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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 17 July 2025

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### New EDMs

1699 **Hepatitis C elimination**

Tabled: **17/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Grahame Morris**

That this House recognises that the blood-borne virus hepatitis C, which disproportionately affects disadvantaged and marginalised communities, is preventable, treatable and curable; notes that the United Kingdom's commitment to achieve the World Health Organization's goal to eliminate hepatitis C as a public health concern by 2030 would have a huge impact on health inequalities; and calls upon the Government to celebrate World Hepatitis Day on 28 July by reaffirming its commitment to meet the WHO 2030 target, guided by a comprehensive Hepatitis Elimination Action Plan.

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1700 **Green Flag award for Victoria Park, Ashford**

Tabled: **17/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Sojan Joseph**

That this House celebrates Victoria Park in Ashford, which has received a Green Flag award; notes the award is managed by Keep Britain Tidy and recognises well-managed parks and green spaces across the UK to help make the country a healthier place to live and work; further notes that the judges acknowledged Victoria Park is an asset to the local area, with an excellently managed river, brilliant facilities for the local community, such as a sensory garden and a pump track, and a good programme of local events, including Park Run, Forest School, and yoga;

commends the staff for their hard work and dedication to the park; further commends the local authority and the National Lottery Heritage Fund for helping to improve and protect the park; and encourages more people to visit Victoria Park to make use of its excellent facilities.

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**1701      Changing Places Toilets Awareness Day**

Tabled: **17/07/25**      Signatories: **4**

**Daniel Francis**

**Jen Craft**

**Chris Kane**

**Kirsteen Sullivan**

That this House notes Changing Places Toilet Awareness Day 2025 which takes place on 19 July; recognises the importance of Changing Places toilets for disabled people and their families across the United Kingdom; supports their call for a Changing Places toilet in all public venues so that everyone, regardless of their access needs or disability or reliance on the assistance of carers or specialist equipment, can use a toilet facility safely and with dignity; acknowledges that Changing Places Toilets enable anyone to go to the shops, attend hospital appointments, enjoy community life, socialise and travel; further recognises that the Changing Places Toilet campaign was initiated by the late Loretto Lambe, PAMIS, to highlight the accessibility struggles for public toilets; and thanks the staff and volunteers at Changing Places toilets for the work they do to ensure everyone has access to safe, comfortable and accessible toilet facilities.

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**1702      2025 Island Games**

Tabled: **17/07/25**      Signatories: **3**

**Mr Alistair Carmichael**

**Torcuil Crichton**

**Mr Richard Quigley**

That this House congratulates the organisers of the 2025 Island Games, a sporting competition involving 24 island communities from across the world and hosted in Orkney; notes that the 20th edition of the Games marks 40 years since the first event held in 1985; pays tribute to over 2,000 visitors and participants in this year's games, competing in a wide variety of sports; acknowledges the medal success of athletes from islands across the British Isles; gives thanks to the many Orcadian and international volunteers who have contributed their time to make the Games a success; and looks forward to further success for athletes from the British Isles in the 2027 Island Games in the Faroe Islands.

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**1703 Mrs Brummitt and Gillshill and Cavendish primary school**

Tabled: 17/07/25 Signatories: 1

**Karl Turner**

That this House congratulates Mrs Brummitt on her remarkable service at Gillshill and Cavendish primary School for 30 years in East Hull; acknowledges her dedication to improving educational outcomes and her impressive contribution to the local community; recognises her leadership and commitment that has shaped the lives of countless pupils, leaving a lasting legacy of educational excellence, as well as her service as Executive Headteacher of both schools; and wishes her all the best in her future endeavours.

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**1704 Freemen and freewomen of Lancaster in 2025**

Tabled: 17/07/25 Signatories: 1

**Cat Smith**

That this House notes Lancaster City Council's longstanding custom of admitting new Freemen and Freewomen of the city; further notes that traditionally the honour of becoming a Freeman or Freewoman carried a number of privileges including the right to pasture a limited number of beasts on the Marsh, to enter the city free from the payment of tolls and also to bring goods through toll gates for sale at the Lancaster Market; observes that whilst nowadays the role carries few rights, this remains popular amongst those who are proud of their heritage; and congratulates all those who have been admitted as Freemen and Freewomen in 2025 including Liam Birkett, Alexander Stuart Gibson, Christopher Michael Gibson, Daniel Owen Greene, Edwina Greenfield, William James Holland, Darren Hunt, Arthur Samuel Jones, Edwina Jones, Andrew Martin Kay, Thomas Layfield, Christine Pearcy, Tony Pearcy, Duncan Leslie Moore, Jamie Luke Mason-Milward, Kimberley Maria Mason-Milward, Gillian Mawby, Peter Mawby, Andrew Ian Robertson, Mark Sargent, Amy Louise Stanning, Tim John Tomlinson, Graham Michael White, Michael Joseph White, Ben Wilkinson, and Paul Michael Wilkinson.

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**1705 2025 Royal Welsh Show**

Tabled: 17/07/25 Signatories: 4

**Ann Davies****Liz Saville Roberts****Llinos Medi****Ben Lake**

That this House commemorates the Royal Welsh Show, to be held between 21 and 24 July; notes that the event is hosted annually by the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society in Llanelwedd and showcases an impressive number of livestock and equine competitions, with entries travelling from far and wide to compete; further notes that around 250,000 people from 40 different countries visit the show, which offers a wide range of activities including forestry, horticulture, crafts, countryside sports, shopping, food and drink; thanks all the organisers, volunteers,

sponsors and judges for all their hard work in making the event such a success; and calls on the Government to do all it can to support food security, the farming sector, and the wider agricultural industry.

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**1706 Ballykeel Conservative Flute Band**Tabled: **17/07/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes the 125th anniversary of Ballykeel Conservative Flute Band; congratulates the current members of this band which was formed in 1900 in Holywood, Co Down on reaching this milestone; highlights the longevity of this band and their dedication to the local community seen through their annual appearance at May Day, Remembrance Services and 12 July celebrations; further highlights the generations of families that have played with such skill and precision in this band; and wishes them every success as they continue to serve the local community and teach new generations of children to love music and celebrate their culture in a respectful way.

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**1707 Tall Ships returning to Aberdeen**Tabled: **17/07/25** Signatories: **2****Kirsty Blackman****Stephen Flynn**

That this House celebrates the return of the globally recognised Tall Ships Races, for the first time since 1997, to the city of Aberdeen from 19 to 22 July 2025; acknowledges that with early estimates of over half a million visits the economic boost is substantial, with millions of pounds going into the local economy, helping to boost businesses across the board from tourism and hospitality to retail and the wider service industry; further acknowledges that it will highlight Aberdeen's long maritime heritage, one that spans back over 8000 years, and that the rich and unique culture of Aberdeen and the wider North East area will showcase itself on an international stage; looks forward to welcoming people from these isles and beyond to see the centre of our beautiful city and the tall ships; and notes that the efforts of the local organisers, sponsors, Aberdeen City Council and those working at Port of Aberdeen are recognised for bringing an internationally-renowned event to the city and the time and effort that has gone into making it an occasion that will live long in the memory of the Granite City.

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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.

1604 **80 years of Christian Aid**Tabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **10****Jim Shannon****Luke Myer****Andrew George****Rachael Maskell****Ellie Chowns****Tristan Osborne**

Ben Maguire

Chris Law

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.

1615 **Access to dentistry**Tabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **35****Edward Morello****Helen Maguire****Tom Gordon****Wendy Chamberlain****Richard Foord****Jess Brown-Fuller**

Ben Maguire

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.

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1616 **Investment in General Practice**

Tabled: **7/07/25** Signatories: **31**

**Edward Morello**

**Helen Maguire**

**Tom Gordon**

**Wendy Chamberlain**

**Steve Darling**

**Jess Brown-Fuller**

Ben Maguire

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: **34**

**Caroline Voaden**

**Steve Darling**

**Gideon Amos**

**Richard Foord**

**Rachel Gilmour**

**Anna Sabine**

Ben Maguire

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: **7**

**James MacCleary**

**Clive Jones**

**Sarah Dyke**

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

**Jess Brown-Fuller**

**Christine Jardine**

Ben Maguire

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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1631 **Grangemouth Queer Breakfast Club**

Tabled: 9/07/25 Signatories: 5

**Brian Leishman****Apsana Begum****Christine Jardine****Ben Maguire****Chris Law**

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.

1633 **Flying ring toys**

Tabled: 9/07/25 Signatories: 9

**Ben Maguire****Jim Shannon****Mr Angus MacDonald****Clive Jones****Ellie Chowns****Claire Young**

Chris Law

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.

1640 **Support for people with dyscalculia**Tabled: **9/07/25** Signatories: **23****Adam Dance****Vikki Slade****Wera Hobhouse****Jim Shannon****Ian Sollom****Mr Angus MacDonald**

Ben Maguire

Chris Law

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.

1641 **Jibraan Chaudhary Sepsis Research Foundation and chemotherapy-associated sepsis**Tabled: **9/07/25** Signatories: **9****Liz Jarvis****Jim Shannon****Mr Angus MacDonald****Clive Jones****Helen Morgan****Jess Brown-Fuller**

Ben Maguire

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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1643 **Recognition of Craig McMurrough's contribution to ovarian cancer awareness and healthcare fundraising**

Tabled: 9/07/25 Signatories: 10

**Manuela Perteghella**

**Helen Maguire**

**Jim Shannon**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

**Clive Jones**

Ben Maguire

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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1646 **Bath and North East Somerset Community Wellbeing Hub**

Tabled: 10/07/25 Signatories: 10

**Anna Sabine**

**Helen Maguire**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Brian Mathew**

**Sarah Gibson**

**Clive Jones**

Ben Maguire

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: 23

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

Ben Maguire

Adrian Ramsay

Siân Berry

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: 23

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

Ben Maguire

Adrian Ramsay

Siân Berry

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

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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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**1649 Governance arrangements in local government**

Tabled: 10/07/25 Signatories: 4

**Ayoub Khan**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Adrian Ramsay**  
**Siân Berry**

That this House recognises the value of the committee system as a democratic and transparent form of local governance, allowing decisions to be made collectively by elected councillors from across political parties; notes that the committee system enhances accountability, fosters cross-party collaboration, and ensures that a wider range of voices are included in decision-making; is concerned by any moves from central government that may compel councils to adopt alternative forms of governance, such as the executive or cabinet model, regardless of local preference; believes that local authorities are best placed to determine their own governance arrangements in accordance with the principles of local democracy and subsidiarity; and therefore calls on the Government to guarantee councils the continued right to adopt or retain the committee system without restriction or pressure, now and in the future.

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**1650 Longlevens Mixed Ability Rugby Team champions**

Tabled: 10/07/25 Signatories: 9

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

Ben Maguire

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: 9

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

Ben Maguire

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: 27

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

Ben Maguire

Adrian Ramsay

Siân Berry

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 pumps 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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1655 **Animals**

Tabled: 11/07/25 Signatories: 10

**Adrian Ramsay****Andrew George****Martin Vickers****Irene Campbell****Carla Denyer****Ellie Chowns**

Seamus Logan

Jon Trickett

Ms Diane Abbott

Siân Berry

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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1657 **Remembering PC Ian Minett**

Tabled: 11/07/25 Signatories: 8

**Cameron Thomas****Helen Maguire****Clive Jones****Max Wilkinson****Sarah Dyke****Mr Angus MacDonald**

Ben Maguire

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: 9

**Sarah Gibson****Steve Darling****Helen Maguire****Clive Jones****Adam Dance****Sarah Dyke**

Ben Maguire

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: 46

**Munira Wilson****Ed Davey****Wendy Chamberlain****Dr Al Pinkerton****Brian Mathew****Steve Darling**

Jamie Stone

Ben Maguire

Adrian Ramsay

Siân Berry

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

Ben Maguire

Siân Berry

Ellie Chowns

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.

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1661 **Roshaan Khattak**

Tabled: 14/07/25 Signatories: 6

**John McDonnell****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Jeremy Corbyn****Jim Shannon****Chris Law****Ellie Chowns**

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 Roshaan Khattak's PhD progression.

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

Tabled: 14/07/25 Signatories: 17

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

Ben Maguire

Adrian Ramsay

Siân Berry

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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**1667 The Waid Academy and the HRUC National Innovation Challenge 2025**

Tabled: 14/07/25 Signatories: 6

**Wendy Chamberlain**

**Sarah Dyke**

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

**Jim Shannon**

**Ben Maguire**

**Chris Law**

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: 16

**Mr Lee Dillon**

**Andrew George**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Sarah Dyke**

**Brian Mathew**

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

Ben Maguire

Chris Law

Adrian Ramsay

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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**1670 Mandatory ethnicity pay gap reporting and action plans**Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **25****Dawn Butler****Bell Ribeiro-Addy****Ms Diane Abbott****Clive Lewis****Rachael Maskell****Rosie Duffield**

Chris Law

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

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.

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**1671 Peace and sovereignty in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Tabled: 14/07/25 Signatories: 19

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

Chris Law Siân Berry Adrian Ramsay

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 Fleur 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: 15

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

Chris Law Siân Berry Adrian Ramsay

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: **21**

**Andrew George**

**Lisa Smart**

**Sarah Dyke**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Liz Saville Roberts**

**Ben Lake**

Chris Law

Brian Mathew

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

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.

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

Tabled: 15/07/25 Signatories: 3

**Seamus Logan****Jim Shannon****Chris Law**

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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**1681 FareShare Sussex and Surrey**

Tabled: 15/07/25 Signatories: 10

**Zoe Franklin****Wera Hobhouse****Mr Angus MacDonald****Helen Maguire****Dr Al Pinkerton****Jim Shannon**

Ben Maguire

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 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

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to continue supporting initiatives that address food insecurity and tackle environmental challenges through surplus food redistribution.

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

Tabled: 15/07/25 Signatories: 5

**Gideon Amos**

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

**Jim Shannon**

**Adam Dance**

**Steve Darling**

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.

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

Tabled: 15/07/25 Signatories: 54

**Layla Moran**

**Jeremy Corbyn**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Tom Morrison**

**Helen Maguire**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

Seamus Logan

Kim Johnson

Dr Simon Opher

Alison Bennett

Edward Morello

Jamie Stone

Jon Trickett

Ben Maguire

Chris Law

Mr Will Forster

Vikki Slade

Steve Darling

Apsana Begum

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Olly Glover

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: 15

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

Jamie Stone

Ben Maguire

Mr Will Forster

Claire Hanna

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.

1686 **Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules**

Tabled: 15/07/25 Signatories: 20

**Liz Saville Roberts****John McDonnell****Carla Denyer****Siân Berry****Adrian Ramsay****Ellie Chowns**

Kirsty Blackman

Pete Wishart

Graham Leadbitter

Stephen Flynn

Seamus Logan

Dave Doogan

Brendan O'Hara

Chris Law

Stephen Gethins

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

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

Tabled: 16/07/25 Signatories: 4

**Mr Angus MacDonald****Jamie Stone****Ben Maguire****Chris Law**

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.

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

Tabled: 16/07/25 Signatories: 3

**Ayoub Khan****Chris Law****Jim Shannon**

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.

1689 **Dame Norma Redfearn CBE**

Tabled: 16/07/25 Signatories: 2

**Mary Glindon****Jim Shannon**

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: **5**

**Alison Bennett**

**Jamie Stone**

**Ben Maguire**

**Helen Maguire**

**Jim Shannon**

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: **4**

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

**Jamie Stone**

**Chris Law**

**Jim Shannon**

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

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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 Bakkafrost 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: **4****Helen Maguire****Chris Law****Jim Shannon****Apsana Begum**

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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**1694 Antisemitism and Holocaust inversion**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **8****Christine Jardine****Wera Hobhouse****Adam Dance****Jim Shannon****Luke Akehurst****Mr Will Forster**

Charlotte Nichols

Jess Asato

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: 2

**Bob Blackman****Jim Shannon**

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: 7

**Mr Lee Dillon****Andrew George****Wera Hobhouse****Adam Dance****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon****Mr Will Forster**

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: **6****Carla Denyer****Ellie Chowns****Andrew George****Chris Law****Apsana Begum****Claire Hanna**

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: **5****Zoe Franklin****Wera Hobhouse****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon****Mr Will Forster**

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.