1

#### **Alex Brewer**

That this House congratulates Lin Osborn for her remarkable achievement of cycling 80 miles in a day to raise money for the Ark Cancer Centre at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital; notes the scale of this wonderful accomplishment is made all the more impressive due to the fact that this was completed on her 80th birthday and that it represents the very best principles of charity and community spirit; recognises that such a feat would not have been possible without the incredible care Lin received from Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital following a mouth cancer diagnosis; acknowledges that it is Lin's own cancer journey which inspired the challenge; and celebrates the incredible work of the dedicated staff at the Ark Cancer Centre as they help patients like Lin across Hampshire.

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Jeralyn Mackenzie, 50 years of service with Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Tabled: 2/07/25 Signatories: 1

#### **Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House congratulates Jeralyn Mackenzie of Inverness on reaching the exceptional milestone of 50 years of public service with Highlands and Islands Enterprise and its predecessor, the Highlands and Islands Development Board; notes that Ms Mackenzie joined the organisation in June 1975 at the age of 19, and has since made a transformative impact in her role within the human resources team; recognises her dedication to employee welfare, mental health, and carers' rights, and her pioneering work in championing flexible working

and workplace wellbeing across the Highlands and Islands; commends her instrumental role in creating a supportive and inclusive organisational culture, through both her leadership on policy and her compassionate support for colleagues during times of illness, bereavement, and crisis; and pays warm tribute to Ms Mackenzie's outstanding contribution to public service, which has benefitted countless people and communities across Scotland over the past five decades.

1593 Charity marks 25 years by launching Scotland's first Training and Reuse Village

Tabled: 2/07/25 Signatories: 1

# **Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House congratulates Inverness-based charity and social enterprise New Start Highland on marking its 25th anniversary by commencing construction of Scotland's first Training and Reuse Village; notes that the £500,000 development in Carsegate will include pre-loved retail outlets, a bike repair hub, a tool library, a café, and a training kitchen, creating up to 40 new training and employment opportunities annually; recognises the significant impact New Start Highland has had in supporting over 1500 people each year and serving the local community more than 129,000 times in the past year alone; pays tribute to the vision and leadership of founding chief executive James Dunbar, whose commitment to tackling poverty, homelessness and unemployment has transformed lives across the Highlands; further acknowledges the importance of initiatives like this in addressing the cost-of-living crisis and the unacceptable levels of child poverty in Scotland; commends the charity's ethos of ethical reuse, which has diverted 10,000 tonnes of furniture from landfill since 2000; and warmly thanks all the generous funders and dedicated staff and volunteers who have made this ambitious and inspiring project possible.

# **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.

1503 UK trade with illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

Tabled: **18/06/25** Signatories: **20** 

Mr Will Forster Siân Berry Neil Duncan-Jordan Wera Hobhouse Martin Wrigley Andrew George

Liz Jarvis

That this House notes with grave concern the recent announcement of 22 new Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, in clear violation of international law;

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further notes that trade with illegal settlements contributes to their entrenchment and expansion, undermining the prospects for a just and lasting peace; believes that the UK must uphold its commitment to international law and the rights of the Palestinian people; therefore calls on the Government to introduce legislation prohibiting trade between the UK and illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and urges all UK companies to ensure their supply chains are not linked to or profiting from illegal settlements.

1507 **Democracy in Hong Kong** 

Tabled: 18/06/25 Signatories: 29

Calum Miller Luke Taylor Wera Hobhouse Martin Wrigley Tom Gordon Andrew George

Liz Jarvis

That this House believes this country has a proud record of standing up for Hong Kongers; condemns the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)'s interference in Hong Kong's democracy, including through the 2020 National Security Law; further condemns the CCP's efforts to intimidate Hong Kongers living abroad who are critical of the Chinese state; notes with grave concern that according to the Political Prisoner Database there are now over 1,600 political prisoners held in China, including Jimmy Lai; views as abhorrent CCP-sponsored efforts to threaten, intimidate and place bounties on democracy activists from Hong Kong who live in the UK through the distribution of posters and letters on UK soil to neighbours; further condemns actions by the Hong Kong authorities to intimidate and imprison the family members of Hong Kong democracy activists living in the UK; calls on the Government to put in place further mechanisms for pro-democracy Hong Kong activists to receive specific support in relation to allegations of intimidation by CCP-linked groups; further calls on the Government to support police training to help better identify cases of state-sponsored political intimidation; also calls on the Government to fill the gaps in the British National (Overseas) (BNO) visa scheme and to extend BNO integration funding for Hong Kongers in the UK for the duration of the Parliament; and calls for the inclusion of employees of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London on the enhanced tier of the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme.

# 1522 Press ownership by foreign states

Tabled: 20/06/25 Signatories: 57

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

Tim Farron Vikki Slade Christine Jardine

Charlotte Cane

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.

1527 Visas and access to education for Ukrainian refugee children

Tabled: 20/06/25 Signatories: 23

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

Liz Jarvis

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 short-term 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.

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1529 **Gurkha pensions** 

Tabled: 20/06/25 Signatories: 23

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

Liz Jarvis

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 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.

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Role of relationship education in preventing violence against women and girls

Tabled: 20/06/25 Signatories: 33

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

Charlotte Cane

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: 28

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

Liz Jarvis

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.

1550 Contribution of technical colleges

Tabled: 24/06/25 Signatories: 15

Alex Brewer
Mr Angus MacDonald
Wera Hobhouse
Claire Young
Sarah Dyke
Sarah Gibson

Liz Jarvis

That this House recognises the immense contribution technical colleges make to the economy, the lives of young people and society more widely; notes that the range of courses and qualifications offered by these colleges enables their students to gain invaluable skills that will set them up for success in the future; further recognises these colleges for their role in improving job prospects and giving confidence to those concluding their education and about to start their career; commends the work of technical colleges serving Hampshire residents, including both Basingstoke and Farnborough Colleges of Technology, whose students have gone on to serve and support local businesses with their acquired skills and qualifications; and congratulates the Hospitality and Catering Students at the Basingstoke College of Technology for their incredible performance at the recent 2025 British Culinary Championships, with all participants achieving a silver medal or higher, including Best in Class.

1556 Waiting times for child and adolescent mental health services in Wiltshire

Tabled: 25/06/25 Signatories: 6

Sarah Gibson
Jim Shannon
Brian Mathew
Adam Dance
Mr Angus MacDonald
Dr Roz Savage

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: 16

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

Mr Joshua Reynolds Liz Jarvis

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.

1561 **Naloxone** 

Tabled: 25/06/25 Signatories: 16

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

Liz Jarvis

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.

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1566 Stampede by the Sea

Tabled: 30/06/25 Signatories: 5

Edward Morello
Mr Angus MacDonald
Adam Dance
Ian Roome
Jim Shannon

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: 9

Dr Roz Savage Mr Angus MacDonald Ian Roome Mr Joshua Reynolds Ben Maguire Martin Wrigley

Jim Shannon Wera Hobhouse Helen Maguire

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 well-deserved 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.

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1568 **20th anniversary of Forth Valley Community First Responders** 

Tabled: 30/06/25 Signatories: 4

Euan Stainbank Elaine Stewart Brian Leishman Jim Shannon

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.

1569 **20** years of the Friends of Brooklyn Crescent Park

Tabled: 30/06/25 Signatories: 5

Tom Morrison
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon
Lisa Smart
Helen Maguire

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

Tabled: 30/06/25 Signatories: 3

Mr Gregory Campbell Carla Lockhart Jim Shannon

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.

1572 Sarcoma Awareness Month 2025

Tabled: 30/06/25 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon Carla Lockhart Shockat Adam Mr Gregory Campbell

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: 18

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

Jim Shannon Jo White

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.

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

Tabled: **30/06/25** Signatories: **15** 

Tom Morrison
Mr Angus MacDonald
Brian Mathew
Wera Hobhouse
Adam Dance
Claire Young

Mr Joshua Reynolds Cameron Thomas Dr Danny Chambers

Liz Jarvis Jim Shannon Lisa Smart

Helen Maguire

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: 6

Shockat Adam
Andrew George
Steve Darling
Brian Leishman
John Milne
Jim Shannon

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.

1576 MG ALBA and global recognition for Gaelic broadcasting

Tabled: 1/07/25 Signatories: 2

Mr Angus MacDonald Jim Shannon

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.

# 1577 Palestine Action and the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2025

Tabled: 1/07/25 Signatories: 5

Iqbal Mohamed Jeremy Corbyn Shockat Adam Ayoub Khan Mr Adnan Hussain

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: 3

Jim Allister Mr Gregory Campbell Jim Shannon

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: 12

Mr Angus MacDonald Wera Hobhouse Mr Joshua Reynolds Helen Morgan Sarah Olney Tom Morrison

Claire Young Jim Shannon Mr Will Forster

Jamie Stone Helen Maguire Manuela Perteghella

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 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.

1579A1 [Amendment]

Tabled: 2/07/25 Signatories: 1

**Mr Gregory Campbell** 

In the penultimate clause, leave out "no suicides" and insert "a very significant reduction in the number of suicides".

1580 Shona Mutch Girlguiding Laurel Award

Tabled: 1/07/25 Signatories: 2

Kirsty Blackman Jim Shannon

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: 3

Carla Lockhart Jim Allister Jim Shannon

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.

1582 Tackling food waste

Tabled: 1/07/25 Signatories: 16

Jess Brown-Fuller Wera Hobhouse Adam Dance Mr Joshua Reynolds Dr Roz Savage Helen Morgan

Brian Mathew Dr Al Pinkerton Cameron Thomas
Dr Danny Chambers Tom Morrison Claire Young
Jim Shannon Andrew George Helen Maguire

Shockat Adam

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: 15

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

Brian Leishman Iqbal Mohamed Andrew George

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: 2

Pippa Heylings Jim Shannon

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 £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.

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1585 Anniversary of the July 2024 protests in Bangladesh

Tabled: 1/07/25 Signatories: 3

Apsana Begum Jim Shannon Shockat Adam

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.