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## Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 22 July 2025

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### New EDMs

#### 1735      **Closure of the Fleming Fund**

Tabled: **22/07/25**      Signatories: **1**

#### **Dr Danny Chambers**

That this House expresses deep concern for the closure of the Fleming Fund; notes that the Fund is the UK's flagship programme for tackling antimicrobial resistance (AMR) globally, thus any move to halt its work will have devastating impacts; expresses concern that the Minister's announcement of continuing to work with established partnerships offers little reassurance and greater clarity on the future of these partnerships must be provided; further notes that AMR is associated with around 35,000 deaths each year in the UK and nearly 5 million globally, and that it therefore represents one of the most pressing global health threats of our time; also notes the Fund has supported critical progress in global AMR surveillance by investing in laboratory capacity, data sharing and technical partnerships that help identify and mitigate emerging threats and that this Fund's closure therefore represents a significant retreat from the UK's global leadership and soft power abroad on AMR and a concerning shift at a time when the threat is only increasing; believes that sustaining global laboratory surveillance is therefore not just a matter of international development but is critical to the early detection of emerging threats that have direct implications for patient safety and the resilience of the NHS; and calls on the Government to reverse the decision to close the programme without a clear succession plan in order to protect the UK's robust biosecurity at a time of increasing geopolitical instability.

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**1736 Impact of terrorism glorification on reconciliation and victims**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **1****Carla Lockhart**

That this House unequivocally condemns the continuing glorification of terrorism in Northern Ireland and across the United Kingdom, including the naming of youth and community events after individuals convicted of terrorist offences; expresses deep concern that such actions are being publicly defended and normalised by senior political figures, including the First Minister for Northern Ireland, who claims there was, in her words, no alternative to a campaign of violence that resulted in the murder and maiming of thousands of innocent people; believes that such narratives are not only a gross distortion of history, but also represent a profound insult to victims and survivors of terrorism; further believes that this dangerous revisionism fosters division, radicalises future generations, and undermines the moral fabric of democratic society; calls on the Government to urgently review and strengthen legislation regarding the glorification of terrorism, including restricting the public commemoration or celebration of those involved in acts of violence; and urges the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to take immediate steps to prevent the institutional sanitisation of terrorism in educational, cultural and sporting settings, and to uphold the principle that there is never justification for the deliberate targeting of civilians

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**1737 2025 Fèis Rois Cèilidh Trail and Scotland's emerging traditional musicians**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **1****Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House celebrates the launch of the 2025 Fèis Rois Cèilidh Trail, a flagship summer tour showcasing some of Scotland's most talented young traditional musicians; notes that three dynamic bands will perform across 24 locations from the Highlands to the Borders and as far as France, bringing Scottish music to village halls, castles, theatres, cafés and more; further notes that the project, founded by Fèis Rois in 2000, is now a leading professional development programme for emerging musicians aged 16 to 25, offering hands-on touring experience and performance opportunities; commends the role of professional musicians Anna Massie and Sally Simpson in mentoring this year's participants; welcomes the continued collaboration with the Cambridge Folk Festival and Festival Interceltique de Lorient; recognises the success of alumni including Brìghde Chaimbeul, Rachel Newton and Mischa MacPherson; and warmly welcomes the return of the Inclusive Cèilidh Trail, which supports young adults with additional needs to develop their talents and share in Scotland's vibrant musical heritage.

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**1738 Ynys Môn Search and Rescue 10th anniversary**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **4**

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

That this House commends Ynys Môn Search and Rescue (Môn-SAR) for ten years of service as a highly trained, dedicated and motivated volunteer lowland search and rescue team that provides emergency services for the community searching for high-risk vulnerable missing people, with all volunteers available 24/7 and 365 days of the year; notes that all members of Môn-SAR are unpaid volunteers and that the organisation is totally dependent on public donations and fundraising; highlights that the organisation was founded 10 years ago, and became operational in the summer of 2018 as the first and only Lowland Rescue Team in Wales; and praises all the volunteers of Môn-SAR for reaching this important milestone, and for providing such an invaluable service to their community.

**1739 Retirement of Alyson Rigby**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Paula Barker**

That this House sends warm wishes to Alyson Rigby upon her retirement as Headteacher of St. Michael's Catholic Primary School in Liverpool; recognises her immense contribution as an educator with over 38 years of experience, including 20 as a Headteacher in the city of Liverpool; thanks her for outstanding leadership of St. Michael's Catholic Primary School for each of the last twelve years, alongside the vital role the school has played in the local community under her stewardship; and wishes the best of luck to new Headteacher Jade Gordon as the school enters a new era.

**1740 Historic County Flags Day 2025**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **7**

**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Jack Rankin**  
**Sir John Hayes**  
**Rupert Lowe**  
**Sir Edward Leigh**  
**Martin Vickers**

Mr Peter Bedford

That this House celebrates Historic County Flags Day on Wednesday 23 July 2025; expresses immense pride in seeing the flag of each and every historic county flown in Parliament Square this week to mark the occasion; recognises that the historic counties of the UK continue to play

an important part of the history, geography and cultural life of the nation; acknowledges that the UK requires a fixed general-purpose geographical framework which is divorced from the ever-changing local government administrative boundaries, instead being rooted in history, public understanding and commonly held notions of city, town, village and local identity that belong within one county, as a distinct part of the nation; believes that the historic counties are the only choice for such a geographical framework; and therefore calls on the Government to direct the Ordnance Survey to properly mark the boundaries of the historic counties on its maps, to produce regulations which will ensure that the boundaries of all the historic counties are clearly marked by appropriate boundary signs at places where they cross major highways, to amend local government terminology so that the word county, as it applies to local government areas, is no longer used to end the confusion and that the ceremonial office of Lord Lieutenant is restored to areas defined by the historic counties.

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1741 **Consequences of the Equality Act 2010**

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **7**

**Andrew Rosindell**

**Jack Rankin**

**Sir John Hayes**

**Rupert Lowe**

**Sir Edward Leigh**

**Martin Vickers**

Mr Peter Bedford

That this House notes with deep concern the damaging implications of the Equality Act 2010; highlights that equality under the law already existed prior to 2010; recognises the Equality Act 2010 as an imposition of constitutional codification over traditional common law protections; acknowledges that racial discrimination cases have tripled between 2017 to 2024 under the Equality Act 2010, with only 5% being upheld, and that there have been over 200,000 employment tribunal cases since 2017 causing unnecessary costs to businesses; further notes that Public Sector Equality Duty undermines harmonious workplace relationships; also notes that provisions in the Act for positive action inherently contradicts supposedly anti-discriminatory measures of Section 13(5) of the Equality Act 2010 itself; and urges that the Equality Act 2010 be immediately reviewed, and eventually repealed.

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1742 **Church of the Holy Family, Gaza**

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Patricia Ferguson**

That this House expresses shock and extreme concern that Israeli forces stand accused of attacking the Church of the Holy Family in Gaza, killing three people and injuring 10 others including the parish priest, Father Gabriel Romanelli; notes that the church and its compound were providing shelter to hundreds of displaced people with the support of Caritas Jerusalem,

a sister organisation to the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development and the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund; further notes that Caritas Jerusalem has already lost two staff members who were killed along with their children during heavy shelling; and believes that the call of Caritas Internationalis to respect and protect places of worship and humanitarian shelter, stop attacks on civilians, especially those seeking refuge in places of worship and other humanitarian places such as schools and hospitals, and to ensure that access to aid and medical support for civilians, should be observed by those involved in military action in Gaza and the West Bank should be heeded.

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**1743 2025 Sioe Sir Fôn (The Anglesey County Show)**

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Llinos Medi**

That this House celebrates the 2025 Sioe Sir Fôn (The Anglesey County Show), set to be held between 12 and 13 August; notes that the show is expected to attract over 50,000 visitors; further notes that visitors can look forward to excellent displays of livestock, local produce, arts and crafts; highlights that the event will feature a range of activities including a Dog Show, Speed Shearing, live music and a number of equestrian events, as well as a host of vintage vehicles thanks to the Anglesey Vintage Equipment Society; and thanks the Anglesey Agricultural Society for all their hard work in organising such a wonderful showcase for Ynys Môn.

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**1744 Women's sports**

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **4**

**Helen Maguire**

**Dr Al Pinkerton**

**Mr Lee Dillon**

**Edward Morello**

That this House welcomes the launch by the Card Factory of a new range of greeting cards featuring women's football teams, following earlier calls for better representation of female athletes in consumer products; thanks the Card Factory for taking this positive and practical step towards addressing the visibility gap for women's sport; notes that, with the Women's Euros in full swing and capturing the public's imagination, now is a crucial moment to ensure female footballers and sportswomen are celebrated equally on and off the pitch; believes that representation in everyday consumer goods, including cards, toys and merchandise, plays a vital role in challenging outdated stereotypes and inspiring the next generation; and continues to call on other retailers, manufacturers and publishers to follow suit, recognising that if you can't see her, you can't be her.

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**1745 Support for local independent businesses, shops, markets and producers**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **5**

**Helen Maguire**  
**Steve Darling**  
**Dr Al Pinkerton**  
**Edward Morello**  
**Marie Goldman**

That this House recognises the vital role local independent businesses, shops, markets and producers play in our communities and economy; supports the Buy Local, Back Britain campaign encouraging everyone to buy local and support the shops and makers that give high streets their unique character; notes that buying local keeps money circulating locally, protects jobs, helps small businesses thrive, and reduces carbon emissions; acknowledges the challenges small businesses face, including rising costs, online competition, and changing shopping habits; and calls on the Government to do more to support local businesses through business rates reform, National Insurance contributions relief, targeted high street regeneration, and promoting the importance of buying local, to build stronger, more resilient communities.

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**1746 160th anniversary of the Salvation Army**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Carla Lockhart**

That this House notes the upcoming 160th anniversary of the Salvation Army, founded on 2 July 1865 by William Booth in the East End of London; recognises the enormous global contribution of the Salvation Army as both a church and a charity, now present in 134 countries; commends the work of the Salvation Army in Upper Bann constituency, particularly in Lurgan and Portadown, where it continues to provide vital support to some of the most vulnerable members of society; acknowledges its dedicated work through food banks, employability programmes, and practical support services that offer dignity, stability, and hope to those experiencing hardship; further notes the organisation's long-standing commitment to addressing social need and fostering community transformation; and extends sincere thanks and congratulations to all Salvation Army officers, volunteers, and supporters on the occasion of this significant anniversary.

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**1747 New Hospital Programme for Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **4**

**Helen Maguire**  
**Mr Paul Kohler**  
**Dr Al Pinkerton**  
**Bobby Dean**

That this House notes with serious concern that under current plans, funding from the New Hospital Programme for Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust is not due to be delivered until 2030, which is far too late to address the urgent and critical condition of the hospital buildings; further notes that Epsom and St Helier hospitals are among the most dilapidated in the country, with buildings dating back to the 1940s that regularly experience leaks, flooding, and major maintenance failures, putting patient safety and staff morale at risk; commends the tireless work of NHS staff who continue to deliver high-quality care despite these challenging and unsafe conditions; acknowledges that residents across Epsom and Ewell have waited too long for the investment urgently needed to modernise their local NHS infrastructure; and therefore calls on the Government to urgently accelerate the release of full funding for the Epsom and St Helier hospital redevelopment to protect patient safety, improve care, and ensure local residents get the modern health facilities they deserve.

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**1748 50th anniversary of the Blair Memorial Flute Band**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Carla Lockhart**

That this House notes the 50th anniversary of the Blair Memorial Flute Band, founded in 1975 in Omagh in memory of Drew and John Blair and Heather Birney, whose lives were tragically lost in a drowning accident that same year; further notes that the band was established as a tribute to their lives and as a means of turning tragedy into a lasting and positive contribution to the community; recognises the significant role the Blair Memorial Flute Band has played over the past five decades in supporting young people, fostering musical talent, and promoting community involvement and cultural expression; acknowledges the commitment of its members, past and present, in maintaining the band's ethos of remembrance, resilience, and community pride; commends the band's role in providing a sense of belonging and purpose to generations of local people; and congratulates the Blair Memorial Flute Band on reaching this important milestone, expressing appreciation for its continued service to cultural life, local heritage, and the values of community spirit and solidarity.

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1749 **National Star College**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **1****Cameron Thomas**

That this House celebrates the staff and students of National Star College; acknowledges that these students have faced, and will continue to face, challenges of a scale that most people never will; recognises the achievements they make through resilience, innovation and endeavour; and further recognises the vital contribution to society made by National Star College.

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1750 **Friends of Scottish Settlers funding from the National Lottery Community Fund and People's Postcode Lottery**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **1****Euan Stainbank**

That this House congratulates Friends of Scottish Settlers (FOSS) for receiving £25,000 in funding from the People's Postcode Trust, a grant-giving charity funded entirely by players of the People's Postcode Lottery, and £120,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund, which supports positive change across the UK; recognises the important work that FOSS carries out across Falkirk District to support New Scots, including refugees and asylum seekers, in building new lives and contributing to their local communities; notes that this funding will support the organisation's continued efforts to foster integration, inclusion, community participation and mitigating the worst effects of the long-term ineffectiveness of the asylum system; and wishes all those involved continued success in their invaluable work.

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1751 **Baby Steps 20+ People's Postcode Lottery grant**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **1****Euan Stainbank**

That this House congratulates Baby Steps 20+ for receiving £25,000 in funding from the People's Postcode Trust, a grant-giving charity funded by players of the People's Postcode Lottery; commends Baby Steps 20+ for its vital work supporting young parents in Falkirk, providing peer support, practical help and access to essential services; recognises the organisation's role in creating meaningful employment opportunities for adults with learning disabilities as part of its core mission; acknowledges the difference this funding will make in empowering young families and helping them to thrive; and wishes the charity and its team all the best in their ongoing work strengthening the local community.

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**1752      Disciplinary action against protesting students by SOAS**Tabled: **22/07/25**      Signatories: **1****John McDonnell**

This House expresses its deep concern at the extreme disciplinary measures being taken by the management of SOAS university against students who have participated in peaceful demonstrations in support of the campaign to secure peace and justice for the Palestinian people, and calls upon the university authorities to enter into constructive dialogue with the college's students to agree an effective strategy to mobilise the university's resources and public standing to oppose the genocide taking place in Gaza and to avoid further damage to the international reputation of SOAS.

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**1753      Intergenerational volunteering and sustainability initiatives**Tabled: **22/07/25**      Signatories: **1****Mr Paul Kohler**

That this House recognises the vital role of intergenerational volunteering in advancing environmental sustainability, enhancing community cohesion and empowering young people through civic engagement; celebrates the success of local initiatives, such as the Empowering Change project led by Roehampton University and Sustainable Merton, supported by BIG South London, which demonstrated the impact of structured student-volunteer collaborations on climate action, wellbeing and social inclusion; notes that such partnerships engaged undergraduate and postgraduate students from diverse national and international backgrounds, and have proven effective in increasing youth engagement in sustainability, improving volunteer retention through research-informed strategies, and supporting local policy through evidence-based recommendations; and calls on the Government to increase investment in university-community collaboration models nationwide, institutionalise student involvement in environmental volunteering, and formally recognise intergenerational action as a key driver of civic responsibility, climate resilience and inclusive community development across the UK.

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**1754 Arrest of protestors in Liverpool**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **10**

**John McDonnell**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Andy McDonald**

Clive Lewis  
Richard Burgon

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Ian Lavery

That this House expresses its concern at the physical methods used by the police to arrest a 74 year old woman protesting about Palestine in Liverpool on Sunday 20 July 2025; and calls upon the Secretary of State for the Home Department to launch an independent inquiry into the methods used and the physical injuries and mental distress caused.

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**1755 Richard Madeley and the Northern Ireland economy**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **1****Alex Easton**

That this House strongly repudiates the recent comments made by television presenter Richard Madeley on Good Morning Britain in which he referred to Northern Ireland as economically close to being a basket case; notes that while Northern Ireland does receive a fiscal transfer from the UK Treasury, this is consistent with the functioning of a transfer union in which wealthier regions subsidise less affluent ones, a pattern repeated across the UK outside of London and the South East of England; highlights that the Office for National Statistics regularly records similar net fiscal deficits in other parts of the UK including the North West and North East of England; further notes that the phrase basket case is not an economic term of art and is typically associated with failed states suffering from hyperinflation, economic collapse, or international bailout, a categorisation which is wholly inappropriate and misleading when applied to Northern Ireland; regrets that such inflammatory language distorts serious discussion about regional economic performance; notes that the continued existence of an internal border down the Irish Sea as a result of the Northern Ireland Protocol and Windsor Framework only exacerbates economic uncertainty and hinders growth; and calls on media commentators to engage with the economic realities of all UK regions in a respectful, factual, and balanced manner.

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**1756 Right to object to data being used in online direct marketing**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **1****Siân Berry**

That this House welcomes the outcome of Tanya O’Carroll’s legal challenge against Meta, which secured a commitment from the company to stop using her personal data for direct marketing, based on her legal right to object under the UK General Data Protection Regulation; notes that this right gives individuals the power to refuse tracking and profiling for targeted ads online, and that such objections must be respected in full, without conditions; recognises the growing public awareness of this right, with thousands of individuals now taking steps to object to tracking by major tech platforms; stresses the importance of ensuring that these rights are not undermined by delay, inaction, or business models that force users into so-called consenting or paying to protect their privacy; further notes that traditional media organisations and smaller platforms are required to comply with data protection rules, and calls for a level playing field to ensure Big Tech is held to the same legal standards; and urges the Government to fully support the Information Commissioner’s Office to ensure strong, proactive enforcement of data protection law and to support individuals in exercising their legal rights online.

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**1757 100th anniversary of The Palace Hotel, Paignton**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **1****Steve Darling**

That this House celebrates the 100th anniversary of The Palace Hotel in Paignton, a cherished local landmark and cornerstone of elegance, hospitality, and seaside charm in Torbay; notes the hotel's remarkable contribution to Paignton's tourism and community life over the past century; recognises the generations of staff who have upheld its tradition of warm service and the many guests, local and visiting, who have made it part of their family history; congratulates the organisers and community on the success of the BBQ Garden Party held on Saturday 19 July 2025, which brought people together in a joyful and inclusive celebration of this historic milestone; extends best wishes to the hotel’s management, staff, and supporters as they begin a new chapter in the hotel’s distinguished legacy; and commends the vital contribution of the hospitality sector across Devon and the United Kingdom, which continues to play a central role in supporting local economies, promoting tourism, and fostering vibrant community life.

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**1758 Retirement of John Pomphrey and the pearl anniversary of St Ann’s Hospice Festival Choir**Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **2****Tom Morrison****Lisa Smart**

That this House acknowledges and celebrates the retirement of John Pomphrey who played his last show on Sunday 22 June with St Ann’s Hospice Festival Choir at Stockport Town Hall at

the Summer Celebration; thanks John for his long standing service to the choir as conductor, music and artistic director and notes his incredible dedication that has enabled the choir to raise significant funds to expand the facilities and bandwidth of care at St Ann's Hospice, soon to be the Moya Cole Hospice; celebrates the 30 years of music making since the founding of St Ann's Hospice Festival Choir which has since raised £850,000 to support of St Ann's Hospice; thanks every member of St Ann's Hospice Festival Choir through the years, their accompanist and dedicated organising committee; acknowledges that the choir has held or attended almost 100 concerts, singing days and social events, as well as recording three CDs; and praises the amazing performance of Moorfield Primary School Choir at the Celebration.

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**1759      35th anniversary of the murder of Ian Gow MP**

Tabled: **22/07/25**      Signatories: **7**

**Andrew Rosindell**

**Sir John Hayes**

**Sir Edward Leigh**

**Martin Vickers**

**Rupert Lowe**

**Josh Babarinde**

Mr Peter Bedford

That this House recalls with deep sorrow, this 35 years ago, the cowardly murder of Ian Gow, the then hon. Member for Eastbourne, a former Minister of The Crown and Parliamentary Private Secretary to the then Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, when, in the early hours of 30 July 1990, a device planted by the Provisional IRA exploded beneath his car at the family home in Hankham, East Sussex, cruelly depriving the House of Commons of a man of integrity and one of its most principled, caring and generous parliamentarians, and the United Kingdom of a genuinely courageous politician that always demonstrated the bull dog spirit, who was fearless in his defence of the nation; and resolves this day to honour the memory of the great Ian Gow and to strive to uphold the patriotism and love of country that this truly honourable Member dedicated his life to serving.

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**1760      The Open in Portrush**

Tabled: **22/07/25**      Signatories: **1**

**Jim Allister**

That this House congratulates Scottie Scheffler on winning the 2025 Open in Portrush; commends the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews (R&A) and all involved in the organisation of this tremendous sporting event; welcomes the marvellous showcasing of Portrush and the North Antrim coast; and looks forward to the return of The Open to Northern Ireland in coming years.

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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.

### 1617 **Portstewart Strand award**

Tabled: **8/07/25** Signatories: **3**

**Mr Gregory Campbell**

**Jim Allister**

**Carla Lockhart**

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

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### 1622 **Post Offices in rural areas**

Tabled: **8/07/25** Signatories: **35**

**Caroline Voaden**

**Steve Darling**

**Gideon Amos**

**Richard Foord**

**Rachel Gilmour**

**Anna Sabine**

**Freddie van Mierlo**

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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**1626 Apprenticeships strategy**Tabled: **9/07/25** Signatories: **16****Grahame Morris****John McDonnell****Siân Berry****Adrian Ramsay****Jim Shannon****Jeremy Corbyn**

Brian Leishman

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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**1629 Lord Tebbit**Tabled: **9/07/25** Signatories: **5****Jim Allister****Jim Shannon****Sir Julian Lewis****Mr Gregory Campbell****Alex Easton**

That this House notes with sadness the passing of Lord Tebbit; recalls with gratitude his many years of public service; acknowledges his personal devotion and care towards his beloved wife following her devastating injuries in the Grand Hotel bombing in Brighton; salutes his personal courage and unwavering stand against terrorism and, in particular, his friendship towards Northern Ireland and its many victims of IRA terrorism; and expresses condolences to his family and friends.

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**1637 Government policy on the Hillsborough Law**Tabled: **9/07/25** Signatories: **76**

**Ian Byrne**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Siân Berry**  
**Tom Morrison**  
**Sorcha Eastwood**

Freddie van Mierlo

Zöe Franklin

Mary Kelly Foy

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

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

Mr Paul Kohler

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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**1652 Cool hubs**Tabled: **10/07/25** Signatories: **28**

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

Manuela Perteghella

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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**1655 Animals**Tabled: **11/07/25** Signatories: **14****Adrian Ramsay****Andrew George****Martin Vickers****Irene Campbell****Carla Denyer****Ellie Chowns**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

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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**1659 Reform of the special educational needs and disabilities system**Tabled: **11/07/25** Signatories: **51****Munira Wilson****Ed Davey****Wendy Chamberlain****Dr Al Pinkerton****Brian Mathew****Steve Darling**

Freddie van Mierlo

Rachael Maskell

Luke Taylor

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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**1663 Access to care and support for people living with arthritis**Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **21**

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

Rachael Maskell

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: **6**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew George**  
**Cat Smith**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Mary Glendon**  
**Rachael Maskell**

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: **7**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Jim Allister**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Robin Swann [R]**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Andrew Rosindell**

Carla Lockhart

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: **6**

**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Jim Allister**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Carla Lockhart**

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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**1670 Mandatory ethnicity pay gap reporting and action plans**Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **28**

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

Brian Leishman

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: **23**

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

Rachael Maskell

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: **16**

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

Rachael Maskell

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: **24****Andrew George****Lisa Smart****Sarah Dyke****Wera Hobhouse****Liz Saville Roberts****Ben Lake**

Rachael Maskell

Christine Jardine

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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**1677 12 July celebrations and commending the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland**Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **6****Carla Lockhart****Jim Shannon****Gavin Robinson****Mr Gregory Campbell****Andrew Rosindell****Jim Allister**

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: **4**

**Mr Gregory Campbell**

**Jim Shannon**

**Gavin Robinson**

**Carla Lockhart**

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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**1680 Marple Hall Girls U15s English Schools' FA Cup winners**

Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **6**

**Lisa Smart**

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

**Jim Shannon**

**Claire Young**

**Clive Jones**

**Sarah Dyke**

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.

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**1681 FareShare Sussex and Surrey**Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **13**

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

Sarah Dyke

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.

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**1682 Brian Standring's fundraising and campaigning in Wellington**Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **7**

**Gideon Amos**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Steve Darling**  
**Clive Jones**

Sarah Dyke

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

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Rachael Maskell

Zöe Franklin

Sarah Dyke

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.

**1684 Repair Cafés**Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **21****Alex Brewer****Wera Hobhouse****Mr Angus MacDonald****Helen Maguire****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Ian Roome**

Sarah Dyke

Mr Paul Kohler

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

Iqbal Mohamed

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

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**1687 West Highland Way shortlisted for Britain's Favourite Path 2025**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **8****Mr Angus MacDonald****Jamie Stone****Ben Maguire****Chris Law****Clive Jones****Graham Leadbitter**

Rachael Maskell

Sarah Dyke

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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**1690 Steve Willis Training Centre**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **8****Alison Bennett****Jamie Stone****Ben Maguire****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones**

Sarah Dyke

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: **7****Mr Angus MacDonald****Jamie Stone****Chris Law****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Graham Leadbitter**

Sarah Dyke

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: **7**

**Helen Maguire**  
**Chris Law**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**

Sarah Dyke

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: **4**

**Jim Allister**  
**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Alex Easton**

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: **16****Christine Jardine****Wera Hobhouse****Adam Dance****Jim Shannon****Luke Akehurst****Mr Will Forster**

Jess Brown-Fuller

Claire Young

Sarah Dyke

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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**1696 Protection of survivors of domestic abuse under the Hague Convention**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **13****Mr Lee Dillon****Andrew George****Wera Hobhouse****Adam Dance****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon**

Rachael Maskell

Sarah Dyke

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: **11**

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

Rachael Maskell

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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: **10**

**Zöe Franklin**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Will Forster**  
**Clive Jones**

Jess Brown-Fuller

Sarah Dyke

Sarah Gibson

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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**1699     Hepatitis C elimination**Tabled: **17/07/25**     Signatories: **12**

**Grahame Morris**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Llinos Medi**  
**Ann Davies**  
**Siân Berry**

Kim Johnson

Jim Shannon

Rachael Maskell

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: **2**

**Sojan Joseph**  
**Jim Shannon**

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: **21**

**Daniel Francis**  
**Jen Craft**  
**Chris Kane**  
**Kirsteen Sullivan**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Jim Shannon

Rachael Maskell

Alison Taylor

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: **13**

**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Torcuil Crichton**  
**Mr Richard Quigley**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Jim Shannon

Sarah Dyke

Sarah Gibson

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: **2****Karl Turner****Jim Shannon**

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 Freeman and freewomen of Lancaster in 2025**Tabled: **17/07/25** Signatories: **2****Cat Smith****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes Lancaster City Council's longstanding custom of admitting new Freeman 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 Freeman 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 Percy, Tony Percy, Duncan Leslie Moore, Jamie Luke Mason-Milward, Kimberley Maria Mason-Milward, Gillian Mawby, Peter Mawby, Andrew Ian Robertson, Mark Sarjent, 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: **5****Ann Davies****Liz Saville Roberts****Llinos Medi****Ben Lake****Jim Shannon**

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: **2**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**

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: **8**

**Kirsty Blackman**  
**Stephen Flynn**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Llinos Medi**  
**Ann Davies**

Jim Shannon

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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**1708 Global Plastics Treaty**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **5**

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

That this House is gravely concerned about the devastating effects of plastic pollution on the world's oceans, biodiversity and ecosystems, including the deaths of marine animals through ingestion or entanglement; notes with concern the UN estimate that since 1950 more than eight billion tonnes of plastic have been produced globally, with less than 10% recycled, and millions of tonnes entering marine environments; further notes that the reconvened fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on a global plastics treaty will take place from 5 to 14 August 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland; recognises that a robust global plastics treaty presents a vital opportunity to reduce plastic pollution, particularly its disproportionate impact on people living in poverty, by reducing plastic production and consumption and advancing inclusive, circular economy solutions; also notes that plastic production, heavily reliant on fossil fuels, is responsible for an estimated 5% of global greenhouse gas emissions, meaning action on plastics will also support climate goals; welcomes the continued efforts of UK negotiators to support an ambitious treaty, including the UK's endorsement of the Nice Wake-Up Call statement issued at the UN Ocean Conference in June 2025; notes the growing support from the private sector for strong global regulation on plastic pollution, including support from major businesses such as Nestlé, Unilever, Mars, Tesco, Waitrose and Coca-Cola Europacific Partners; and urges all countries to work constructively and with urgency to reach consensus on a treaty that is science-based and equitable in its commitments and implementation.

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**1709 Courtney McBain Chartered Institute of Management Accountants success**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **2**

**Graham Leadbitter**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Courtney McBain, Accounts Assistant at Springfield Properties, on achieving joint fourth position in the world for her Management Case Study module as part of her Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) qualification; notes that Courtney, from Elgin, has been with Springfield since 2015 and has dedicated eight years to studying alongside her professional role; further notes that her remarkable performance demonstrates both individual perseverance and professional excellence; recognises Springfield Properties as a key employer in Moray and the Highlands, and commends its commitment to employee development, with 6% of its workforce currently engaged in further education while

working; and celebrates the positive impact of upskilling within local communities and the role of supportive employers in fostering talent across Scotland and the wider UK.

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1710      **Cairngorm Brewery Food and Drink Excellence Awards**

Tabled: **21/07/25**      Signatories: **2**

**Graham Leadbitter**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Cairngorm Brewery in Aviemore on reaching the finals of the prestigious Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards 2025; notes that the brewery's Black Gold stout, already a multi-award-winning beer recognised by CAMRA, has been shortlisted for the Beer and Cider Product of the Year; recognises the importance of local breweries like Cairngorm Brewery in promoting Scottish produce, sustaining rural economies, and supporting tourism in the Highlands; acknowledges the craftsmanship, innovation and dedication of small brewers in Scotland's thriving food and drink sector; and wishes Cairngorm Brewery every success at the awards and in its continued contribution to Scotland's brewing heritage.

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1711      **Angus John Tulloch MBE**

Tabled: **21/07/25**      Signatories: **2**

**Graham Leadbitter**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Angus John Tulloch MBE on being honoured for his outstanding services to music through his founding and continued leadership of the Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust (SSPDT); notes his long-standing commitment to widening access to Scotland's national instruments by establishing piping and drumming tuition in state schools, beginning with the East Lothian Pipes and Drums Trust in 2007 and expanding nationwide through SSPDT from 2014; commends Mr Tulloch's dedication, particularly in supporting areas where local authorities do not provide such opportunities; recognises the transformative social and cultural impact of SSPDT's work, particularly within Moray, where the Trust is working closely with Moray Council, schools, parents and carers to deliver a growing tuition programme involving many pupils across the region; and pays tribute to all those involved in the Trust's mission, including trustees, instructors, school staff, and young musicians whose collective effort is strengthening Scotland's musical heritage and community life.

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**1712 Kat Heathcote OBE**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **2****Graham Leadbitter**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Kat Heathcote OBE, Commercial Director at Witherby Publishing Group in Aviemore, on being appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for her services to the people of Scotland; recognises her passionate commitment to supporting individuals across the country, particularly young people, in the fields of arts, sport and education; commends her leadership in business and her deep engagement with community and cultural development in Strathspey and beyond; notes her humility in accepting the honour as a reflection of the collective efforts of the inspiring individuals and organisations she has supported; and further applauds the legacy she continues to build in championing opportunity, empowerment and creativity across Scotland.

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**1713 Katie Wallace Scottish Engineering Modern Apprentice of the Year**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **2****Graham Leadbitter**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Katie Wallace, a computer numerical control operator at Hydrasun in Aviemore and apprentice with UHI Moray, on being named Scottish Engineering Modern Apprentice of the Year 2025; recognises this outstanding achievement as a testament to Katie's hard work, skill and dedication during her first year of apprenticeship, during which she successfully completed her SVQ Level 2 while studying part-time at the UHI Moray Linkwood Technology Centre; notes that Katie will now progress to the SCQF Level 7 diploma as she enters her second year, to complete her Modern Apprenticeship by 2027; commends her selection as a speaker at the 2025 International Women in Engineering conference; and highlights the vital importance of promoting engineering pathways to young women and girls across Scotland and the UK, to ensure a diverse, skilled and inclusive future workforce in the sector.

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**1714 Greyhound racing**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **8**

**Liz Jarvis**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Edward Morello**

Sarah Dyke

Lisa Smart

That this House calls for a ban on greyhound racing in the UK; notes with serious concern figures from the animal welfare charity Blue Cross indicating that between 2017 and 2024, over 4,000 greyhounds died or were put to sleep and more than 35,000 injuries were recorded by the racing industry; further notes the RSPCA's assessment that thousands of greyhounds face injury and death each year in the name of sport and gambling, suffering broken limbs, head trauma and other serious or fatal injuries on UK racetracks; recognises that the welfare of racing greyhounds is compromised at every stage of their lives, from breeding and training to racing and retirement; believes that the current regulatory framework does not ensure minimum welfare standards or provide greyhounds with a life worth living; and urges the Government to follow the lead of countries including Wales and New Zealand, and begin the winding down of the greyhound racing industry across the UK.

**1715 Funding and support for SEND**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **24**

**Edward Morello**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Cameron Thomas**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Helen Morgan**  
**Helen Maguire**

Wera Hobhouse  
Tom Gordon  
Jess Brown-Fuller  
Claire Young  
Martin Wrigley  
Munira Wilson

Jim Shannon  
Tom Morrison  
Victoria Collins  
Adam Dance  
Olly Glover  
Shockat Adam

Ayoub Khan  
Steve Darling  
Wendy Chamberlain  
Sarah Dyke  
Alex Brewer  
Lisa Smart

That this House recognises the urgent need to properly fund and maintain special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) schools, including increasing the number of specialist spaces and building new SEND schools, especially in rural areas such as West Dorset, to relieve pressure on mainstream schools and provide children with SEND the care and learning environments they need; notes with concern the delays families in West Dorset and elsewhere face in accessing paediatric assessments and Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), often due

to referral barriers and long waiting times, which leave children unsupported and behind in their education and wellbeing; calls on the Government to release approved funding for SEND school facility upgrades, including at Dorset Studio School in West Dorset, and to ensure that schools with high SEND populations receive proper financial and staffing support; urges that statutory SEND deadlines are upheld, and ensuring that any support is underpinned by clear, measurable, and enforceable targets, so parents have confidence in their children's education outcomes; further calls for urgent reform of the SEND system that places children and families at its heart, invests in specialist capacity and mainstream support, improves early identification and reduces waiting lists, and supports local authorities facing financial strain; and emphasises that children with SEND in West Dorset and rural communities must not be left behind due to underfunding or lack of provision, and deserve a fully resourced, inclusive, and effective education system.

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1716      **Provision of trained Family Liaison Officers**

Tabled: **21/07/25**      Signatories: **13**

**Freddie van Mierlo**

**Helen Maguire**

**Jim Shannon**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Zöe Franklin**

**Rachael Maskell**

Edward Morello

Martin Wrigley

Lisa Smart

Adam Dance

Olly Glover

Sarah Dyke

Alex Brewer

That this House recognises the devastating impact of suicide on the families and loved ones left behind; notes with concern the lack of structured and consistent support for those affected; further notes that families often face a confusing, traumatic aftermath involving police procedures, post-mortem processes, and coroners' inquests without adequate guidance or emotional support; acknowledges the vital role that Family Liaison Officers play in other circumstances of traumatic bereavement, such as murder or fatal accidents; and calls on the Government to change the law to mandate the provision of trained Family Liaison Officers to support families who have lost a loved one to suicide, ensuring timely, compassionate, and informed assistance during the immediate aftermath and through the inquest process.

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**1717 Emotional support animals**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **7****Pete Wishart****Jim Shannon****Ben Lake****Llinos Medi****Liz Saville Roberts****Ann Davies**

Rachael Maskell

That this House recognises the valuable role emotional support animals can play in the lives of individuals experiencing emotional distress or mental health challenges; notes that emotional support animals currently have no formal legal status; acknowledges that this may create barriers for individuals who rely on them for emotional wellbeing, particularly in accessing public spaces or services; encourages further exploration of whether and how emotional support animals could be given appropriate recognition in law; and urges the Government to promote greater understanding and inclusion for people who benefit from the companionship and stability provided by emotional support animals.

**1718 Road Traffic**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **9****Jim Allister****Jim Shannon****Robin Swann****Gavin Robinson****Carla Lockhart****Mr Gregory Campbell**

Sammy Wilson

Sir Desmond Swayne

Sir Julian Lewis

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Road Vehicles (Type-Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 661), dated 9 June 2025, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12 June, be annulled.



**1719      Tribute to David Lawrie**Tabled: **21/07/25**      Signatories: **6****Wendy Chamberlain****Clive Jones****Jim Shannon****Sarah Dyke****Martin Wrigley****Sarah Gibson**

That this House pays tribute to the life and legacy of David Lawrie, who has passed away at the age of 96 and was a stalwart of St Andrews United Football Club for over 70 years; recognises David's remarkable service as a player, manager, committee member, secretary, and ultimately honorary president, with a lifetime of voluntary contribution that helped shape the club's identity and community presence; celebrates his sporting achievements including a Scottish Junior Cup win in 1960; notes the deep respect and affection in which he was held by players, supporters and residents of St Andrews and beyond; extends condolences to David's family and friends; and commends his lifelong dedication to Scottish grassroots football and community sport.

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**1720      Election of University of St Andrews academics to the British Academy**Tabled: **21/07/25**      Signatories: **5****Wendy Chamberlain****Clive Jones****Jim Shannon****Sarah Dyke****Martin Wrigley**

That this House congratulates Professor Caroline Humfress and Professor Richard Whatmore of the University of St Andrews on their election to the Fellowship of the British Academy, the UK's national academy for the humanities and social sciences; recognises Professor Humfress's outstanding contribution to the field of medieval history and Professor Whatmore's distinguished scholarship in modern history; notes that this prestigious recognition highlights the world-class research and academic excellence of the University of St Andrews; and celebrates the important role of the arts, humanities and social sciences in shaping our understanding of the past and present.

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**1721 Food waste**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **16****Cameron Thomas****Clive Jones****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Ayoub Khan**

Tom Gordon

Edward Morello

Sarah Dyke

Alex Brewer

Jess Brown-Fuller

Claire Young

Martin Wrigley

Rachael Maskell

Adam Dance

Steff Aquarone

That this House notes with concern the vast quantity of safe food that is discarded daily in the UK, approximately 26,082 tonnes; further notes the significant greenhouse gas emissions caused by food waste across the country; recognises that, under current legislation, many companies are unable to donate surplus food to staff, food banks, or soup kitchens due to potential health risks; and calls on the Government to offer businesses incentives to ensure they can donate food to those who need it easily, to offer protection and support for businesses to donate food which is safe for consumption, and to prioritise reducing food waste as a key route to cutting food miles, supporting local businesses and reaching net zero 2050 goals.

**1722 Samaritans Awareness Day 2025**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **5****Jim Shannon****Ayoub Khan****Rachael Maskell****Carla Lockhart****Andrew Rosindell**

That this House notes the annual Samaritans Awareness day to be held on 24 July 2025; highlights the charity's wonderful work with those who need someone to talk to in recognition of the fact that mental health problems affect around one in four people in any given year; further highlights that the term mental health covers a range from common problems, such as depression and anxiety, to rarer problems such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder and often someone to talk to can make a real difference; thanks every person who works and volunteers in the organisation for providing that listening ear night and day, every day of the year; further thanks all those who donate to this very worthy cause; and wishes Samaritans every success as they continue to help those who need them the most throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

**1723 Green House Climate Club campaign**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **9****Daisy Cooper****Clive Jones****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon****Jess Brown-Fuller****Edward Morello**

Sarah Dyke

Martin Wrigley

Sarah Gibson

That this House congratulates the Green House Climate Club in St Albans, including students from Margaret Wix Primary School, Abbey Primary School, Prae Wood Primary School and Cunningham Hill Schools for their advocacy and campaigning to prevent plastic pollution by publishers and retailers of childrens' magazines and comics; commends their work to promote the national Kids Against Plastic tat campaign; recognises that the cheap plastic toy giveaways and plastic film wrapping used by some publishers of magazines are rarely recycled, often end up in landfill, being incinerated, or otherwise being littered in our environment; agrees that positive change by publishers and retailers to end unnecessary plastic tat can play a part in our fight against plastic pollution and the climate crisis; calls on Tesco Chief Executive Ken Murphy to meet with the Green House Climate Club members to receive their petition; and further calls on Tesco, other major supermarkets and newsagents to follow the example of Waitrose who responded to national petitions by stopping selling magazines with plastic toys.

**1724 Lothians Speak Their Name project**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **5****Christine Jardine****Clive Jones****Jim Shannon****Sarah Dyke****Martin Wrigley**

That this House congratulates all those involved in the Lothians Speak Their Name project on their current exhibition, Lothians Speak Their Name Quilt; recognises the important role that this project, and others like it, play in raising awareness of the impact of suicide and the need for accessible, compassionate mental health support through creative expression; acknowledges the importance of community support and solidarity for those bereaved by suicide; wishes the project continued success in promoting their message and supporting local communities in bereavement support and suicide prevention; and warmly welcomes the exhibition at Corstorphine Community Centre this month.

**1725 Proposal for a wealth tax**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **30**

**Richard Burgon**  
**Imran Hussain**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Ian Byrne**

Ayoub Khan  
Liz Saville Roberts  
Olivia Blake  
Shockat Adam

Ben Lake  
Ann Davies  
Siân Berry

Llinos Medi  
Sorcha Eastwood  
Iqbal Mohamed

That this House welcomes the proposal from leading tax experts for the introduction of an annual wealth tax of 2% on individual assets over £10 million, which could raise an estimated £24 billion each year; believes that such a measure would represent a fairer alternative to cuts and could provide urgently needed resources to tackle the poverty and inequality that blights our society; and calls on the Government to bring forward proposals for such a tax on extreme wealth ahead of the next Budget.

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**1726 Joe's Day campaign**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **7**

**Cameron Thomas**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Sarah Dyke**

Martin Wrigley

That this House pays tribute to the life of Joseph Goodwin, who tragically passed away following a six-year battle with Hodgkin lymphoma; recognises the vital role he played in the community, his love for football, and the lasting legacy he leaves at the heart of the Northway community; commends all those involved in organising Joe's Day, an annual event that brings the community together and raises funds for local cancer charities; notes that since its inception in 2016, Joe's Day has raised over £24,000; and fondly remembers Joe for his remarkable life and legacy.

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**1727 Jaguar Land Rover**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **2****Ayoub Khan****Jim Shannon**

That this House expresses deep concern over the announcement that Jaguar Land Rover is cutting up to 500 jobs in the UK; notes the crucial role that the automotive industry plays in the British economy and in providing job security for hundreds of thousands of workers; regrets the detrimental impact of increased employment costs and the trade tariffs imposed by the US against the British automotive industry; acknowledges the particular importance of Jaguar Land Rover in supporting the residents and local economy of the West Midlands, including the city of Birmingham; and calls on the Government to take action that protects the British automotive industry, insulates it from shocks in the global economy and facilitates its transition to net-zero operations.

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**1728 Self-driving vehicles and taxi and private hire drivers**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **2****Ayoub Khan****Shockat Adam**

That this House expresses deep concern over the Government-endorsed efforts to increase the prevalence of self-driving vehicles without sufficient consultation from trade unions, legal experts or the 330,000 taxi and private hire vehicle drivers based in the UK; notes with further concern the Department for Transport's expedited approval of self-driving car pilots on public roads, set to commence in Spring 2026; acknowledges the exploitation experienced specifically by private hire vehicle drivers, including inadequate pay, algorithmic discrimination, poor working conditions and unfair dismissal; and regrets the continued refusal of Uber to carry out court orders to formally recognise private hire drivers working through its app as limb (b) workers, which would ensure private hire vehicle drivers receive guaranteed minimum earnings and holiday pay.

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**1729 Government's role in Birmingham bin strikes**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **6****Ayoub Khan****Mr Adnan Hussain****Shockat Adam****Iqbal Mohamed****Jeremy Corbyn****Zarah Sultana**

That this House regrets the formal breakdown of negotiations to end the ongoing bin strikes in Birmingham; further regrets the continued hardship placed on residents of Birmingham by

missed collections, widespread fly-tipping and threats to the environment and public health; expresses profound concern over recent findings that the Government-appointed commissioners have executive powers to reject settlement offers verbally agreed upon by Unite and Birmingham City Council officials, contradicting previous Government statements on its role in the dispute; calls on the Government to clarify the extent of its involvement in Birmingham City Council's decision-making processes throughout the failed negotiations; urges the Government to leverage the role that it is actively undertaking to secure a fair settlement for essential frontline workers, discourage unfair fire-and-rehire practices and ensure that Birmingham City Council's waste management service is restored to its full capacity; and calls on the Government to amend the remit of the commissioners to restore Birmingham City Council's ability to settle the dispute, or to recall them with immediate effect.

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**1730 Road Traffic (No. 2)**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **7**

**Jim Allister**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Sammy Wilson**  
**Alex Easton**

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House calls on the Government to withdraw the Road Vehicles (Type-Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 because they build on the division of the UK into two separate Vehicle Type Approval Regimes with the effects that new cars cannot move freely for sale across the country and new cars sold under the Northern Ireland (NI) Vehicle Type Approval Regime will be subject to higher tax from 1 January 2026 than the same cars sold under the GB Vehicle Type Approval Regime; believes that the two different Vehicle Type Approval Regimes thus destroy the UK Internal Market for goods, as it relates to new cars, replacing it with a GB Internal Market for Goods and an EU/NI Internal Market for Goods, and thereby violate Section 46 of the Internal Market Act 2020, undermining the economic foundation of the UK; and notes that the NI Vehicle Type Approval Regime subjects new cars to additional regulatory burdens, making some £4,000 more expensive than the same cars in GB because the division of the UK into two separate Vehicle Type Approval Regimes not only disrespects the territorial integrity of the UK, but, contrary to Brexit, hands the definition of the NI regime to the EU, and then uses this to provide grounds for the Government, through its EU reset policy and these regulations, to begin to bring GB Vehicle Type Approval into line with that of NI, thereby undermining Brexit in GB as well as NI with significant cost implications for all UK consumers.

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**1731 Statutory consultees for sustainable development**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **14****Edward Morello****Clive Jones****Dr Roz Savage****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse**

Tom Gordon

Sarah Dyke

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jess Brown-Fuller

Martin Wrigley

Lisa Smart

Adam Dance

Olly Glover

That this House notes the Government's ambition to build 1.5 million new homes but believes these must be the right homes in the right places; further notes that in West Dorset constituency 70% of land lies within a designated National Landscape and that the rural economy depends on a healthy environment, with £320 million annually generated by tourism; regrets that National Landscapes are not statutory consultees in the planning system, nor are water companies, despite their crucial role in managing wastewater and environmental risk; is alarmed that in West Dorset constituency alone there were over 4,200 sewage spills in rivers and 48,000 hours of discharge in the sea last year; recognises that local communities often produce neighbourhood plans that identify the need for affordable social housing, key worker homes and smaller properties for older residents, yet these are frequently overlooked; urges the Government to introduce statutory consultee status for water companies and National Landscapes to help ensure rainwater and sewage management, water security, minimal environmental impact, biodiversity protection and local voice are embedded in the planning process; and believes that a more sustainable planning system is essential to building strong rural communities and safeguarding the environment for future generations.

**1732 Carers and social care reform**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **28****Edward Morello****Dr Danny Chambers****Clive Jones****Cameron Thomas****Dr Roz Savage****Helen Morgan**

Helen Maguire

Alison Bennett

Steve Darling

Rachel Gilmour

Wendy Chamberlain

Sarah Dyke

Jim Shannon

Tom Gordon

Zöe Franklin

Victoria Collins

Claire Young

Martin Wrigley

Wera Hobhouse

Tom Morrison

Jess Brown-Fuller

Dr Al Pinkerton

Adam Dance

Steff Aquarone

Olly Glover  
Lisa Smart

Alex Brewer

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House believes that everyone deserves high-quality care when they need it and that unpaid carers are the unsung heroes of our social care system; regrets that hundreds of thousands of people are waiting for care and many remain in hospital beds simply because there is no care available, putting additional pressure on the NHS; supports the introduction of free personal care, so provision is based on need not ability to pay; calls for a workforce plan, a Royal College of Care Workers, a national care agency and a higher Carer's Minimum Wage to raise professional standards; urges the Government to honour the Carer's Leave Act 2023 by introducing paid carer's leave and statutory respite breaks; supports increasing Carer's Allowance and expanding its eligibility, making caring a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010, and introducing a Young Carers Pupil Premium; backs a digital care strategy to enable greater independence; welcomes the cross-party commission on social care funding but urges Ministers to act within a year, not three; recognises that investing in social care helps people avoid entering care in crisis, reduces spiralling personal and public costs, eases pressure on NHS services, and ensures everyone receives high-quality care when they need it; and calls on the Government to end its broken promises and fix a system where families face crippling costs in paying for care and where reform has been delayed for over a decade.

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1733 **EU Import Control System 2**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **6**

**Jim Allister**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Sammy Wilson**  
**Alex Easton**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**

That this House opposes the imposition of the EU's Import Control System 2 (ICS2) on the movement of goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland, treating all such movements as crossing an international customs border as if moving from one country to another from 1 September 2025; notes that these will cancel out asserted reductions in border frictions on the Green Lane; further notes that this will have a far more obstructive impact on the flow of goods between GB and Northern Ireland (NI) than on import flows into the EU elsewhere because in all other cases one is dealing with much less diverse international trade flows, rather than diverse intra-national, regional trade flows from one part of a country, the UK, to another; also notes, with grave concern, that ICS2 is involved in creating a GB internal market for goods and an EU/NI internal market for goods and that ICS2 is thereby implicated in the deconstruction of the erstwhile United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Internal Market for goods in violation of Section 46 of the Internal Market Act 2020 and thereby in the partial deconstruction of the UK in violation of the UN Declaration on Principles of International Law, Friendly Relations and Co-operation among states in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, which



prohibits any actions by other states that disturb the internal unity of a sovereign state; and consequently calls on the Government to reject the imposition of ICS2 within the UK.

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1734      **Jagtar Singh Johal (No. 2)**

Tabled: **21/07/25**      Signatories: **10**

**Ayoub Khan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Adnan Hussain**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Llinos Medi**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Ann Davies  
Jeremy Corbyn

Shockat Adam

Iqbal Mohamed

That this House notes with serious concern that Jagtar Singh Johal, a British citizen from Dumbarton, has been arbitrarily detained in India since November 2017; further notes reports that Mr Johal has been subject to torture and mistreatment, and that he continues to be held without trial after more than seven years; welcomes the cross-party support from hon. Members who have repeatedly called on the UK Government to take decisive action to secure his release; recognises the findings of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention that Mr Johal's detention lacks legal basis under international law; regrets the lack of effective diplomatic protection provided to date by successive UK Governments; urges the Government to take all necessary steps, including high-level diplomatic engagement, to secure Mr Johal's immediate release and safe return to the UK; and expresses solidarity with Mr Johal's family in their ongoing campaign for justice.