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New EDMs

1871 Dentistry in Taunton and Wellington

Tabled: 9/09/25 Signatories: 1

Gideon Amos

That this House notes with concern the findings of a recent dental survey conducted by the hon. Member for Taunton and Wellington, which received over 2,000 responses from constituents; further notes that 71% of adults eligible for free NHS dental treatment in the constituency are unable to access an NHS dentist and that 64% of children are also unable to secure NHS provision; is alarmed that parents have spent on average £470 over the past five years on dental treatment that should have been free, equating to an estimated £4 million across the constituency; recognises that this level of unmet need highlights the growing crisis in NHS dentistry, particularly in so-called dental deserts such as Somerset; and calls on the Government to take urgent action to expand access to NHS dental services, including ensuring adequate provision in Taunton and Wellington.

1872 Lucy Bull

Tabled: 9/09/25 Signatories: 1

Dr Roz Savage

That this House congratulates Lucy Bull on her gold medal at the England Schools Championships in javelin; notes that this achievement also makes her champion of the UK and Ireland; further notes that Lucy was part of the cricket team which won the final of the National

U15 Club T20 tournament at Lord's; commends her commitment to all of the sports she plays; considers the vital role that schools play in nurturing young sporting talent and encouraging participation across a wide range of disciplines; and calls on the Government to ensure that opportunities for school sport are properly supported and accessible to all pupils, regardless of background, so that future generations of young athletes are able to flourish.

1873 Gibraltar National Day 2025

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

Andrew Rosindell

That this House joins the people of Gibraltar as they celebrate their National Day on 10 September 2025, commemorating the 1967 referendum in which more than 99 per cent of Gibraltarians voted to reject annexation by Spain and remain a territory of the British Crown; notes the rich, diverse and unique culture of the Gibraltarians, which encompasses numerous ethnicities including Maltese, Andalusian, Genoese, Portuguese and most predominantly British; recognises the shared heritage and historical links between the peoples of the United Kingdom and Gibraltar since 1704; and wishes the loyal people of the Rock a magnificent day of traditional red and white festivities, as all Gibraltarians display pride in their homeland, having the right of self-determination and the freedom to choose to remain British.

1874 Kingsway Community Connection's 25th anniversary

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

Patricia Ferguson

That this House congratulates Kingsway Community Connections (KCC) on its 25th anniversary; acknowledges that the community-led organisation based in Scotstoun in Glasgow West constituency provides key services for local people and the wider community by working alongside young people, families and individuals to offer practical support and opportunities for development; commends KCC for all its work over the last quarter of a century, which has included establishing a youth group and a women's group, hosting a wide range of community activities including coffee mornings and fitness classes; recognises that KCC also offers essential services such as welfare advice and support covering issues from benefits and housing to employment and education; notes that in the past year alone, the organisation has received 831 individual visits and clocked up over 2000 volunteer hours, which clearly highlights the important role that KCC plays within the local community; notes that Kingsway Community Connections is marking its 25th birthday through a series of creative projects over the coming months, including storytelling, photography and weaving to celebrate the people, diversity and connections that have made the community-led organisation the success it is today; and wishes KCC every future success as it goes from strength to strength serving the Kingsway community and beyond.

1875 Nuneaton Community CarnivalTabled: **9/09/25** Signatories: **1****Jodie Gosling**

That this House recognises the tremendous efforts of the Nuneaton Community Carnival Committee in reviving Nuneaton's Carnival after its cancellation in 2024; celebrates the ongoing tradition of the Nuneaton Carnival and its parade since 1930; commends the people of Nuneaton for raising almost £4,000 for local charities through bucket collections; thanks the many local businesses, charities and individuals that sponsored the carnival to make it a success; and gives particular recognition to members of the Carnival Committee Andrew and Jayne Sargeant, Aimee, Matt, Adam, Steven and David who stepped up to volunteer their services to ensure the tradition of the Nuneaton Carnival continues, exemplifying the truly generous nature of the people of Nuneaton.

1876 Nuneaton Back to School ProjectTabled: **9/09/25** Signatories: **1****Jodie Gosling**

That this House recognises the commendable work of Finley McGrath in Nuneaton, who brought together businesses, organisations and individuals to donate school stationery and pencil cases to children returning to school after the summer holidays in Nuneaton; celebrates the commitments of Nuneaton businesses, including Leanne's Little Learners, Nuneaton ASDA, The Whitestone, Nuneaton Body Shop to donating stationery; further recognises The Whitestone for their financial contribution to the project, which provided school uniform for a family in need; and congratulates the Nuneaton Back to School Project on raising over £750 in donated stationery, which was personally handed out to children ahead of their return to school in Nuneaton.

1877 Statement on Palestine by children's authors, illustrators and educatorsTabled: **9/09/25** Signatories: **1****Dr Ellie Chowns**

That this House welcomes the statement on Palestine signed by over 500 children's authors, illustrators, and educators; notes that signatories to the statement include the current UK Children's Laureate Frank Cottrell-Boyce and former laureates Sir Michael Morpurgo, Lauren Child CBE, Chris Riddell OBE and Michael Rosen, as well as the current Irish Children's Laureate Patricia Forde and all six former Irish Laureates; commends the signatories for their work to protect, inspire, and empower children everywhere; further notes that the statement urges the Government to recognise what is happening in Gaza as genocide and meet its resulting legal obligations; also notes the signatories' concern at restrictions on protest and free expression, including the proscription of Palestine Action; and calls on the Government to acknowledge these concerns, set out how it will meet its legal obligations in response to the genocide, and

review the decision to proscribe Palestine Action, including its implications on the right to protest and expression.

1878 **Tribute to Councillor Nick Cottle**

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

Sarah Dyke

That this House expresses deep sadness at the passing of Councillor Nick Cottle at the age of 68; pays tribute to his 25 years of devoted public service as a councillor, having first been elected to Glastonbury Town Council in 1999; notes that Nick also served as the councillor for Mendip District Council's Glastonbury St Edmund's Ward, first elected in 2007, returning to serve again from May 2011 until the Council's transition to Somerset Council, where he continued as a unitary councillor until his death; recognises the important positions of office he held during this time, including Deputy Chair of Mendip District Council, Chair of the Planning Committee East and as a Member of the scrutiny function committee; acknowledges the determination, integrity and commitment that he brought to all of these roles; celebrates his tireless work on behalf of the people of Glastonbury, always putting their interests and well-being first, along with his dedication to local government; and extends its heartfelt sympathies to his family, friends and colleagues at this time of loss.

1879 **Jackie Ingle's service to Street Library**

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

Sarah Dyke

That this House notes the retirement of Jackie Ingle, who after 13 years of dedicated service has been at the heart of Street's library in Somerset; recognises the important role Jackie has played in the community, particularly through the creation of Rhyme Time sessions for children aged 0–5, which has introduced a generation of local children to the joys of reading and storytelling further notes that these free and inclusive sessions, running throughout the school holidays, have encouraged curiosity, confidence and a love of books, contributing to the improvement of reading and writing standards in Somerset, where the percentage of 11-year-olds meeting expected standards has risen; calls on the Government to provide sustainable funding for local authorities and schools to protect and support public libraries, enabling them to continue initiatives like Rhyme Time which improve educational attainment; and wishes Jackie a very happy retirement and thanks her for her exceptional service to the people of Street and the wider Somerset community.

1880 Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize awarded to Mines Advisory GroupTabled: **9/09/25** Signatories: **1****Helen Maguire**

That this House warmly congratulates the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) on being awarded the 2025 Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize, the world's largest annual humanitarian award; notes that MAG is only the fourth British organisation to receive this honour; recognises the extraordinary work MAG carries out to remove landmines and unexploded ordnance, saving countless lives and allowing communities devastated by conflict to rebuild safely; celebrates MAG's dedication to protecting civilians, restoring dignity and promoting peace in some of the world's most challenging environments; and commends the UK's longstanding support and partnership with MAG in advancing global humanitarian efforts.

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.

1768 Statutory right for leaseholders to access informationTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **7****Margaret Mullane****Jim Shannon****Apsana Begum****Rachael Maskell****Siân Berry****Lorraine Beavers**

Ellie Chowns

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: 20

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

Katrina Murray

Sir Julian Lewis

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.

1771 **Plastic in chewing gum**

Tabled: 1/09/25 Signatories: 30

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

Ellie Chowns

Monica Harding

That this House notes with concern that the overwhelming majority of commercially available chewing gum in the UK contains plastic-based synthetic polymers hidden within the ingredients under the term gum base, meaning most consumers are unaware they are chewing and ingesting plastic; further notes that chewing gum is a significant but overlooked source of microplastic ingestion and environmental pollution, with research showing that a single piece

of plastic gum can release in excess of 250,000 microplastic particles into the human body; is concerned by growing evidence linking microplastic exposure to health risks, including cancer, strokes, heart attacks, diabetes and infertility; is further concerned that the majority of gum consumers are under the age of 25, a group more vulnerable to the health impacts of microplastic exposure; notes that chewing gum remains largely unregulated in terms of its composition and public health risks; calls on the Government to commission independent research into the public health implications of plastic-based chewing gum; further calls for mandatory transparency in labelling, including a requirement for manufacturers to clearly disclose gum base ingredients in plain language; and urges the Government to explore regulatory measures to limit public exposure to microplastics through chewing gum and to encourage the development and adoption of plastic-free alternatives.

1772 **Humanitarian situation in Gaza**

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **50**

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

Ellie Chowns

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).

1781 **Strike action in the Parliamentary Security Department**

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **43**

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

Cat Smith

Emma Lewell

That this House stands in solidarity with members of the Public and Commercial Services Union employed in the Parliamentary Security Department, presently taking industrial action in a dispute over attacks on their terms and conditions of employment; recognises the vital services

these staff play in safeguarding hon. Members and staff working on the parliamentary estate, and pays tribute to their dedication in what is a highly stressful and responsible role; notes that staff members feel unfairly treated, particularly by the loss of six days of annual leave entitlement/rest days as a consequence of the imposition of changes to staffing rosters, but also in other respects including the widening of the ethnicity pay gap, the handling of grievances, the fairness of disciplinary processes, and the need for consistent guidance on breaks; and therefore calls on the employer to acknowledge the strength of feeling amongst the branch and to enter into meaningful negotiations to find a resolution to the dispute for these valued members of Parliamentary staff.

1782 **Global Sumud Flotilla**

Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **26**

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

Nadia Whittome

Ellie Chowns

Apsana Begum

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 SystemsTabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **27****Brian Leishman****Richard Burgon****Kim Johnson****Jeremy Corbyn****Jon Trickett****Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

Cat Smith

Ellie Chowns

Carla Denyer

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: **18****Mr Richard Quigley****Jim Shannon****Brian Leishman****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Shockat Adam****Graeme Downie**

Ellie Chowns

Apsana Begum

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: **13**

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

Freddie van Mierlo

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 book

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

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

Steve Darling

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.

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

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

Steve Darling

Sarah Dyke

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

Helen Maguire

Rachel Gilmour

Martin Wrigley

Richard Foord

Ben Maguire

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

1797 Celebrating Mona Shah MBETabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **7**

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

Steve Darling

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: **25**

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

Ellie Chowns

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: **9**

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

Ellie Chowns

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: **12**

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

Rupert Lowe

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: **12**

Neil Duncan-Jordan
Brian Leishman
Jim Shannon
Gill Furniss
Andrew Gwynne
Shokat Adam

Ellie Chowns

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.

1816 Scottish Takeaway Awards 2025

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

Wendy Chamberlain
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke

That this House congratulates The Wee Chippy in Anstruther on being named Fish n' Chips Takeaway of the Year at the Scottish Takeaway Awards 2025; recognises this achievement as a testament to the business's commitment to quality, service, and its strong reputation as a favourite for locals and visitors alike in the East Neuk; further congratulates The Cheesy Toast

Shack in St Andrews for receiving recognition for excellence as Takeaway Team of the Year, reflecting their hard work, creativity, and dedication to delivering an outstanding customer experience; notes that these awards highlight the strength of North East Fife's hospitality sector and the role small, independent businesses play in sustaining local communities and attracting tourism; and wishes both businesses continued success as they build on their achievements and contribute to the vibrancy of the area's food scene.

1818 **Ben Russell Salon**

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

Adam Dance
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke

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

1819 **Awdah Hathaleen**

Tabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **9**

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

Ellie Chowns

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 cycle

Tabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **5**

Mr Lee Dillon
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones
Helen Maguire
Sarah Dyke

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 celebration

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

Mr Lee Dillon
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones
Sarah Dyke

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 disease

Tabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **26**

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

Jess Brown-Fuller

Ellie Chowns

Sarah Dyke

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: **8**

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

Sarah Dyke

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: **4**

Wendy Chamberlain

Clive Jones

Helen Maguire

Sarah Dyke

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 Centre**

Tabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **6**

Christine Jardine

Adam Dance

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Clive Jones

Helen Maguire

Sarah Dyke

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

Jim Shannon

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.

1830 INtuitionTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **4****Tom Morrison****Clive Jones****Jim Shannon****Sarah Dyke**

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: **35**

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

Jess Brown-Fuller
Sarah Dyke

Steve Darling
Apsana Begum

Dr Roz Savage

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

Martin Wrigley
Ellie Chowns
Andrew George
Sarah Dyke

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 HammondTabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **7**

Brian Mathew
Sarah Gibson
Clive Jones
Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon
Dr Roz Savage

Sarah Dyke

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.

1837 Access to rail in Hazel GroveTabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **5**

Lisa Smart
Clive Jones
Jim Shannon
Dr Roz Savage
Sarah Dyke

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 2025Tabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **6**

Kenneth Stevenson
Frank McNally
Kirsteen Sullivan
Euan Stainbank
Jim Shannon
Katrina Murray

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.

1841 75th anniversary of the Knockshinnoch DisasterTabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **5**

Elaine Stewart
Adam Jogee
Lillian Jones
Jim Shannon
Sir Julian Lewis

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.

1843 First female Astronomer RoyalTabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **16**

Layla Moran
Helen Maguire
Wera Hobhouse
Dr Danny Chambers
Charlotte Cane
Steff Aquarone

Jess Brown-Fuller
Sarah Dyke
Sir Julian Lewis

Helen Morgan
Freddie van Mierlo

Dr Roz Savage
Apsana Begum

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: **15**

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

Jim Allister
Sir Julian Lewis

Wera Hobhouse

Mr Gregory Campbell

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.

1847 Public service of PCSO Elaine Cave and PCSO Bev JacksonTabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **7**

Sarah Dyke
Helen Maguire
Brian Mathew
Adam Dance
Clive Jones
Jim Shannon

Dr Roz Savage

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: **13**

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

Apsana Begum

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: **29**

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

Brendan O'Hara
Kate Osborne

Carla Denyer

Siân Berry

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.

1850 Representative Jamie RaskinTabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **2**

Oliver Ryan
Jim Shannon

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: **17**

David Chadwick
Jess Brown-Fuller
Dr Danny Chambers
Sarah Dyke
Edward Morello
Ann Davies

Ben Lake	Jim Shannon	Llinos Medi
Liz Saville Roberts	Adam Dance	Dr Roz Savage
Charlotte Cane	Ellie Chowns	Manuela Perteghella
Clive Jones	Andrew George	

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: **13**

Tom Morrison
Mr Will Forster
Jess Brown-Fuller
Jim Shannon
Steve Darling
Max Wilkinson

Cat Smith	Dr Roz Savage	Sarah Dyke
Monica Harding	Clive Jones	Andrew George
Perran Moon		

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: **2**

Dr Scott Arthur
Jim Shannon

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 Kingdom**

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **4**

Robin Swann
Jim Allister
Jim Shannon
Mr Gregory Campbell

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 Trust

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **2**

Dr Scott Arthur
Jim Shannon

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 Cornwell

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **5**

Cameron Thomas
Jim Shannon
Dr Roz Savage
Sarah Dyke
Clive Jones

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: **13**

Sarah Dyke
Mr Will Forster
Jim Allister
Jess Brown-Fuller
Ian Roome
Wera Hobhouse

Jim Shannon
Dr Roz Savage
Andrew George

Steve Darling
Edward Morello

Adam Dance
Clive Jones

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: **8**

Liz Jarvis
Jess Brown-Fuller
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Steve Darling
Dr Roz Savage

Sarah Dyke
Andrew George

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 Marple

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **4**

Lisa Smart
Jim Shannon
Dr Roz Savage
Sarah Dyke

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: **3**

Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Allister
Jim Shannon

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: **2**

Adam Jogee

Jim Shannon

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: **2**

Dr Scott Arthur

Jim Shannon

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: **2**

Jim Shannon

Mr Gregory Campbell

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.

1865 Fourth anniversary of the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **4**

Martin Rhodes

Jim Shannon

Ellie Chowns

Sir Julian Lewis

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 landlords

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **3**

Zarah Sultana

Jim Shannon

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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

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: **3****Stephen Gethins**
Jim Shannon
Brendan O'Hara

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: **2****Alex Ballinger**
Jim Shannon

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 Gaza**

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **18**

Lisa Smart

Mr Will Forster

Monica Harding

Jess Brown-Fuller

Wera Hobhouse

Seamus Logan

Steve Darling

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Sarah Dyke

Tom Morrison

Dr Danny Chambers

Dr Roz Savage

Edward Morello

Apsana Begum

Cameron Thomas

Ellie Chowns

Clive Jones

Andrew George

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.