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## Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 10 September 2025

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### New EDMs

#### 1881 Commemoration of H G Wells' birthday

Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **1**

##### Mr Will Forster

That this House acknowledges and commemorates the birthday of Herbert George Wells, commonly known as H G Wells, born on 21 September 1866, as one of Britain's most influential authors and the father of science fiction; notes in particular his time living in Woking, where he wrote *The War of the Worlds* and other works that helped define modern science fiction; celebrates the strong cultural legacy H. G. Wells left in Woking and across the country, inspiring generations of writers, filmmakers, and thinkers; recognises the importance of the local area in his life and career, which is remembered through local landmarks, exhibitions and national pride; and encourages efforts to continue promoting Wells' work and Woking's rich literary heritage to future generations through formation of H G Wells Day to be celebrated as a day in English calendars.

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#### 1882 Neurodivergent children at school

Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **1**

##### Adam Dance

That this House notes with concern that, despite the hard work of teaching staff, too many neurodivergent children are not having their needs properly identified at school, potentially making learning inaccessible; acknowledges the personal effort of many teachers to make their

classroom accessible, and that teaching staff require greater support; recognises that early intervention, including universal screening programmes for neurodivergence in primary school age children and increased teacher training will help give teaching staff the confidence and tools to identify and support neurodivergent pupils early; and therefore calls on the Government to support the Neurodivergence (Screening and Teacher Training) Bill.

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**1883      Skilled Worker Visa eligibility rules and transport workers**

Tabled: **10/09/25**      Signatories: **4**

**Margaret Mullane**

**John McDonnell**

**Grahame Morris**

**Apsana Begum**

That this House notes that, as a result of changes introduced by the Government via secondary legislation on 1 July 2025, as of 22 July 2025 the list of occupations eligible for the Skilled Worker Visa was significantly narrowed, with around 180 occupations removed from the list; further notes that the impact of these changes is that employers are no longer able to sponsor workers for the Skilled Worker Visa in any occupations that are no longer eligible, even those already employed with other visas, such as graduate visas; recognises that the occupations removed from the eligible list include Rail Travel Assistant and that some rail workers employed at Transport for London and on the railway are no longer able to be sponsored for a Skilled Worker Visa so will therefore be required to leave the UK when their current visa expires; is concerned at the pace with which these changes were implemented, with a lack of any provision for transitional arrangements for workers already employed in the UK; further recognises that, while the Government has instructed the Migration and Advisory Committee to undertake a review of occupations for the Temporary Shortage List, this is not expected to be completed for a year; and calls on the Government to pause these changes to visa eligibility rules until a thorough review and consultation, including with trade unions, of the potential impacts on workforce staffing, shortages and skills has been undertaken.

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**1884      25th anniversary of ALLenergy**

Tabled: **10/09/25**      Signatories: **1**

**Brendan O'Hara**

That this House congratulates Oban-based charity ALLenergy, on their 25th anniversary; understands that ALLenergy was formed in 2000 with the ambition of making communities in Argyll and Bute more energy resilient; notes however that having recently extended their service to cover the whole of the Scottish Highlands, a move which has seen a huge increase both in the area covered and the population served, ALLenergy is now supporting several thousand of the most vulnerable households across the region; recognises that by working with local and national government, as well as community-based groups, ALLenergy have been able to secure in excess of £1 million for their clients, many of whom are living in the most challenging fuel poverty; acknowledges that because the charity has expanded its range of services,

ALLenergy now offers local communities in the West of Scotland and the Highlands advice on the opportunities available to them from community-owned, renewable energy projects; warmly welcomes the success of ALLenergy's Education programme which engages with local schools to encourage young people to seek careers in the expanding renewable energy sector; further notes that the charity will be holding an anniversary event in Oban on 25 September; and wishes ALLenergy all the very best for the future and wishes them every success in achieving their vision of a world where everyone lives sustainably, where carbon emissions have been cut to safe levels, and where everyone has access to clean, safe and affordable energy.

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**1885 International driving test standards and road safety**

Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **1**

**James McMurdock**

That this House expresses deep concern at the rising number of road safety incidents involving foreign drivers using licences that have not been tested against UK standards; notes that motorists from outside the EU and EEA are permitted to drive on British roads for up to 12 months using a foreign licence, regardless of whether their testing standards are equivalent to those required in the UK; recognises that this situation creates unnecessary risk for UK road users; and calls on the Government to bring forward proposals to shorten the grace period according to the quality of the issuing country's licensing regime and to consider foreign drivers to undertake a basic online theory test to ensure familiarity with the Highway Code before driving on UK roads.

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**1886 Dame Annette Brooke**

Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **7**

**Vikki Slade**

**Edward Morello**

**Ed Davey**

**Dr Roz Savage**

**Caroline Voaden**

**Daisy Cooper**

**Josh Babarinde**

That this House celebrates the life and achievements of Dame Annette Brooke, Privy Counsellor, former hon. Member for Mid Dorset and North Poole, Deputy Leader of Poole Borough Council, Liberal Democrat Group Leader and Mayor of Poole, and expresses deep sadness at her death on 30 August 2025; commends Annette's commitment to Dorset, for almost 40 years since her first election to council and in the 14 years as an hon. Member, making Annette the Liberal Democrats' longest serving female hon. Member; further celebrates her role in protecting Dorset's precious heathlands; recognises her commitment to public service, including her work protecting disabled and disadvantaged children's rights, being an ambassador for Julia's House, founding the Dorset Equality Group and championing women setting up micro-

businesses in the developing world; further commends her charitable work as Patron of Forest Holme Hospice Charity; commends her community group work, particularly through the creation of Stepping Stones Group to support people living with dementia; celebrates that her work won her an OBE in 2013, the Women in Public Life award, and MP of the Year in 2010; pays tribute to the dedication of her family in supporting her work, and notes how she went about her work in an understated, modest and determined manner, providing a strong role model for others; thanks her for her role in supporting fellow Liberal Democrats into their political and public service roles; and extends its heartfelt sympathies to her family, friends and colleagues at this time of loss.

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**1887      Think Loud 4 Parkinson's fundraising album**

Tabled: **10/09/25**      Signatories: **1**

**Pete Wishart**

That this House recognises and warmly welcomes the fundraising album Think Loud 4 Parkinson's compiled and assembled by Ian Grant, former manager of UK bands such as Big Country, The Stranglers, Elizabeth McGovern and The Cult and his partner in Kindred Spirit, Paul Mitchell; further recognises the contributions of artists such as Leo Sayer, Tony Hadley, Arthur Brown, Gary Booker amongst many others; welcomes this vital fundraising effort for Cure Parkinson's to assist vital curative research into Parkinson's disease; and wishes all involved the very best in their efforts.

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**1888      Role of the Irish Government during the Troubles and legacy accountability**

Tabled: **10/09/25**      Signatories: **1**

**Carla Lockhart**

That this House condemns the failure of the Irish Government to investigate credible allegations of collusion between members of An Garda Síochána and the Provisional IRA during the Troubles; notes with grave concern the murder of Chief Superintendent Harry Breen and Superintendent Bob Buchanan in 1989, in which the Smithwick Tribunal concluded that, on the balance of probabilities, information was passed from within Dundalk Garda station to the IRA, directly facilitating their deaths; further notes the 1991 murder of Ian Sproule, a 23-year-old civilian, amid allegations that the IRA were in possession of a Garda intelligence file containing his personal details, with the Sproule family still denied truth and accountability more than three decades later; rejects any attempt to introduce an amnesty for those responsible for terrorist murders and other serious crimes during the Troubles; deplores the hypocrisy of the Irish Government in seeking oversight of UK legacy mechanisms whilst refusing to establish equivalent investigative processes in its own jurisdiction; and calls on His Majesty's Government to resist Irish interference in legacy arrangements unless and until the Irish Government demonstrates full transparency, establishes credible independent inquiries into cases of alleged collusion, and provides justice for victims and their families.

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**1889 University of St Andrews support for the Blue Carbon Action Plan**Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **1****Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House celebrates the role of the University of St Andrews in supporting the launch of Scotland's first Blue Carbon Action Plan; notes that the plan highlights the importance of protecting and restoring blue carbon habitats such as seagrass meadows, saltmarshes and kelp forests, which play a vital role in tackling climate change by capturing and storing carbon; recognises the crucial contribution of the university's world-leading Sea Mammal Research Unit and other marine scientists in advancing understanding of Scotland's coastal ecosystems; and congratulates all those involved in this pioneering collaboration which will help safeguard biodiversity, strengthen climate resilience and inspire similar action across the UK and beyond.

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**1890 Independence of Healthwatch England**Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **5****Jess Brown-Fuller****Helen Morgan****Alison Bennett****Dr Danny Chambers****Tom Gordon**

That this House notes with concern proposals in the NHS 10-year health plan to abolish Healthwatch England and the network of 152 local Healthwatch bodies; recognises that Healthwatch England is an independent statutory body that ensures NHS leaders listen to feedback and improve standards of care, is impartial, and enables the public to be involved in shaping services; believes that absorbing these functions into the organisations they are meant to scrutinise risks undermining impartiality, public confidence and democratic accountability; further notes with concern reports that the National Guardian's Office and other patient safety bodies have been absorbed or side-lined, weakening independent scrutiny; acknowledges that these proposals come at a time of significant change across the NHS and local government when an independent voice for patients and residents is needed more than ever; and calls on the Government to halt any plans to abolish Healthwatch England and local Healthwatch, protect their statutory independence and funding, and ensure robust, transparent and democratically accountable patient and public involvement, to protect patient safety and improve care.

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**1891 Conduct of Lord Mandelson**Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **17****Sir Gavin Williamson****Mr Peter Bedford****Jack Rankin****Mr Richard Holden****Dr Caroline Johnson****Alicia Kearns**

Lewis Cocking

Joe Robertson

Claire Coutinho

Alex Burghart

Saqib Bhatti

Sir Alec Shelbrooke

Stuart Andrew

John Lamont

Charlie Dewhurst

Mims Davies

Mr Louie French

That this House notes the concerning revelations regarding Lord Mandelson's close friendship with the convicted paedophile Jeffrey Epstein; expresses its concern at his lack of transparency regarding this relationship; requests for parliamentary time to be made available to debate this urgent matter; and calls for Lord Mandelson to resign as His Majesty's Ambassador to the United States of America.

**1892 Job reductions at news publisher Reach plc**Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **1****Rebecca Long Bailey**

That this House recognises the skill and experience of journalists across Reach titles in the UK and Ireland; notes with alarm and dismay plans announced on 10 September 2025 proposing 321 editorial redundancies; urges the publisher to recognise the detrimental impact of huge swathes of cuts on journalists and journalism; further recognises that the proposals include plans to create new roles, but notes this will still leave a significant shortfall in editorial posts; further notes that cuts include large numbers at The Mirror where the title's editorial line champions journalism, providing a distinct, unique voice amid today's media landscape; also recognises that the hollowing out of titles and their specialist writers serves as a disservice to audiences; regrets that proposals will see an exodus of experienced journalists dedicated to their work across regional and national titles and is concerned about the use of artificial intelligence to replace journalists' jobs despite being no substitute for their talent and expertise; and further urges Reach leadership to engage meaningfully with the National Union of Journalists to minimise the impact of cuts, and urgently consider sustainable approaches that protects the company's public interest journalism upholding UK democracy.

## 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.

1771      **Plastic in chewing gum**

Tabled: **1/09/25**      Signatories: **34**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Mr Will Forster**

**Sarah Dyke**

**Dr Roz Savage**

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

**Jim Shannon**

Vikki Slade

Adam Dance

Manuela Perteghella

Steve Darling

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.

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**1772 Humanitarian situation in Gaza**Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **51**

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

Caroline Voaden

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).

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**1785 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **19**

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

Jim Allister

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.

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**1806 Access to NHS-funded IVF**Tabled: **1/09/25** Signatories: **27****Helen Maguire****Jess Brown-Fuller****Mr Will Forster****Sarah Dyke****Lisa Smart****Mr Angus MacDonald**

Manuela Perteghella

Vikki Slade

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.

**1822 Motor neurone disease**Tabled: **2/09/25** Signatories: **27****Sarah Gibson****Mr Will Forster****Wendy Chamberlain****Wera Hobhouse****Adam Dance****Jim Shannon**

Vikki Slade

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.

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1832 **Eating disorders and online harms**

Tabled: **3/09/25** Signatories: **36**

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

Vikki Slade

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.

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

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

**Martin Wrigley**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Andrew George**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Vikki Slade**

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.

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**1843 First female Astronomer Royal**Tabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **17**

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

Claire Young

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.

**1849 Sanctions on Israel and International Court of Justice findings**Tabled: **4/09/25** Signatories: **31**

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

Sorcha Eastwood

Iqbal Mohamed

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.

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

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **20**

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

Rachel Gilmour

Martin Wrigley

Helen Morgan

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.

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

Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **19**

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

Edward Morello

Wendy Chamberlain

Helen Maguire

John Milne

Vikki Slade

Charlotte Cane

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.

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**1857      Air Ambulance Week 2025 (No. 2)**

Tabled: **8/09/25**      Signatories: **15**

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

Helen Maguire

Claire Young

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.

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**1865 Fourth anniversary of the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan**Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **5**

**Martin Rhodes**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Sir Julian Lewis**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**

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.

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**1870 Mental health care in Gaza**Tabled: **8/09/25** Signatories: **23**

**Lisa Smart**  
**Mr Will Forster**  
**Monica Harding**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Seamus Logan**

Caroline Voaden  
Claire Young

Helen Maguire  
Charlotte Cane

Vikki Slade

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.

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**1871 Dentistry in Taunton and Wellington**Tabled: **9/09/25** Signatories: **4****Gideon Amos****Jim Shannon****Dr Roz Savage****Brian Mathew**

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.

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**1872 Lucy Bull**Tabled: **9/09/25** Signatories: **4****Dr Roz Savage****Jim Shannon****Wendy Chamberlain****Helen Maguire**

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.

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**1873 Gibraltar National Day 2025**Tabled: **9/09/25** Signatories: **3****Andrew Rosindell****Jim Allister****Jim Shannon**

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 chose to remain British.

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**1874      Kingsway Community Connection's 25th anniversary**

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

**Patricia Ferguson**  
**Jim Shannon**

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.

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**1875      Nuneaton Community Carnival**

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

**Jodie Gosling**  
**Jim Shannon**

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.

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**1876 Nuneaton Back to School Project**

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

**Jodie Gosling**  
**Jim Shannon**

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.

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**1877 Statement on Palestine by children's authors, illustrators and educators**

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

**Dr Ellie Chowns**  
**Apsana Begum**

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.

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**1878      Tribute to Councillor Nick Cottle**Tabled: **9/09/25**      Signatories: **6**

**Sarah Dyke**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Helen Maguire**

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.

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**1879      Jackie Ingle's service to Street Library**Tabled: **9/09/25**      Signatories: **4**

**Sarah Dyke**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**

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.

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**1880 Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize awarded to Mines Advisory Group**Tabled: **9/09/25** Signatories: **12****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon****Dr Roz Savage****Wendy Chamberlain****Liz Jarvis****Monica Harding**

Charlotte Cane

Layla Moran

Cameron Thomas

Manuela Perteghella

Wera Hobhouse

Brian Mathew

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.