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New EDMs

1815 **Cockermouth Old Courthouse**

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

Markus Campbell-Savours

That this House expresses grave concern over the condition of the historic Old Courthouse building in Cockermouth; notes that the building, purchased by Mr Samiul Ahmed in 2022, was allowed to collapse into the River Cocker in 2023 and remains unrestored; further notes that Mr Ahmed has failed to demonstrate either the intention or financial capacity to carry out essential repairs; decries the misdirection and stalling he has engaged in vis-à-vis Cumberland Council; observes that Halal Group Ltd, the company used to limit Mr Ahmed's personal liability, declared assets of £182,520 in 2023, having acquired a property purchased at auction for £51,000; also notes that despite the building's hazardous state, the company's fixed asset value increased to £233,386 in 2024, alongside liabilities of £225,255; calls on Mr Ahmed to publish a full and honest account of the company's assets and liabilities, including details of the creditors underwriting Halal Group Ltd; and urges Mr Ahmed to demonstrate to the residents of Cockermouth, particularly those at heightened risk of flooding, that he has both the financial means and the moral commitment to restore the building and protect the community from further harm.

1816 Scottish Takeaway Awards 2025Tabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **1****Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House congratulates The Wee Chippy in Anstruther on being named Fish n' Chips Takeaway of the Year at the Scottish Takeaway Awards 2025; recognises this achievement as a testament to the business's commitment to quality, service, and its strong reputation as a favourite for locals and visitors alike in the East Neuk; further congratulates The Cheesy Toast Shack in St Andrews for receiving recognition for excellence as Takeaway Team of the Year, reflecting their hard work, creativity, and dedication to delivering an outstanding customer experience; notes that these awards highlight the strength of North East Fife's hospitality sector and the role small, independent businesses play in sustaining local communities and attracting tourism; and wishes both businesses continued success as they build on their achievements and contribute to the vibrancy of the area's food scene.

1817 Kompassion KombuchaTabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **1****Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Kompassion Kombucha, based in Elgin, for receiving two prestigious awards at the Great Taste Awards 2025, widely known as the Oscars of the food world, for their sarsaparilla root and lavender kombucha; notes that these awards are part of the world's largest and most trusted food and drink accreditation scheme, which sees thousands of products entered from across the globe; recognises the importance of such international accolades in providing ecological, small producers, especially in rural economies like Elgin, not only with immense pride, but also international recognition to stand shoulder to shoulder with the best in the industry; and believes that national recognition of grassroots and sustainable producers like Kompassion Kombucha helps to celebrate and promote Scotland's thriving food and drink sector.

1818 Ben Russell SalonTabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **1****Adam Dance**

That this House congratulates Ben Russell Salon in Ilminster for winning the Muddy Stilettos' 2025 Award for the Best Salon in Somerset, Bristol and Dorset; notes the award is set to celebrate independent lifestyle businesses across the UK; celebrates the award as a recognition of Ben's outstanding work as a local hairdresser; recognises the importance of small businesses like Ben's as the backbone of rural economies and communities; calls on the Government to do more to nurture the development of future award winning businesses in South Somerset and beyond; and wishes Ben all the best as he continues to develop his businesses.

1819 Awdah HathaleenTabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **5****Shockat Adam**
Iqbal Mohamed
Mr Adnan Hussain
Ayoub Khan
Chris Law

That this House condemns the killing of Palestinian teacher and activist Awdah Hathaleen, who was shot dead on 28 July 2025 by Israeli settler Yinon Levi in the village of Umm al-Khair; deplores the release of his killer despite clear video evidence proving that he is the murderer; further condemns the Israeli authorities' obstruction of his funeral and the wider pattern of impunity granted to violent settlers; stands in solidarity with Palestinians facing dispossession and intimidation in the occupied West Bank; notes with concern that under President Trump, Yinon Levi was removed from the US sanctions list; calls for the Government to work with their US counterparts to have Yinon Levi reinstated to the sanction list; and further calls on the Government to demand justice for Mr Hathaleen, to hold those responsible to account, and to press for an immediate end to illegal settlement expansion and settler violence.

1820 Tom Dunlop's UK racecourse charity cycleTabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **1****Mr Lee Dillon**

That this House congratulates Tom Dunlop, from Lambourn in Berkshire, who recently began his journey to cycle over 2,600 miles around the UK visiting 60 racecourses as part of a charity challenge; recognises the hard work of Tom who started the ride at Newton Abbot racecourse in Devon aiming to raise £60,000 for the Injured Jockeys Fund and Diverse Abilities, with the money going towards a hydrotherapy pool at the Beehive Activity and Therapy Centre in Poole, and a few weeks ago finished his cycle in Newbury racecourse; notes the dedication of Tom who is utilising his gap year to challenge himself and give something back; further recognises the important work of both of these charities, the Injured Jockeys Fund provides support to jockeys past or present who are injured, unable to ride or generally in need, the Beehive Activity Centre in Poole is close to Tom's heart because his godmother's son has attended the centre for many years; and finally applauds Tom for his extraordinary efforts in this challenge.

1821 The Castle School's World of Work celebrationTabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **1****Mr Lee Dillon**

That this House congratulates The Castle School in Newbury on the success of its annual World of Work (WOW) celebration, which brings together local employers and the wider community to support young people with additional needs; commends the school for its outstanding commitment to providing specialist education to children with complex additional needs and for its innovative WOW programme, which equips students with valuable work experience, skills, and confidence to navigate life beyond the classroom; recognises the care and dedication of all staff and partners involved in making the programme such a success; thanks the many local businesses and organisations who participated in this year's celebration, including Promotrade, The Wasing Estate, Greenham Control Tower, The Furniture Project, The Podium Café, Falkland Vets, St Joseph's Primary School, The Ugly Duckling, Welford Park, Newbury Racecourse, Donnington Valley, Sainsbury's, Little Quavers Music, Hobbycraft, and Swings and Smiles; further congratulates the award-winning organisations for going above and beyond in their support of the programme, including The National Trust (Sandham Memorial Chapel), West Berks Food Bank, The Wasing Estate, Bellrock at West Berkshire Community Hospital, and Dingley's Promise; and gives particular recognition to Chris Cable of Waitrose, whose continued support has helped a former student secure and sustain employment over more than a decade, exemplifying the transformative impact of this vital initiative.

1822 Motor neurone diseaseTabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **1****Sarah Gibson**

That this House recognises the significant challenges faced by people living with motor neurone disease and other long-term health conditions; notes the importance of timely diagnosis, personalised care, and access to emerging treatments; encourages the provision of a named GP for individuals with long-term conditions to help improve continuity and quality of care; supports efforts to expand the capacity of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency to help accelerate access to innovative therapies; acknowledges the need to strengthen social care for disabled people, including by tackling vacancies and introducing a new, higher, carers minimum wage and greater support for unpaid carers through measures such as paid carers' leave and respite breaks; believes that flexible working should be available to all, and that disabled people should be supported to work from home where appropriate; and calls for improved accessibility standards in public spaces, reforms to the blue badge scheme, and consideration of incorporating the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities into UK law.

1823 Prostate screening in HampshireTabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **1****Alex Brewer**

That this House recognises the work of Fleet Lions Group, who, with sponsorship from Fleet Hospital and Community Friends, screened 400 men for prostate cancer on 9 August 2025; celebrates the efforts of local volunteers in promoting the health and well-being of the community in North East Hampshire; notes that early detection of cancer significantly increases survival rates and broadens available treatment options; and calls on the NHS to enhance support for early cancer detection initiatives to help save lives.

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.

1696 Protection of survivors of domestic abuse under the Hague ConventionTabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **17****Mr Lee Dillon****Andrew George****Wera Hobhouse****Adam Dance****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon**

Charlotte Cane

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.

1701 Changing Places Toilets Awareness DayTabled: **17/07/25** Signatories: **25**

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

Shockat Adam

Chris Law

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

Ann Davies
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Llinos Medi
Rachael Maskell
Ellie Chowns

Shockat Adam

Chris Law

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.

1714 **Greyhound racing**

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

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

Mr Angus MacDonald

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: **30**

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

Mr Angus MacDonald

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.

1716 **Provision of trained Family Liaison Officers**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **20**

Freddie van Mierlo

Helen Maguire

Jim Shannon

Wera Hobhouse

Zöe Franklin

Rachael Maskell

Mr Angus MacDonald

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.

1717 Emotional support animalsTabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **10****Pete Wishart****Jim Shannon****Ben Lake****Llinos Medi****Liz Saville Roberts****Ann Davies**

Chris Law

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.

1719 Tribute to David LawrieTabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **7****Wendy Chamberlain****Clive Jones****Jim Shannon****Sarah Dyke****Martin Wrigley****Sarah Gibson**

Mr Angus MacDonald

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.

1720 Election of University of St Andrews academics to the British AcademyTabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **6**

Wendy Chamberlain
Clive Jones
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke
Martin Wrigley
Mr Angus MacDonald

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.

1721 Food wasteTabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **22**

Cameron Thomas
Clive Jones
Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse
Ayoub Khan

Mr Angus MacDonald

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 2025Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **10**

Jim Shannon
Ayoub Khan
Rachael Maskell
Carla Lockhart
Andrew Rosindell
Jeremy Corbyn

Apsana Begum

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 campaignTabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **12**

Daisy Cooper
Clive Jones
Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon
Jess Brown-Fuller
Edward Morello

Mr Angus MacDonald

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 projectTabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **7****Christine Jardine****Clive Jones****Jim Shannon****Sarah Dyke****Martin Wrigley****Mr Joshua Reynolds**

Mr Angus MacDonald

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.

1726 Joe's Day campaignTabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **9****Cameron Thomas****Clive Jones****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon****Adam Dance****Sarah Dyke**

Mr Angus MacDonald

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.

1734 Jagtar Singh Johal (No. 2)Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **14**

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

Chris Law

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.

1735 Closure of the Fleming FundTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **32**

Dr Danny Chambers
Mr Will Forster
Tom Gordon
Richard Foord
Manuela Perteghella
Vikki Slade

Sarah Dyke

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

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.

1736 Impact of terrorism glorification on reconciliation and victims

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

Carla Lockhart
Bob Blackman
Alex Easton
Jim Shannon

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

1737 2025 Fèis Rois Cèilidh Trail and Scotland's emerging traditional musicians

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **3**

Mr Angus MacDonald
Sarah Dyke
Jim Shannon

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.

1738 **Ynys Môn Search and Rescue 10th anniversary**

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **5**

Llinos Medi
Ben Lake
Ann Davies
Liz Saville Roberts
Jim Shannon

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: **2**

Paula Barker
Jim Shannon

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 2025Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **9****Andrew Rosindell****Jack Rankin****Sir John Hayes****Rupert Lowe****Sir Edward Leigh****Martin Vickers**

Jim Shannon

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.

1741 Consequences of the Equality Act 2010Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **8****Andrew Rosindell****Jack Rankin****Sir John Hayes****Rupert Lowe****Sir Edward Leigh****Martin Vickers**

Jim Shannon

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.

1742 Church of the Holy Family, Gaza

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **13**

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

Chris Law

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.

1743 2025 Sioe Sir Fôn (The Anglesey County Show)

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **2**

Llinos Medi
Jim Shannon

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.

1744 Women's sportsTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **20**

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

Sarah Dyke	Mr Angus MacDonald	Jim
Shannon	Chris Law	

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 producersTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **23**

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

Sarah Dyke	Mr Angus MacDonald	Jim
Shannon	Chris Law	

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.

1746 160th anniversary of the Salvation ArmyTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **2****Carla Lockhart**
Jim Shannon

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.

1747 New Hospital Programme for Epsom and St Helier University HospitalsTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **10****Helen Maguire**
Mr Paul Kohler
Dr Al Pinkerton
Bobby Dean
Mr Will Forster
Dr Roz Savage

Sarah Dyke

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

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.

1748 50th anniversary of the Blair Memorial Flute BandTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **2****Carla Lockhart****Jim Shannon**

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.

1749 National Star CollegeTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **5****Cameron Thomas****Ellie Chowns****Sarah Dyke****Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon**

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.

1750 Friends of Scottish Settlers funding from the National Lottery Community Fund and People's Postcode LotteryTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **2****Euan Stainbank****Jim Shannon**

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.

1751 Baby Steps 20+ People's Postcode Lottery grant

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **2**

Euan Stainbank

Jim Shannon

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.

1752 Disciplinary action against protesting students by SOAS

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **10**

John McDonnell

Ann Davies

Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

Llinos Medi

Zarah Sultana

Shockat Adam

Apsana Begum

Chris Law

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 initiativesTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **11**

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

Sarah Dyke

Mr Angus MacDonald

Chris Law

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 LiverpoolTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **21**

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

Shockat Adam

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.

1755 Richard Madeley and the Northern Ireland economyTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **5****Alex Easton****Robin Swann****Jim Allister****Sammy Wilson****Jim Shannon**

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.

1756 Right to object to data being used in online direct marketingTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **8****Siân Berry****Ellie Chowns****Jeremy Corbyn****Brian Leishman****Jim Shannon****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Shockat Adam****Chris Law**

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, Paignton

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

Steve Darling
Ian Roome
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Martin Wrigley
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

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.

1758 Retirement of John Pomphrey and the pearl anniversary of St Ann's Hospice Festival Choir

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **6**

Tom Morrison
Lisa Smart
Cameron Thomas
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon

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.

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

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **10**

Andrew Rosindell

Sir John Hayes

Sir Edward Leigh

Martin Vickers

Rupert Lowe

Josh Babarinde

Jim Shannon

That this House recalls with deep sorrow, this day 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.

1760 **The Open in Portrush**

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **2**

Jim Allister

Jim Shannon

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.

1761 Crumbs BakeryTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **2****Dr Allison Gardner**
Jim Shannon

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 partyTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **2****Dr Allison Gardner**
Jim Shannon

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: **3****Graham Leadbitter**
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

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: **5****Patricia Ferguson****Jim Shannon****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Chris Law****Seamus Logan**

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: **4****Alex Easton****Jim Shannon****Jim Allister****Andrew Rosindell**

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 Closkelt, 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: **2**

Gregor Poynton

Chris Law

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 Two

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **3**

Gregor Poynton

Jim Shannon

Chris Law

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 information

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **3**

Margaret Mullane

Jim Shannon

Apsana Begum

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 lost

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **7**

Dr Scott Arthur

Jim Shannon

Brian Leishman

Chris Law

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Graham Leadbitter

Patricia Ferguson

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: **4**

Charlotte Cane
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon

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: **18**

Wera Hobhouse
Mr Will Forster
Sarah Dyke
Dr Roz Savage
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon

Neil Duncan-Jordan
Helen Maguire
Iqbal Mohamed
Martin Wrigley

Mr Lee Dillon
Cameron Thomas
Claire Young
Apsana Begum

Wendy Chamberlain
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Chris Law
Jess Brown-Fuller

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: **40**

Ed Davey
Sarah Gibson
Mr Will Forster
Sarah Dyke
Dr Roz Savage
Clive Jones

Lisa Smart
 Wera Hobhouse
 Wendy Chamberlain
 Steve Darling
 Adam Dance
 Ian Sollom
 Claire Young
 Layla Moran
 Luke Taylor
 Munira Wilson
 Freddie van Mierlo
 Jamie Stone

Mr Angus MacDonald
 Mr Lee Dillon
 Helen Maguire
 Cameron Thomas
 James MacCleary
 Brian Mathew
 Tom Morrison
 John Milne
 Martin Wrigley
 Jess Brown-Fuller
 Steff Aquarone

Tom Gordon
 Calum Miller
 Monica Harding
 Mr Joshua Reynolds
 Charlotte Cane
 Ben Lake
 Sarah Olney
 Richard Foord
 Vikki Slade
 Marie Goldman
 Sarah Green

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 societyTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **4****Mr Gregory Campbell****Jim Shannon****Chris Law****Andrew Rosindell**

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 WrexhamTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **26****Steve Witherden****Andrew Ranger****Kate Osborne****Rachael Maskell****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Kim Johnson****Dr Simon Opher****Shockat Adam****Lorraine Beavers****Imran Hussain****Mary Kelly Foy**

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

Jim Shannon
Jim Allister
Andrew Rosindell
Mr Gregory Campbell

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

Jim Shannon
Mr Gregory Campbell

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.

1779 Opening of Ravelrig RDA's new indoor riding arenaTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **3**

Dr Scott Arthur
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

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: **2**

Daniel Francis

Jim Shannon

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: **31**

John McDonnell

Nadia Whittome

Mary Kelly Foy

Andy McDonald

Jon Trickett

Grahame Morris

Margaret Mullane

Imran Hussain

Mary Glendon

Shockat Adam

Lorraine Beavers

Chris Law

Graham Leadbitter

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: **9**

Iqbal Mohamed
Jeremy Corbyn
Mr Adnan Hussain
Shockat Adam
Ayoub Khan
Ben Lake

Chris Law

John McDonnell

Ian Byrne

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.

1783 St Andrews Men's ShedTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **6**

Wendy Chamberlain
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon
Helen Maguire
Chris Law

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 SystemsTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **12**

Brian Leishman
Richard Burgon
Kim Johnson
Jeremy Corbyn
Jon Trickett
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Nadia Whittome
Shockat Adam

Steve Witherden
Chris Law

Ben Lake
Imran Hussain

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: **8**

Mr Richard Quigley

Jim Shannon

Brian Leishman

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Shockat Adam

Graeme Downie

Chris Law

Mary Glendon

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 closuresTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **9**

Sarah Olney
Munira Wilson
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon

Helen Maguire**Charlotte Cane****Luke Taylor**

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: **6**

Susan Murray
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon
Wendy Chamberlain
Chris Law

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: **3****Euan Stainbank****Jim Shannon****Chris Law**

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: **3****Dr Scott Arthur****Jim Shannon****Chris Law**

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 SightTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **5****Steve Darling****Sarah Dyke****Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon****Helen Maguire**

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 DunbartonshireTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **3****Susan Murray****Sarah Dyke****Mr Angus MacDonald**

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: **3****Joani Reid****Jim Shannon****Chris Law**

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: **5****Mr Angus MacDonald****Sarah Dyke****Jim Shannon****Shockat Adam****Chris Law**

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: **3****Stephen Flynn****Jim Shannon****Chris Law**

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: **3****Dr Scott Arthur****Jim Shannon****Chris Law**

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: **3**

Dr Scott Arthur
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

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

Charlotte Cane
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon

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

Charlotte Cane
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon

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: **5**

Christine Jardine
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

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: **3**

Lorraine Beavers
Jon Trickett
Jim Shannon

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 Trams

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

Lorraine Beavers

Jim Shannon

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Chris Law

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 Ramsay

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **6**

Christine Jardine

Sarah Dyke

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

Helen Maguire

Chris Law

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 provisionTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **7**

Charlotte Cane
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon
Shockat Adam
Ian Sollom

Chris Law

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

Mr Angus MacDonald
Sarah Dyke
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Jamie Stone

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 InnTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **5****Mr Angus MacDonald****Sarah Dyke****Jim Shannon****Chris Law****Jamie Stone**

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 IVFTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **15****Helen Maguire****Jess Brown-Fuller****Mr Will Forster****Sarah Dyke****Lisa Smart****Mr Angus MacDonald**

Wera Hobhouse

Mr Lee Dillon

Adam Dance

Jon Trickett

Steve Darling

Shockat Adam

Jim Shannon

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Claire Young

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 anniversaryTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **2****Gregor Poynton****Jim Shannon**

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: **7****Liz Jarvis****Sarah Dyke****Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon****Mr Lee Dillon****Steve Darling**

Mr Joshua Reynolds

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: **4**

Euan Stainbank
Jim Shannon
Brian Leishman
Chris Law

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: **4**

Jack Rankin
Bradley Thomas
Mr Richard Holden
Jim Allister

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

Peter Prinsley
Jim Shannon

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 TrustTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **7****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Brian Leishman****Jim Shannon****Gill Furniss****Andrew Gwynne****Shockat Adam**

Apsana Begum

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: **2****Dr Scott Arthur****Jim Shannon**

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 campaign**

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

Calum Miller
Steve Darling
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon

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.