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Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 4 September 2025

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New EDMs

1837 **Access to rail in Hazel Grove**

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

Lisa Smart

That this House recognises the importance of working towards a goal for all railway stations to have step-free access, ensuring that public transport is accessible for everyone; acknowledges the far too common occurrence, for example at Bredbury, where only one platform at a station is accessible, meaning that passengers can only utilise the station for one direction of their journey, and how this disproportionately impacts passengers who struggle with their mobility; welcomes the announcement earlier this year of funding for accessibility improvements at Bredbury station with completion planned in 2027; calls for clarity in the present situation regarding funding that has been granted for Romiley station; and urges the Government to work with Transport for Greater Manchester and Stockport Council to ensure that funding is also granted for much needed accessibility improvements at Woodley and Middlewood stations.

1838 **Scotland's Premier Independent Curry Event (SPICE) Awards 2025**

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

Kenneth Stevenson

That this House congratulates The Tudor Hotel, Restaurant and Bar in Airdrie for its success at the 2025 Spice Awards in its first year under new ownership; notes its success in winning the Best Team award and winning Highly Recommended in the categories of Best Chef and

Best Indian Restaurant in the West; acknowledges the hard work and dedication of the owners and staff in providing the constituents of Airdrie & Shotts, and beyond, with excellent food and service; and wishes them all the best and continued success for the years ahead.

1839 **Celebrating Pride Cumbernauld**

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

Katrina Murray

That this House congratulates Pride Cumbernauld on hosting the first ever Pride event in Cumbernauld on 16 August 2025; notes that this family-friendly fun day took place in the beautiful surroundings of Palacerigg Country Park; understands that, in April 2025, an open meeting at the Cumbernauld and Carbrain Community Hub explored the idea of holding the new town's first ever Pride and an organising committee was formed; further notes that local LGBTQIA performers and volunteers worked with ally organisations to make Pride Cumbernauld a fun musical event; understands that one performer had sung in drag worldwide but never in their home town; acknowledges that this shows how far we have come but how much further we still have to go; observes that a drag King led a children's story time and that there was a sing-along screening of a famous film; takes note that the pups pride parade involved fun canine competitions led by Cumbernauld Pet Pantry; also notes that Unicorn rides, local stalls and food providers brought flavour to the day; further observes that the music had the all-age crowd dancing and singing along; notes that Cumbernauld United Ladies Team sought to recruit new players; also observes that Palacerigg Community Trust provided volunteers and support for the day; and further congratulates the volunteers, supporting organisations and businesses who made the first Pride Cumbernauld possible for LGBTQIA people in the greater Cumbernauld area be seen, heard and valued at our town's very own Pride.

1840 **Third anniversary of the Cumbernauld and Carbrain Community Hub**

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

Katrina Murray

That this House congratulates Cumbernauld and Carbrain Community Hub on its third anniversary; notes that they celebrated by holding a community open day on 30th August; recognises that the Hub grew from a small women's group in Carbrain Primary School which had the vision of a community space for all the community bringing people together, reducing poverty and isolation, and creating a sense of community; acknowledges that the Hub has created a warm, inviting community centre in a former bank in Cumbernauld Town Centre and as a result has expanded its services to include a community pantry, free community fridge, free period products, a men's group, a wellness group, an adult's arts and crafts group, a women's group, an LGBTQ+ youth group, bagpipng classes, a breakfast club, baby massage and so much more; further notes that the Hub works in partnership with a variety of statutory and voluntary organisations who run drop-in sessions within the Hub, bringing services closer to local people when they need it the most; further acknowledges that the Hub provides social activities that facilitate people building their confidence and connections with others, also

notes that the weekly wellness group provides a safe space for those struggling with their mental health to engage with others in a similar situation; and further recognises that people who have build confidence through Hub activities have gone on to volunteer and provide their own input into the space and what goes on within.

1841 **75th anniversary of the Knockshinnoch Disaster**

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

Elaine Stewart

That this House commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Knockshinnoch Disaster, which took place on 7 September 1950 in New Cumnock, Ayrshire, and resulted in the tragic loss of 13 miners when moss, peat and water engulfed the Knockshinnoch Castle Colliery; recognises the extraordinary bravery of the rescue teams who worked tirelessly over several days to save 116 trapped miners; pays tribute to the resilience of the New Cumnock community and the families affected by the disaster; acknowledges the importance of preserving the memory of this event as part of Scotland's industrial heritage; further recognises that coalminers powered the nation for decades through their labour, sacrifice, and commitment to fuel security and growing our economy through industry; notes that the Knockshinnoch rescue operation has been studied and referenced over the years by those who teach present-day mine rescue techniques; and calls on the Government to support educational and commemorative initiatives that honour the legacy of those who worked in the coal mining industry and the sacrifices they made.

1842 **Jeanette Miller**

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

Richard Baker

That this House recognises the achievement of Jeanette Miller, from Lochgelly, in raising awareness of endometriosis and its debilitating effects on one in ten women across Scotland; and furthermore applauds her campaign to improve NHS services for those affected by the condition, including the need to reduce waiting times for diagnosis and further treatment.

1843 **First female Astronomer Royal**

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

Layla Moran

That this House congratulates Professor Michelle Dougherty on her recent appointment as Astronomer Royal, becoming the first woman to hold the post in its 350 year history advising the monarch on astronomical issues; recognises the important contribution which she has made in her career to astronomy and physics and in her other roles as Professor of Physics at Imperial College London, Executive Chair of the Science and Technology Facilities Council and as President-elect of the Institute of Physics; supports Professor Dougherty in her efforts to inspire

more women and girls to study science, as well as her aim to open people's eyes to the wonders of space; and wishes her luck in her exciting project with the European Space Agency to probe the viability of life on the moons of Jupiter.

1844 **Air Ambulance Week 2025**

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

Pete Wishart

That this House recognises Air Ambulance Week 2025, taking place from 8–14 September, and pays tribute to the lifesaving work of the UK's air ambulance charities, which collectively responded to over 49,000 missions in 2024; welcomes the forthcoming publication on 29 September of the sector's manifesto Critical Moments, Lifesaving Decisions, setting out key priorities to secure the future of these essential services; and calls on the Government to work with Air Ambulances UK and local air ambulance charities to address these priorities and support their vital role in communities nationwide.

1845 **75th anniversary of St Monica's Parish Church in Coatbridge**

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

Frank McNally

That this House acknowledges the 75th anniversary of St Monica's Roman Catholic Parish Church in Coatbridge; recognises that the parish was founded during the post-Second World War wave of church building in the Diocese of Motherwell; further recognises that following its establishment in September 1950, the first Mass was held in a barn in 1953, prior to the church building opening in 1957; notes this year also marks the 20th anniversary of St Monica's Parish Priest, Rev. Ghislain Mulumanzi, being ordained into the priesthood; understands and celebrates the role St Monica's Parish Church plays as a community anchor, through its rich history of volunteer groups, family-oriented programmes, spiritual services, and educational ties, cultivating fellowship, support, and spiritual growth across generations; congratulates all involved in preparing the recent 75th anniversary Mass, led by Bishop Joseph Toal, and offers the clergy and parishioners of St Monica's very best wishes for the future.

1846 **Local Healthwatch**

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

Siân Berry

That this House supports the principle that people should be able to speak up and be heard without fear, favour, or interference about health and care services; believes an independent patient voice service is vital to representing the experiences of patients, service users, and the public in health and social care; notes with concern Government proposals to abolish local Healthwatch's independent statutory functions; further believes that strong, independent

patient and public advocacy is essential to ensure accountability, improve services, and uphold the founding principles of the NHS and social care systems; urges Ministers to reaffirm their commitment to meaningful public involvement in health and social care by promoting independent public voice initiatives across England; and calls on the Government to abandon their plans to close local Healthwatch and to protect and preserve the vital independent patient representation which has existed since 1974.

1847 **Public service of PCSO Elaine Cave and PCSO Bev Jackson**

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

Sarah Dyke

That this House applauds the outstanding public service of Police Community Support Officers Elaine Cave and Bev Jackson, who, after 19 years on the beat in Street, have retired from their posts; recognises their tireless efforts in building trust, reassurance and safety across the community by helping to reduce crime, supporting local residents and creating a stronger relationship between the local police force and the people of Street; acknowledges that their presence and dedication have been central to making the village a more secure, cohesive and welcoming place for all; and expresses sincere thanks and best wishes to them both for a happy and richly deserved retirement, while ensuring their legacy continues to be felt in every part of the community.

1848 **Passing of Maggie Bowden former General Secretary of Liberation**

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

Brian Leishman

That this House notes with deep sadness the passing on 1 September 2025 of Maggie Bowden, Joint President and long-serving former General Secretary of Liberation; pays tribute to her three decades of tireless work as a true internationalist and fighter for peace, showing solidarity with peoples oppressed by neo-colonialism and despotic regimes across the world; recognises her role in bringing issues of justice and human rights before the UK Parliament and the United Nations Human Rights Council; further notes her kindness, generosity and humanity as attested to by all who worked with her; and sends its condolences to her family, friends and comrades, while affirming that her lifelong commitment to peace, justice and anti-imperialism will continue to inspire future generations.

1849 Sanctions on Israel and International Court of Justice findingsTabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **10**

Richard Burgon
Imran Hussain
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Apsana Begum
Ian Byrne
Andy McDonald

John McDonnell
Brian Leishman

Ms Diane Abbott

Nadia Whittome

That this House notes the International Association of Genocide Scholars' recent decision to declare genocide in Gaza and the official declaration of famine in Gaza by the UN-linked Integrated Food Security Phase Classification; further notes it is over a year since the International Court of Justice (ICJ) finding that Israel's continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs) is unlawful; also notes that the ICJ said all States have an obligation not to recognise this illegal situation, not to render aid or assistance that maintains Israel's illegal presence in the OPTs, and to abstain from entering into economic or trade dealings with Israel which may entrench its unlawful presence in the OPTs; notes the ICJ added that all States have an obligation to take steps to prevent trade or investments that assist the maintenance of this unlawful situation; expresses concern that the UK Government has yet to outline a concrete response or demonstrate how it will meet its legal obligations following the ICJ ruling; and believes that to do so and to help prevent international humanitarian law violations the Government must suspend the UK-Israel trade agreement until Israel complies with international law, ban all trade and investment in goods and services with Israeli settlements, impose targeted sanctions, including travel bans and asset freezes, on all individuals and entities complicit in Israel's occupation, end all arms trade with Israel including of F-35 components, and conduct a full review of UK-Israel relations to ensure no support is given to international law violations.

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.

1715 Funding and support for SENDTabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **31****Edward Morello****Clive Jones****Cameron Thomas****Dr Roz Savage****Helen Morgan****Helen Maguire**

Adrian Ramsay

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.

1717 Emotional support animalsTabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **12****Pete Wishart****Jim Shannon****Ben Lake****Llinos Medi****Liz Saville Roberts****Ann Davies**

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

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.

1722 Samaritans Awareness Day 2025

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

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

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

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.

1725 Proposal for a wealth tax

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **34**

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

Adrian Ramsay

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

our society; and calls on the Government to bring forward proposals for such a tax on extreme wealth ahead of the next Budget.

1728 **Self-driving vehicles and taxi and private hire drivers**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **3**

Ayoub Khan
Shockat Adam
Rachael Maskell

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

1732 **Carers and social care reform**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **40**

Edward Morello
Dr Danny Chambers
Clive Jones
Cameron Thomas
Dr Roz Savage
Helen Morgan

Rachael Maskell

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

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

helps people avoid entering care in crisis, reduces spiralling personal and public costs, eases pressure on NHS services, and ensures everyone receives high-quality care when they need it; and calls on the Government to end its broken promises and fix a system where families face crippling costs in paying for care and where reform has been delayed for over a decade.

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

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **16**

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

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

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 Fund**

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **34**

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

Rachael Maskell

Clive Jones

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.

1740 Historic County Flags Day 2025

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

Andrew Rosindell

Jack Rankin

Sir John Hayes

Rupert Lowe

Sir Edward Leigh

Martin Vickers

Luke Myer

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.

1742 Church of the Holy Family, GazaTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **17**

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

Rachael Maskell

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

That this House expresses shock and extreme concern that Israeli forces stand accused of attacking the Church of the Holy Family in Gaza, killing three people and injuring 10 others including the parish priest, Father Gabriel Romanelli; notes that the church and its compound were providing shelter to hundreds of displaced people with the support of Caritas Jerusalem, a sister organisation to the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development and the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund; further notes that Caritas Jerusalem has already lost two staff members who were killed along with their children during heavy shelling; and believes that the call of Caritas Internationalis to respect and protect places of worship and humanitarian shelter, stop attacks on civilians, especially those seeking refuge in places of worship and other humanitarian places such as schools and hospitals, and to ensure that access to aid and medical support for civilians, should be observed by those involved in military action in Gaza and the West Bank should be heeded.

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

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

Christine Jardine
Siân Berry

Freddie van Mierlo
Adrian Ramsay

Clive Jones

That this House welcomes the launch by the Card Factory of a new range of greeting cards featuring women's football teams, following earlier calls for better representation of female athletes in consumer products; thanks the Card Factory for taking this positive and practical step towards addressing the visibility gap for women's sport; notes that, with the Women's Euros in full swing and capturing the public's imagination, now is a crucial moment to ensure female footballers and sportswomen are celebrated equally on and off the pitch; believes that representation in everyday consumer goods, including cards, toys and merchandise, plays a vital role in challenging outdated stereotypes and inspiring the next generation; and continues

to call on other retailers, manufacturers and publishers to follow suit, recognising that if you can't see her, you can't be her.

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

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **29**

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

Christine Jardine
Siân Berry

Freddie van Mierlo
Adrian Ramsay

Clive Jones

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 Army

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

Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon
Jim Allister
Rachael Maskell

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 Hospitals

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

Helen Maguire
Mr Paul Kohler
Dr Al Pinkerton
Bobby Dean
Mr Will Forster
Dr Roz Savage

Clive Jones

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.

1749 National Star College

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

Cameron Thomas
Ellie Chowns
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones

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.

1752 Disciplinary action against protesting students by SOASTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **12**

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

Rachael Maskell

Siân Berry

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: **15**

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

Rachael Maskell
Adrian Ramsay

Clive Jones

Siân Berry

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: **23**

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

Rachael Maskell

Siân Berry

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

1756 Right to object to data being used in online direct marketingTabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **9**

Siân Berry
Ellie Chowns
Jeremy Corbyn
Brian Leishman
Jim Shannon
Neil Duncan-Jordan

Rachael Maskell

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.

1764 Glasgow 850 celebrates Sir Billy ConnollyTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **6****Patricia Ferguson****Jim Shannon****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Chris Law****Seamus Logan****Christine Jardine**

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.

1768 Statutory right for leaseholders to access informationTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **5****Margaret Mullane****Jim Shannon****Apsana Begum****Rachael Maskell****Siân Berry**

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: **14**

Dr Scott Arthur
Jim Shannon
Brian Leishman
Chris Law
Sir Bernard Jenkin
Graham Leadbitter

Rachael Maskell Cameron Thomas

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: **5**

Charlotte Cane
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones

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: **27**

Wera Hobhouse

Mr Will Forster

Sarah Dyke

Dr Roz Savage

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

Rachael Maskell

Christine Jardine

Charlotte Cane

Freddie van Mierlo

Clive Jones

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

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 GazaTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **45**

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

Christine Jardine

Helen Morgan

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).

1774 Oscar Mayer workers in WrexhamTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **28**

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

Siân Berry

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.

1781 Strike action in the Parliamentary Security DepartmentTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **37**

John McDonnell
Nadia Whittome
Mary Kelly Foy
Andy McDonald
Jon Trickett
Grahame Morris

Rachael Maskell

Olivia Blake

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 FlotillaTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **18**

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

Rachael Maskell

Siân Berry

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 Shed

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

Wendy Chamberlain

Sarah Dyke

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

Helen Maguire

Chris Law

Clive Jones

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

Siân Berry

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 MonthTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **13****Mr Richard Quigley****Jim Shannon****Brian Leishman****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Shockat Adam****Graeme Downie**

Rachael Maskell

Christine Jardine

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

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: **11**

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

Clive Jones

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: **11**

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

Rachael Maskell
Helen Morgan

Christine Jardine
Clive Jones

Freddie van Mierlo

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.

1789 **Celebrating the achievements of Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust in enhancing community well-being and the environment**

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

Dr Scott Arthur
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Christine Jardine

That this House congratulates the Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust (ELGT) for its exceptional work over the past year in improving access to and engagement with greenspaces across Edinburgh and the Lothians; recognises ELGT's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for local communities through environmental and community projects that benefit people, wildlife, landscape and heritage; notes the Trust's achievements including the delivery of 48 projects over the past year, with a total value of £1,987,730; commends the provision of 57 community events attended by 1,646 people, 121 conservation sessions involving 1,056 volunteers, and 288 walking activities with 1,604 participants; acknowledges the Trust's contribution to active travel through the creation of 495 metres of new paths and the delivery of 18 bike club sessions; applauds the positive impact on public health and wellbeing, with 97 per cent of participants reporting improved mental health and reduced isolation, and 94 per cent feeling more confident using greenspaces; and encourages continued support for ELGT's vital work in building greener, healthier, and more connected communities.

1790 **100th anniversary of Devon in Sight**

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

Steve Darling
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon
Helen Maguire
Rachel Gilmour

Clive Jones

That this House congratulates Devon in Sight in its centenary year, marking 100 years of dedicated service to those living with the challenges of sight loss across Devon; notes the charity's proud history since its foundation in 1925 as the Devon County Association for the Welfare of the Blind, recognises the profound impact it has made in supporting numerous people living with a visual impairment to live life to the full; commends the commitment and

leadership of the charity's Chair, Dr Adrian Jacobs, the Trustees and Chief Executive Officer, Grahame Flynn, whose passion and vision have continued to drive the charity forward in an ever-changing health and social care landscape; pays tribute to the invaluable work of the charity's dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters, past and present, whose tireless efforts have underpinned a century of life-changing support and advocacy; recognises the charity's person-centred approach and its pioneering work in providing information, advice and guidance, promoting health and wellbeing, independent living and influencing change locally, regionally and nationally; acknowledges the vital partnerships Devon in Sight has built with local authorities, health and social care professionals, charities and community groups to ensure the needs of those with visual impairments are properly met; and calls on the Government to continue to recognise the critical role played by charities such as Devon in Sight in building inclusive, supportive communities and ensuring that no one living with sight loss in Devon is left behind.

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

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

Susan Murray
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Christine Jardine
Clive Jones

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 2005

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

Joani Reid
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Frank McNally
Rachael Maskell

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.

1797 Celebrating Mona Shah MBE

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

Charlotte Cane

Sarah Dyke

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

Clive Jones

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.

1803 Incisionless ultrasound surgery provisionTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **10**

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

Christine Jardine

Helen Morgan

Clive Jones

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: **6**

Mr Angus MacDonald
Sarah Dyke
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Jamie Stone
Christine Jardine

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: **6****Mr Angus MacDonald****Sarah Dyke****Jim Shannon****Chris Law****Jamie Stone****Christine Jardine**

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: **22****Helen Maguire****Jess Brown-Fuller****Mr Will Forster****Sarah Dyke****Lisa Smart****Mr Angus MacDonald**

Christine Jardine

Clive Jones

Freddie van Mierlo

Siân Berry

Helen Morgan

Adrian Ramsay

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.

1808 Bus accessibility for disabled people in HampshireTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **8**

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

Clive Jones

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.

1810 Diversity, equality and inclusion in public sector internships and graduate schemesTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **9**

Jack Rankin
Bradley Thomas
Mr Richard Holden
Jim Allister
John Cooper
Mr Peter Bedford

Andrew Rosindell

Mr Andrew Snowden

Lewis Cocking

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.

1812 **Support for early years and the National Literacy Trust**

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **11**

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Brian Leishman

Jim Shannon

Gill Furniss

Andrew Gwynne

Shockat Adam

Rachael Maskell

Luke Myer

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

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.

1819 Awdah HathaleenTabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **7**

Shockat Adam
Iqbal Mohamed
Mr Adnan Hussain
Ayoub Khan
Chris Law
Rachael Maskell

Siân Berry

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: **3**

Mr Lee Dillon
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones

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: **3**

Mr Lee Dillon
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones

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: **18**

Sarah Gibson
Mr Will Forster
Wendy Chamberlain
Wera Hobhouse
Adam Dance
Jim Shannon

Rachael Maskell
 Claire Young
 Clive Jones

Brian Mathew
 Neil Duncan-Jordan
 Siân Berry

Martin Wrigley
 Helen Morgan
 Adrian Ramsay

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 Hampshire

Tabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **4**

Alex Brewer
Jim Shannon
Sarah Gibson
Clive Jones

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.

1824 Grower's Garden

Tabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **2**

Wendy Chamberlain
Clive Jones

That this House celebrates the success of Cupar-based company Grower's Garden, whose range of healthy snacks made from surplus broccoli and other fresh produce has secured a deal to be stocked in Tesco stores across Scotland; notes that the company is a collaboration between local farming businesses committed to reducing food waste, promoting healthy eating and supporting the rural economy; congratulates the team for their innovation and dedication in turning local crops into a product now available to customers nationwide; recognises the importance of supporting Scottish food producers in reaching new markets; and wishes Grower's Garden every success as it continues to expand and showcase the excellence of North East Fife's farming and food sector.

1825 30th anniversary of Drylaw Community CentreTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **4****Christine Jardine****Adam Dance****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Clive Jones**

That this House recognises the important milestone of the 30th anniversary of the Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre; notes that the centre has served as a vibrant community hub for three decades, providing a wide range of services for people of all ages, including classes, activities and social events designed to inspire, educate and entertain; further notes the vital role played by community centres such as Drylaw in fostering local connections, promoting wellbeing and a sense of belonging, delivering accessible services for all, and encouraging diversity and inclusion; congratulates the centre on reaching this anniversary and wishes them every success with their celebrations and fundraiser; and further recognises the dedication and hard work of the staff and volunteers whose commitment has made such a positive difference to the local community.

1827 Free speech and the use of armed policeTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **10****Rupert Lowe****Mr Peter Bedford****Sir Desmond Swayne****Jim Allister****Sir Gavin Williamson****Andrew Rosindell**

Mr Andrew Snowden

Sir John Whittingdale

Alex Easton

Jack Rankin

That this House expresses its deep concern at the arrest of writer Graham Linehan by armed police officers at Heathrow Airport on allegations relating to online speech; notes with alarm that such disproportionate action risks undermining free expression in the United Kingdom; believes that police resources should be prioritised towards tackling violent crime, organised crime and illegal migration rather than policing lawful speech; calls for an urgent review of incitement and hate speech laws to ensure that only genuine threats of violence are captured; and urges the Government to reaffirm its commitment to protecting free speech as the cornerstone of British democracy.

1828 Asylum funding for local authoritiesTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **3****Pete Wishart****Rachael Maskell****Siân Berry**

That this House recognises that asylum policy at UK level has a direct impact on local authorities and communities and on the level of support they are able to offer asylum seekers; further recognises the importance of ensuring that appropriate levels of funding are made available by central Government and that this funding is needed to enable local authorities to plan and use resource effectively to support integration; and also recognises that a lack of funding limits opportunities for local authorities to plan support services or develops systems which could make significant improvements for people seeking asylum, such as community-based asylum accommodation which could better support integration and reduce costs of temporary hotel accommodation.

1829 Journalist Sherwan SherwaniTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **4****John McDonnell****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Jon Trickett****Siân Berry**

That this House expresses its extreme concern that on 19 August 2025 journalist Sherwan Sherwani was sentenced to another four years and six months in prison for allegedly threatening a prison officer; notes that on 16 February 2021 the Erbil Criminal Court sentenced Sherwan Sherwani and four others to six years in prison on charges of spying for the Kurdistan Workers' Party; is further concerned that The Kurdistan Democratic Party authorities are sending a message of fear to the protesting people of Kurdistan with this punishment; believes this sentence is not only unfair but also repressive as the new charges against Sherwan are vague, unproven, and issued behind prison walls where he had no means of defence; is also concerned that the law and the justice system are being used as tools of domination against writers, journalists, protest leaders, progressive personalities, civil and humanitarian organizations, and every political party that claims to support freedom and a free press; and calls on the Government to liaise with the Kurdistan Regional Government to immediately release Sherwan and allow him to return to his life, reuniting with his family and children without further delay.

1830 INTuitionTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **2****Tom Morrison**
Clive Jones

That this House congratulates INTuition for serving the communities around Cheadle, Cheadle Hulme and Heald Green for ten years; and celebrates their dedicated team and wishes them all the best as they open the Cheadle Hulme branch to provide even more support and guidance for those going through the education system.

1832 Eating disorders and online harmsTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **17****Wera Hobhouse**
Manuela Perteghella
John McDonnell
Susan Murray
Mr Richard Quigley
Rachael MaskellDr Danny Chambers
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Claire Young
Clive JonesWendy Chamberlain
Martin Wrigley
Cameron Thomas
Helen MorganBrian Mathew
Adam Dance
Sadik Al-Hassan

That this House recognises the devastating rise in eating disorders, fuelled in part by harmful content on social media platforms promoting extreme dieting, idealised thinness, and punishing workouts; further notes the alarming findings of the Dump the Scales campaign's recent survey and evidence presented at the recent APPG on Eating Disorders roundtable, highlighting how pro-eating disorder content and misleading nutritional advice are widely available online, often unregulated; and calls for urgent stronger measures to protect the public from dangerous pro-eating disorder content online and increased education in schools on safe social media use.

1834 Judith HammondTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **3****Brian Mathew**
Sarah Gibson
Clive Jones

That this House congratulates Judith Hammond, who recently cycled 400 miles for charity at the age of 82; celebrates her raising over £6000 for Medical Aid for Palestine, youth projects in Tubas and The Connection; commends her for achieving this whilst injured; and recognises the determination and resilience that this journey took.

1836 Childhood Cancer Month and childhood cancer support reformTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **3**

Carla Lockhart
Rachael Maskell
Alex Easton

That this House marks Childhood Cancer Month and expresses its solidarity with the children and families across the UK facing the devastating reality of a childhood cancer diagnosis; pays heartfelt tribute to the courage and advocacy of families who, in the midst of grief and hardship, continue to campaign for change, including David and Sara Watson from Banbridge in memory of their much-loved son Adam; notes with concern the current delay of up to three months for families to access Child Disability Living Allowance following a cancer diagnosis, despite the immediate and overwhelming needs this situation creates; therefore calls for urgent legislative reform to ensure automatic and immediate entitlement to that support; commends the tireless work of charities and organisations, including B-Positive, founded by Adam, which continues to provide vital wraparound support and advocacy for affected families; and urges the Government to take decisive action during Childhood Cancer Month to establish a national framework of timely financial and practical assistance so that no family has to endure unnecessary delays in receiving the help they so desperately need.