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New EDMs

1761 **Crumbs Bakery**

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Dr Allison Gardner

That this House congratulates Crumbs Bakery for opening their new family business in Longton; notes that they won the Longton Exchange's Win a Shop Competition which grants them one year of free rent, and Longton Exchange's impressive improvement over the past year; and congratulates Charlotte Blundred and Matt Roberts for their new local businesses.

1762 **Bengrys the Bakers world's largest cream tea party**

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Dr Allison Gardner

That this House congratulates Bengrys the Bakers for their work in delivering the world's largest cream tea party in celebration of Stoke-on-Trent's centenary; notes that Bengrys are a family-run business that have been operating in Stoke-on-Trent for five generations; and celebrates their work within the local community.

1763 Award to Barry FraserTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Barry Fraser, Site Manager at Barratt Homes' Findrassie development in Elgin, on winning a National House Building Council (NHBC) Pride in the Job Quality Award; recognises that these awards are among the most prestigious accolades in the UK homebuilding industry and are a testament to the highest standards of construction and site management; acknowledges the critical role of site managers in delivering high-quality homes through their leadership, expertise and attention to detail; notes that 115 Barratt Homes site managers across the UK received NHBC Pride in the Job Awards this year, more than any other housebuilder, and for a record 21st consecutive year; further notes the company's achievement of a 5-star rating in the Home Builders Federation customer satisfaction survey for 16 years in a row, with over 90% of customers saying they would recommend them; and commends Barratt Homes for its continued commitment to excellence in homebuilding, customer service and sustainable development.

1764 Glasgow 850 celebrates Sir Billy ConnollyTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Patricia Ferguson**

That this House notes that, as part of Glasgow's 850th anniversary celebrations, the Big Yin Weekend will be held to celebrate the life and legacy of Sir Billy Connolly; understands that on the 6 and 7 of September various events will be held across the city in honour of the comedian including a comedy showcase presented by the Glasgow International Comedy Festival featuring past winners and nominees of the Sir Billy Connolly Spirit of Glasgow Award, a screening of Big Banana Feet, a documentary following Sir Billy Connolly on his 1975 tour of Ireland, walking and cycling tours visiting key locations associated with his life in Glasgow, as well as to mural sites across the city, and a musical performance at The Park Bar; further notes the role of Glasgow City Council in putting together these events as part of their wider year-long celebrations to commemorate the City's 850th birthday; recognises that Sir Billy Connolly was born in Glasgow, growing up in both Partick and later Drumchapel in Glasgow West constituency; and congratulates Sir Billy Connolly on this honour and on his wider success both in his career and as an ambassador for Glasgow.

1765 Celebrating Northern Ireland Bands and Drum Majors at the World Championships 2025Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Alex Easton**

That this House congratulates the Northern Ireland Branch bands and drum majors on their remarkable achievements at the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (RSPBA) World

Championships 2025; recognises the dedication and talent of all who competed, which placed the Branch firmly on the world stage; celebrates the junior drum majors, including world champion Lydia Todd of McNeillstown, alongside Jorja Turkington of Matt Boyd Memorial, Mia-lily Frazer of William Kerr Memorial, Holly Gracey of Clogher & District, Harry Cupples of Syerla & District, and Willow-Rose Elliott of RSPBANI; commends the juvenile drum majors, with world champion Ben Dickson of Drumlough, Louise Smiton of Cloiskelt, Carys Graham of Down Academy, Jamie-Lee Wilson of Bready Ulster Scots, and Grace Surphlis of Cloughfin; applauds the adult drum majors, including world champion Jamie Cupples of Ravara and Emma Barr of Field Marshal Montgomery; further recognises the band achievements of Queen Elizabeth in Grade 4B, Altnaveigh Memorial in Grade 4A, Syerla & District in Grade 3B winning the World Drumming Championship and second overall, Drumlough in Grade 3B, Major Sinclair Memorial in Grade 3A, and Field Marshal Montgomery in Grade 1; notes the pride these successes bring to Northern Ireland; and wishes every competitor and their supporters continued success in the years ahead.

1766 **Celebrating 30 years of Livingston Football Club and their return to the Scottish Premiership**

Tabled: 1/09/25 Signatories: 1

Gregor Poynton

That this House congratulates Livingston Football Club on marking the 30th anniversary of their identity and home in Livingston, a milestone first recognised in 1995 when the club, having relocated from Edinburgh, was renamed and firmly established at Almondvale Stadium; recognises the club's storied history since then, including rapid ascent through the divisions, entry into the Scottish Premier League in 2001, a memorable 2004 League Cup triumph, and a resilient return to Scotland's top flight following their 2025 promotion via a dramatic 5–3 aggregate play-off win over Ross County, culminating in a 4–2 second-leg victory; commends the resilience, skill and determination of the players, and the standout performances of Lewis Smith, Danny Wilson, Robbie Muirhead, whose goal was likened to something Cristiano Ronaldo would applaud, and Tete Yengi; pays tribute to club stalwarts Danny Wilson, a Livingston native and graduate of Murieston United, and Scott Pittman, now in his tenth season, for their embodiment of loyalty and local pride; celebrates the leadership of manager David Martindale, his coaching staff, club employees, and the passionate supporters whose collective effort has brought this success; welcomes the club's forward-looking commitments, including infrastructure enhancements like a new synthetic playing surface and the unveiling of a refreshed club crest and commemorative 30th-anniversary away kit featuring the original 1995 badge and club motto Fortiter Omnia Vincit; acknowledges the continuing inspiration provided by Wilson and Pittman to young footballers across West Lothian; and wishes Livingston FC every success in this and future seasons.

1767 Promotion of Fauldhouse United Football Club to East of Scotland Division TwoTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Gregor Poynton**

That this House congratulates Fauldhouse United Football Club on their promotion to East of Scotland Division Two, following a 2–1 victory over Pumpherston at Park View on 17 May 2025; recognises the key role played by local talent John McKnight, whose opening goal was a proud moment for both player and community, and commends Zander Murray for scoring the dramatic late winner that secured promotion and sparked jubilant celebrations among the Hoose faithful; pays tribute to the entire squad, management, volunteers and supporters for their commitment throughout the season; celebrates the hard work of Director of Football, Steven Sharp, and the entire committee this season; expresses particular support for Mitch Speirs, who sustained a significant injury during the match, acknowledging his vital contribution to the team's success and wishing him a full and speedy recovery; notes the important role that clubs like Fauldhouse United play in nurturing local talent and strengthening community spirit in West Lothian; and wishes the team every success in the season ahead.

1768 Statutory right for leaseholders to access informationTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Margaret Mullane**

That this House recognises the experience of leaseholders whose homes are destroyed by fire, such as those who held leases in the Spectrum Building in Dagenham which suffered this fate on 26 August 2024; notes that there is currently no legal requirement for full disclosure of information passed between the freeholder and insurer to the leaseholders regarding the safety and fire resilience of a residential building; considers the challenges faced by leaseholders who lose their home whilst still having mortgage repayments to meet in addition to temporary accommodation costs after the building insurer's cover expires; calls on the Government to revise leaseholder's statutory rights as part of the upcoming Leasehold and Commonhold Reform Bill to ensure leaseholders have full access to information and data collected by freeholders and the building insurer during forensic investigations carried out after a fire, and technical documents about their buildings, such as the fire strategy and any as-built drawings and plans held by the freeholder; and recognises that this information is required in order that leaseholders may be in a stronger and more informed position to seek financial redress when disasters result in the loss of their property.

1769 Commemoration of the sinking of the Suez Maru and Allied prisoners of war lostTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Dr Scott Arthur**

That this House solemnly commemorates the tragic sinking of the Suez Maru on 29 November 1943, in which 550 Allied prisoners of war, primarily British and Dutch, were being transported

by the Japanese Imperial Army from Ambon to Surabaya; notes with deep sorrow that many of these prisoners, already gravely ill, perished when the ship was torpedoed by the USS Bonefish, unaware of its human cargo, and that those who survived the initial sinking were subsequently executed by Japanese forces in violation of international law; recognises the Suez Maru as one of the most harrowing examples of the suffering endured by Allied POWs in the Asia-Pacific theatre; further notes that this atrocity remained largely unacknowledged for decades; further recognises the Suez Maru Apology Campaign's calls for an apology for the government at the time's failure to support a war crimes trial; and calls on the Government to ensure that the memory of those lost is preserved through education, remembrance, and support for the families of the victims, particularly around Victory over Japan Day, as a solemn reminder of the cost of war and the enduring importance of international humanitarian law.

1770 **Ely Hero Awards 2025 finalists**

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Charlotte Cane

That this House congratulates all finalists who have been nominated for the Ely Hero Awards 2025; understands that the awards seek to recognise individuals who go above and beyond within their communities; notes that the award categories are for Best Teacher, Child of Achievement, The Smiliest Server, Environmental Champion, Community Champion, Colleague of the Year, The Caring Companion, Sporting Hero, Most Amazing Professional, Neighbour of the Year and The Ely Hero; further understands the awards are now in their eighth year; praises the work of the organisers of the Ely Hero Awards, including co-founders Naomi Sherwood and Luke Smith, and thanks them for their dedication to celebrating individual achievements and contributions to the communities within Ely; and wishes the finalists luck ahead of the awards ceremony in September.

1771 **Plastic in chewing gum**

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Wera Hobhouse

That this House notes with concern that the overwhelming majority of commercially available chewing gum in the UK contains plastic-based synthetic polymers hidden within the ingredients under the term gum base, meaning most consumers are unaware they are chewing and ingesting plastic; further notes that chewing gum is a significant but overlooked source of microplastic ingestion and environmental pollution, with research showing that a single piece of plastic gum can release in excess of 250,000 microplastic particles into the human body; is concerned by growing evidence linking microplastic exposure to health risks, including cancer, strokes, heart attacks, diabetes and infertility; is further concerned that the majority of gum consumers are under the age of 25, a group more vulnerable to the health impacts of microplastic exposure; notes that chewing gum remains largely unregulated in terms of its composition and public health risks; calls on the Government to commission independent research into the public health implications of plastic-based chewing gum; further calls for

mandatory transparency in labelling, including a requirement for manufacturers to clearly disclose gum base ingredients in plain language; and urges the Government to explore regulatory measures to limit public exposure to microplastics through chewing gum and to encourage the development and adoption of plastic-free alternatives.

1772 **Humanitarian situation in Gaza**

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **2**

Ed Davey
Sarah Gibson

That, given the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe taking place in Gaza, the ongoing captivity of hostages by Hamas, and the planned expansion of the Israeli military's operations into Gaza City, an humble Address be presented to His Majesty that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, no later than 1 November, any legal advice held or provided by the Attorney General relating to whether there have been breaches of international law in the Israel-Gaza war (2023 to present).

1773 **250th anniversary of the first building society**

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes the marking of the 250th anniversary of the first building society in the United Kingdom in 1775; further notes that the mutual sector has survived the de-mutualisation process of the 1990s and emerged as a strong sector for personal savings and mortgages; acknowledges that as banks have been closing high street branches across the nation, many building societies have retained their Branch network; and warmly endorses the concept of doubling the size of the mutual and co-operative sector in the coming years.

1774 **Oscar Mayer workers in Wrexham**

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **21**

Steve Witherden
Andrew Ranger
Kate Osborne
Rachael Maskell
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Kim Johnson

Andy McDonald
Jeremy Corbyn
Ian Lavery

John McDonnell
Peter Lamb
Ian Byrne

Ms Diane Abbott
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jon Trickett

Clive Lewis
Richard Burgon

Grahame Morris
Apsana Begum

Brian Leishman
Rebecca Long Bailey

That this House celebrates the victory of Wrexham's Oscar Mayer factory workers following a long-running dispute, during which over 500 Unite members undertook more than 200 days of strike action between September 2024 and April 2025 in solidarity to fight for the reinstatement of their 26 dismissed colleagues and for improved terms and conditions of employment, in response to the company's attempt to cut pay by up to £3,000 a year through fire-and-rehire tactics on inferior contracts; and commends the efforts of all strikers and Unite the Union in securing the reinstatement of the dismissed workers, compensation for the loss of paid breaks, an extra day's holiday for working bank holidays, the right to carry over accrued holidays to 2026, and a formal recognition agreement between Oscar Mayer and Unite.

1775 80th Anniversary of the Wellington Memorial Silver Band

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the Wellington Memorial Silver Band, based in Crossgar County Down, on the occasion of its 80th anniversary; acknowledges the band's longstanding contribution to the cultural and musical life of the local community since its founding in 1945; commends the band's commitment to musical education and community outreach recognises the dedication and talent of its members, past and present, who have upheld a proud tradition of musical excellence for eight decades; notes the band's continued success in regional competitions and its role as a cultural ambassador for Northern Ireland; and wishes the Wellington Memorial Silver Band continued growth and success as it celebrates this significant milestone and continues to inspire future generations of musicians.

1776 100 Years of Comber Bowling Club

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Comber Bowling Club, based in Comber, County Down, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; recognises the club's century-long contribution to sport, community engagement, and local pride since its establishment in 1925; highlights that the club hosted a charity fundraiser on 22 February 2025, raising funds in support of local causes and reinforcing its vital role as a community hub; notes the dedication of past and present members, volunteers, and committee; and wishes Comber Bowling Club continued success as it celebrates this historic milestone and looks forward to the next century of sporting excellence and community spirit.

1777 Centenary of The Coach Inn, PortaferryTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates The Coach Inn, owned by the Sands family in Portaferry, on reaching its 100th anniversary in 2025; recognises its historic and cultural significance as a cornerstone of the local community since 1925; highlights the float parade being held to mark the occasion which will be celebrated by hundreds across the village; notes the generations of proprietors and staff who have contributed to its legacy as a warm and welcoming establishment on the Ards Peninsula; acknowledges the important role places like these play in sustaining rural communities across Northern Ireland and the UK; and sends best wishes to the current owners, staff and loyal customers as they celebrate this remarkable milestone and look forward to the next chapter in the bar's rich history.

1778 60 Years of St Colmans High School, BallynahinchTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates St Colman's Primary School in Ballynahinch on the occasion of its 60th anniversary; notes the school's long-standing commitment to delivering high-quality education and being key supports for generations of local children; highlights the dedication of teaching and support staff, both past and present, for their invaluable contribution to the academic development of pupils over the past six decades; recognises the vital role the school plays at the heart of the Ballynahinch community; and wishes the pupils, staff, governors, and wider school family every success for the future as they celebrate this important milestone.

1779 Opening of Ravelrig RDA's new indoor riding arenaTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Dr Scott Arthur**

That this House celebrates the outstanding work of Ravelrig Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA), based in Balerno, Edinburgh, which for over 39 years has provided therapeutic and recreational riding opportunities to children and adults with physical, learning, sensory and emotional disabilities; commends the dedication of over 100 volunteers who support over 70 participants each year, including those from Additional Support Needs schools and the wider community; welcomes the opening of Ravelrig RDA's new indoor riding arena, made possible through generous private donations and funding through grant applications, including SportScotland; thanks BHC Ltd for delivering the project; notes that the new facility will enable year-round riding sessions, overcoming the limitations of Scotland's weather which previously caused up to 15 weeks of cancellations annually; further notes that the arena is expected to increase participation by 28 per cent and improve accessibility across the site;

and congratulates Ravelrig RDA on their continued commitment to inclusion, wellbeing and community engagement; and wishes them every success in their future endeavours to enrich lives through horses.

1780 90th anniversary of Phoenix Sports Club

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Daniel Francis

That this House congratulates Phoenix Sports Club on its 90th anniversary; notes that it was originally formed in 1935 as St John's Welling and then Lakeside, and later changed its name to Phoenix following the Second World War as it was seen to rise from the ashes of the previous two clubs amidst the destruction caused by the Blitz; highlights that they have played at their current home in Mayplace Road East, Bexleyheath, since 1950; recognises that the club is a FA Charter Standard community club; further notes that the club has competed in cricket as well as its main focus of football; and pays tribute to all the staff, players and volunteers and wishes them the best of luck in the South Counties East Football League Premier Division for the 2025/26 football season.

1781 Strike action in the Parliamentary Security Department

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **24**

John McDonnell

Nadia Whittome

Mary Kelly Foy

Andy McDonald

Jon Trickett

Grahame Morris

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Richard Burgon

Kate Osborne

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Ms Diane Abbott

Liz Saville Roberts

Jeremy Corbyn

Clive Lewis

Steve Witherden

Kim Johnson

Ian Lavery

Siân Berry

Brian Leishman

Dawn Butler

Chris Hinchliff

Ian Byrne

Carla Denyer

Apsana Begum

That this House stands in solidarity with members of the Public and Commercial Services Union employed in the Parliamentary Security Department, presently taking industrial action in a dispute over attacks on their terms and conditions of employment; recognises the vital services these staff play in safeguarding hon. Members and staff working on the parliamentary estate, and pays tribute to their dedication in what is a highly stressful and responsible role; notes that staff members feel unfairly treated, particularly by the loss of six days of annual leave entitlement/rest days as a consequence of the imposition of changes to staffing rosters, but also in other respects including the widening of the ethnicity pay gap, the handling of grievances, the fairness of disciplinary processes, and the need for consistent guidance on breaks; and

therefore calls on the employer to acknowledge the strength of feeling amongst the branch and to enter into meaningful negotiations to find a resolution to the dispute for these valued members of Parliamentary staff.

1782 Global Sumud Flotilla

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **5**

Iqbal Mohamed
Jeremy Corbyn
Mr Adnan Hussain
Shockat Adam
Ayoub Khan

That this House expresses its solidarity with the Global Sumud Flotilla, the largest humanitarian flotilla ever organised to provide aid to Gaza, where a fleet of ships have departed simultaneously from ports across Europe and North Africa; notes that this peaceful international effort will bring together elected representatives, humanitarian activists, and artists from around 80 countries, united in their call for justice and humanity; further notes that for more than 17 years Gaza's 2.1 million residents have endured a suffocating blockade that has deliberately deprived civilians, including infants and children, of food, medicine, clean water and other essential supplies, creating one of the gravest humanitarian crises of our time; condemns the deliberate starvation of the civilian population of Gaza, including the denial of water and humanitarian relief, which constitutes a war crime under international law; recalls that UN experts have affirmed the right of the people of Gaza to receive aid through their own territorial waters, and the right of humanitarian vessels to free passage in international waters; agrees that Israel must not obstruct this mission and must comply with international law, including orders of the International Court of Justice requiring unimpeded access for humanitarian aid; highlights Integrated Food Security Phase Classification analysis which shows mass death due to deliberate man-made food shortages and lack of access to medical supplies; and calls on the Government to support international efforts to end the blockade, ensure safe passage for the flotilla, and uphold legal and moral obligations to stop starvation in Gaza.

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law, including orders of the International Court of Justice requiring unimpeded access for humanitarian aid; highlights IPC analysis which conveys mass death due to deliberate man-made food shortages and lack of access to medical supplies; and calls on the Government to support international efforts to end the blockade, ensure safe passage for the flotilla, and uphold the UK's legal and moral obligation to stop starvation in Gaza.

1783 St Andrews Men's Shed

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House congratulates St Andrews Men's Shed for being named the East Coast (North) regional winner in the Scottish Men's Shed of the Year Awards 2025; recognises the remarkable achievement of transforming a once-empty site at Craigtoun Country Park into a vibrant, purpose-built community hub, featuring a fully functional workshop, social spaces, accessible facilities, gardens, and a developing orchard, all driven by the dedication of its members and the support of the wider local community; praises the tremendous spirit, perseverance, and vision demonstrated over two years to secure planning approval and deliver this facility; applauds partners including Morrison Construction, Henderson Fabrication, and Scott Wallace Homes, and the volunteer contributions that brought this project to life; acknowledges that this regional milestone now positions St Andrews Men's Shed among the top finalists in the national contest, to be decided by SMSA members ahead of the national award ceremony on 3 October; and celebrates the Shed's role in promoting men's health and well-being, fostering community, and supporting future generations in Fife.

1784 Armed Forces Training Contract and Elbit Systems

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **4**

Brian Leishman

Richard Burgon

Kim Johnson

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House is deeply concerned by reports that the Ministry of Defence is considering awarding a £2 billion, 15-year Army Collective Training Service contract to Elbit Systems UK, a wholly owned subsidiary of Elbit Systems Limited, Israel's largest arms manufacturer; notes that Elbit supplies 85 per cent of the drones used by the Israeli military, has been directly implicated in war crimes committed in Gaza, and was named in the July 2025 report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories as central to Israel's plausibly genocidal conduct; further notes warnings from parliamentarians, human rights organisations and legal experts that awarding this contract would entrench Elbit at the heart of the UK's defence infrastructure, with serious reputational, legal and moral consequences; believes that proceeding with this deal would risk making the UK more complicit in war crimes being

committed against the Palestinian people; and urges the Government to rule out awarding any UK defence contracts to Elbit Systems or its subsidiaries.

1785 **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Richard Quigley

That this House recognises that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, which raises awareness of the unique needs and experiences of children with cancer and their families; notes that across the UK, around 4,200 children and young people under 25 are diagnosed with cancer every year, including around 2,000 children; acknowledges that cancer remains the leading cause of disease-related death in this age group; further recognises the unique experiences and distinct challenges faced by children and young people with cancer, including the need for treatment in specialist centres, access to age-appropriate services, and unique psychological support; further notes that they and their families often face significant additional financial costs because of cancer, including travel costs to access treatment and care; recognises and celebrates the vital work of the NHS and charities in supporting children and young people with cancer; notes the upcoming publication of the National Cancer Plan for England as an opportunity to focus on children and young people's distinct needs; and calls on the Government to work collaboratively with partners and devolved Governments across the UK to support children and young people with cancer and their families, so no one faces the challenges of cancer alone.

1786 **Police front counter closures**

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **2**

Sarah Olney
Munira Wilson

That this House commends the brilliant service our local police officers provide; recognises the importance of police front counters to victims of crime; notes that closing nearly half of London's counters will decrease the accessibility of officers to communities; understands that these cuts will disproportionately impact elderly and disabled people; acknowledges that Richmond Borough will be left without an open front counter following numerous cuts to our policing resources over the past decade; further recognises that front counters are important to the visibility and trust of policing in communities; and urges the Government to address the funding shortfall for the Metropolitan Police to prevent these cuts from being made.

1787 Asthma awareness children's bookTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Susan Murray**

That this House congratulates Elaine Cunningham, whose original idea inspired the book “Mr Wheeze a Lot And His Very Important Friends,” which was written by Yvonne Bennett in memory of the late Lauren Reid; notes that Lauren passed away from an asthma attack at work in 2020 and that the group Lauren’s Law are working tirelessly to campaign for salbutamol inhalers to be available publicly in high-risk environments across the country for emergency use; further notes that this book is targeted at children and their parents to raise awareness of what to do in the crisis of an asthma attack; applauds the hard work of the campaign group; and also notes the importance of the work they are doing for the safety of constituents and members of the public to prevent avoidable tragedies.

1788 Graeme High School named Falkirk's energy saving championTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Euan Stainbank**

That this House congratulates Graeme High School in Falkirk on being named the area's top energy-saving champion in the Falkirk Council Schools Energy Challenge; applauds the school's impressive 18 per cent reduction in carbon emissions over the past year, from 376.7 to 307.7 tonnes of CO₂e; recognises the creativity and commitment of pupils and staff, particularly through innovative efforts such as the school-wide initiative entitled Day in the dark on World Children's Day to promote energy awareness; notes that the challenge successfully encouraged schools across the area to reduce energy use and prioritise sustainability; and commends all participating schools for inspiring climate action and helping to foster a new generation of environmentally conscious young people.

1789 Celebrating the achievements of Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust in enhancing community well-being and the environmentTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Dr Scott Arthur**

That this House congratulates the Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust (ELGT) for its exceptional work over the past year in improving access to and engagement with greenspaces across Edinburgh and the Lothians; recognises ELGT's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for local communities through environmental and community projects that benefit people, wildlife, landscape and heritage; notes the Trust's achievements including the delivery of 48 projects over the past year, with a total value of £1,987,730; commends the provision of 57 community events attended by 1,646 people, 121 conservation sessions involving 1,056 volunteers, and 288 walking activities with 1,604 participants; acknowledges the Trust's contribution to active travel through the creation of 495 metres of new paths and the delivery of

18 bike club sessions; applauds the positive impact on public health and wellbeing, with 97 per cent of participants reporting improved mental health and reduced isolation, and 94 per cent feeling more confident using greenspaces; and encourages continued support for ELGT's vital work in building greener, healthier, and more connected communities.

1790 100th anniversary of Devon in Sight

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Steve Darling

That this House congratulates Devon in Sight in its centenary year, marking 100 years of dedicated service to those living with the challenges of sight loss across Devon; notes the charity's proud history since its foundation in 1925 as the Devon County Association for the Welfare of the Blind, recognises the profound impact it has made in supporting numerous people living with a visual impairment to live life to the full; commends the commitment and leadership of the charity's Chair, Dr Adrian Jacobs, the Trustees and Chief Executive Officer, Grahame Flynn, whose passion and vision have continued to drive the charity forward in an ever-changing health and social care landscape; pays tribute to the invaluable work of the charity's dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters, past and present, whose tireless efforts have underpinned a century of life-changing support and advocacy; recognises the charity's person-centred approach and its pioneering work in providing information, advice and guidance, promoting health and wellbeing, independent living and influencing change locally, regionally and nationally; acknowledges the vital partnerships Devon in Sight has built with local authorities, health and social care professionals, charities and community groups to ensure the needs of those with visual impairments are properly met; and calls on the Government to continue to recognise the critical role played by charities such as Devon in Sight in building inclusive, supportive communities and ensuring that no one living with sight loss in Devon is left behind.

1791 Public health and environmental concerns at Birdston Coup, East Dunbartonshire

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Susan Murray

That this House notes with concern ongoing reports that industrial waste, believed to be by-products of glass manufacturing in Northern Ireland, has been deposited at the Birdston Coup site near Milton of Campsie in East Dunbartonshire; acknowledges local residents' fears regarding potential airborne carcinogens and the proximity of the site to farmland used for livestock grazing; recognises the role of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) in monitoring and investigating the matter; expresses concern at the lack of clarity to date about the volumes, origin, and composition of the waste; and calls on relevant UK and devolved authorities to work collaboratively and transparently to ensure public reassurance, environmental protection, and appropriate enforcement where necessary.

1792 20th anniversary of the Breastfeeding etc. (Scotland) Act 2005Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Joani Reid**

That this House celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Breastfeeding etc. (Scotland) Act 2005, which stemmed from a private members' bill lodged by Elaine Smith, former Labour MSP for Coatbridge and Chryston, and Central Scotland, to support and promote breastfeeding; recognises that breastfeeding provides optimal nutrition for babies and young children, supporting their health in the short and long term and benefitting maternal health, including by reducing the risk of breast and ovarian cancer; notes the positive impact of the Act in helping increase breastfeeding rates in Scotland, with recent infant feeding statistics from Public Health Scotland showing significant rises over the past decade, both at the first visit and the 6 to 8 week review; supports the fact that these increases have been most marked among groups with historically lower rates, such as younger women and those in more deprived areas, thereby helping to reduce inequalities in breastfeeding; commends NHS staff and wider public service workers who promote and support breastfeeding mothers, babies and families; acknowledges that breastfeeding fosters a unique bond between mother and baby, provides ideal nutrition tailored to each infant, and delivers important health benefits for both; and further supports World Breastfeeding Week, taking place from 1 to 7 August 2025, with the theme entitled Prioritise breastfeeding: create sustainable support systems, which highlights the need to strengthen supportive environments for breastfeeding while also reducing the environmental impact of artificial feeding, contributing to global efforts to address climate change and promote sustainability for future generations.

1793 Support for Sabhal Mòr Ostaig and the Scottish Languages BillTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House welcomes the unanimous passage of the Scottish Languages Bill by the Scottish Parliament, granting official status to both Gaelic and Scots; recognises this as a significant and positive step in supporting linguistic and cultural diversity in Scotland; highlights the crucial role played by Sabhal Mòr Ostaig in preserving and promoting Gaelic language, culture and education; notes the amendment passed during Stage 3 of the Bill, brought forward by Willie Rennie MSP, which calls for a review into Sabhal Mòr Ostaig's status and future development, including consideration of its designation as a Small Specialist Institute; and urges both the UK and Scottish governments to work together to ensure Sabhal Mòr Ostaig receives the recognition, support and resourcing required to continue its vital contribution to Scotland's cultural, educational and linguistic landscape.

1794 Aberdeen Tall Ships 2025Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Stephen Flynn**

That this House congratulates Aberdeen City Council, the Port of Aberdeen, Aberdeen Inspired, and all those involved in the success of the Tall Ships Races 2025, which called at the Granite City from 19 to 22 July 2025 as part of their international voyage; notes that the return of the Tall Ships brought almost 50 vessels to Aberdeen Harbour, marking the first time the event has been held in the city since 1997, nearly 30 years ago; recognises that the four-day event attracted over 400,000 visits to the city, drawing thousands from near and far to witness the spectacle and participate in a diverse programme of events across Aberdeen, including performances by a range of artists and major acts such as Deacon Blue, Ministry of Sound, and the Kaiser Chiefs; praises folk-rock band Tide Lines for their quayside concert that raised more than £30,000 for Aberdeen RNLI; commends the dedicated volunteers and staff whose contributions were essential to the festival's success, and expresses gratitude to the emergency services who remained on standby throughout, ensuring the event was conducted safely and peacefully; thanks Sail Trail International for bringing this remarkable event to our shores; and hopes that Aberdeen sees a return of the Tall Ships in the near future.

1795 Celebrating Colinton Primary School achieving an Eco-Schools Scotland Green Flag AwardTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Dr Scott Arthur**

That this House congratulates Colinton Primary School in Edinburgh South West constituency on winning a prestigious Eco-Schools Scotland Green Flag Award; recognises the school's outstanding commitment to environmental education and sustainability through its pupil-led initiatives; commends the efforts of staff, pupils, and the wider school community in achieving this recognition as part of the international Eco-Schools programme, managed by Keep Scotland Beautiful in Scotland; notes that the Green Flag Award celebrates schools that demonstrate excellence in areas such as biodiversity, waste reduction, and climate action; and encourages continued support for environmental learning across Scotland's schools as part of the wider effort to meet the Target 2030 Action Plan for Learning for Sustainability.

1796 Celebrating the completion of the Cuddies Lane mural in ColintonTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Dr Scott Arthur**

That this House congratulates artist Chris Rutterford and the Colinton Amenity Association on the successful completion of the new mural on Cuddies Lane in Colinton, Edinburgh; recognises the mural as a significant addition to the cultural and historical landscape of the area, celebrating the 600-year-old village's heritage through a beautifully rendered period

scene; commends the support of funders including many local residents, businesses, the City of Edinburgh Council, Sustrans and the Redeemer Church; thanks Mike Scott, Eddie Banks and Tim Lawson for their leadership and their contributions to the completed mural; further thanks the contribution the late Councillor Val Walker made to the project; notes that the mural forms part of a wider initiative to create an art trail linking the world renowned Colinton Tunnel to the village, enhancing local tourism and community pride; and acknowledges the mural's role in revitalising a previously neglected pathway, transforming it into a vibrant and welcoming space for residents and visitors alike.

1797 Celebrating Mona Shah MBE

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Charlotte Cane

That this House congratulates Mona Shah, founder of Harry Specters chocolate company, on recently being awarded an MBE for her services to training and employment for young people with autism; notes that Mona launched the business in 2012 after being inspired by her autistic son Ash, who decided the company name, with the aim of supporting autistic people in the workplace; understands that Mona and her husband Shaz have successfully scaled up Harry Specters from a team of three people to an award-winning business; welcomes the fact that Harry Specters now has autistic staff involved in every aspect of the business; further understands that many employees of Harry Specters have gone on to successful careers elsewhere and believes that this demonstrates the positive social impact of employing autistic people; and affirms the importance of providing employment opportunities to people with autism.

1798 Celebrating the winners of the 52nd World Peashooting Championship in Witcham

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Charlotte Cane

That this House congratulates all participants and winners of the 52nd World Peashooting Championship held in Witcham, Cambridgeshire, on 12 July 2025; celebrates the victory of Robbie Nicholls in the open category, Paul Gipp for successfully defending his title in the traditional category, and the triumph of The Pea Musketeers in the team event; commends Eilidh McMillan, winner of the youth category, and Stellan, crowned Petits Pois Champion, as well as the junior team champions, The Cheese Warriors; recognises the efforts of the Witcham Events Committee for organising a vibrant and inclusive community event that brought together competitors and spectators of all ages; and notes the importance of such unique and joyful traditions in promoting community spirit, local pride, and international camaraderie.

1799 Zen to The Torfin charity cycle rideTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Christine Jardine**

That this House congratulates Ryan Wright, Stuart Mathew Walker and Joseph Jamieson on their 3,000 kilometre charity cycle ride; notes that the route runs from the Mallorca restaurant, Zen, to their sister restaurant, The Torfin, in Corstorphine, Edinburgh and is expected to take around 30 days; further notes that the group aim to raise £20,000 for charities including Parkinsons UK, Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home and Macmillan Cancer Support; and wishes Ryan, Stuart and Joseph all the best in completing the challenge for these good causes.

1800 90th anniversary of the Marine Hall, FleetwoodTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Lorraine Beavers**

That this House congratulates the Marine Hall in Fleetwood on its 90th anniversary this year; recognises the incredible success and longevity of this iconic venue; welcomes the positive impact the venue has had on the local community in Fleetwood and throughout the Fylde Coast with its provision of entertainment to the community, including the once famous Fish Trader's Ball, countless wedding receptions and parties, mayoral balls, real ale festivals, folk festivals, and so much more; and celebrates the wonderful achievement of the Marine Hall in serving the community for such a long period of time.

1801 Blackpool Heritage TramsTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Lorraine Beavers**

That this House recognises the important national heritage value of the Blackpool Heritage Trams; celebrates the history of the tramway in Blackpool as the very first electric public tramway when it opened in 1884; highlights the important role the tramway and the Heritage Trams play in the history, heritage and culture of the Fylde Coast; and supports the re-introduction of the Heritage Trams in Blackpool for the Lightpool Festival this autumn.

1802 Hannah RamsayTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Christine Jardine**

That this House congratulates Hannah Ramsay on her selection for the Scotland Women's rugby team ahead of the upcoming World Cup; recognises the dedication, talent and perseverance that have led to her representing her country at the highest level; notes with pride that Hannah hails from Kirkliston and is an inspiration to young people across Scotland and beyond;

commends all those involved in supporting the development of women's rugby and increasing participation at all levels; wishes Hannah and the entire Scotland squad the very best of luck at the tournament; and looks forward to cheering them on as they represent Scotland on the world stage.

1803 Incisionless ultrasound surgery provision

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Charlotte Cane

That this House understands patients at Addenbrooke's Hospital will be the first in the UK and Europe to benefit from incisionless ultrasound surgery using a histotripsy machine to support their cancer treatment; further understands that histotripsy uses pulsed sound waves to form bubble clouds which create mechanical forces that can destroy tissue at cellular and sub-cellular levels without the need for the ionising energy of radiation, heat damage from thermal treatments or require surgery; notes that treatment is delivered through a single short session and can be performed as a day case; believes that this could reduce cancer treatment times and significantly improve cancer survival rates; hopes this treatment will be successful enough to warrant national roll-out; and calls for the Government and health authorities to observe these impacts and review potential benefits of a wider roll-out of the treatment.

1804 Margaret McMaster and Lochaber Schools Pipe Band

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House congratulates Margaret McMaster on her retirement after 26 years as piping instructor for Lochaber Schools; notes that Margaret has been a dedicated piper since 1976, playing throughout her school career before qualifying as a chemistry teacher, working in Wick, Methil, and finally at Lochaber High School; further notes that after three years at Lochaber High she became full-time piping instructor, travelling across the area to teach chanter and pipes and to nurture young talent; recognises her role in leading the Lochaber Schools' Pipe Band, which has performed at countless community events including Gala Days, Highland Games, and annual parades at the Fort William War Memorial and the Commando Memorial; and wishes her well in her retirement, while noting her intention to continue playing and occasionally performing alongside former pupils.

1805 Glenuig Inn

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House congratulates Glenuig Community Inn Benefit Society on securing £352,800 from the Scottish Land Fund to purchase the historic Glenuig Inn in Lochaber; notes the

building's heritage, with stonework dating back to a structure burned in 1746 during the pursuit of Bonnie Prince Charlie after the Jacobite uprising; further notes the inn's long-standing role as a ceilidh house where traditional and folk musicians gather, with up to 30 players joining informal sessions; welcomes plans to continue operating the inn as a pub, restaurant and accommodation under community ownership; commends the commitment of the Glenuig community, which has a long history of developing and managing local assets, in becoming Scotland's first fully community-run mainland village; and wishes them every success for the future of the inn as a hub for music, culture and hospitality.

1806 Access to NHS-funded IVF

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **2**

Helen Maguire

Jess Brown-Fuller

That this House notes with concern the postcode lottery of access to NHS-funded IVF and fertility services; recognises that in much of the country couples are entitled to just one round of IVF, while in other areas they can receive up to three; is alarmed that eligibility rules can vary significantly between Integrated Care Boards, with some patients denied treatment due to historical circumstances such as a partner having adult children from a previous relationship; believes this undermines the founding principles of the NHS and shatters the hopes and family lives of many couples; further believes that people should be able to expect high-quality fertility treatment wherever they live; and calls on the Government to take urgent steps to end this postcode inequality and ensure fair, compassionate, and consistent access to life-changing reproductive health services.

1807 East Calder Bowling Club 120th anniversary

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Gregor Poynton

That this House congratulates the East Calder Bowling Club on its 120 year anniversary; recognises the central role the club plays in offering a place for locals of all ages and skill levels to come together and enjoy a game of lawn bowls; commends the range of other activities and events the club put on in their clubhouse throughout the year including Games Nights and Live Music; acknowledges the important role that bowling clubs like East Calder play in local communities across the Livingston constituency and the country, fostering community spirit and offering a place for people to come together, enjoy a drink and socialise; and wishes East Calder Bowling Club all the best for the next 120 years and beyond.

1808 Bus accessibility for disabled people in HampshireTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Liz Jarvis**

That this House notes with concern the decision by Hampshire County Council to withdraw discretionary top-up enhancements to the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme for disabled residents, including the removal of the Companion Bus Pass and the restriction of free travel to between 9:30am and 11:00pm on weekdays; further notes that Guide Dogs, the Royal National Institute of Blind People, and the Hampshire Sight Loss Council/ Thomas Pocklington Trust, have expressed serious concerns about this decision, which has disproportionately affected the 55,100 visually impaired residents in Hampshire; recognises that these changes have created new barriers for many disabled people, including those who need to travel early in the morning for work, education, or medical appointments; notes that the withdrawal of companion passes has reduced the independence of those who require assistance to travel safely and confidently, placing financial burdens on family and friends who support them, and leading some to travel less or rely on costly taxis; observes that disabled people already face significant challenges in using public transport, including inaccessible infrastructure, insufficient disability awareness training for transport staff, and the lack of real-time journey information in accessible formats; and calls on the Government to exercise oversight to ensure that local authorities maintain concessionary travel schemes which promote mobility and the full participation of disabled people in society.

1809 Rosebank Distillery's Legacy Release ThreeTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Euan Stainbank**

That this House congratulates Rosebank Distillery in Falkirk on its Legacy Release Three 32 Year Old single malt winning 98 points and a Gold Outstanding medal at the 2025 International Wine & Spirits Competition; notes this release was crafted from casks distilled before the distillery's 1993 closure and showcases the unpeated, triple-distilled Lowland style; recognises the distillery's restoration and reopening in 2023 by Ian Macleod Distillers; and celebrates Rosebank's contribution to Scotland's whisky industry, tourism, and Falkirk's cultural heritage.

1810 Diversity, equality and inclusion in public sector internships and graduate schemesTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **3****Jack Rankin****Bradley Thomas****Mr Richard Holden**

That this House expresses deep concern at reports indicating that recruitment practices within Britain's public services are prioritising diversity targets over individual merit; recognises the

vital importance of impartiality and capability in the hiring of roles which are essential to the functions of the British state; believes that any form of racial or gender discrimination in recruitment in the name of diversity undermines public confidence, operational effectiveness and, in some cases, national security; and calls on His Majesty's Government to reaffirm its commitment to a recruitment process that is expressly neutral, based solely on merit.

1811 Junior Road Safety Officer Team at Elmswell Community Primary School

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Peter Prinsley

That this House congratulates the Junior Road Safety Officer team at Elmswell Community Primary School for their outstanding contribution to promoting road safety; applauds pupils Ollie, Emily, Florence and Isla for leading assemblies, distributing reflectors and producing leaflets to encourage responsible driving and safe parking near the school; and recognises the vital role of young people in raising awareness and fostering safer travel in their communities.

1812 Support for early years and the National Literacy Trust

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House recognises the urgent need to address falling levels of early language in the UK, as highlighted by the National Literacy Trust; notes with concern that in 2024 187,542 five-year-olds started school without the communication and language skills they need to thrive; further notes the steep decline in key home learning activities since 2019, including daily reading, playing, and singing between parents and children; acknowledges the critical role of the home learning environment in shaping a child's future development and life chances; believes in the power of early intervention in enabling the government to meet its 75 per cent school readiness targets; praises the National Literacy Trust's Early Words Matter campaign and its work to empower families, train early years staff, and provide high-quality literacy resources and programmes; welcomes innovative projects such as Gift a Gruffalo, the organisation's place-based work in 21 hubs across the country and projects like the National Literacy Trust collaboration with Worwin in Gorton and Abbey Hey and Sandwell and The Very Group in Liverpool; and calls on the Government to commit to working in partnership with communities, businesses, families, devolved administrations, local leaders and the third sector to deliver long-term investment in early years literacy and improving access to community services, books and resources, supporting parental wellbeing, and joining up early education, health, and family support services to create a fully integrated early years system.

1813 The opening of the House of Hope in Edinburgh South West constituencyTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **1****Dr Scott Arthur**

That this House welcomes the opening of the House of Hope in Edinburgh South West constituency, Scotland's first dedicated support and wellbeing centre for individuals affected by breast cancer; acknowledges that the centre offers a warm, community-based alternative to clinical environments, providing free access to holistic therapies, emotional support, and wellbeing services; recognises the vital importance of addressing not only the medical, but also the emotional, social, and financial challenges faced by those living with or beyond a breast cancer diagnosis; notes that the centre was founded by Lisa Fleming and her husband Euan following Lisa's diagnosis with incurable secondary breast cancer in 2017; commends Lisa and all those involved in delivering this pioneering initiative; and believes that the House of Hope stands as a powerful example of how compassionate, community-led care can complement NHS services and enhance the quality of life for individuals and families.

1814 Recognition of Steve McBain's contribution to the London Road underpass campaignTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **2****Calum Miller
Steve Darling**

That this House recognises the dedication, concentration and public spirit of Steve McBain in recording and analysing over 7,000 movements at the London Road level crossing in Bicester, covering cars, cyclists, pedestrians and other users between 8.00am and 6.00pm on 16 July 2025; notes that this meticulous work, carried out independently and voluntarily, highlights the significant level of daily usage at this key crossing point; further notes that Mr McBain's data demonstrates that if an up-and-over footbridge were installed, only 23 per cent of current users would be able to cross, effectively severing over 5,000 daily journeys; further recognises that, by contrast, a short, inclusive underpass for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians would preserve access for over 97 per cent of current users, restricting only 181 movements; acknowledges that this data provides clear, community-led evidence that a footbridge would be unfit for purpose and that an underpass represents the only viable, future-proofed solution; congratulates Mr McBain on his contribution to the local campaign for an underpass; and urges East West Rail and the Minister for Rail to take his findings into account as part of their decision-making process.

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.

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

Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **76**

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

Adam Jogee

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.

1697 **Contribution of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers**

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

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

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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.

1701 Changing Places Toilets Awareness Day

Tabled: **17/07/25** Signatories: **23**

Daniel Francis

Jen Craft

Chris Kane

Kirsteen Sullivan

Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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.

1708 Global Plastics Treaty

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **7**

Ann Davies

Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

Llinos Medi

Rachael Maskell

Ellie Chowns

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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.

1717 Emotional support animals

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

Pete Wishart

Jim Shannon

Ben Lake

Llinos Medi

Liz Saville Roberts

Ann Davies

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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.

1734 Jagtar Singh Johal (No. 2)Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **13**

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

Graeme Downie

Colum Eastwood

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.

1742 Church of the Holy Family, GazaTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **12**

Patricia Ferguson
Douglas McAllister
Frank McNally
Ellie Chowns
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts

Brian Leishman

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.

1744 Women's sports

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **16**

Helen Maguire
Dr Al Pinkerton
Mr Lee Dillon
Edward Morello
Dr Danny Chambers
Mr Will Forster

Martin Wrigley

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.

1745 Support for local independent businesses, shops, markets and producers

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **19**

Helen Maguire
Steve Darling
Dr Al Pinkerton
Edward Morello
Marie Goldman
Cameron Thomas

Martin Wrigley

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.

1752 Disciplinary action against protesting students by SOAS

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

John McDonnell
Ann Davies
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Llinos Medi
Zarah Sultana

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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.

1753 Intergenerational volunteering and sustainability initiatives

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **8**

Mr Paul Kohler
Dr Danny Chambers
Mr Will Forster
Ellie Chowns
Liz Jarvis
Mr Lee Dillon

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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.

1754 Arrest of protestors in Liverpool

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **20**

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

Brian Leishman Neil Duncan-Jordan

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.

1756 Right to object to data being used in online direct marketing

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

Siân Berry
Ellie Chowns
Jeremy Corbyn
Brian Leishman

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.

1757 100th anniversary of The Palace Hotel, PaigntonTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **4****Steve Darling****Ian Roome****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Martin Wrigley**

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.