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## Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 16 July 2025

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### New EDMs

#### 1687 **West Highland Way shortlisted for Britain's Favourite Path 2025**

Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **1**

##### **Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House congratulates the West Highland Way on being named a finalist in the Ramblers' Britain's Favourite Path 2025 competition; notes that it is the only Scottish route to be shortlisted and one of eight finalists across the UK; further notes that the 96-mile trail from Milngavie to Fort William has, for over 40 years, offered walkers of all abilities an inspiring journey through some of Scotland's most iconic landscapes; recognises the value of the West Highland Way to local communities, tourism and wellbeing; and highlights the affection in which it is held by walkers across the UK, including Robert Marshall who will walk it for the 100th time this year, who nominated the path.

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#### 1688 **Pakistan and the UK Air Safety List**

Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **1**

##### **Ayoub Khan**

That this House warmly celebrates the announcement by the British High Commission in Islamabad on 16 July 2025 confirming the removal of Pakistan from the UK's Air Safety List; commends the outstanding efforts and cooperation between aviation authorities in the UK and Pakistan in achieving the safety reforms necessary to meet international aviation standards; congratulates all those involved, particularly the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority and the UK's

Air Safety Committee, on this important milestone; recognises this as a major step forward for connectivity, enabling Pakistani airlines to apply to operate flights to the UK; believes this will bring enormous benefits for the over 1.6 million people of Pakistani heritage living in the UK, and for thousands of British nationals residing in or travelling to Pakistan; welcomes the new opportunities this will create for family reunions, cultural exchange, business travel, and trade; and looks forward to the strengthening of UK–Pakistan ties and to seeing Pakistani carriers in British skies very soon.

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1689 **Dame Norma Redfearn CBE**

Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Mary Glindon**

That this House warmly salutes Dame Norma Redfearn who has recently retired after a long and successful life in education and as the Mayor of North Tyneside Council; recognises her pioneering work over thirty years in primary and secondary schools during which one of her schools won a prestigious award from the Royal Institute of British architects for its playground design and she established a breakfast club, supported by Greggs, to increase attendance and attainment as well as a community wing where parents could secure qualifications; notes that she became the first headteacher to receive the prize for Public Management Leadership from the Office for Public Management in 1997; further salutes her work as a councillor and three terms with increased majorities as Mayor during which she transformed Whitley Bay's seafront and the Spanish City dome that vastly improved the image of the town while she also led the pursuit of devolution for the North East; and believes that these achievements and dedication to public service explain why she is widely known in the North East by her first name and respected as a proud and determined daughter of Wallsend, the trade union movement and the Labour Party.

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1690 **Steve Willis Training Centre**

Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Alison Bennett**

That this House congratulates Steve Willis and all the team at the Steve Willis Training Centre on 25 years of service to apprenticeships and further education in Sussex and across the South East; applauds their contribution to the sector in improving perceptions and recognition of apprenticeships; commends their work in training generations of skilled plumbing, gas and electrical apprentices; recognises their achievement in reaching apprenticeship pass rates well above the national average, winning awards for their courses, and fostering positive working relationships with companies across Sussex; and calls for increased Government investment in education and training, including increasing the availability of apprenticeships and career advice for young people, so that organisations like the Steve Willis Training Centre can continue to transform peoples' lives and set them up for a fulfilling future.

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**1691 Highland producers and finals of Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **1****Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House congratulates the Inverness Botanic Gardens on being named a finalist for the Sustainability Award at the 2025 Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards; notes that they are among 85 finalists from across the country shortlisted for almost two dozen categories recognising the highest quality of produce and innovation in Scotland's food and drink sector, and that the award has been running for twenty-four years; further congratulates the Cairngorm Brewery in Aviemore, nominated for Beer and Cider Product of the Year for its Black Gold stout, and the Highland Liquor Co in Ullapool, whose Seven Crofts Gin is a finalist for Distilling Product of the Year - White Spirits; recognises the further success of Highlands and Islands producers such as Bakkafröst Scotland, whose Applecross Hatchery is one of the sites behind its nomination for Farm to Fork Producer of the Year; and applauds all the Highland finalists for showcasing the creativity, sustainability, and excellence that make Highland food and drink among the finest in the country.

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**1692 Fauja Singh**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **1****Helen Maguire**

That this House remembers with great sadness the passing of Fauja Singh the world's oldest marathon runner; celebrates his extraordinary life and achievements, having begun running competitively at the remarkable age of 89 and going on to complete nine full marathons between 2000 and 2013, including setting records across multiple age categories, notably when he was over 100 years old; recognises that he inspired millions across the world not only through his sporting feats but also through his message of perseverance, health and hope; and extends sincere condolences to Fauja's family and friends.

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**1693 Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Allister**

That this House deplores the political attack by the Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (NIHRC) on Sir Declan Morgan, Chief Commissioner of the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery and its Commissioner for Investigations, Peter Sheridan; repudiates the insinuation that members of the judiciary and former police officers cannot bring objectivity and fairness to legacy investigations; and calls on the NIHRC to operate within its statutory guardrails and desist from peddling its political narrative.

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**1694 Antisemitism and Holocaust inversion**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **1****Christine Jardine**

That this House believes antisemitism is a pernicious and dangerous form of racism that threatens not only Jewish people but democracy as a whole; further believes that Holocaust inversion is a form of antisemitism which undermines the extent and nature of the barbaric events of the Holocaust and weaponises the collective memory and trauma of Jewish experience; and calls on all hon. Members to be mindful of their use of social media and language in the chamber to avoid these tropes.

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**1695 Truth and reconciliation in Bangladesh**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **1****Bob Blackman**

That this House notes that the interim government in Bangladesh, as part of its ongoing effort to alter the legal and constitutional framework of governance and administration, may prioritise the formation of a truth and reconciliation commission; believes that inclusive elections should help in restoring political order, social harmony and economic development; considers that now is the right time to introduce suitable constitutional and legal safeguards for minority communities including reserved seats in Parliament; and calls on the interim government in Bangladesh to establish a minority commission to act as an ombudsperson on issues pertaining to the minority communities.

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**1696 Protection of survivors of domestic abuse under the Hague Convention**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **1****Mr Lee Dillon**

That this House is concerned by the distressing circumstances faced by parents who cross international borders with their children to escape domestic abuse, only to be subject to legal proceedings for the child's return under the Hague Convention; recognises the importance of courts fully and properly considering the grave risk exception in cases involving domestic violence; calls on the Government to bring forward proposals to ensure that UK implementation of the Hague Convention aligns with safeguarding duties and the Domestic Abuse Act 2021; and urges Ministers to work with stakeholders, survivors and international partners to prevent misuse of the Hague Convention in domestic abuse cases.

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**1697 Contribution of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **1****Carla Denyer**

That this House recognises the meaningful and enduring contributions made by migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers; affirms that regardless of these contributions, all have an inherent right to live in peace, dignity, and hope and that this right is fundamental, and must not be eroded by political narratives that fuel criminalisation, social division and scapegoating; commits to condemning irresponsible rhetoric that seeks to divide our communities and risks fuelling a repeat of racist violence seen on our streets in the summer of 2024; stands in solidarity with all minoritised people including all racialised people and all migrants, LGBTQ+ people, disabled people, homeless people, people living in poverty, those with care and support needs and more, our friends, family members, colleagues and neighbours, as they face growing fear and insecurity driven by hostile political rhetoric; and declares that we are and will remain an island of solidarity, not strangers.

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**1698 Dose of Nature**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **1****Zöe Franklin**

That this House recognises the work of Dose of Nature, a charity based in Guildford and Richmond, which improves mental health through supported access to natural environments; congratulates them on the recent opening of their new community garden in Guildford, opened in conjunction with Natural Trust and RHS Wisley; notes the growing body of literature showing the link between regular time spent in nature and reduced symptoms of stress, anxiety and depression; acknowledges the impact of Dose of Nature's work on relieving financial pressure on primary care services; and commends them on the lasting impact which their work has on the mental wellbeing of local residents.

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## 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.

**1587 10th anniversary of the Museum of Orange Heritage at Sloan's House**Tabled: **2/07/25** Signatories: **4**

**Carla Lockhart**  
**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Gavin Robinson**

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.

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**1602 Scotland Junior Sea Angling Team 2025 Home Nations Champions**Tabled: **4/07/25** Signatories: **4**

**Chris Law**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Graham Leadbitter**  
**Christine Jardine**

That this House congratulates Scotland's Junior Sea Angling Team on their gold medal success at the 2025 SALC Shore Home Nations Championships; further congratulates junior anglers Eryk Janik, Frank Hamilton, Jai McKinney and Loui Wemyss, alongside manager Nuno Santos and assistant managers Billy Buckley and Sean Baxter, for their roles in this success; recognises that the junior championships were held over three days at Benone Strand and Longfields in Northern Ireland; thanks the Scottish Federation of Sea Anglers for the support provided to the team; further thanks the Irish Federation of Sea Anglers for hosting the championships; and wishes Eryk, Frank, Jai and Loui all the best with their future sporting endeavours.

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**1604 80 years of Christian Aid**Tabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **8****Jim Shannon****Luke Myer****Andrew George****Rachael Maskell****Ellie Chowns****Tristan Osborne**

Gavin Robinson

Christine Jardine

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.

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**1605 Dedication of LOL1363 Arch**Tabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **2****Jim Shannon****Gavin Robinson**

That this House celebrates the dedication of Greenwell Street LOL1363's new arch; notes that after the damage that occurred last year the Lodge have worked tirelessly to repair the arch and get it up ahead of this years Twelfth of July celebrations; highlights the historical and cultural significance of Orangeism throughout Northern Ireland and especially in the Lodge's hometown of Newtownards; further notes that the Lodge's first arch was first dedicated in 1983 by Rev Ian Paisley and that it has been erected every year since; congratulates LOL 1363 on the new arch; and wishes the Lodge all the very best for the future.

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1615 **Access to dentistry**Tabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **34**

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

Christine Jardine

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: **30**

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

Christine Jardine

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.

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**1622 Post Offices in rural areas**

Tabled: **8/07/25** Signatories: **33**

**Caroline Voaden**

**Steve Darling**

**Gideon Amos**

**Richard Foord**

**Rachel Gilmour**

**Anna Sabine**

Christine Jardine

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.

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**1623 Royal Academy summer exhibition**

Tabled: **8/07/25** Signatories: **6**

**James MacCleary**

**Clive Jones**

**Sarah Dyke**

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

**Jess Brown-Fuller**

**Christine Jardine**

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.

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**1626 Apprenticeships strategy**Tabled: **9/07/25** Signatories: **13**

**Grahame Morris**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Siân Berry**  
**Adrian Ramsay**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

Kim Johnson  
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Neil Duncan-Jordan  
Dr Simon Opher

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House believes that the scandal of low pay for apprentices must end and that apprentices need pay above the national living wage, covered by Collective Bargaining; is concerned that many apprenticeships are offered on fixed-term contracts, meaning there is no guaranteed offer of employment to follow; recognises that apprenticeships can be used as a cheap unit of labour without the full employment rights expected in other contractual work; is further concerned that outsourced training and education facilities are often inadequate and substandard; further recognises that not nearly enough new apprentices are being taken on in the rail industry and by the National Skills Academy for Rail, when over 5,000 each year are required to replace those nearing retirement; applauds the RMT union's recent publication of an Apprenticeships Charter; realises the need for growth targets for the industry with specific regard to skills gaps and the establishment of a new, centralised and fully-funded in-house Apprentice and Young Workers Railway Training Scheme; and calls on the Government to set an ambitious and fully-funded apprenticeship strategy to deliver these measures, involving Great British Railways to promote a pathway for uniformed, overalled and back-office apprenticeships that offer job guarantees, permanent contracts and workers' rights from day one.

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**1627 150th anniversary of Carleton Street Orange Hall**Tabled: **9/07/25** Signatories: **3**

**Carla Lockhart**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Gavin Robinson**

That this House congratulates Carleton Street Orange Hall and Heritage Centre in Portadown on its 150th anniversary; recognises the hall as one of the most historically significant and

architecturally distinguished Orange halls in Northern Ireland, having served since 1875 as a central venue for Loyal Order organisations and a focal point for community and cultural life; welcomes the efforts to document and promote the hall's rich heritage through the publication of a new commemorative booklet; notes the hall's wartime role, including its use by British and American forces during the Second World War, and the removal of its original archway in 1940 under the Scrap for Victory campaign; further welcomes the reinstatement of a new archway as a meaningful act of historical restoration during this anniversary year; commends all those involved in organising events and exhibitions to mark this important milestone, with special recognition to the Carleton Street trustees, the hall committee and Portadown Heritage Tours for their dedication to preserving and celebrating local heritage; and supports the ongoing work to ensure the hall's legacy is maintained for future generations.

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1631      **Grangemouth Queer Breakfast Club**

Tabled: **9/07/25**      Signatories: **3**

**Brian Leishman**

**Apsana Begum**

**Christine Jardine**

That this House recognises and celebrates the vital work of Queer Breakfast Club in Grangemouth, a volunteer-led charity founded in 2024 to support LGBTIQ+ people across the Falkirk area; commends the group's rapid growth and positive impact, including welcoming over 60 regular attendees to their weekly peer support sessions, attaining charitable status, and receiving nominations for both local and national awards; congratulates them on organising Falkirk's first Pride celebration in several years, helping to restore inclusive representation and celebration of LGBTIQ+ lives in the region; notes that many LGBTIQ+ individuals still face isolation, exclusion, and significant barriers to wellbeing; praises Queer Breakfast Club for creating safe, joyful, and inclusive spaces through activities such as shared breakfasts, board games, and social events; and urges local authorities, public bodies, and government ministers to champion and invest in grassroots organisations like Queer Breakfast Club, whose efforts are crucial in fostering connection, solidarity, and dignity for LGBTIQ+ communities.

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**1633 Flying ring toys**Tabled: **9/07/25** Signatories: **8****Ben Maguire****Jim Shannon****Mr Angus MacDonald****Clive Jones****Ellie Chowns****Claire Young**

Christine Jardine

That this House expresses strong support for the campaign led by the UK Seal Alliance Executive to ban the sale of plastic flying ring toys; recognises the significant and growing danger these items pose to marine wildlife, particularly to the UK's globally rare grey and harbour seals, which can suffer prolonged injury or death when entangled; applauds the tireless efforts of campaigners, volunteers, and organisations across Cornwall and the UK who rescue and rehabilitate affected seals, raise public awareness, and advocate for safer alternatives; notes the support of responsible retailers who have already removed flying rings from sale; and calls on the Government to introduce legislation to ban the sale of flying ring toys and prevent further harm to our treasured marine life.

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**1637 Government policy on the Hillsborough Law**Tabled: **9/07/25** Signatories: **61****Ian Byrne****Kim Johnson****Paula Barker****Siân Berry****Tom Morrison****Sorcha Eastwood**

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That this House notes the Prime Minister's promise to introduce the Hillsborough Law to Parliament before the 36th anniversary of the disaster on 15 April 2025; deeply regrets that this commitment was not met and that the Government has yet to table the legislation; expresses grave concern at reports that the Government intends to bring forward a weakened alternative bill, lacking the core principles and protections of the Hillsborough Law; recognises that the Hillsborough Law is a rigorously drafted piece of legislation, written by legal experts in collaboration with families affected by state cover-ups, including Hillsborough, and first introduced to Parliament by Andy Burnham in 2017; highlights that the Hillsborough Law includes a statutory duty of candour on public authorities and officials, backed by criminal sanctions, and ensures bereaved families are granted parity of legal representation; pays tribute to the unwavering courage and determination of the Hillsborough families and survivors, who for decades have fought for truth and justice; believes the Hillsborough Law would be a landmark piece of legislation, tackling the culture of cover-ups evident in scandals such as

Hillsborough, the infected blood scandal, the Horizon Post Office scandal and the nuclear test veteran scandal; welcomes the reintroduction of the Hillsborough Law to Parliament, formally titled the Public Authority (Accountability) Bill, which had its First Reading on 2 July 2025; and calls on the Government to honour its word and the memory of the 97 lives lost at Hillsborough by enacting the Hillsborough Law in full, without delay.

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**1640 Support for people with dyscalculia**

Tabled: **9/07/25** Signatories: **21**

**Adam Dance**  
**Vikki Slade**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ian Sollom**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**

Christine Jardine

That this House recognises that approximately six percent of the population has dyscalculia; notes that while there is no single profile of dyscalculia, it is a learning difference that affects the ability to acquire mathematical skills, primarily arithmetic; acknowledges that research into dyscalculia has lagged behind research into other learning differences such as dyslexia; welcomes recent progress made in researching dyscalculia and calls on the Government to support further research; and further calls on the Government to support people with dyscalculia at school by improving teacher training on dyscalculia, introducing universal screening on neurodivergent conditions in primary schools, as well as improving access to classroom adjustments and assistive technology.

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**1641 Jibraan Chaudhary Sepsis Research Foundation and chemotherapy-associated sepsis**

Tabled: **9/07/25** Signatories: **8**

**Liz Jarvis**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Helen Morgan**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**

Christine Jardine

That this House pays tribute to the life of Jibraan Nveed Chaudhary, a bright and kind-hearted 18-year-old who tragically died from sepsis in November 2024 while undergoing chemotherapy treatment for leukemia; recognises the dedication and strength of his father and family in establishing the Jibraan Chaudhary Sepsis Research Foundation in his memory; acknowledges that sepsis remains a leading cause of death among patients undergoing treatment for

leukemia; commends the Foundation's mission to fund research into the prevention, early detection, and treatment of chemotherapy-associated sepsis; supports its efforts to raise awareness, foster community engagement, and drive scientific innovation; and calls on the Government, research institutions and healthcare bodies to prioritise action on sepsis in cancer care to help save lives.

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**1642 Outsourced cleaners on Tyne and Wear Metro**

Tabled: **9/07/25** Signatories: **23**

**Grahame Morris**

**Ian Lavery**

**Mary Kelly Foy**

**Emma Lewell**

**Kate Osborne**

**Richard Burgon**

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Dr Simon Opher

That this House welcomes the Labour Government's promise to 'oversee the biggest wave of insourcing for a generation'; notes that the North East Combined Authority transport provider Nexus, while publicly owned, outsources cleaning of the Tyne and Wear Metro to a private company, Churchill, and that this contract is now coming to an end; further notes with concern that, like other outsourced workers, Churchill's cleaners do not get sick pay and they have no decent pension in retirement; also notes with deep concern that, responding to a recent survey, 71% of its cleaners on the Metro said they sometimes or regularly struggle to get by, 83% said they come into work while sick because they cannot afford to take time off and 86% worry about having enough money in retirement; is shocked to learn that Churchill paid a £43.8 million dividend to its shareholders last year, but has refused to negotiate a pay rise for Nexus's cleaners this year; welcomes the decision by Welsh Labour and Transport for Wales to insource its cleaning and catering, as well as the Mayor of London's review of Transport for London's outsourced cleaning contract; agrees with the RMT union that with Churchill's contract nearing its end, this is the time to make good on Labour's promise; and calls on the Mayor of North East England, Kim McGuinness, to direct Nexus to insource this contract.

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**1643 Recognition of Craig McMurrough's contribution to ovarian cancer awareness and healthcare fundraising**Tabled: **9/07/25** Signatories: **9****Manuela Perteghella****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Mr Angus MacDonald****Clive Jones**

Christine Jardine

That this House congratulates Stratford-on-Avon resident Craig McMurrough on being awarded the British Citizens Award for services to healthcare; notes that following the loss of his sister Cheryl to ovarian cancer in 2016, Craig channelled his grief into raising awareness of the disease and supporting others affected through tireless fundraising for the charity Ovacome; commends his imaginative and heartfelt efforts alongside his friend Sarah, with whom he has completed eight London Marathons, over 100 half marathons, and even climbed Kilimanjaro, raising more than £80,000 dressed as “Mr and Ms Ovary” to help start conversations and reach new audiences; recognises that this work has not only helped to fund vital support but has also brought national recognition, including the Prime Minister’s Points of Light Award and invitations to Downing Street and Buckingham Palace; and pays tribute to Craig’s dedication, energy and sense of purpose in transforming personal tragedy into a lasting contribution to public health awareness.

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**1645 Impact of net zero policies on the agricultural sector and rural communities**Tabled: **10/07/25** Signatories: **3****Carla Lockhart****Jim Shannon****Gavin Robinson**

That this House expresses deep concern over the damaging and disproportionate impact of the Government’s net zero policy on the agricultural sector, which is essential to food production, economic stability and the resilience of rural communities across the United Kingdom; notes that the pursuit of net zero is placing excessive and unrealistic demands on farmers, while major global polluters and multinational corporations continue largely unaffected; further notes that these policies are being imposed despite offering negligible climate benefit, while carrying a significant and escalating financial cost to Government, and by extension, to taxpayers and consumers; recognises that the burden is being felt nationwide but is particularly severe in Northern Ireland, where agriculture plays a central role in both the economy and community life; and calls on the Government to urgently reconsider its net zero strategy, ensuring it does not sacrifice the future of UK agriculture or impose unsustainable costs on the public for limited return.

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**1646 Bath and North East Somerset Community Wellbeing Hub**Tabled: **10/07/25** Signatories: **9**

**Anna Sabine**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Brian Mathew**  
**Sarah Gibson**  
**Clive Jones**

Mr Angus MacDonald                      Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the Bath and North East Somerset Community Wellbeing Hub, which was voted second, Highly Commended, in the Innovations in Public Private Partnerships category at the Municipal Journal Awards; praises all the work of the team involved in the Hub and wider partnership; celebrates their commitment to providing wellbeing services for residents and communities across Bath and North East Somerset; recognises the professionalism and effort put into identifying and referring clinical or social care needs and their collaboration with partner organisations; and wishes the Hub all the best in finding new creative solutions that will serve local people.

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**1647 Access to mental health support for children and young people**Tabled: **10/07/25** Signatories: **20**

**Edward Morello**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Ayoub Khan**  
**Vikki Slade**  
**Helen Morgan**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

Mr Angus MacDonald                      Jim Shannon                      Shockat Adam  
Christine Jardine

That this House is deeply concerned that nearly one million people are currently waiting for mental health services across the UK; notes with particular concern the impact on children and young people, including the 300 currently on the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) caseload in West Dorset; further notes that CAMHS in that area is centralised in Dorchester, requiring families in Lyme Regis or Beaminster to make a 30-mile round trip, often without access to reliable public transport; is alarmed that a single care coordinator may be responsible for as many as 35 young people, and that there is no local access to trauma-informed support such as EMDR or art therapy; believes that no child should be left waiting over a year for vital mental health treatment; and urges the Government to address regional and rural disparities in service provision, increase funding for specialist staff and therapeutic interventions, and ensure that every child and young person has timely and local access to the mental health support they need.

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**1648 Funding and role of community pharmacies**Tabled: **10/07/25** Signatories: **20**

**Edward Morello**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Ayoub Khan**  
**Helen Morgan**  
**Cameron Thomas**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

That this House notes the vital role played by community pharmacies in delivering frontline healthcare and reducing pressure on general practice and hospitals; recognises that in areas such as West Dorset, 17 pharmacies dispense around 160,000 prescriptions each month and help save approximately 2,500 GP appointments; expresses concern that despite this growing workload, the funding model has not kept pace with expectations, with pharmacies facing 30% real-terms cuts since 2016 and higher operating costs in rural areas due to fewer economies of scale; further notes that pharmacies in towns such as Beaminster and Sherborne have reported six-figure losses; regrets that 700 community pharmacies have closed in the last two years, threatening access to care, particularly in rural communities; welcomes the Government's commitment of £800 million in additional funding for community pharmacy services this year; but notes with concern that this still leaves a significant £2 billion gap in the sector; and calls on the Government to deliver a sustainable long-term funding settlement for community pharmacies, ensuring they can continue to provide accessible, trusted healthcare in every part of the country.

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**1650 Longlevens Mixed Ability Rugby Team champions**Tabled: **10/07/25** Signatories: **8**

**Cameron Thomas**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Zöe Franklin**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Max Wilkinson**  
**Sarah Dyke**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the Longlevens Mixed Ability Rugby Team on being crowned Gold Cup Champions of the 2025 International Mixed Ability Rugby Tournament; recognises that, despite extreme weather conditions, the team won all six of their matches, including a victory over the reigning champions in the final; commends all the supporters, sponsors, volunteers, coaches, and players of Longlevens Mixed Ability Rugby for this remarkable achievement; and celebrates the inclusive and supportive environment that the club continues to promote.

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**1651 100 years of RAF Odiham**Tabled: **10/07/25** Signatories: **8**

**Alex Brewer**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Zöe Franklin**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Ian Roome**  
**Sarah Dyke**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

That this House acknowledges the immense contribution that the RAF and air bases across the UK make to our national security; recognises the critical support they have given throughout numerous conflicts and the invaluable assistance they give to all branches of the military; congratulates RAF Odiham for 100 years of service to our country and the local community; notes that since its founding in 1925, the base has become a cornerstone of British aviation and provides crucial logistical support to the Air Force as the centre for RAF Chinook operations which are vital in supporting British forces overseas and responding to domestic emergencies; and thanks RAF staff past and present for their services to the armed forces and the sacrifices they, and their families, have made to do so.

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**1652 Cool hubs**Tabled: **10/07/25** Signatories: **24**

**Pippa Heylings**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Ayoub Khan**  
**Zöe Franklin**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Rachael Maskell**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

That this House is deeply concerned about the impacts of extreme temperatures this summer; is further concerned that poorly insulated housing puts lives at risk during heat waves especially for the most vulnerable people suffering with extreme temperatures in care homes, hospitals and temporary accommodation; notes with concern the findings of the Climate Change Committee which confirms that the UK is unprepared for extreme weather events and that the Government and previous Conservative Government have not done enough to address the associated risks to public health; believes the Government should commit to a ten-year Home Upgrade Programme which provides people on low incomes with free insulation including heat humps to make homes cool in summer and warm in winter; recommends that air conditioned community spaces such as leisure centres, community centres, gyms and libraries are used to provide sanctuary in heat waves; and calls on the Government to open cool hubs in public buildings to provide communities with refuge in extreme temperatures urgently.

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**1653 Mick Conroy retirement as a postman**Tabled: **11/07/25** Signatories: **4****Peter Prinsley****Peter Lamb****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Jim Shannon**

This House congratulates Mick Conroy on his nearly two decades of service as a postman in Bury St Edmunds; thanks him for his dedicated work as a central part of the local community; and pays tribute to the vital role of postmen and women across the country.

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**1654 50th anniversary of Triton Showers**Tabled: **11/07/25** Signatories: **2****Jodie Gosling****Jim Shannon**

That this House acknowledges and congratulates the 50 year anniversary of Triton Showers in Nuneaton, which was established in 1975; notes that the business has been at the forefront of providing customers with energy efficient electric and mixer showering products ever since; further notes that, in 2025, Triton celebrates its 50th anniversary, marking a half-century of manufacturing market-leading showering solutions in the heart of the Midlands; and highlights that Triton is a leading local employer in the Nuneaton area, employing over 250 people across various business functions.

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**1655 Animals**Tabled: **11/07/25** Signatories: **5****Adrian Ramsay****Andrew George****Martin Vickers****Irene Campbell****Carla Denyer**

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 776), dated 30 June 2025, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1 July, be annulled.

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**1656 RealTechBot, first Lego League International Open Winners**Tabled: **11/07/25** Signatories: **2****Peter Swallow****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes success of the robotics team RealTechBot, who have emerged victorious at the first Lego League International Open in Florida; recognises that they were successful in beating 96 teams from 11 countries; praises their winning design, the PH Wanderer, a low-cost, solar-powered, autonomous system that monitors pH levels in real time to help tackle ocean acidification and protect marine life; reflects that this all-girls team is inspiring young people, and particularly young girls, to develop skills in STEM; and expresses deep pride that the team has flown the flag for Bracknell and the UK on the global stage.

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**1657 Remembering PC Ian Minett**Tabled: **11/07/25** Signatories: **7****Cameron Thomas****Helen Maguire****Clive Jones****Max Wilkinson****Sarah Dyke****Mr Angus MacDonald**

Jim Shannon

That this House pays tribute to the life of PC Ian Minett, a dedicated and admirable public servant who died unexpectedly whilst on duty; recognises the daily sacrifices he made as an officer, putting himself at risk to protect the safety and security of the people of Gloucestershire; and commends PC Ian Minett for his service, as well as all those who serve within Gloucestershire Constabulary.

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**1658 Recognition of Wiltshire schools achieving the Dyslexia-Friendly Quality Mark**Tabled: **11/07/25** Signatories: **8****Sarah Gibson****Steve Darling****Helen Maguire****Clive Jones****Adam Dance****Sarah Dyke**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the fifteen schools across Wiltshire, including several in the Chippenham constituency, that have been awarded the British Dyslexia Association's prestigious Dyslexia-Friendly Quality Mark; celebrates this landmark achievement as a powerful step

towards inclusive education that supports all children, regardless of how they learn; applauds the commitment and hard work of teachers, support staff, and pupils in embedding a whole-school approach to dyslexia; commends the vital support provided by the Wiltshire Specialist SEN Service (SSENS) in enabling this success; welcomes the celebration event at Trowbridge County Hall on 10 July 2025; and recognises that with at least three children in every classroom affected by dyslexia, it is essential that all schools are equipped to identify, understand and support neurodiverse learners.

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1659      **Reform of the special educational needs and disabilities system**

Tabled: **11/07/25**      Signatories: **42**

**Munira Wilson**

**Ed Davey**

**Wendy Chamberlain**

**Dr Al Pinkerton**

**Brian Mathew**

**Steve Darling**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

Shockat Adam

That this House notes with deep concern the persistent crisis in the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) system, following years of neglect; welcomes the Government's acknowledgement of the urgent need for reform; further notes the widespread anxiety among parents, carers and professionals that forthcoming changes may undermine the rights of children and young people with SEND; calls on the Government to ensure that any reform is centred on the needs of children, and does not lead to the rollback of existing rights or entitlements in a vacuum; further calls on the Government to ensure that the voices of children and families are placed at the heart of the reform process; believes that reform must include meaningful investment to boost specialist provision alongside improvements to inclusive provision in mainstream schools; further believes that local authorities must be better supported to deliver SEND services, including through extending the profit cap to private SEND providers and ensuring national funding for children with particularly high-cost needs; also calls for improved early identification and intervention, with reduced waiting times for diagnosis, therapies and support; and further calls for a fair funding system that properly incentivises schools to support SEND pupils and to equip staff with the training and tools needed to deliver high-quality inclusive education and pastoral care; and urges the Government to engage constructively on a cross-party basis to deliver a SEND system that meets the needs of every child, young person and family across the country.

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**1660 Accessible facilities and responsible use of RADAR keys**Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **9**

**Charlotte Cane**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Ayoub Khan**  
**Jim Shannon**

Claire Young

Adam Dance

Christine Jardine

That this House notes with concern the increasing availability of RADAR keys, also known as a National Key Scheme key, for purchase through online platforms such as Amazon, which were originally intended to give people with disabilities independent access to locked accessible toilet facilities; notes with alarm that this unregulated access has led to a rise in vandalism, misuse and closures of such facilities across the UK, disproportionately affecting people with disabilities and their dignity, safety, independence and access to public spaces; recognises the importance of ensuring that accessible facilities remain available to those who genuinely need them; further acknowledges the sensitivities surrounding access to accessible facilities, as well as the importance of accessible facilities as safe spaces not only for people with disabilities but also for trans and non-binary individuals, who may face barriers or hostility in gendered facilities; urges the Government to review the sale and distribution of RADAR keys under the National Key Scheme, introduce appropriate safeguards to prevent misuse and work with local authorities, disability organisations and equality advocates to protect, safeguard and improve accessible toilet provision across the UK; and reaffirms the importance of designing public infrastructure that reflects fairness, inclusion, respect for individual dignity and upholding the rights of all marginalised groups.

**1661 Roshaan Khattak**Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **4**

**John McDonnell**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House is alarmed at Cambridge University's failure to respond to security concerns surrounding a postgraduate researcher facing threats believed to come from Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence; notes that the researcher concerned, Roshaan Khattak, is an Oscar-nominated filmmaker and academic whose proposed doctorate at Cambridge investigates enforced disappearances and other genocidal crimes in Balochistan, a region of Pakistan intersected by China's multibillion-dollar Belt and Road Initiative; condemns the university's instruction that Roshaan Khattak leave the college accommodation by 30 June 2025, which removed any institutional protection that being a student offers, and refused to do any risk assessments or offer advice; is further concerned that as authoritarian regimes grow more aggressive, academics researching politically sensitive topics will continue to face serious

threats; calls on Cambridge University to publish clear university procedures for handling transnational repression and its effect on academic freedom; and further calls on the university to reinstate Roshan Khattak's PhD progression.

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**1662 Pilling Jubilee Silver Band**

Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **2**

**Cat Smith**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates the Pilling Jubilee Silver Band on the occasion of its 90th anniversary; recognises their outstanding achievement in placing third in the North West Regional Brass Band Championships and securing a place at the National Finals in Cheltenham in September 2025; celebrates the band as a shining example of intergenerational community spirit, with members ranging from just 13 to an inspiring 93 years of age; commends their commitment to music, community engagement and the preservation of brass band heritage; and encourages support for their fundraising efforts to help cover the cost of travel, accommodation and entry fees, so that this remarkable local band can proudly represent the North West on the national stage.

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**1663 Access to care and support for people living with arthritis**

Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **13**

**Sarah Gibson**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Andrew George**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

Mr Angus MacDonald  
Claire Young  
Christine Jardine

Dr Roz Savage  
Jess Brown-Fuller

Jim Shannon  
Adam Dance

That this House recognises the significant impact that arthritis and other musculoskeletal conditions have on the lives of over 10 million people across the UK; acknowledges that arthritis can affect mobility, independence and quality of life, and is a leading cause of pain and disability; notes concerns raised by patients and healthcare professionals about long waiting times for diagnosis, treatment and joint replacement surgery, as well as variation in access to services such as rheumatology, physiotherapy and pain management; further notes that in rural areas such as Wiltshire, patients may face additional barriers in accessing care, including longer travel times to clinics, limited availability of local services and workforce shortages; believes that access to high-quality, timely and local care is essential to improving outcomes for people living with arthritis; supports the expansion of early intervention and community services, including improved access to GPs, pharmacists and diagnostic services;

recognises the importance of investment in medical research to improve treatment options and quality of life for people with long-term conditions; and calls on the Government to work with NHS leaders, patient groups and researchers to improve services for people with arthritis, address the particular needs of rural communities, and support efforts to reduce variation and delays in care.

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**1664      End of Alcohol Awareness Week**

Tabled: **14/07/25**      Signatories: **4**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew George**  
**Cat Smith**  
**Christine Jardine**

That this House notes the end of Alcohol Awareness Week, which took place from 8 to 13 July 2025; highlights the theme of alcohol and work where around 10 million people regularly drink alcohol in ways that can harm health and wellbeing; underlines the affects of alcohol use, from headaches to hangovers, sleepless nights and lower productivity that can have both short and long term impacts on our general health; further notes that emerging research indicates that working from home is associated with higher levels of alcohol consumption, causing concern for thousands of people across the UK; and thanks Alcohol Change UK for their support in this campaign and supporting people to make healthier choices and that support can be given to those who need it to help them change.

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**1665      Twelfth July Celebrations 2025**

Tabled: **14/07/25**      Signatories: **4**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Jim Allister**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Robin Swann [R]**

That this House notes the Twelfth of July 2025 celebrated across Northern Ireland and beyond; highlights the fantastic community spirit demonstrated and those Orangemen and women, and members of the public, who gather alongside wonderful music to remember the importance of the Battle of the Boyne; underlines the celebration of culture, heritage and history and also hope for the future as thousands gather on this occasion; thanks all those who organised such wonderful events; further highlights the wonderful atmosphere that was as glorious as the sunshine; and looks ahead to the future to encourage more young people to get involved and take part in future 12th days to come.

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**1666 Irish Republic and Israel**Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **4****Mr Gregory Campbell****Jim Allister****Jim Shannon****Gavin Robinson**

That this House notes widespread concern at reports that the government of the Irish Republic has recently passed into law its intention to ban the purchase of goods from some parts of Israel; understands that this means the Irish state would appear to be the first European nation since Nazi Germany to institute such legislation; deeply regrets the increase in cases of antisemitism that have occurred not just in the Republic but here in the UK and across the globe; and expresses the hope of a satisfactory resolution in the Middle East that offers the people of Israel and their Arab neighbours a peaceful and secure future, free from fear of attacks and threats of elimination.

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**1667 The Waid Academy and the HRUC National Innovation Challenge 2025**Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **4****Wendy Chamberlain****Sarah Dyke****Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates students Lucas Bain and Murray Allan of The Waid Academy in North East Fife for reaching the final three schools in the 2025 HRUC National Innovation Challenge with their innovative project entitled Brickteria, a concept designed to create sustainable alternatives in concrete production; notes that The Waid Academy was the only school in Scotland to be represented in the final ten, securing an impressive three places on the shortlist; commends the creativity, teamwork and scientific thinking of the students involved, as well as the invaluable support and mentorship provided by Mrs Neill, teacher of Biology; and further acknowledges the team for representing Scottish innovation and sustainability at a national level, setting an inspiring example for students across the country.

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**1668 Mental health in farming (No. 2)**Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **12**

**Mr Lee Dillon**  
**Andrew George**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Brian Mathew**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**

**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Adam Dance**

**Claire Young**  
**Christine Jardine**

That this House recognises the significant stresses faced by farmers, including rising production costs, lower margins, Government policies and long hours, and acknowledges the negative impact these factors can have on their mental health; notes with concern that 95% of young farmers in the UK consider mental health to be the biggest hidden danger in the industry, and that this may make farmers less likely to assess workplace risks, potentially leading to a higher number of accidents and injuries on farms; further notes that in 2024, farmers under 40 worked an average of 59 hours a week, and that 44% of farmers aged 41–60 worked more than 81 hours in a week; highlights research that working more than nine hours a day gives a one in three chance of having a workplace accident or near miss; urges the Government to recognise the mental health implications of their policies on farmers and the possibility that current decisions may increase the likelihood of accidents and injuries at work; and calls on the Government to increase the farming budget by £1 billion a year and improve access to mental health services in rural areas by supporting the continued roll-out of mental health hubs.

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**1669 Fiftieth anniversary of 15th Coatbridge Boys' Brigade**Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **3**

**Frank McNally**  
**Kenneth Stevenson**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House acknowledges the fiftieth anniversary of the 15th Coatbridge Boys' Brigade; notes that the 15th Company formed in December 1974 at Blairhill Dundylan Church, Coatbridge, following the merger of the 2nd and 14th Coatbridge Boys' Brigade Companies; understands that fifty-four members are enrolled in the Company from ages 5 to 18 today; thanks the Company's Leaders for giving so freely of their time each week to the Company; and congratulates 15th Coatbridge Boys' Brigade for their increasing success in recent years, including being named best Company Section in the Airdrie, Coatbridge and District Battalion in 2022-23 and 2023-24 and, for the first time in the Company's history, best Junior Section in the Battalion in 2024-25.

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**1670 Mandatory ethnicity pay gap reporting and action plans**Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **22**

**Dawn Butler**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Rosie Duffield**

Kate Osborne  
Jim Shannon

Liz Jarvis  
Shockat Adam

Rachel Gilmour

That this House notes with concern that nationally, there is a 6% pay gap between employees from Black, African Caribbean or Black British ethnic groups and their White counterparts; further notes that in London the ethnicity pay gap is the highest in the country at 23.8%; expresses concern that Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic public sector workers in London earn, on average, 37% less than their white colleagues; welcomes the Labour Party's manifesto commitment to introduce mandatory ethnicity pay gap reporting for large employers; acknowledges the important campaigning work of trade unions, equality organisations and others in highlighting racial inequality in the workplace; notes that companies with greater diversity are statistically more likely to outperform competitors; urges the Government to follow through as soon as possible on its recent consultation and deliver legislation that brings accountability, transparency and real progress in tackling racial disparities in pay; believes voluntary reporting is insufficient to drive meaningful change; and calls on the Government to not only implement mandatory ethnicity pay gap reporting but also to require employers, where improvements are needed, to produce clear, measurable action plans outlining how they intend to close these gaps.

**1671 Peace and sovereignty in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **15**

**Kim Johnson**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Brendan O'Hara**

Jeremy Corbyn  
Grahame Morris

Rachel Gilmour  
Jim Shannon

Ian Byrne  
Shockat Adam

That this House expresses deep concerns about the devastating violence in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo and the humanitarian crisis that's caused over 15 million civilian deaths since 1996; notes that Amnesty International and UN experts have reported that the Rwandan-backed M-23 militia is committing war crimes through arbitrary detentions, torture and executions and the plundering of resources; further notes that this violence stems from

the exploitation of DRC's vast natural resources by corporations like Glencore, often using child and slave labour; also notes that after independence in 1960, under Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba there was a brief opportunity for the Congolese people to benefit from their resources; notes that the best path to peace and prosperity for the DRC lies in democratic ownership of its resources; further notes that the recent 'minerals-for-security deal' brokered by President Trump on the basis of continued foreign exploitation of rare minerals from eastern Congo risks deepening the root cause of the conflict and a re-escalation in violence, human rights abuses, exploitation, foreign occupation and underdevelopment; and calls on the UK Government to use sanctions and other means to hold Rwanda, Kenya and Uganda accountable for their indirect support of M-23 and the Alliance Fleuve Congo, to work to ensure the inclusion of the Congolese people at the heart of negotiations, to recognise their sovereign right to democratic control of their resources, and to demand accountability for human rights violations, in order to ensure a just and lasting peace is secured.

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**1672 National Day of Memory for Victims of Honour-Based Abuse, 14 July**

Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **11**

**Apsana Begum**  
**Nadia Whittome**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Jess Asato**  
**Steve Witherden**  
**Andrew George**

Jim Shannon

Shockat Adam

That this House recognises the National Day of Memory for Victims of Honour-Based Abuse on 14 July as an opportunity for remembrance, reflection and collective action in commemoration of those that have lost their lives due to honour-based abuse; commemorates with profound sadness that the day falls on the birthday of Shafiea Ahmed, a young woman who was murdered for bringing perceived shame on her family; is alarmed that honour-based abuse remains largely hidden and underreported and can involve many different elements including domestic abuse, coercion, violence and murder; reaffirms that everyone should be able to live free from abuse and expresses solidarity with survivors; reiterates calls to establish a statutory definition of honour-based abuse to ensure consistent recording, prosecution, and prevention efforts; and calls on the Government to ensure sustainable and long-term funding at the level needed for services, including specialist services, so that every survivor can access the lifesaving support they need, when they need it.

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**1673 Parthenon Sculptures**Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **15****Andrew George****Lisa Smart****Sarah Dyke****Wera Hobhouse****Liz Saville Roberts****Ben Lake**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Ben Maguire

Jim Shannon

Jess Brown-Fuller

Shockat Adam

That this House notes that the British Museum still holds about half of the Parthenon Sculptures, controversially removed from Athens by Lord Elgin between 1801 and 1812, during the Ottoman occupation of Greece, and that they remain on display in the British Museum to which they were transferred by an Act of Parliament in 1816; considers it unacceptable for these sculptures to be held and displayed in the UK, not least because the sculptures have been damaged whilst in the museum's possession; further notes that those Parthenon Sculptures remaining in Athens have been well displayed since 2009 in the purpose-built Acropolis Museum in the shadow of the Parthenon; is encouraged by reports of a stronger and developing partnership between the British and Acropolis Museums, and reports that British Museum Chair of Trustees, George Osborne, has indicated his support for this to include the return of the sculptures; also notes that opinion polls have shown a majority also support the return; and therefore calls on the Government to do all that is necessary to cooperate with the trustees of the British Museum, to agree a gracious act to reunite the Parthenon Sculptures with those in Athens and to finally put right this enduring wrong.

**1674 Impact of net zero targets on UK agriculture and rural communities**Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **4****Carla Lockhart****Jim Allister****Jim Shannon****Gavin Robinson**

That this House expresses grave concern over the disproportionate impact of UK-wide net zero emissions targets on the agricultural sector, which plays a vital role in ensuring food security, sustaining rural economies, and upholding high environmental and animal welfare standards across the United Kingdom; notes with alarm that agriculture is being unfairly singled out for drastic reductions, while major international polluters and large corporations remain largely unchallenged; further notes that these UK targets will have little to no meaningful impact on the global climate without coordinated international action from the world's largest emitters; acknowledges that while the burden is being felt across the UK, it is particularly acute in Northern Ireland, where farming is central to economic stability, rural life, and community identity; and calls on the Government to urgently reassess its approach to net zero, ensuring

it is fair, proportionate, and does not sacrifice the future of UK agriculture for negligible global environmental benefit.

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1675 **North-East Scotland College Herald Education Award**

Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **2**

**Seamus Logan**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates North-East Scotland College on their Herald Education Award for their work with partners at the National Energy Skills Accelerator in responding to energy transition opportunities in upskilling, training and retraining the existing workforce as well as supporting new entrants to the energy industry to address the changing needs of this sector; applauds them for their important contribution to the just transition, which this award highlights, and, in particular, for training more than 700 individuals in fully-funded places across 37 courses in the last year and for their work on new initiatives to respond to the rapid pace of change and innovation in the energy industry; notes their important collaboration with Robert Gordon University, the University of Aberdeen and support from Skills Development Scotland and the Energy Skills Transition Zone; and applauds North-east Scotland College for reaching the final in the Widening Access category at the Herald Education Awards, in recognition of innovation in curriculum design in the creative industries.

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1676 **Royal Black Preceptory 1000, Royal Black Institution and the Royal 13th at Scarva**

Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **5**

**Carla Lockhart**  
**Jim Allister**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Robin Swann [R]**

That this House congratulates Royal Black Preceptory (RBP) 1000 on its exceptional leadership and organisation of the Royal Black Institution's flagship annual demonstration, the Royal 13th, held in the picturesque and historic village of Scarva; notes that this year's event attracted crowds well in excess of 100,000, making it one of the largest cultural gatherings in the United Kingdom in 2025; recognises the central place of the traditional Sham Fight in the day's proceedings, a unique re-enactment commemorating the Battle of the Boyne and symbolising the defence of civil and religious liberty; commends the contribution of 92 preceptories and 92 bands whose participation created a powerful expression of tradition, music and culture; pays tribute to the Royal Black Institution as a whole for its ongoing commitment to Christian witness, charitable service, and the preservation of Ulster-British heritage; and acknowledges the significance of the Royal 13th not only as a day of celebration but as a vital expression of cultural identity and continuity for generations to come.

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**1677 12 July celebrations and commending the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland**Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **3**

**Carla Lockhart**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Gavin Robinson**

That this House congratulates the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland on the successful organisation of the 2025 Twelfth of July celebrations, marking the annual commemoration of the Battle of the Boyne; notes that celebrations were held at 18 venues across Northern Ireland and attracted the largest crowds witnessed in a generation, with thousands of Lodge members and several hundred bands taking part in vibrant and dignified parades, watched by tens of thousands of spectators including many visitors from across the UK and beyond; recognises the enduring appeal and significance of the Twelfth as one of the largest and most historic cultural events across the UK; acknowledges the Grand Orange Lodge's role in promoting shared community identity, heritage and tradition within a framework of faith, charity and family; expresses gratitude to all who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth and safe delivery of the events, including host districts, volunteers, emergency services and the Police Service of Northern Ireland; and affirms the importance of safeguarding and celebrating this unique cultural tradition for future generations.

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**1678 Celtic FC supporters and banner**Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **3**

**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Gavin Robinson**

That this House notes that as the new UK football season begins, a deeply regrettable outstanding issue remains from February 2025 when a number of Celtic FC fans displayed a banner at a home game indicating their support for deceased IRA terrorist Brendan McFarlane who was convicted in 1976 for his role in a bomb and gun attack in a Unionist area of Belfast, an atrocity that claimed the lives of five innocent people and injured sixty others; further notes that, following his release, he continued his involvement in terrorist activities; also notes that the CEO of Celtic FC Michael Nicholson was written to on a number of occasions, his office telephoned and had reminder emails sent, none of which have resulted in an acknowledgment of any kind and no action appears to have been taken to deal with those individuals in their stadium who publicly described a sectarian killer as a hero; and calls on the Scottish football authorities to take action to prevent any repeat of this appalling activity at a sporting event.

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**1679 Birthday of James Furlong**Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **2****Paula Barker****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes the birthday of proud Scouser James Furlong taking place this week, who lost his life in the Forbury Gardens terrorist attack in 2020; sends its best wishes to James' parents Gary and Jan Furlong; commends the parents on their fight to see lasting changes to the state agencies that fell short in their duty to protect the public in the run up to incident; celebrates James' life and his immense contribution as a dedicated teacher who touched the lives of so many young people; pays tribute to the staff and pupils at the Holt School in Wokingham who go above and beyond in remembering James and his contribution to school life; and further notes the words depicted on the school memorial dedicated to James that sum up his character - passion, courage, humour, integrity, kindness and dedication.

**1680 Marple Hall Girls U15s English Schools' FA Cup winners**Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **4****Lisa Smart****Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon****Claire Young**

That this House recognises the outstanding achievement of the Marple Hall School Girls U15s team in winning the English Schools' Football Association Girls Development Cup; notes that the team were the first ever national finalists in the school's history; and further recognises their historic success in securing a treble by additionally winning the Greater Manchester County Schools' FA Cup and Stockport Schools FA League Title.

**1681 FareShare Sussex and Surrey**Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **9****Zöe Franklin****Wera Hobhouse****Mr Angus MacDonald****Helen Maguire****Dr Al Pinkerton****Jim Shannon****Mr Will Forster****Jess Brown-Fuller****Alison Bennett**

That this House commends the work of FareShare Sussex and Surrey in tackling hunger and food waste across Surrey and Sussex; recognises the redistribution of 2,560 tonnes of surplus food to the region, helping 28,500 vulnerable people each week and saving charities £16.5m annually in food costs; celebrates the one year anniversary of the opening of the Guildford



warehouse which redistributed of over 276 tonnes of surplus food in the last year, equating to nearly 658,000 meals for people at risk of food poverty; applauds their achievement of more than doubling the number of community organisations which it supports, from 17 to 38 each week; further applauds the contribution of 23 staff members and 728 volunteers who have dedicated over 32,963 hours to this cause last year; acknowledges the organisation's commitment to environmental sustainability and reducing food poverty in some of the most deprived areas across Surrey and Sussex; further celebrates FareShare's national network of food redistributors, with 35 regional centres across the country; and calls on the Government to continue supporting initiatives that address food insecurity and tackle environmental challenges through surplus food redistribution.

#### 1682 **Brian Standring's fundraising and campaigning in Wellington**

Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **4**

**Gideon Amos**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Adam Dance**

That this House congratulates Brian Standring of Wellington, Somerset, on completing his fourth sky dive at the age of 86 to raise funds for the Alzheimers Society; and commends him for the invaluable role he played in the campaign to save the assisted living complex Ivy House, where he lives, along with The Old Vicarage both in Wellington, from closure following the decision by Abbeyfield to keep the homes open.

#### 1683 **UK-based medical charities in Palestine**

Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **36**

**Layla Moran**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Tom Morrison**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

Mr Angus MacDonald  
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 John McDonnell  
 Wendy Chamberlain  
 Liz Jarvis  
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 Lisa Smart  
 Claire Young  
 Claire Hanna  
 David Chadwick  
 Rachel Gilmour  
 Cat Smith

Dr Roz Savage  
 Pippa Heylings  
 Andrew George  
 Clive Jones  
 Sorcha Eastwood  
 Alex Brewer  
 Mr Paul Kohler  
 Sarah Gibson

Adam Dance  
Manuela Perteghella

Clive Lewis  
Colum Eastwood

Ben Lake  
Anna Sabine

That this House expresses its appreciation for those working for UK-based medical charities in Palestine, including Medical Aid for Palestinians, Glia, Doctors Without Borders and the British Red Cross; commends volunteers for these charities, whose Palestine-based staff take huge personal risks to provide medical aid so crucial to a Gazan healthcare system devastated by Israel's bombardment and the blockade, including emergency response teams working in Gaza who have been able to get essential medicines to hospitals when they have run out, save hundreds of lives, and train Palestinian medical staff and volunteers; and further commends them for giving so that others may heal, sacrificing safety and comfort to bring life-saving care where it's needed most.

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1684 **Repair Cafés**

Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **11**

**Alex Brewer**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Ian Roome**

Ayoub Khan  
Andrew George

Dr Roz Savage  
Claire Young

Jim Shannon

That this House commends the work of Repair Cafés, which perform a valuable community service by providing free repair services to residents for household items across North East Hampshire constituency and beyond; notes the skill, expertise, and dedication demonstrated by volunteers at Repair Cafés, and the educational impact of passing on such practical knowledge to local residents; further notes that this represents the very best values of community service, sustainability, and environmentalism; congratulates Yateley Society on their upcoming Repair Café opening; and calls on the Government to increase support for grassroots repair initiatives that promote a circular economy and champion sustainable environmental practices.

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1685 **Croydon High School all-girls satellite launch**

Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **2**

**Natasha Irons**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates the students of Croydon High School in Selsdon on completing a major phase of Mission Pegasus, their pioneering initiative to become the first all-girls school in the world to design, build and launch a satellite into space; notes that on 1 July 2025, the student-led Astrogazers team successfully conducted live flight testing of their CubeSat systems aboard the FAAM Airborne Laboratory aircraft, marking the culmination of a year of

rigorous lab and remote testing, including collaboration with the Surrey Space Centre and the installation of a remote sensor station on the school roof; commends the leadership of Mrs Karteepan, Head of Physics, and the support of the University of Bath, Spirent Communications, and other STEM partners; recognises the students' exceptional professionalism, resilience, and scientific achievement in building and testing a working satellite instrument under real flight conditions; further notes the inspirational impact of this project in encouraging girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM); and calls on the Government, industry leaders, and STEM champions to support the next phases of the mission, including the construction of a flight-ready satellite and securing a rocket launch partner.

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**1686 Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules**

Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **11**

**Liz Saville Roberts**

**John McDonnell**

**Carla Denyer**

**Siân Berry**

**Adrian Ramsay**

**Ellie Chowns**

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That the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, HC 997, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1 July, be disapproved.