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New EDMs

1617 **Portstewart Strand award**

Tabled: **8/07/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes that Portstewart Strand has been voted Best Beach in the UK by the Times and Sunday Times Newspaper group, given that fifty beaches were judged across the whole of the UK in the competition; acknowledges the prestige that accompanies such an accolade especially when there are so many other beautiful blue flag beaches in Northern Ireland alone; and expresses the hope that much of this spectacular scenery will be protected and kept safe by the custodians for this and future generations.

1618 **Badenoch and Strathspey Community ConnXions**

Tabled: **8/07/25** Signatories: **1**

Graham Leadbitter

That this House congratulates Badenoch and Strathspey Community ConnXions on being awarded a Highly Commended citation in the category of Excellence in Social and Community Value at the Scottish Transport Awards in Glasgow; recognises the vital work the organisation undertakes in providing a wide range of community transport services including minibs hire, car schemes, shopping assistance, wheelchair and e-trike access, and befriending initiatives; notes that since its founding in 1999, the organisation has grown to become one of the most successful community transport providers in the UK; acknowledges its previous recognition as

CTA Provider of the Year; and commends the staff, volunteers, and management team, including business development manager Colin Whitton, for their continued dedication to delivering accessible and inclusive transport services to residents across Badenoch and Strathspey.

1619 **Kinrara Distillery success at World Gin Awards 2025**

Tabled: **8/07/25** Signatories: **1**

Graham Leadbitter

That this House congratulates Kinrara Distillery, based in Aviemore, on its outstanding achievements at the World Gin Awards 2025; recognises the distillery's Artist Edition gin Caper being named the Best Signature Botanical Gin in the world, a remarkable testament to the craftsmanship, innovation and dedication of the Kinrara team; commends the distillery's success in securing six additional accolades, including Gold taste awards for both Ginny and Caper in the Artist Edition collection, a Silver award for the Oak Spice Distiller Edition, and design awards including Gold for the Artist Range, Silver for the Caper bottle design and Bronze for its label; notes the unique qualities of Caper, a small batch gin featuring peppercorn and ginger with a warming, smooth finish, and paying tribute to the iconic capercaillie native to the region; and praises Kinrara Distillery for showcasing the creativity and excellence of Scottish spirits on the global stage.

1620 **Ayman Odeh**

Tabled: **8/07/25** Signatories: **1**

John McDonnell

That this House expresses its extreme concern at the moves to impeach Ayman Ali, a Palestinian member of the Knesset respected for his consistent advocacy of the need for Arabs and Jews to work together and who is currently facing impeachment and expulsion from the Knesset on the grounds that after the two month ceasefire in Gaza came into effect he tweeted support for the ceasefire and to encourage the release of hostages and prisoners; notes that the Knesset's legal adviser has said that there is no legal basis for his impeachment, but this process is continuing with the result that he will be removed from the Knesset; urges the Government to press for the Israeli government and Knesset to withdraw from this course of action which at this critical time, when we are all hoping that the current peace negotiations are productive; and reminds the Government the expulsion of Ayman Odeh would not only diminish the representation of the Palestinian people in the Knesset but also undermine confidence amongst many that there will ever be a political solution to the current conflict.

1621 Funding for training of professional journalistsTabled: **8/07/25** Signatories: **6****Rebecca Long Bailey****John McDonnell****Liz Saville Roberts****Claire Hanna****Kim Johnson****Grahame Morris**

That this House is worried by guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Education to the Office for Students which suggests that the Department has decided to withdraw Strategic Priorities Grant funding from journalism courses for the 2025-26 financial year; shares the concerns of the National Union of Journalists and National Council for the Training of Journalists that pathways into journalism are needed now more than ever, to counter harmful misinformation and disinformation shared online; notes 84% of working journalists who studied for a higher education qualification in journalism cite this as helping them to secure their first job in the industry; and therefore calls on the Department of Education to conduct a thorough review of their planned reductions in funding for journalism and related courses and commit to providing the necessary funding for these courses going forwards as part of the Post-16 Education and Skills Strategy white paper.

1622 Post Offices in rural areasTabled: **8/07/25** Signatories: **2****Caroline Voaden****Steve Darling**

That this House recognises the importance of Post Office branches to rural communities; notes with concern the closure of Post Offices in South Devon constituency including those in Churchstow, Aveton Gifford and Dittisham; further notes that rural communities and small rural businesses are disproportionately affected by centralisation of Post Office services; is concerned about the impact of Post Office branch closures on people in rural areas, including the elderly and those with limited transport options; and calls on the Government to protect rural Post Offices.

1623 Royal Academy summer exhibitionTabled: **8/07/25** Signatories: **1****James MacCleary**

That this House congratulates eight year old Emie Sion, a pupil at Western Road School in Lewes, whose artwork Three Mythical Creatures was selected out of 23,000 entries to appear at the prestigious Royal Academy's Young Artists' Summer Show; notes that Emie's pyrography piece showcases both her creativity and the school's commitment to encouraging the arts;

recognises the invaluable role of schools like Western Road in nurturing young artistic talent and ensuring all children have the opportunity to explore their creativity; wishes Emie and her family an inspiring visit to the private viewing at the Royal Academy; and hopes her success inspires other young artists in Lewes and across the UK to pursue their artistic passions.

1624 **50th anniversary of the Leatherhead Swans Club**

Tabled: **8/07/25** Signatories: **1**

Helen Maguire

That this House congratulates the Leatherhead Swans Club on its 50th anniversary; notes its outstanding voluntary work since 1975 in providing inclusive sports, recreation, and social activities for disabled people in Surrey; recognises the dedication of its volunteers and supporters; and wishes the club continued success in promoting inclusion, community spirit, and well-being for many years to come.

1625 **Recognition and support for the creator economy**

Tabled: **8/07/25** Signatories: **1**

Dawn Butler

That this House recognises the growing contribution of ethical content creators to the UK's creative industries and wider economy; notes that individuals working as digital creators often operate as small businesses or limited companies but face barriers accessing support routinely available to other sectors; and further notes that guidance in a growing field is necessary to protect and advise people, especially young people.

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.

1544 Biology and pregnancyTabled: **24/06/25** Signatories: **7**

Rupert Lowe
Sir Desmond Swayne
Jim Shannon
Andrew Rosindell
Jim Allister
Sammy Wilson

Carla Lockhart

That this House reaffirms the undeniable scientific fact that only women can become pregnant.

1550 Contribution of technical collegesTabled: **24/06/25** Signatories: **16**

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

Clive Jones

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 WiltshireTabled: **25/06/25** Signatories: **8****Sarah Gibson****Jim Shannon****Brian Mathew****Adam Dance****Mr Angus MacDonald****Dr Roz Savage**

Clive Jones

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 gravesTabled: **25/06/25** Signatories: **18****Sarah Gibson****Ellie Chowns****Wera Hobhouse****Siân Berry****Adrian Ramsay****Tom Morrison**

Clive Jones

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.

1564 **Hannah Beaton-Hawryluk MBE**

Tabled: **26/06/25** Signatories: **11**

Christine Jardine

Adam Dance

Jim Shannon

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jamie Stone

Martin Wrigley

Clive Jones

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: **7**

Edward Morello

Mr Angus MacDonald

Adam Dance

Ian Roome

Jim Shannon

Sarah Dyke

Clive Jones

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: **11**

Dr Roz Savage

Mr Angus MacDonald

Ian Roome

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Ben Maguire

Martin Wrigley

Liz Jarvis

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.

1573 **Durham Miners' Gala 2025**

Tabled: **30/06/25** Signatories: **23**

Mary Kelly Foy

John McDonnell

Andy McDonald

Brian Leishman

Jeremy Corbyn

Kim Johnson

Luke Myer

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: **18**

Tom Morrison

Brian Mathew

Wera Hobhouse

Adam Dance

Claire Young

Jim Dickson

Clive Jones

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.

1578 NI Equality Commission and Supreme Court rulingTabled: **1/07/25** Signatories: **5**

Jim Allister
Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Shannon
Andrew Rosindell
Carla Lockhart

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 individualsTabled: **1/07/25** Signatories: **38**

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

Stephen Gethins

Sarah Green

Clive Jones

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: **2**

Mr Gregory Campbell
Gavin Robinson

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

1582 **Tackling food waste**

Tabled: **1/07/25** Signatories: **26**

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

Martin Wrigley
Clive Jones

Alex Brewer

Liz Jarvis

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.

1584 **Community-led reopening of The Lion pub in South Cambridgeshire**

Tabled: **1/07/25** Signatories: **5**

Pippa Heylings
Jim Shannon
Dr Roz Savage
Sarah Dyke
Liz Jarvis

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.

1585 Anniversary of the July 2024 protests in Bangladesh

Tabled: **1/07/25** Signatories: **5**

Apsana Begum
Jim Shannon
Shockat Adam
Nadia Whittome
Iqbal Mohamed

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.

1588 First women's game at Littlewick Green Cricket Club in 215 yearsTabled: **2/07/25** Signatories: **9**

Mr Joshua Reynolds
Wera Hobhouse
Dr Roz Savage
Helen Maguire
Manuela Perteghella
Sarah Dyke

Liz Jarvis

Clive Jones

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 SawstonTabled: **2/07/25** Signatories: **6**

Pippa Heylings
Dr Roz Savage
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Sarah Dyke
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones

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.

1591 **Ark Cancer Centre**

Tabled: **2/07/25** Signatories: **7**

Alex Brewer
Helen Maguire
Sarah Dyke
Jim Shannon
Martin Wrigley
Liz Jarvis

Clive Jones

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.

1595 **34th annual Crudwell 24-hour bike ride and community fundraiser**

Tabled: **3/07/25** Signatories: **4**

Dr Roz Savage
Sarah Dyke
Jim Shannon
Liz Jarvis

That this House celebrates the 34th annual Crudwell 24-hour bike ride, an enduring community event held from 12pm Saturday to 12pm Sunday, in which teams and solo riders cycle a 7-mile circuit around the local hamlets in relay format to raise money for charity; notes that this year 26 teams took part, including four solo riders, one of whom was under 16, demonstrating the event's wide appeal and inclusive spirit; further notes that 80% of funds raised are directed to charities chosen by participants, while 20% support the Crudwell Village Hall and Recreation Ground; recognises the contribution of the local Scout group, who provide catering and raise funds for their own activities; welcomes this year's focus on fundraising for a pump track for the village playing area, building on improvements made possible by last year's event; commends the efforts of the volunteers who organise and run the event, including villagers and supporters

from across the UK; and congratulates the Crudwell community for creating a unique 24-hour cycling challenge that brings people together, promotes fitness and endurance, and benefits both local and national causes.

1597 30th anniversary of the Soufrière Hills volcanic eruption in Montserrat

Tabled: **3/07/25** Signatories: **3**

Andrew Rosindell

Jim Shannon

Jim Allister

That this House commemorates the 30th anniversary of the eruption of the Soufrière Hills volcano in Montserrat in July 1995, a catastrophic natural disaster that profoundly changed the lives of Montserratians and led to the devastation of the island's capital, Plymouth; remembers with solemn respect those who suffered displacement and loss in the wake of the eruption; pays tribute to the remarkable resilience, determination and courage of the Montserratian people who, in the face of immense adversity, endured, rebuilt and preserved their unique culture and identity; recognises the enduring bond between the United Kingdom and Montserrat as a cherished part of the British family; honours the legacy of representatives and community leaders such as Kei-Retta Farrell, Janice Panton MBE and the late Lloyd Thomas for their tireless advocacy for Montserrat in the UK; acknowledges that, while progress has been made in areas such as housing, healthcare and infrastructure, much work remains to be done to support the island's full recovery, including the urgent need for a modern port and improved access to the north of the island; calls on the Government to renew and strengthen its commitment to the people of Montserrat through meaningful investment and partnership; and reaffirms the support of this House for the ongoing efforts to ensure a prosperous future for Montserrat in recognition, not only of the island's past sacrifices, but of its rightful place in the shared future as a British Overseas Territories and a cherished part of the British family.

1601 Drug education in independent schools

Tabled: **4/07/25** Signatories: **8**

Mr Will Forster

Wera Hobhouse

Sarah Dyke

Jim Shannon

Helen Maguire

Alex Brewer

Liz Jarvis

Clive Jones

That this House notes with concern that there is currently no regulation requiring independent schools to provide drug education to their pupils; further notes that while state schools are mandated to deliver relationships, sex and health education, which includes drug education, independent schools are not bound by the same requirements and only offered guidance

by the Department of Education; recognises the importance of ensuring all young people, regardless of the type of school they attend, receive accurate, effective and age-appropriate information about drugs and substance misuse; believes that all pupils should be equipped to make informed and safe choices; and calls on the Government to consider what steps can be taken to ensure that independent schools are required to deliver effective and appropriate drug education as part of a consistent national approach to safeguarding and public health.

1603 **Equitable national prostate cancer screening**

Tabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **29**

Martin Wrigley
Helen Maguire
Steve Darling
Jess Brown-Fuller
Sir Gavin Williamson
Wendy Chamberlain

Victoria Collins
 Vikki Slade
 Cameron Thomas
 Jim Allister
 Sarah Green
 Liz Jarvis
 Clive Jones
 Andrew George

Jim Shannon
 Mr Paul Kohler
 Shockat Adam
 Tom Gordon
 Mr Will Forster
 Chris Coghlan
 Wera Hobhouse
 Valerie Vaz

Christine Jardine
 Adam Dance
 Adam Jogee
 Pippa Heylings
 Dr Al Pinkerton
 Iqbal Mohamed
 Ben Obese-Jecty

That this House welcomes the #ProactiveForYourProstate campaign led by Prostate Cancer Research (PCR); congratulates campaigners, such as Teignmouth campaigner Jason Yeo, for their work advocating for prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing for all men at age 50, and earlier for those in high-risk categories; calls for the Government to back this campaign; notes with concern that prostate cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death among men in the United Kingdom, claiming more than 12,000 lives each year, while survival rates are close to 100 per cent when the disease is detected early; recognises that men of Black heritage, those with a family history of prostate cancer and carriers of certain genetic mutations face up to double the average risk of diagnosis and mortality; is alarmed that the present informed-choice framework requires men aged 50 and over proactively to request a PSA blood test from their GP, a system that disproportionately fails high-risk and socio-economically deprived groups and entrenches health inequalities; applauds PCR and supporters for highlighting the urgent need for an equitable, population-wide prostate cancer screening programme and for championing greater public awareness; further calls on the Government and the UK National Screening Committee to accelerate the development and roll-out of a national screening pathway that prioritises high-risk groups and eliminates postcode or socio-economic disparities; and urges Ministers to engage with PCR, clinicians, patient representatives and campaigners to introduce interim measures that expand early-detection access while long-term protocols are finalised.

1604 80 years of Christian AidTabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **3**

Jim Shannon
Luke Myer
Andrew George

That this House notes 80 years of Christian Aid, celebrating eight decades of generosity, prayer and humanitarian response; highlights that the event was marked with a service of thanksgiving at St Annes Church of Ireland Cathedral; underlines the fantastic work undertaken to create a world free of poverty, noting currently 16,000 children under five in poorer countries die daily from preventable causes; further notes the work in helping people claim their rights and access services such as healthcare and education, become more resilient to shocks and disasters such as drought, and ensure they have the means to fight against discrimination; and thanks Christian Aid for all that they do and wishes them all the very best for the future.

1606 200 year anniversary of the North Devon InfirmaryTabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **10**

Ian Roome
Ben Maguire
Rachel Gilmour
Steve Darling
Jim Shannon
Adam Dance

Martin Wrigley
Andrew George

Dr Roz Savage

Clive Jones

That this House celebrates 200 years since the construction of the North Devon Infirmary, North Devon's first public hospital, famously Supported by Voluntary Contributions and the predecessor of North Devon District Hospital; recognises that the latter has now been in place since 1978, supports over 160,000 people across Devon and Cornwall, and is itself long overdue for investment to modernise its surgical and critical care infrastructure; and reaffirms the founding principle of the National Health Service, of public healthcare available to everyone, supported by taxpayers and free at the point of use, which will relieve one's money worries in time of illness.

1607 New Gaelic centre in north SkyeTabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **4****Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon****Dr Roz Savage****Andrew George**

That this House warmly welcomes the commencement of construction work on the £8 million Ionad Thròndairnis (Trotternish Centre) at Flodigarry on the Isle of Skye; notes that this ambitious Gaelic language and culture hub will include a function hall, classrooms for heritage and language learning, a library and digital archive, café, restaurant, and onsite accommodation to help address the chronic shortage of beds in the region; further notes that the project is expected to provide around ten full-time jobs as well as part-time and seasonal opportunities, delivering a vital economic boost to one of Scotland's most deprived rural areas in terms of income, employment and access to services; recognises the continued vibrancy of Gaelic as a community language in Trotternish, where intergenerational Gaelic-medium education is supported and celebrated; commends the leadership and determination of the Trotternish Trust and local residents in bringing this transformative project to fruition; acknowledges the support of Bòrd na Gàidhlig, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Community Land Scotland; and celebrates the centre's future role in safeguarding linguistic and cultural heritage while strengthening community resilience across north Skye.

1608 Protections for the welfare of wild animals in tourismTabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **3****Ruth Jones****Jim Shannon****Neil Duncan-Jordan**

That this House is concerned about the extreme suffering inflicted on many wild animals exploited in the tourism industry, which are frequently subjected to cruel and unnecessary so-called training techniques, often involving beatings, stabbings and other physical punishments, coercive control, conditioned unnatural behaviours, harmful captive environments in which animals may be subject to long periods of isolation and food deprivation, and stressful interactions which can lead to injury and death of the animals themselves and of tourists and others who interact with them; and calls on the Government to urgently table the activity regulations required to implement the Animals (Low-Welfare Activities Abroad) Act 2023, nearly two years after its passage into law, to prohibit the widespread and persistent advertising and sale in the UK of cruel tourist activities abroad.

1610 Chris DaviesTabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **2****Tom Morrison**
Jim Shannon

That this House notes with great sadness the passing of Chris Davies, a pioneering figure in grassroots and non-league football, who founded Grasmere Rovers in 1961, later overseeing its rebranding to Cheadle Town Football Club in 1982 and its move to Park Road Stadium; recognises Chris Davies's enormous contribution to the club over decades, including steering it through challenging financial periods and securing its long-term future; further notes Chris's broader impact on local football through his time with Manchester FC, as well as his work supporting Stockport County FC, strengthening community links across the wider area; pays tribute to his tireless dedication, resilience and passion, which inspired generations of players, volunteers and supporters; extends sincere condolences to Chris's family, friends and everyone connected with Cheadle Town and Stockport County; and celebrates Chris Davies's exceptional legacy to the local football community and his lifelong commitment to the game.

1611 Elm Grove Care Home and Ashley House Care HomeTabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **5****Dr Roz Savage**
Edward Morello
Jim Shannon
Liz Jarvis
Mr Joshua Reynolds

That this House commends the staff of Elm Grove Care Home and Ashley House Care Home in Cirencester for their outstanding fundraising efforts in support of Cancer Research UK; notes that staff from both care homes climbed Pen y Fan in the Brecon Beacons in May 2025, raising over £4,000 including match funding from Bupa; recognises the important contribution this makes towards pioneering research and treatments that save lives; congratulates the team for their community spirit, determination and compassion; and encourages more care homes and community organisations across the UK to engage in charitable fundraising that supports vital health research.

1612 Safe Inside Prisons CharterTabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **14**

Liz Saville Roberts
Kim Johnson
Grahame Morris
Cat Smith
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Brian Leishman

Jim Shannon

That this House notes with alarm the rising levels of violence against prison staff, which again have reached record highs after briefly dipping during the pandemic lockdowns; further notes with alarm the toxic culture of unacceptable behaviour within HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) identified by the Rademaker Review into bullying, harassment and discrimination, and acknowledged by the Government; believes frontline workers in prisons need a greater say in policies directly affecting their health and safety, including around the accurate reporting of health and safety violations and secondary exposure to psychoactive substances; welcomes the updated Safe Inside Prisons Charter by the Joint Unions in Prisons Alliance, a coalition of 10 national trades unions representing the majority of staff working in prisons, which sets out the principles of a positive health and safety culture and safer systems of work in such a uniquely challenging workplace environment; further welcomes the Charter's demand for prison staff to be positively encouraged to raise health and safety concerns without fear of suffering any detriment for doing so, irrespective of employer, a position reinforced by the Rademaker Review's call for an independent channel outside of the line management structure for reporting, investigating and decisioning bullying, harassment and discrimination complaints; and calls on the Government to instruct HMPPS to adopt the Charter in full immediately as part of an urgent strategy involving all prison unions to reduce violence.

1613 St Rollox Railway Works contract with Transport for LondonTabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **2**

Maureen Burke
Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates Gibson's Engineering on securing a major contract with Transport for London that will see the St Rollox Railway Works, known as The Caley, reactivated; welcomes the 40 skilled jobs that will be created as a result of the contract; recognises this as a significant step forward for The Caley following its closure in 2019 after 163 years of operation, when both the Scottish and UK governments failed to save the depot; hopes that this demonstrates the viability of The Caley and the potential for Springburn to once again be a site of engineering excellence; and commends investment from David Mouldsdale and the commitment of Gibson's Engineering to restoring skilled manufacturing jobs in Springburn and their support for the UK's railway industry.

1614 Democracy and human rights in eSwatiniTabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **8**

Kim Johnson
Nadia Whittome
Steve Witherden
Zarah Sultana
Brian Leishman
Mary Kelly Foy

Lorraine Beavers

Ian Byrne

That this House recognises the widespread human rights abuses committed under the autocratic Tinkhundla system of government in eSwatini since the dissolution of the constitution in 1973; notes erosion of democratic institutions, trade union rights, and civil liberties, including the banning of all political parties such as the People's United Democratic Movement (PUDEMO); further notes the crackdown on rights, including freedom of expression, press, health, education, gender, and LGBT equality; condemns the violent repression of civic protests, particularly the deadly crackdown of June 2021; supports the demands of PUDEMO, the Multi-Stakeholders Forum (MSF) and the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland for a repeal of the 1973 Decree, the lifting bans on political parties, trade union rights, freedoms of association and assembly, the return of political exiles, the release of political prisoners and an end to state violence against activists; also notes the 2021 ITUC report finding eSwatini in violation of 10 of 16 Commonwealth Charter principles; calls on the UK Government to work through the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG) to investigate these breaches and ensure enforcement of the Charter; and calls on the Government to support an independently mediated national political dialogue for democratic transition, and an independent investigation into the assassination of human rights lawyer and former PUDEMO Secretary General, Thulani Rudolf Maseko, and all deaths linked to the 2021 unrest.

1615 Access to dentistryTabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **21**

Edward Morello
Helen Maguire
Tom Gordon
Wendy Chamberlain
Richard Foord
Jess Brown-Fuller

Helen Morgan
 Dr Danny Chambers
 Cameron Thomas

Wera Hobhouse
 Dr Roz Savage
 Adam Dance

Jim Shannon
 Brian Mathew
 Martin Wrigley

Victoria Collins
Clive Jones

Alex Brewer
Ian Roome

Liz Jarvis
Mr Joshua Reynolds

That this House is deeply concerned by the growing crisis in NHS dentistry, particularly in rural constituencies such as West Dorset, where just 15 dental practices offer any form of NHS care to a population of 94,000, equating to more than 2,300 residents per dentist; notes that only 36% of adults and just 50% of children in West Dorset have seen an NHS dentist in the last two years, contributing to thousands of avoidable A&E visits due to dental decay, including 3,000 children nationally every year; recognises that the current NHS dental contract is not fit for purpose, leaving patients forced to pay privately or go without care altogether; welcomes the Government's commitment to deliver 700,000 additional appointments, but stresses that this must be accompanied by immediate, practical support for Integrated Care Boards, such as NHS Dorset, to address local need now; highlights the case of a pensioner in Sherborne who, unable to access NHS dental care, has had to extract his own teeth; notes the British Dental Association's findings that 96% of practices in England are not accepting new NHS patients and that 1 in 5 people who cannot access care are resorting to DIY dentistry; further notes that the South West has the highest rate of dental-related A&E attendances and the highest dental vacancy rate in the country at 22%; and calls on the Government to deliver both long-term reform and immediate action to restore access to NHS dentistry, especially in rural and underserved areas.

1616 Investment in General Practice

Tabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **20**

Edward Morello
Helen Maguire
Tom Gordon
Wendy Chamberlain
Steve Darling
Jess Brown-Fuller

Helen Morgan
Dr Danny Chambers
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Martin Wrigley
Liz Jarvis

Wera Hobhouse
Dr Roz Savage
Cameron Thomas
Victoria Collins
Clive Jones

Jim Shannon
Brian Mathew
Adam Dance
Alex Brewer

That this House notes with concern that although about 90% of NHS interactions take place in general practice, only 6% of the NHS budget is allocated to it; recognises that general practice remains one of the most financially efficient parts of the NHS, as highlighted in the Darzi Review 2024, yet continues to be chronically underfunded; further notes that the current funding formula fails to take adequate account of rurality and age, placing additional pressure on practices in areas like West Dorset; expresses concern that in Dorset, over 550,000 GP appointments last year involved waits of more than 28 days; highlights the urgent need to invest in digital infrastructure, including extending the Electronic Prescription Service across hospitals

and community trusts to reduce waste, delays and duplication, and to lessen the administrative burden on GPs; also notes that over one-third of GPs report that their buildings are not fit for purpose, with over half of GP premises more than 30 years old and one in five predating the foundation of the NHS; believes that urgent investment in the primary care estate is essential to meet demand, deliver preventative care and avoid long-term costs; calls for a guarantee that patients will be able to see a GP within a week, or within 24 hours in urgent cases, to prevent conditions escalating into avoidable hospital admissions; and urges the Government to properly fund general practice and community healthcare as a vital and cost-effective part of a sustainable NHS.