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Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 8 September 2025

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New EDMs

1850 **Representative Jamie Raskin**

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Oliver Ryan

That this House recognises the significant contribution to the special relationship made by Representative Jamie Raskin of Maryland's Eighth Congressional District, of the United States House of Representatives; notes that Representative Raskin is ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee and the House Oversight Committee, and has made significant strides in advocating for the power of free speech, which we proudly enjoy on both sides of the Atlantic; and believes that together, the United States of America and United Kingdom of Great Britain of Northern Ireland stand as nations that have steadfastly promoted and proudly defended free speech throughout our history and will continue to do so.

1851 **National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (NFYFC) grant**

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1**

David Chadwick

That this House recognises the enormous contribution that the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (NFYFC) provides in rural communities across the United Kingdom, in educating and supporting young people and in supporting the next generation of farmers and thus the UK's future food security; condemns the decision by this Government to not

renew a discretionary grant provided to the NFYFC for over 30 years; notes that this grant enabled NFYFC to collaborate closely with Defra in delivering training, events, resources, and research that supported young people in agriculture; and urges the Government to reconsider their decision in light of the clear advantages the grant provides for a minimal cost to the Government.

1852 **Final delivery plan on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS)**

Tabled: 8/09/25 Signatories: 1

Tom Morrison

That this House welcomes the publication by the Department of Health and Social Care of the Final Delivery Plan on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS), and recognises the work of officials and the ME community in shaping the plan; notes with concern, that the plan falls short of delivering the meaningful change urgently needed by people with ME/CFS; further notes the absence of a strategic approach to ME research, including the omission of proposals for a dedicated ME research hub; expresses concern that much of the new funding cited, such as for the PRIME (Patients, Researchers and Industry for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis) project, was already secured through existing competitive processes; highlights the lack of sufficient accountability for implementing services and updating medical education in line with the NICE Guidelines on ME; regrets the limited attention given to severe ME and the absence of guarantees on specialist care provision; and calls on the Government to ensure robust accountability for its implementation, and provide the resources necessary to improve care, support and outcomes for people living with ME/CFS.

1853 **City Cabs 100th anniversary**

Tabled: 8/09/25 Signatories: 1

Dr Scott Arthur

That this House congratulates City Cabs, Edinburgh's longest-serving taxi association, on reaching its 100th anniversary in 2025; notes that City Cabs has provided a trusted, safe and quality service to the people of Edinburgh since 1925, now operating with a fleet of over 450 vehicles; recognises that City Cabs is a co-operative owned and operated by its members, ensuring that drivers and staff are directly invested in the long-term success of the association and the high standards of service it provides; further notes that as Edinburgh's largest taxi company, City Cabs combines community ownership with the latest technology to meet the needs of its customers; commends City Cabs for their strong commitment to supporting the armed forces community, as highlighted by the Ministry of Defence's Gold Employer Recognition Award in 2023; respects that during the pandemic City Cabs played a key role in Edinburgh getting many NHS staff to and from work for free; and thanks all staff and drivers, past and present, for their contribution to a century of service to the city of Edinburgh.

1854 Young farmers' organisations across the United KingdomTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1****Robin Swann**

That this House commends the Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster, National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Clubs, and Wales Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs for supporting rural young people; recognises their vital work in tackling rural isolation, promoting positive mental health, and strengthening rural communities; congratulates and acknowledges their efforts to equip the next generation with skills for life outside a formal educational setting; and urges the Government to support their vital work in strengthening rural communities and equipping rural young people with skills for their future.

1855 20th anniversary of Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature TrustTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1****Dr Scott Arthur**

That this House congratulates Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature Trust as it comes to the end of its 20th anniversary celebrations, marking Edinburgh's designation as the world's first UNESCO City of Literature; recognises that the trust has been central to maintaining and enhancing Edinburgh's status as a global literary capital, showcasing the city's heritage while supporting contemporary writers, book festivals, poetry projects, libraries and independent bookshops; commends the Trust's work in building civic pride, widening participation in reading and developing innovative ways for literature to be part of everyday life; further notes its efforts to engage communities across the city, including work with schools, libraries and local festivals; and calls on the Government and civic leaders to continue supporting the Trust in ensuring that Edinburgh remains a world leader in literature and creativity for the next 20 years and beyond.

1856 Career of Sharon CornwellTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1****Cameron Thomas**

That this House celebrates Sharon Cornwell for 50 years of service in the NHS, beginning with her student nurse training in 1975, the day after her 18th birthday, at Cheltenham General Hospital; recognises her subsequent roles as a staff nurse on Ward Seven, which was a mixed general surgical ward, as well as in a male medical ward, in the endoscopy unit, as a Junior Sister, a Night Sister, Ward Manager of Prescott Ward and Site Manager; acknowledges Sharon's achievement in opening one of the first surgical assessment areas in the country, a model so successful that staff from other trusts visited to learn from her work; and thanks Sharon for a remarkable five-decade career marked by professionalism, dedication and distinction.

1857 Air Ambulance Week 2025 (No. 2)Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1****Sarah Dyke**

That this House celebrates Air Ambulance Week 2025, taking place from 8 to 14 September; recognises that this year's theme, Every Mission Starts With You, reflects the reality that every life-saving flight depends upon the generosity and support of the public; applauds the vital role played by air ambulance charities across the UK in bringing hospital care directly to patients in urgent need; acknowledges that these services respond collectively to more than 45,000 emergency callouts each year, at an average cost of £4,165 per mission, while receiving no direct government funding; pays tribute to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, who this year marked their 25th anniversary, having undertaken over 29,000 missions from their airbase at Henstridge Airfield, since their inception; expresses gratitude to the first responders, pilots and support staff whose dedication underpins the service; and calls on hon. Members to support Air Ambulance Week by raising awareness of the need for continued public support for this service to remain operational across all communities in the country.

1858 Oversight of automated moderation by social media companiesTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1****Liz Jarvis**

That this House expresses its concern at the experiences of UK citizens whose social media accounts have been hacked and subsequently disabled by automated moderation systems operated by Meta and other large technology platforms; notes that social media companies' appeals processes have become increasingly reliant on closed-loop automated systems with no meaningful opportunity to verify identity or engage with a human representative; and calls on the Government to press for stronger digital rights protections, require social media companies to provide human-led customer service and fair redress mechanisms, and establish greater oversight of AI-based moderation systems.

1859 Funding for The Wharf MarpleTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1****Lisa Smart**

That this House congratulates The Wharf Marple on securing a grant of £868,210 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to transform the Grade II-listed former warehouse into Marple's first Heritage and Community Centre, which is due to open in early 2026; notes the project's importance to the local community in celebrating Marple's canal transport heritage and the legacy of early 19th-century industrial development, as well as its contribution to the conservation of local heritage; and believes that establishing Marple's first heritage

centre at this symbolic site reinforces its compelling case of designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

1860 **500th anniversary of William Tyndale translating the Bible into English**

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes the ongoing work of a number of organisations, including the Trinitarian Bible Society, to commemorate the 500th anniversary of William Tyndale translating the Bible into the English language in 1525; and recognises that this momentous event meant that, for the first time in history, millions of people for whom English was their first language began to have the opportunity to read the Bible for themselves, which transformed religious practices and subsequently enabled tens of millions of lay people, and those with no previous religious leanings or upbringing, to learn from the scriptures in their own language, and know the transforming power of the saving grace that comes about in Christ alone.

1861 **50th anniversary of the Newcastle-under-Lyme Branch of the Royal Air Force Association**

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Adam Jogee

That this House recognises, with appreciation, the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Newcastle-under-Lyme Branch of the Royal Air Force Association; gives thanks for the sacrifice and courage of all those who served in the beloved Royal Air Force; appreciates the families of those who served for their own contribution to the safety of the UK; acknowledges the important work the association, including its volunteers, officers and supporters, does to support Royal Air Force veterans in Newcastle-under-Lyme and across North Staffordshire; notes the celebration held at the Borough Arms Hotel on King Street in Newcastle-under-Lyme on Friday 8 August 2025; and rededicates itself to standing up for veterans in all parts of the UK.

1862 **First Hailes Quarry junior parkrun**

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Dr Scott Arthur

That this House congratulates the organisers, volunteers and participants of the first Hailes Quarry junior parkrun held on Sunday 7 September 2025 at Hailes Quarry Park, Dumbryden Drive, Edinburgh; thanks Longstone Community Council for making it happen, as well as Alan Gordon for his leadership and the City of Edinburgh Council for providing set-up funding and for their maintenance of the park; warmly congratulates all the 34 first-time junior parkrunners who took part and also the 49 more experienced participants; notes that this free, weekly two kilometre event is open to children aged 4 to 14 and promotes physical activity, community

engagement and wellbeing among young people; notes that over 700,000 young people have now completed a junior parkrun at one of the 480 courses across the UK; recognises the importance of accessible and inclusive sporting opportunities for children; commends the dedication of volunteers who make all junior parkrun events possible; and encourages continued support from the Government for junior parkruns across the UK as a valuable contribution to public health and community spirit.

1863 **125th anniversary of Ards Football Club**

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates 125 years of Ards FC, formed in 1900 by workers from Webb's Weaving Company on the Crawfordsburn Road in Newtownards; notes the club's rich history, including players such as World Cup winner George Eastham who was part of England's 1966 squad, and full Irish internationals Andy Bothwell, Tommy Forde, Billy Humphries and Paul Kee; highlights their trophy successes, including winning the Irish League Championship in 1958 and, in 1973-74, when four trophies were won and Belgian side Standard Liège were defeated at Castlereagh Park in front of 8,000 spectators; recognises the diversity of their academy that caters for 24 teams, with age groups ranging from 4 to 18; is aware that they also operate a very successful Inclusion team which has grown from strength to strength over recent years; further highlights the legacy the football club has created; believes there is a bright future with potential prospects of a new stadium; and wishes the club all the very best for many more years of success.

1864 **30th anniversary of Newtownards Melody Flute Band**

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1**

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the Newtownards Melody Flute Band on reaching its 30th anniversary in 2025; recognises the band's outstanding contribution to the musical, cultural and community life of Newtownards and the wider Northern Ireland region since its formation in 1995; notes the promotion of community spirit across generations and pays tribute to the countless members, past and present, who have given their time, talent and passion to ensure the band's continued success and growth; highlights the role of the band in supporting local events, charitable causes and fostering civic pride and wishes the Newtownards Melody Flute Band continued success for many more years to come.

1865 Fourth anniversary of the Taliban takeover in AfghanistanTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1****Martin Rhodes**

That this House notes with deep concern the fourth anniversary of the Taliban's seizure of power in Afghanistan; condemns the regime's illegitimate rule and its systematic violations of human rights, including the repression of women and girls, persecution of ethnic minorities and the dismantling of democratic institutions; further notes reports of torture, arbitrary detention and the harbouring of terrorist groups; and urges the Government to maintain a policy of non-recognition, strengthen sanctions, support a peaceful political transition and ensure UK aid reaches those most in need without empowering the Taliban.

1866 Potential merits of a prohibition on serving hon. Members as private landlordsTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1****Zarah Sultana**

That this House notes with concern the ongoing housing crisis and the shortage of affordable homes; believes that hon. Members should be wholly focused on serving their constituents without the influence of financial interests in the rental housing market; and therefore calls on the Government to bring forward legislation to prohibit hon. Members from owning and letting out residential properties for private profit during their time in office.

1867 Bobcat Alpacas' fundraising for Marie Curie Hospice, EdinburghTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1****Dr Scott Arthur**

That this House congratulates Bobcat Alpacas, a small alpaca farm based in Bonaly in Edinburgh, for their outstanding community spirit and charitable efforts; notes that their annual Alpaca Gala Day, held on 31 August 2025, raised an impressive £9,600 in support of the Marie Curie Hospice in Edinburgh; commends the organisers, volunteers, and attendees for their generosity and enthusiasm; recognises the vital work of Marie Curie in providing compassionate care and support to individuals with terminal illnesses and their families; and encourages similar community-led initiatives that combine creativity, local engagement, and charitable giving to make a meaningful difference.

1868 Retirement of Sir Anton MuscatelliTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1****Stephen Gethins**

That this House acknowledges the retirement of Sir Anton Muscatelli from his position of Principal and Vice Chancellor at the University of Glasgow; congratulates him on his tenure at the University; recognises that he has strengthened Scotland's international standing in research and higher education; further acknowledges that he has advised numerous international bodies throughout his career, including the European Commission and the World Bank, and has also served in advisory roles with the UK and Scottish Government; and thanks Sir Anton for his exceptional contribution to the University, to Glasgow, and to Scotland more broadly.

1869 Aching ArmsTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1****Alex Ballinger**

That this House recognises Aching Arms in their efforts to raise awareness about the long-term effects of child bereavement; commends them for working with organisations and families to understand the life changing impact of child loss; further commends them for advocating for improvement of child bereavement care in health settings and the workplace; further recognises them in providing training for health professionals, employers and managers to effectively manage child bereavement trauma; congratulates them for donating 5000 teddy bears in solidarity to families suffering from child bereavement; and recognises Sharon Knox and her Aching Arms team in providing support to families who have suffered child loss in Halesowen.

1870 Mental health care in GazaTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **1****Lisa Smart**

That this House expresses its concern regarding the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe taking place in Gaza, including the deeply alarming lack of access to mental health services; recognises the enormous importance in ensuring that everyone around the globe has access to high-quality mental health care; notes the destruction of the sole psychiatric hospital in Gaza in 2023 and acknowledges reports earlier this year that all remaining mental health facilities are either destroyed or no longer functional; urges the Government to sanction Prime Minister Netanyahu and his cabinet for their continued military campaign in Gaza and refusal to comprehensively lift the aid blockade and alleviate the humanitarian disaster; further urges the Government to immediately ban the export of all UK weapons to Israel, including component parts for F-35 fighter jets; and urges the Government to immediately and unconditionally recognise the state of Palestine.

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.

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

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **18**

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

Andrew George

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

1744 **Women's sports**

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **26**

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

Andrew George

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: **30**

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

Andrew George

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

1752 Disciplinary action against protesting students by SOAS

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

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

Seamus Logan

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.

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

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

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

Andrew George

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.

1759 35th anniversary of the murder of Ian Gow MP

Tabled: **22/07/25** Signatories: **12**

Andrew Rosindell
Sir John Hayes
Sir Edward Leigh
Martin Vickers
Rupert Lowe
Josh Babarinde

Andrew George

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.

1769 Commemoration of the sinking of the Suez Maru and Allied prisoners of war lost

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

Dr Scott Arthur

Jim Shannon

Brian Leishman

Chris Law

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Graham Leadbitter

Seamus Logan

Dave Doogan

Andrew George

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.

1772 Humanitarian situation in GazaTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **49**

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

Andrew George

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).

1782 Global Sumud FlotillaTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **23**

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

Seamus Logan

Andrew George

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.

1784 Armed Forces Training Contract and Elbit Systems

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

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

Ms Diane Abbott
Euan Stainbank

Apsana Begum
Andrew George

Andy McDonald

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: **16**

Mr Richard Quigley
Jim Shannon
Brian Leishman
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Shokat Adam
Graeme Downie

Seamus Logan

Tristan Osborne

Andrew George

That this House recognises that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, which raises awareness of the unique needs and experiences of children with cancer and their families; notes that across the UK, around 4,200 children and young people under 25 are diagnosed with cancer every year, including around 2,000 children; acknowledges that cancer

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

1786 Police front counter closures

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

Sarah Olney

Munira Wilson

Sarah Dyke

Mr Angus MacDonald

Wera Hobhouse

Jim Shannon

Andrew George

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.

1790 100th anniversary of Devon in SightTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **8**

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

Caroline Voaden

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.

1793 Support for Sabhal Mòr Ostaig and the Scottish Languages BillTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **7**

Mr Angus MacDonald
Sarah Dyke
Jim Shannon
Shockat Adam
Chris Law
David Chadwick

Andrew George

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 2025**

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

Stephen Flynn

Jim Shannon

Chris Law

Llinos Medi

Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

Seamus Logan

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.

1797 Celebrating Mona Shah MBETabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **6**

Charlotte Cane
Sarah Dyke
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones
Tristan Osborne

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.

1806 Access to NHS-funded IVFTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **24**

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

Tristan Osborne Andrew George

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.

1810 Diversity, equality and inclusion in public sector internships and graduate schemesTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **11****Jack Rankin****Bradley Thomas****Mr Richard Holden****Jim Allister****John Cooper****Mr Peter Bedford**

Dr Caroline Johnson

Saqib Bhatti

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.

1819 Awdah HathaleenTabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **8****Shockat Adam****Iqbal Mohamed****Mr Adnan Hussain****Ayoub Khan****Chris Law****Rachael Maskell**

Andrew George

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.

1822 Motor neurone diseaseTabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **23**

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

Tristan Osborne

Seamus Logan

Andrew George

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: **7**

Alex Brewer
Jim Shannon
Sarah Gibson
Clive Jones
Helen Maguire
Liz Jarvis

Dr Danny Chambers

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.

1827 Free speech and the use of armed policeTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **11**

Rupert Lowe
Mr Peter Bedford
Sir Desmond Swayne
Jim Allister
Sir Gavin Williamson
Andrew Rosindell

Sammy Wilson

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: **4**

Pete Wishart
Rachael Maskell
Siân Berry
Seamus Logan

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.

1830 INTuitionTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **3**

Tom Morrison
Clive Jones
Jim Shannon

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.

1831 Nuneaton Round TableTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **2**

Jodie Gosling
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the commendable charity work of Nuneaton Round Table, who have made £13,000 worth of charitable grants to over 23 local causes this year, including Ambleside Sports Club, Nuneaton Food Bank, Doorway, Nuneaton Carnival Committee, Harry's Pals, Nuneaton North Scout Group, Bulkington Food Bank, Headstrong, Bulkington Community Library, Nuneaton Quilters, CCAA Kids with Arthritis, The Guardians Grow Charity, Attleborough Wildlife Watchers, Stockingford Ribbons WI, Camp Hill Community CIC, The Harbour Centre, Nuneaton Central Scout Group, Anker Radio, Ask Katie and Weddington Summer Look for a Book.

1832 Eating disorders and online harmsTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **30**

Wera Hobhouse
Manuela Perteghella
John McDonnell
Susan Murray
Mr Richard Quigley
Rachael Maskell

Andrew George
Tristan Osborne

Mr Paul Kohler
Ellie Chowns

Jim Shannon

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.

1833 **40mph default speed limit on country lanes**

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

Martin Wrigley
Ellie Chowns
Andrew George

That this House notes with concern that rural roads account for around 60% of all road fatalities in the UK, with an average of three people killed every day on country lanes; recognises that the current national speed limit of 60mph on single carriageway unlit country roads is often unsafe given their narrow width, sharp bends, limited visibility, and vulnerability of pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and farm traffic; further notes that many of these roads are not designed for high-speed motor traffic and that excessive speed significantly increases both the likelihood and severity of collisions; acknowledges the growing public support for safer speed limits on rural roads; also notes that country lanes can be designated and have signage to increase speed limits or reduce speed limits where appropriate; and therefore calls on the Government to make the default speed limit on country lanes 40mph, with local authorities retaining the power to set higher or lower limits where appropriate, in order to improve safety, reduce casualties, and encourage more sustainable and active travel in rural communities.

1834 **Judith Hammond**

Tabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **5**

Brian Mathew
Sarah Gibson
Clive Jones
Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon

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.

1835 300th anniversary of Shankill Parish Church, LurganTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **2****Carla Lockhart**
Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the 300th anniversary of Shankill Parish Church, Lurgan, in 2025; notes that since the original parish church, Christ Church, opened in 1725, Shankill has stood as a landmark in the very heart of the town, its spire a constant presence on the skyline and its life and witness woven into the story of Lurgan; pays tribute to the generations of parishioners, rectors and volunteers who have faithfully served, worshipped and supported one another in this place, sustaining a vibrant parish through times of growth, hardship, conflict and change; recognises the church's spiritual role as a place of prayer, thanksgiving, and community gathering, offering hope and guidance to countless families across three centuries; commends its ongoing pastoral and social outreach, which has sought to meet both the spiritual and practical needs of the people of Lurgan; welcomes the ambitious Re-Imagining Shankill restoration and renewal project which seeks not only to safeguard the historic fabric of this much-loved building but also to reimagine its role as a centre of worship, welcome, service, education and heritage for future generations; acknowledges the importance of this milestone not only for the congregation but for the whole town of Lurgan, for whom Shankill Parish remains a beacon of stability, faith and community life; and extends to the parish every good wish and blessing as it moves forward with vision and confidence into its fourth century of ministry and service.

1836 Childhood Cancer Month and childhood cancer support reformTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **6****Carla Lockhart**
Rachael Maskell
Alex Easton
Tom Gordon
Jim Shannon
Ellie Chowns

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.

1837 **Access to rail in Hazel Grove**

Tabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **3**

Lisa Smart
Clive Jones
Jim Shannon

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: **5**

Kenneth Stevenson
Frank McNally
Kirsteen Sullivan
Euan Stainbank
Jim Shannon

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.

1840 Third anniversary of the Cumbernauld and Carbrain Community HubTabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **2****Katrina Murray****Jim Shannon**

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 DisasterTabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **4****Elaine Stewart****Adam Jogee****Lillian Jones****Jim Shannon**

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 MillerTabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **4****Richard Baker****Adam Jogee****Peter Lamb****Jim Shannon**

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 RoyalTabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **9****Layla Moran****Helen Maguire****Wera Hobhouse****Dr Danny Chambers****Charlotte Cane****Steff Aquarone**

Clive Jones

Jim Shannon

Ellie Chowns

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 2025Tabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **11**

Pete Wishart
Tom Gordon
Mr Will Forster
Llinos Medi
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake

Jim Shannon

Tristan Osborne

Ellie Chowns

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 CoatbridgeTabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **3**

Frank McNally
Adam Jogee
Jim Shannon

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 HealthwatchTabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **5****Siân Berry****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Cat Eccles****Jim Shannon****Ellie Chowns**

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 JacksonTabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **6****Sarah Dyke****Helen Maguire****Brian Mathew****Adam Dance****Clive Jones****Jim Shannon**

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 LiberationTabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **12**

Brian Leishman
Jon Trickett
Kim Johnson
Richard Burgon
Grahame Morris
Andy McDonald

Ian Byrne
Ms Diane Abbott

Steve Witherden
John McDonnell

Ian Lavery
Jim Shannon

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: **25**

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

Jeremy Corbyn
Steve Witherden

Clive Lewis
Neil Duncan-Jordan

Zarah Sultana
Ellie Chowns

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.