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Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 14 October 2025

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New EDMs

2043 **Indefinite leave to remain and settlement**

Tabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **1**

Carla Denyer

That this House recognises that access to settlement and citizenship is vital for migrants' security and stability, and strengthens the UK economically and socially; notes credible evidence that settlement accelerates economic participation, improves educational outcomes for children, and deepens social and civic integration; further notes that communities and local economies benefit when people are able to put down secure roots and plan for the future; expresses deep concern at proposals in the Immigration White Paper to extend the standard qualifying period for settlement to 10 years, doubling the time many will spend subject to no recourse to public funds and significantly increasing costs they must pay; further expresses concern that proposals made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department to change the eligibility criteria for indefinite leave to remain will leave some people unable to ever access settlement; also notes that long routes to settlement, high application fees and bureaucratic requirements set by the Home Office, combined with no recourse to public funds, creates long-term financial insecurity, puts migrants at higher risk of poverty and is a driver of inequality; affirms that fair, affordable and timely routes to settlement are essential for equal opportunity and social cohesion; and calls on the Government to introduce a simpler, shorter and more affordable settlement process that recognises the broad nature of the contributions migrants make, avoids driving hardship, and supports stronger, more resilient communities across the UK.

2044 Parkrun's 21st anniversaryTabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **1****Helen Maguire**

That this House celebrates the 21st anniversary of Parkrun on 14 October 2025; recognises that what began in 2004 with just 13 runners in Bushy Park, London, has grown into a global movement involving millions of walkers, joggers, runners, and volunteers in communities across the UK and around the world; commends Parkrun's outstanding contribution to public health, community cohesion and wellbeing by providing free, weekly, timed events that are accessible to all regardless of age, background, or ability; pays tribute to the thousands of volunteers whose commitment makes Parkrun possible every weekend; and looks forward to the continued success of Parkrun in encouraging physical activity, social connection, and healthier, happier lives for all.

2045 Mills Observatory 90th birthdayTabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **1****Chris Law**

That this House congratulates Dundee's Mills Observatory on the occasion of its 90th birthday; recognises that the Mills Observatory was the first purpose-built public astronomical observatory in the UK when it opened 1935; further recognises that the observatory has had an 120% increase in visitors over the last year ahead of their 90th birthday; thanks the staff and volunteers at the Mills Observatory and Leisure and Culture Dundee for their hard work and dedication in running the observatory; and wishes them all the best ahead of their birthday celebrations at the end of October.

2046 Friends of the Shakespeare LineTabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **1****Manuela Perteghella**

That this House commends the outstanding work of the Friends of the Shakespeare Line in promoting the railway route between Birmingham and Stratford-upon-Avon; recognises the organisation's achievements in improving station environments through volunteer effort, community engagement and partnership working with rail operators and local authorities; applauds its success in fostering pride and stewardship among local residents and passengers; notes the positive impact of its initiatives on tourism, sustainable travel and the preservation of the region's cultural heritage; and congratulates all members and volunteers of the Friends of the Shakespeare Line for their dedication and continuing contribution to improving the passenger experience and strengthening community ties along this historic railway line.

2047 Political donationsTabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **1****Manuela Perteghella**

That this House calls on the Government to introduce a cap on political donations and to commission an independent review to recommend the appropriate level for such a cap; notes with concern the negative influence of large and foreign donations on the democratic process; further calls for measures to prevent political donations made by foreign nationals resident outside the UK through UK-registered companies; and believes that such reforms would strengthen transparency, fairness and integrity in the funding of political parties, elections and campaigns, ensuring that democracy in the UK is protected from undue influence.

2048 Royal National Mòd 2025 in LochaberTabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **1****Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House congratulates An Comunn Gàidhealach on organising the 2025 Royal National Mòd, taking place from 10 to 18 October in Lochaber; recognises that the Royal National Mòd, founded in Oban in 1891, is Scotland's premier celebration of Gaelic language and culture, showcasing music, drama, literature, sport and art; notes that this year's festival opened with a torchlight parade through Fort William and features more than 200 competitions across a range of disciplines, alongside cèilidhs, concerts and workshops; further congratulates all competitors and local winners, including Lochaber and Ballachulish teams in the Mòd Cups; celebrates the strong community participation and the involvement of young people in events such as the Sradagan Children's Gaelic Club and CBBC ALBA workshops; further notes the opening of the Highland Art Prize exhibition at McCallum Art House in Fort William; and pays tribute to outgoing An Comunn Gàidhealach Chief Executive James Graham for his leadership in promoting Gaelic language, arts and heritage.

2049 University of Strathclyde, Scottish University of the YearTabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **1****Maureen Burke**

That this House congratulates Glasgow's University of Strathclyde on being named Scottish University of the Year and Runner-up UK University of the Year 2026 by the Times; and further congratulates the University in being named UK University of the Year 2026 by the Daily Mail and pays tribute to the staff and students of the University, whose expertise, curiosity and academic prowess has led to national recognition.

2050 Tamfourhill Community HubTabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **1****Euan Stainbank**

That this House congratulates Tamfourhill Community Hub on receiving £20,000 from the Asda Foundation's Local Community Spaces fund; notes that the funding will help to upgrade the floors and male bathroom facilities at the Machrie Court centre, ensuring the building remains a sustainable and well-used community resource; recognises the importance of the Hub as a focal point for local residents to connect, access vital services and strengthen community ties; further notes that Tamfourhill was one of 10 Scottish groups to share in £165,495 of funding awarded in the latest round of the programme; commends the work of the Hub's committee and volunteers in steadily improving the facility since taking it over for community use; and applauds the Asda Foundation for its continued commitment to supporting safe, inclusive and welcoming community spaces across Scotland and the wider UK.

2051 UN Special Rapporteur Report on Violence Against Women and Girls in the context of surrogacyTabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **1****Tracy Gilbert**

That this House notes the Report of the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls on the different manifestations of violence in the context of surrogacy which was presented to the UN General Assembly on 10 October 2025; understands that the Special Rapporteur found that the global surrogacy market could reach \$99.75 billion by 2033; further notes that the report found that the practice of surrogacy is reinforcing sexist stereotypes, causing psychological, physical, and reproductive violence, is increasing the risk of human trafficking and can amount to a form of slavery; and calls on the Government to implement the Special Rapporteur's recommendations.

2052 Fruit and Vegetable Aid SchemeTabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **1****Tim Farron**

That this House regrets the Government's decision to close the Fruit and Vegetable Aid Scheme in December 2025; further regrets the lack of clarity for the sector about funding arrangements beyond this date; understands this scheme previously supported increased productivity and innovation in the sector, providing nutritious food for our plates; is concerned that growers and farmers who trade between England and Scotland or the EU could be disadvantaged given that the scheme is due to continue in Scotland; also regrets that this decision comes at a time of increasing uncertainty for farmers after the Government's changes to Agricultural Property Relief, real terms cuts to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) budget announced in the Spending Review, and sudden closure of the Sustainable

Farming Incentive scheme; recognises with deep concern that these decisions preceded one of the worst harvests on record, putting our food security at greater risk and pushing up food prices; and calls on the Government to ensure growers are not put at a disadvantage, give them the financial stability, and commit to increasing DEFRA's budget by £1billion per year to ensure farmers have the support they need to produce high quality food for our tables while protecting and enhancing our natural environment.

2053 **Condition of hospitals**

Tabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **1**

James McMurdock

That this House expresses concern about the growing maintenance backlog across NHS estates in England, which in 2023-24 was estimated to cost £13.8 billion to eradicate; notes that of this, £7.6 billion relates to high and significant risk repairs that could directly impact the safety of patients and staff; further expresses concern that at hospital trusts located in Essex, the cost to eradicate high and significant risk stands at £45.2 million; further notes that 14,596 hours of clinical time were lost country-wide due to estate and infrastructure failures, most of which were deemed most clinically impactful, referring to disruption that led to lost time or cancelled procedures; recognises that this level of disrepair threatens the delivery of safe, high-quality healthcare, contributes to inefficiency and places additional strain on NHS staff; and calls on the Government to bring forward a fully funded plan to tackle the backlog in NHS hospitals, prioritise investment in critical repairs and maintenance, and ensure that no patient or staff member is put at risk by deteriorating hospital buildings.

2054 **Life Beyond the Glassworks project and the Thursday Club**

Tabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **1**

Brian Leishman

That this House congratulates the members of the Thursday Club in Alloa on the completion of their remarkable Life Beyond the Glassworks project, undertaken in partnership with the University of Stirling's Faculty of Social Science as part of the Festival of Social Science; recognises that this year-long oral history initiative has trained and empowered local participants to document and celebrate Alloa's heritage and community spirit through a new documentary film; pays tribute to the hard work, creativity, and dedication of the participants, many of whom face barriers such as unemployment, disability, and social isolation, yet have shown outstanding commitment to developing new skills and confidence; commends the organisers and researchers involved for their role in capturing the lived experiences and collective memory of the town; and celebrates this project as a shining example of how community-led storytelling can strengthen social inclusion, pride, and connection.

2055 Global Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day 2025Tabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **1****Helen Maguire**

That this House notes that Wednesday 15 October 2025 marks the second annual Global Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day; recognises that every day 22 women in the UK are diagnosed with lobular breast cancer; further notes that lobular breast cancer is the second most common type of breast cancer yet remains under-researched and without dedicated treatments; acknowledges the vital work of the Lobular Moon Shot Project, launched by Dr Susan Michaelis, whose legacy continues to drive awareness and action; expresses concern that despite meetings held in July with the Secretary of State and promises of progress, no dedicated Government funding has yet been committed for research into lobular breast cancer treatments; and calls on the Government to work with researchers, charities and clinicians to urgently fund targeted research and to support the development of effective treatments, ensuring that those affected by lobular breast cancer are no longer left behind.

2056 Badger protectionTabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **1****Adrian Ramsay**

That this House notes that cattle to cattle transmission is the main cause of the spread of bovine tuberculosis (TB); considers that culling badgers to eradicate bovine TB is unscientific, ineffective and unnecessary; is concerned that 51% of the badger population estimate in 2013 have been culled since then and that the Government's TB Eradication Strategy allows the continued killing of badgers, a protected species, until the end of this Parliament; is further concerned by proposals in the Planning and Infrastructure Bill to undermine the Badger Protection Act 1992; supports evidence-based policy making to eradicate bovine TB that will benefit farmers and their cattle, while avoiding the devastation and costs to the public purse associated with the mass slaughter of our wildlife; and therefore calls on the Government to stop the persecution of badgers, withdraw plans to weaken the legal protection currently given to badgers, and to immediately end its policy of badger culling, in favour of cattle and badger vaccination, improved testing and strengthened biosecurity.

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.

1877 Statement on Palestine by children's authors, illustrators and educatorsTabled: **9/09/25** Signatories: **16**

Dr Ellie Chowns
Apsana Begum
Siân Berry
Ayoub Khan
Andrew George
Liz Saville Roberts

Brian Leishman

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.

1881 Commemoration of H G Wells' birthdayTabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **18**

Mr Will Forster
Susan Murray
Liz Jarvis
Helen Maguire
Sarah Dyke
Andrew George

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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.

1882 **Neurodivergent children at school**

Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **41**

Adam Dance
Claire Young
Wera Hobhouse
Jess Brown-Fuller
Ian Roome
Dr Danny Chambers

Mr Paul Kohler

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.

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

Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **17**

Margaret Mullane
John McDonnell
Grahame Morris
Apsana Begum
Andrew George
Dr Ellie Chowns

Carla Denyer

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.

1892 **Job reductions at news publisher Reach plc**

Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **23**

Rebecca Long Bailey

Kim Johnson

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

Andrew George

Dr Ellie Chowns

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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.

1894 Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund's 60th anniversaryTabled: **11/09/25** Signatories: **7**

Patricia Ferguson
Douglas McAllister
Jim Shannon
Martin Rhodes
Brendan O'Hara
Chris Law

Brian Leishman

That this House congratulates the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCI AF) on its 60th anniversary; understands that the organisation was established in Rutherglen by Monsignor John Rooney and John McKee, a volunteer, to help people in the world's poorest places; notes that SCI AF is the official relief development agency of the Catholic Church in Scotland and is a member of the global Caritas Internationalis network of Catholic relief and development agencies; recognises that as part of this international family of charities, the organisation delivers aid and development programs worldwide and campaigns for justice; commends their work which spans a range of areas, from helping those affected by famine and natural disasters to supporting refugees, and from opposing apartheid, to campaigning to make poverty history, to demanding action on climate change; further understands that SCI AF's work would not be possible without the generous donations of members of the Catholic community in Scotland and the public more broadly; applauds the iconic SCI AF Wee box Lenten appeal which over the years has become a central part of the organisation's fundraising efforts by encouraging school children to pop pocket money and adults to donate spare coins into their wee box to make a big change; and celebrates all the volunteers who have and continue to make SCI AF's work possible by giving their time and skills to work in schools, further education campuses, communities and parishes, raising awareness and raising funds to allow the organisation's work to continue.

1905 National Coal Mining Museum strikeTabled: **15/09/25** Signatories: **14**

Jon Trickett
Richard Burgon
Imran Hussain
Apsana Begum
Mary Kelly Foy
John McDonnell

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House expresses its solidarity with the staff of the National Coal Mining Museum in Wakefield who are in a dispute over pay; applauds the workforce for insisting on a settlement which secures gender equality; acknowledges the important role the museum plays in honouring the memory and legacy of generations of miners in West Yorkshire and beyond; notes with concern that museum management has withdrawn a previously promised pay rise

of whichever is greater out of 5% or £1 per hour, and that subsequent offers have been lower, despite the museum having made substantial surpluses in recent years; is alarmed that private security has been employed by the museum at an estimated cost of £50,000; opposes the decision made by the museum to request West Yorkshire Police remove a lawful picket line located on public land, despite evidence from Wakefield Council and confirmation from officers that the picket line action is legal; condemns any attempt to intimidate striking workers by such measures as calling the police to a lawful picket, which risks undermining the right to industrial action; urges the trustees of the National Coal Mining Museum to intervene urgently to reinstate negotiations; and calls on the museum management to make an offer consistent with a 5% or £1 per hour rise and to engage fully with ACAS to reach a just settlement.

1906 **Award of honorary posthumous England cap to Frank Soo**

Tabled: **15/09/25** Signatories: **16**

Daisy Cooper
Shockat Adam
Dr Allison Gardner
Ian Byrne
Dr Roz Savage
Mr Angus MacDonald

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House celebrates the award of an honorary posthumous England Cap for Frank Soo by the Football Association, to his family and the Frank Soo Foundation; recognises that Frank Soo was the first player of Asian descent to play for England, making his debut against Wales in 1942, and that he went on to play for England a further eight times in addition to captaining the RAF team during the Second World War; regrets that, while Frank was one of the best footballers of his generation, that until now his story has often been forgotten; notes that because wartime matches aren't internationally recognised by FIFA as official fixtures, the presentation of a posthumous honorary cap has allowed the Football Association the opportunity to acknowledge Frank as a trailblazer in English football; further notes that Frank was born in Derbyshire to a Chinese father and English mother, that he grew up in Liverpool and had a successful club football career including with Stoke City as captain, Leicester City and Luton Town; commends Frank's success in his later career as manager at St Albans City, and as the 1952 Helsinki Olympics coach of the Norwegian national team; recognises how fitting the announcement of Frank's honorary cap is during East and South East Asian heritage month, which celebrates the positive contributions these communities have had on the UK; and wishes Frank's family and the Frank Soo foundation well for the presentation of the honorary cap on 9 October at Wembley Stadium.

1915 Ricky Hatton MBETabled: **15/09/25** Signatories: **15**

Chris Webb
Mr Gregory Campbell
Tom Morrison
Jodie Gosling
Peter Lamb
Steve Witherden

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House is deeply saddened by the passing of Ricky Hatton MBE, world champion boxer and one of Britain's most iconic sporting figures; pays tribute to his extraordinary career in which he won multiple world titles and inspired millions with his fearless fighting style, resilience, and dedication to his craft; recognises his role in bringing communities together through sport, his tireless commitment to promoting boxing at the grassroots level, and his support for young athletes; celebrates the pride he brought to Manchester, to the North West, and to the nation as a whole; acknowledges the warmth, humour and generosity that made him as loved outside the ring as he was respected inside it; and extends deepest condolences to his family, friends, fans, and all who were inspired by the remarkable life and career of the people's champion.

1916 Barry WinterTabled: **15/09/25** Signatories: **8**

Alex Sobel
Euan Stainbank
Chris Hinchliff
Richard Burgon
Jon Trickett
Jim Shannon

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House recognises the pioneering political and intellectual work over seven decades as a writer and organiser of Barry Winter who was a leading light in the Independent Labour Party and from 1975 Independent Labour Publications, a respected pressure group within the Labour Party; notes that he contributed to increased understanding of issues as varied as the importance of the Italian theorist, Antonio Gramsci, the murderous nature of Stalinism in the Spanish civil war, the iniquities of the poll tax, and the diminishing authority of local government; further notes that he and his colleagues did much to improve left-wing understanding of the complexities of the Troubles in Northern Ireland that added to the power of grassroots organisations to help advance the Good Friday Agreement in 1998; further recognises that his widely respected kindness, decency, and openness made him a popular

friend and mentor, especially in his university work in Leeds; and believes that his life well spent deserves wider appreciation.

1926 **Men Matter Scotland**

Tabled: **16/09/25** Signatories: **4**

Patricia Ferguson

Jim Shannon

Chris Law

Brian Leishman

That this House commends Men Matter Scotland on their work providing a positive support network for men across Scotland; understands that the charity, based in Drumchapel in Glasgow West, aims to improve men's quality of life, expand and enrich men's connections, and supports men with a range of mental health challenges; notes that they facilitate activities which support positive mental, physical and emotional health; further notes that they provide a range of services, available seven days a week, from individual support, to group sessions and activities bringing men together in a safe space to support each other; recognises that Men Matter play an integral role in the wider Glasgow community through their street teams which provide crisis support at night for those urgently in need, and by their search teams assisting in missing person searches; welcomes the outreach activities that they undertake, from attending freshers week events to hosting information stands in job centres; congratulates the recent fundraising achievement of Ian Sproull, who raised over a thousand pounds for the charity by completing ten marathons in ten days in the run-up to World Suicide Prevention Day, a feat achieved by less than one hundred people; applauds all the staff and volunteers for providing these essential services, particularly since suicide rates in Scotland are 3.5 times higher among men than women; and encourages men across Scotland to reach out to Men Matter Scotland to benefit from their work forging friendships, making connections, building confidence, sharing skills, and developing role models.

1927 **Pavement parking consultation response**

Tabled: **16/09/25** Signatories: **31**

Helen Maguire

Tom Morrison

Dr Al Pinkerton

Steve Darling

Cameron Thomas

Ian Sollom

Mr Paul Kohler

That this House regrets the failure of successive Governments to respond in full to the consultation entitled Pavement parking: options for change, which closed on 22 November 2020, despite widespread evidence of the dangers caused by pavement parking and

overwhelming public support for reform; notes that this delay has left many older people, people with disabilities, families with young children, and those with sight loss without safe access to pavements; calls on the Secretary of State for Transport to publish the Government's formal response without further delay; further calls on the Minister for Roads to introduce legislation to institute a default national prohibition of pavement parking in England, with sensible local exemptions where necessary, and for civil enforcement powers to be granted to local authorities; and urges the Government to lay out a clear timetable for implementation of these reforms.

1929 Arts for Recovery in the Community in Stockport

Tabled: **16/09/25** Signatories: **5**

Navendu Mishra
Lisa Smart
Tom Morrison
Jim Shannon
Brian Leishman

That this House congratulates Arc (Arts for Recovery in the Community) on its 30th anniversary this year and commends the charity for its outstanding work leading arts and mental health work in Stockport; recognises Arc's vital role in promoting wellbeing and recovery from mental ill-health through the arts while meeting the ever-increasing demand for high quality and personalised creative health provision; commends Arc's commitment to engaging marginalised groups and offering thousands of people across the North West and beyond an accessible, inclusive and welcoming space; acknowledges Stockport's significant place in arts and health history; thanks all staff and volunteers at Arc for their unwavering commitment and dedication; and looks forward to the continued growth and impact of Arc in Stockport and Greater Manchester in the years ahead.

1938 Leasehold reform (No. 2)

Tabled: **16/09/25** Signatories: **23**

Gideon Amos
Wera Hobhouse
Sarah Dyke
Mr Will Forster
Charlotte Cane
Tom Morrison

Mr Paul Kohler

That this House is deeply concerned by the Government's significant delays to leasehold reform legislation and the implications for leaseholders who live still in unsafe buildings; regrets that the previous Government failed to protect leaseholders from dangerous cladding

or abolish residential leasehold; calls on the Government to improve the fire and safety standards urgently; urges the Government to better protect leaseholders with a statutory right to access to information collected during forensic investigations carried out after a fire; notes that leaseholders make up over 20% of the housing stock in England and that both freeholders and leaseholders often suffer from unregulated estate management companies forcing residents to pay unreasonable service and estate management charges and rogue developers who leave serious defects unresolved; further notes with concern that leaseholders faced an average service charge increase of 11% in 2024 and that service charge increases have left many leaseholders unable to sell; further calls on the Government to urgently abolish residential leasehold for new developments and provide a route to commonhold for all existing leaseholders with management rights to protect them from unregulated charges.

1940 **Children of Ukraine**

Tabled: **16/09/25** Signatories: **28**

Jess Brown-Fuller

Dr Al Pinkerton

John Milne

Steve Darling

Cameron Thomas

Wera Hobhouse

Mr Paul Kohler

That this House commends the bravery and resilience of the Ukrainian children Vladyslav, Valeriia and Roman, who came to the Houses of Parliament to share their experience of Putin's war of aggression; further commends the work of film director Evgeny Afineevsky for his powerful film *Children in the Fire* that tells the stories of a number of Ukraine's children since 2022; expresses with anger that over 19,000 Ukrainian children have been forcibly transferred to Russia during the conflict; notes that President Putin is robbing Ukraine of its future and there can be no lasting peace until the kidnapped children are returned to Ukraine; calls on the Government to commit to filling the funding gap for the Yale Humanitarian Research Lab caused by President Trump's cuts to USAID, ensuring they can continue their vital work to identify and return those stolen children; further calls on the Government to work with the film director to ensure the film is made available across the UK; and urges the Government to seize the £25 billion of frozen Russian assets across the UK without delay to be used to support Ukraine.

1948 25th anniversary of Garstang becoming the world's First Fairtrade TownTabled: **16/09/25** Signatories: **5**

Cat Smith
Sir Mark Hendrick
Jim Shannon
Apsana Begum
Martin Rhodes

That this House congratulates Garstang on the 25th anniversary of declaring itself the first Fairtrade Town in the World in 2000 championed by local vet Bruce Crowther; notes that in 2001 former MP George Foulkes stated that the beacon that has started here in Garstang can spread like wildfire across the whole of the country and beyond, so that to date there are Fairtrade Communities on six continents; understands that a toast to Fairtrade Garstang will be made on 4 October during Fairtrade Fortnight 2025 in Fairtrade tea, thereby supporting Fairtrade producers and the Brew it Fair Campaign; and wishes the group well and hopes to be repeating this exercise in 2050.

1949 Speeding in rural areasTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Cameron Thomas
Helen Maguire

That this House notes with concern the frequent occurrence of speeding, particularly in rural areas, and the significant threat this poses to drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists; regrets that in rural communities, such as the Tewkesbury constituency, there is a lack of speed enforcement signage, speed cameras, and that road infrastructure is in poor condition; further notes with concern that 9 per cent of cars in 2024 exceeded the speed limit on National Speed Limit Single Carriageways, a road type most commonly found in rural areas; and calls on the Government to increase investment in road safety infrastructure and maintenance, improve enforcement of speeding and other traffic offences, and ensure the Department for Transport works alongside local councils to explore enhanced driver education programmes highlighting the dangers of speeding.

1950 Fly camping in the Lake DistrictTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **3**

Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
Helen Maguire

That this House is concerned about the growing problem of fly camping and anti-social behaviour in the Lake District National Park, including littering, wildfires, abandoned tents and human waste; notes the recent Friends of the Lake District survey which found widespread

evidence of these issues; recognises the damage being caused to the environment, local communities and responsible tourism; and calls on the Government and local agencies to increase enforcement, support local authorities to expand the use of Public Space Protection Orders, improve visitor education about the Countryside Code, and provide greater resources to protect this cherished landscape.

1951 Edinburgh Zoo's win at the 2025 Central and East Scotland Thistle Awards

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Christine Jardine

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Edinburgh Zoo on winning both the Best Visitor Attraction Award and the Climate Action Award at the 2025 Central and East Scotland Thistle Awards; recognises the Zoo's exceptional contribution to the Scottish tourism industry and its role as a world-class destination for visitors from all walks of life; applauds the innovative work undertaken to promote sustainability and tackle climate change, such as their creation of a solar meadow and wider environmental initiatives; commends the staff, volunteers and supporters of Edinburgh Zoo for their dedication to animal welfare, conservation, and public engagement with nature; notes the Zoo's invaluable role in supporting education, research and the local economy; and wishes Edinburgh Zoo success as it continues to inspire, educate and lead by example in protecting wildlife and our planet.

1952 Tribute to Claudia Soakell

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Sarah Dyke

Jim Shannon

That this House is deeply saddened by the tragic sudden passing of Claudia Soakell on 24 August 2025 whilst on holiday; notes that Claudia, who worked as an administrator at Huish Episcopi Primary School in Langport, dedicated herself to the school and wider community, making a lasting impact on the children, parents and colleagues she supported; praises her deep sense of community that extended far beyond the school, as she offered incredible support to children throughout the neighbourhood and gave wise, compassionate advice to many who felt they had lost their way; recognises that Claudia befriended everyone without judgement or disappointment, including those who were struggling to make the right choices; acknowledges that Claudia was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend, whose love, generosity and compassion touched all who knew her; and pays tribute to the enduring legacy Claudia leaves behind, while extending its deepest condolences to her family, friends and colleagues who mourn her passing.

1953 25th anniversary of David Irving v Penguin Books and Professor Deborah Lipstadt judgmentTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Dr Scott Arthur**
Jim Shannon

That this House commemorates the 25th anniversary of the landmark judgment in the case of David Irving v Penguin Books and Professor Deborah Lipstadt, handed down in April 2000; recognises the courage and integrity of Professor Lipstadt in defending the truth against Holocaust denial and historical distortion; praises the legal team led by Anthony Julius and James Libson of Mishcon de Reya for their rigorous defence which reaffirmed the importance of factual integrity in public discourse; notes the judgment of Mr Justice Charles Gray, which found that David Irving had deliberately misrepresented and manipulated historical evidence to support his ideological views, and declared him a Holocaust denier, and as having shared anti-Semitic and racist views; acknowledges the enduring relevance of the case in an age of widespread misinformation and disinformation; welcomes the recent commemorative events and exhibitions held in London, including the panel discussion chaired by Jonathan Freedland and featuring Professor Lipstadt, Sir David Hare, and members of the original legal team; further notes with concern that 25 years after that case, and 80 years since the liberation of Auschwitz, antisemitism is once again on the rise in the UK; further welcomes the work of groups like the Holocaust Educational Trust who fight hate by teaching the truth in schools across the UK; and calls on all Rt hon. and hon. Members to reaffirm their commitment to historical truth, the fight against antisemitism, and the defence of democratic values and the rule of law.

1954 25th anniversary of Norden Farm Centre for the ArtsTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **3****Mr Joshua Reynolds**
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse

That this House congratulates Norden Farm Centre for the Arts in Maidenhead on celebrating its 25th anniversary on 17 September 2025; notes that the Forever Gala marked the milestone and launched the Norden Farm Forever Fund to support the venue's future for artists and the community; welcomes the live music, dance and cabaret performances that took place as part of the celebrations; recognises the venue's role in delivering cultural events including the Kite Festival and Lantern Parade, as well as extensive outreach sessions within the community; acknowledges the contribution of Norden Farm to arts and culture locally and nationally; and wishes the venue continued success in providing opportunities for creativity, performance and community engagement.

1955 Celebrating 40 years of Thursday Club in BramhallTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **3**

Tom Morrison
Jim Shannon
Helen Maguire

That this House congratulates the Thursday Club in Bramhall, in the Cheadle constituency, on reaching its 40th anniversary; notes that the Club was established by Churches Together in Bramhall with the aim of supporting housebound and older people in the local community; recognises the invaluable role it has played over four decades in tackling loneliness, promoting companionship, and creating a warm and welcoming space where members can share activities, enjoy entertainment, and sit down together each week for a hot meal, tea and cake; pays tribute to the many volunteers who have generously and selflessly given their time to keep the Club running, including during times when funding ended and the group relied entirely on local goodwill and commitment; gives special thanks to Carol Sargent for her extraordinary 35 years of dedicated service, leadership, and friendship to the members; celebrates the contribution of all those who attend, who through their friendship and spirit make the Club such a unique and uplifting part of Bramhall's community life; and sends its best wishes to the Thursday Club for many more years of success in bringing joy, comfort, and connection to local residents.

1956 Five-year indefinite leave to remain pathway for Skilled Worker visa holdersTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **13**

Neil Duncan-Jordan
Steve Witherden
Andy McDonald
Jim Shannon
Richard Burgon
Shockat Adam

Imran Hussain
Nadia Whittome
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Carla Denyer
Jeremy Corbyn

John McDonnell
Brian Leishman

That this House recognises the vital contribution of Skilled Worker visa holders to the UK economy and public services, including sectors facing critical shortages such as health, engineering, and social care; notes that these individuals pay taxes, contribute to their communities, and have no recourse to public funds; further notes that they came to the UK in good faith on the clear understanding that five years of work and residence would provide a pathway to indefinite leave to remain (ILR), and many built lives in the UK on this basis; expresses concern that retrospective changes to this pathway would undermine confidence in the immigration system, damage the UK's international reputation, and risk exacerbating skills

shortages; and therefore calls on the Government to retain the five-year ILR pathway for all existing Skilled Worker visa holders.

1957 **Lynne Franks and London Fashion Week**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Sarah Dyke

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the vision and leadership of Lynne Franks in instigating London Fashion Week in 1983; notes her role in staging the first central catwalk shows in 1984 at the Commonwealth Institute; recognises her contribution as a founding member of the British Fashion Council and as the creator of the British Fashion Awards in 1989, now regarded as the world's leading fashion honours; commends the ongoing work of the British Fashion Council and London Fashion Week in fostering new talent through their renowned NEWGEN programme; applauds her development of the SEED programme, which has empowered thousands of women to establish businesses and community projects; acknowledges her founding of The SEED Hub in Wincanton as a centre for retreat, wellbeing, women's empowerment and enterprise; and congratulates her on a lasting legacy that has advanced British fashion and strengthened the creative industries.

1958 **Congratulations to Ionad an Stòir**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Ionad an Stòir (The Storr Centre) on Skye on an outstanding first year of operation; notes that since opening in July 2024 the award-winning visitor centre at the Old Man of Storr has welcomed over 293,000 visitors, a 43 per cent rise compared to 2022; further notes that income from parking fees and sales has generated a surplus of £450,296, which is being reinvested in local infrastructure and services across Skye and Raasay; commends the creation of six new jobs and the support of over 20 local suppliers, alongside the sale of over 150 Highland-made products; welcomes the investment of £282,000 into road improvements at other visitor hotspots including the Fairy Pools, Neist Point and Coral Beach; further welcomes the awards the centre has received for its commitment to quality and sustainability; and recognises Ionad an Stòir as a landmark example of sustainable, community-led tourism which can serve as a model for rural development across the Highlands and beyond.

1959 Farewell to James Ross of Lundavra Primary SchoolTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises and commends the service of James Ross, long-serving teacher at Lundavra Primary School in Fort William, who has been a much-loved and active member of staff since the opening of the new school building over a decade ago; notes his contribution in teaching many different age groups and sharing his enthusiasm for learning with pupils throughout his career; further notes that he was honoured at a special assembly attended by staff, parents and pupils, at which he was presented with gifts and serenaded by a choir of senior pupils with a song composed in his honour; congratulates him on his recent marriage; and wishes him every success as he moves to New Brighton near Liverpool to take up his new teaching post.

1960 Órla Ní Eadhra and the Great British Sewing Bee 2025Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Inverness student Órla Ní Eadhra on reaching the final of the Great British Sewing Bee 2025; notes that she was the youngest contestant on the series, aged 19 at the time of filming; commends her creativity, knowledge and sewing skills which won praise from judges Patrick Grant and Esme Young and impressed viewers; further notes her success in the semi-final and her strong performance in the grand finale, including first place in the Pattern Challenge and second in the Transformation Challenge; recognises the originality and meaning of her final Made to Measure creation, designed for her sibling; celebrates her as a former Inverness Royal Academy pupil who has represented her community with distinction; and wishes her every success in her future creative career.

1961 Isle of Raasay Distillery finalists in Scottish Whisky Awards 2025Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates the Isle of Raasay Distillery on being named as a finalist in the Scottish Whisky Awards 2025; notes that the distillery has been shortlisted in the categories of Distillery of the Year, Tourism Destination of the Year, and Single Malt Scotch - No Age Statement - Cask Strength; recognises the outstanding contribution of the distillery team and the support of customers around the world; further notes that the Scottish Whisky Awards are an independent competition judged by a distinguished panel of industry experts, which aims

to recognise excellence across Scotch whisky production, tourism, marketing, and business performance; and commends the Isle of Raasay Distillery for its role in promoting Scotland's greatest global product on the international stage.

1962 Celebrating Organic September

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **6**

Sarah Dyke
Jim Shannon
Cameron Thomas
Helen Maguire
Wera Hobhouse
Andrew George

That this House celebrates Organic September, an annual campaign led by the Soil Association to promote organic food, farming and sustainable living; recognises that organic farming avoids the use of synthetic pesticides and fertilisers, supports biodiversity and animal welfare, helping to protect public health and the environment; notes that this year's theme highlights the important connection between healthy soil and healthy food, as farming without artificial pesticides and fossil fuel derived fertilisers builds healthier soils capable of producing more nutritious crops; commends the Soil Association for its ongoing work to raise awareness of the benefits of organic farming and land use; and encourages consumers to support organic farmers and producers as part of creating a more sustainable food system.

1963 North Lanarkshire Provosts Awards 2025

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Katrina Murray
Jim Shannon

That this House commends the immense contribution of charities, groups and individuals to communities across North Lanarkshire as recognised by the North Lanarkshire Provosts Awards 2025, in particular the winners from Cumbernauld, Northern Corridor and Kilsyth areas; congratulates the Community Group winners, Linda Rice of Tony's Safe Place, Moodiesburn Community Action Group and Kilsyth Environmental Group, the Community Volunteer Award winners Iain MacKenzie, Justin Foy and Alan Stevenson, the Excellence Award winners Cumbernauld and Carbrain Community Hub, Cardowan Community Meadow and Kilsyth Civic Week, the recipients of the Special Achievement Awards Katie Fromings from the Craigieburn Community Garden, Gareth Jones of the Friendship Garden and Anne Miller of Kilsyth Senior Citizens; and notes that each winner has contributed to the vibrancy of community life, supporting the most vulnerable and enriching our environment.

1964 30th anniversary of the Indian Community Association of BracknellTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Peter Swallow****Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the 30th Anniversary of the Indian Community Association of Bracknell (ICAB); recognises the valuable role ICAB plays in building community across Bracknell Forest; celebrates the vibrant programme of regular sporting, social and cultural events put on by ICAB every year; and extends its warmest wishes for ICAB's ongoing success.

1965 UN International Year of Co-operativesTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **4****Jim McMahon****Jim Shannon****Kate Osborne****Andrew George**

That this House notes that the United Nations has designated 2025 as the International Year of Co-operatives in recognition of the economic and social impact of member-owned enterprises underpinned by shared ownership, democratic governance and mutual benefit; further notes the work of the International Co-operative Alliance in supporting around three million co-operatives worldwide; acknowledges the contribution of UK co-operative retail societies to local communities and national economic life, contributing an estimated £179.2 billion to the UK economy; and recognises the importance of efforts to grow and strengthen the UK co-operative sector in order to build a more sustainable, resilient and inclusive economy.

1968 Wonderland Bookshop and the promotion of reading for pleasure amongst children and young peopleTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Jo White****Shockat Adam**

That this House congratulates Wonderland Bookshop in Retford for being awarded Children's Bookseller of the Year in the British Book Awards; applauds their ambition of fostering a love of reading in children and young people; notes with concern that just one in three young people aged 8 to 18 said they enjoyed reading in their free time in 2025; further notes that reading for pleasure is associated with a range of benefits, including stronger writing skills, improved well-being and confidence, educational attainment, and increased social mobility; welcomes the launch of the National Year of Reading for 2026 which will bring together parents, schools, libraries, businesses, and the National Literacy Trust to reverse the decline in reading for pleasure; and calls on the Government to explore innovative measures to promote reading

for pleasure amongst young people including mobile libraries, author residencies, family engagement projects, and support for diverse and inclusive literature.

1972 Rainbow Muslim Women's Group

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Euan Stainbank
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Rainbow Muslim Women's Group on receiving £20,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund; notes that the grant will enable the group to deliver multiple sessions catering to the needs of elderly people, children, and women of all backgrounds in Falkirk; recognises the importance of inclusive and culturally sensitive community support; and commends the group's commitment to strengthening community cohesion.

1973 Racial Inclusion and Supporting Empowerment (RISE) Forth Valley SCIO

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Euan Stainbank
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Racial Inclusion and Supporting Empowerment (RISE) Forth Valley SCIO on securing £200,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund; notes that the grant will support a range of one-to-one and group support for families and individuals from ethnic minority backgrounds across Falkirk, Stirling, and Clackmannanshire; recognises the importance of tackling inequalities and supporting diverse communities; and commends RISE's ongoing work to promote empowerment and inclusion.

1974 Friends of the River Granta and the BBC Make a Difference Green Award

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Pippa Heylings
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Friends of the River Granta on receiving the Green Award at the BBC Radio Cambridgeshire Make a Difference Awards 2025; recognises the group's tireless efforts to protect and celebrate the River Granta, one of South Cambridgeshire constituency's most cherished natural assets; commends the organisation's commitment to conservation and community engagement, which has had a profound impact both on the local environment and on those who care deeply about it; acknowledges the importance of grassroots leadership in shaping national action on climate and nature; and celebrates Friends of the River Granta as an inspiring example of community-led environmental stewardship.

1975 Cherry Hinton Hub and the Make a Difference Community AwardTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Pippa Heylings****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Mo Child and all of the Cherry Hinton Hub team on winning the Community Award at the BBC Radio Cambridgeshire Make a Difference Awards ceremony held at The Junction; recognises the Hub's vital role in strengthening community ties and creating an inclusive, welcoming space for people across Cherry Hinton; welcomes the collective effort, funding and support from Cambridge City and Cambridgeshire County Council; notes the words of the Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Julie Spence, in praising the endurance, resilience and vision of the Hub team in delivering something of lasting importance for local residents; commends the support of St Andrew's Church for nominating the Hub for the Award; further celebrates the achievements of all those recognised on the evening, from campaigners for inclusivity in sport to those changing how we view nature, fundraisers and those supporting survivors of domestic abuse; and thanks BBC Radio Cambridgeshire for shining a light on the inspiring individuals and groups making a real difference in communities across the county.

1976 40th anniversary of Vine TrustTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Graeme Downie****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates The Vine Trust on its 40th anniversary year of 2025; remembers the beginnings of the organisation with the opening of a shop in Bo'ness as a response to the famine in Ethiopia; notes the incredible progress of the organisation to become an international development charity that works with long-term Peruvian and Tanzanian partners to strengthen health systems and implement construction projects in isolated and vulnerable communities in the Amazon and on Lake Victoria; realises that through their three ships, Forth Hope, Amazon Hope 2 and Jubilee Hope, they provide the only medical care in the remote areas in which they operate; believes The Vine Trust has bold and innovative plans for the future to encourage further volunteer work and deliver additional health care in areas of need; and thanks all of the staff and volunteers over the past 40 years for their incredible contributions.

1977 Jimmy Buchan and the Freedom of the City of LondonTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Seamus Logan****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Jimmy Buchan on being awarded the Freedom of the City of London in honour of his lifetime contribution to the seafood industry; notes that this follows his admittance as a Liveryman in the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers; notes also this

prestigious honour recognises Jimmy's decades of dedication to the seafood industry, from his early days at sea to his leadership in helping shape the future of the supply chain; applauds his passion for the seafood trade; and wishes Jimmy continued success as Chief Executive of the Scottish Seafood Association.

1978 Glenuig Inn and Scotland Loves Local Awards

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the Glenuig Community Inn on being shortlisted in the Most Enterprising Community category of the Scotland Loves Local Awards; notes that, after months of tireless effort, live music fundraising, late-night paperwork, and extraordinary community spirit, the group reached its optimum share offer target of £300,000 and, with support from the Scottish Land Fund, secured the purchase of the iconic Glenuig Inn; recognises that the awards, organised by Scotland's Towns Partnership, celebrate all that is great about the nation's towns and neighbourhoods, and the work to ensure they become stronger and more sustainable; further congratulates fellow finalists Ochiltree Community Hub in East Ayrshire and Peterhead Area Community Trust in Aberdeenshire; and wishes all shortlisted communities the very best when the winners are announced in October.

1979 Enduring friendship between Poland and Scotland

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **3**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Jim Shannon

Helen Maguire

That this House celebrates the centuries old friendship between Scotland and Poland; notes that the United Kingdom is the third most important trade partner for Poland while Britain is the sixth largest investor in Poland; celebrates the vibrant Polish communities now established in Scotland, whose contributions enrich Scottish society and help to revitalise towns and cities; and calls for renewed efforts to strengthen the historic ties between Scotland and Poland through educational, civic, and cultural partnerships in the years to come.

1980 Safety of British nationals aboard the Global Sumud FlotillaTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **4****Susan Murray****Mike Martin****Layla Moran****Andrew George**

That this House is deeply concerned for the safety of British nationals, including Margaret Pacetta and Malcolm Ducker, currently aboard the Global Sumud Flotilla carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza; notes that previous aid flotillas have been boarded and passengers detained; is alarmed by reports of further threats against the current mission; and calls on the Government urgently to confirm what steps are being taken to safeguard those on board, to raise their protection with Israeli authorities and to ensure that the food, medicine, and aid reach the population remaining in Gaza.

1981 George McLellandTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Richard Baker****Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises the achievements of George McLelland, recently retired, who first joined Methil Yard's workforce in 1973 as a 16-year-old apprentice plater; commends him for his remarkable near five decades-long career at the yard, first under the ownership of RDL North Sea and most recently Navantia UK; further commends him for his dedication to upholding trade union rights at the yard, originally through membership of the Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers, Shipwrights, Blacksmiths and Structural Workers (ASB) and later as a respected shop steward for the GMB; recognises his passion in protecting the world-class skills of Methil Yard's workforce to ensure those skills are passed to younger generations, benefitting the yard and surrounding Levenmouth communities; and wishes George good health and happiness in retirement.

1982 **Agriculture**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **18****Victoria Atkins****Robbie Moore****Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst****John Cooper****Greg Smith****Harriet Cross**

Jim Shannon

Sarah Bool

George Freeman

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Heather and Grass etc. Burning (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1000), dated 8 September 2025, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9 September, be annulled.

1983 **Jenny and Bill Anderson 12 years of service at Rannoch Station Tearoom**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Dave Doogan****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Jenny and Bill Anderson on their 12 years of running the Rannoch Station Tearoom in Highland Perthshire; commends the contribution they have made in welcoming visitors from across the world to this beautiful part of Scotland; recognises the tearoom's important role in the community; welcomes the news that current staff will take over running the tearoom, ensuring it remains in expert hands continuing to offer nourishment and hospitality to rail passengers on the Glasgow to Mallaig line and travellers venturing to the end of the road in this, the most westerly part of Perthshire; and wishes Jenny and Bill a long and happy retirement.

1984 **Insect decline and pesticide reduction**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **7****Freddie van Mierlo****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Cameron Thomas****Shockat Adam****Helen Maguire**

Andrew George

That this House notes with concern the ongoing decline in insect populations across the UK, which poses a serious threat to biodiversity, food security, and ecosystem health; recognises the efforts of local campaigns such as Nature Squared and Bee Friendly Henley, supported by Greener Henley, to promote pollinator-friendly practices and raise awareness of the impact of

pesticide use; is concerned by the damage that the use of pesticides containing neonicotinoids has on areas of wildlife, including the mobility of bees; and calls on the Government to build on the success of the National Pollinator Strategy by creating a complementary National Invertebrate Strategy.

1985 1st Step Development Ventures

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Euan Stainbank

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates 1st Step Development Ventures on receiving £18,507 from The National Lottery Community Fund; notes that the grant will support staffing of their community food pantry in Falkirk for a year; further notes that the organisation redistributes excess food from local businesses that would otherwise go to waste; recognises that the funding will enable it to continue supporting over 400 vulnerable people and families each week, as well as its team of more than 30 volunteers, many of whom are themselves vulnerable; highlights the dedication of those volunteers; and commends the organisation's vital role in tackling food insecurity and supporting communities across the Falkirk area.

1986 Cyrenians

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Euan Stainbank

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Cyrenians on securing £20,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund; notes that the funding will deliver a series of 10-week programmes for young people in Falkirk to reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing; recognises the importance of early intervention in supporting young people's mental health; and commends Cyrenians for their longstanding dedication to building resilient communities.

1987 Protecting palliative care at Arthur Rank Hospice

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **3**

Pippa Heylings

Jim Shannon

Helen Maguire

That this House expresses deep concern at the funding crisis threatening Arthur Rank Hospice in Great Shelford, Cambridgeshire and across the country; notes that Arthur Rank Hospice has received notice of funding cuts that will see a reduction of £829,000 from the NHS, risking the closure of nine of the hospice's 23 beds, a 40 per cent reduction in capacity; further notes that this would deny over 200 patients each year the chance to receive end-of-life care in a

community setting, instead placing additional pressure on already overstretched hospital wards; pays tribute to chief executive Sharon Allen and the hospice's dedicated staff and volunteers for their outstanding care and commitment; acknowledges that in just 24 hours more than 4,000 people signed a petition to protect these local hospice beds, showing overwhelming public support; and calls on the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to restore the funding deficit through the Integrated Care Board, to provide sustainable long-term funding, and to ensure that hospices remain central to the Government's new NHS 10 Year Plan to move from hospital to community-based care.

1988 Duncan Forbes Primary School and the Climate Action Challenge

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Duncan Forbes Primary School in Inverness on being named a winner in Scotland's Climate Week 2025 Climate Action Challenge; applauds the pupils, staff and wider school community for working together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through actions such as reducing energy waste, cutting food waste, taking up active travel, and repairing or swapping items rather than buying new; notes that schools aimed to achieve 2,030 Climate Action Points in recognition of the UN Sustainable Development Goals Target 2030, but that pupils across Scotland more than doubled this by reaching almost 5,000 points; recognises Duncan Forbes Primary's success in the Primary 4-S2 category, which has brought a £200 prize of renewable energy science education kits; commends the enthusiasm of Highland pupils in contributing to climate action; and celebrates the leadership shown by Duncan Forbes Primary in inspiring sustainable behaviours and environmental responsibility among young people across the Highlands.

1989 Calne Fair Trade

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **4**

Sarah Gibson
Dr Roz Savage
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse

That this House congratulates Calne Fair Trade on its work to promote fairness, sustainability and respect in global supply chains through initiatives such as the Brew It FAIR! tea party during Fairtrade Fortnight; recognises that fairness is a vital principle that should apply to the way supply chains are managed by big companies working abroad; notes that fair trade empowers farmers and producers by guaranteeing a fair price, protecting human rights, and safeguarding the environment in the communities where they live and work; believes that businesses are the principal engine of growth and prosperity in the UK and should work in partnership with government to provide stability and opportunity for investment, growth and employment; urges businesses in return to commit not only to skills, equality and good governance, but

also to protecting human rights and the environment throughout their operations and supply chains; calls on the Government to introduce a general duty of care for human rights and the environment in business operations, to require all large companies listed on UK stock exchanges to set and report on targets consistent with achieving net zero, and to regulate financial services so that investments are aligned with the Paris Agreement; and further calls on the Government to restore UK aid spending to at least 0.5% of Gross National Income with a clear roadmap back to 0.7%, ensuring that international development supports poverty reduction, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and genuine partnerships rooted in local needs and mutual respect.

1990 Protection of the Climate Change Act

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **6**

Pippa Heylings

Jim Shannon

Wera Hobhouse

Cameron Thomas

Helen Maguire

Andrew George

That this House condemns the Opposition's proposals to scrap the Climate Change Act 2008 and upend the scientific and political consensus on the need to tackle climate change; understands that meeting the UK's legally binding net zero target by 2050 is our best chance to limit warming to 1.5°C and avoid the worst climate impacts for future generations; is concerned by the worsening impacts of climate change in the UK, including heatwaves leading to more than 1,000 avoidable deaths this summer, escalating food prices due to one of the worst harvests on record, and the growing threat to nature from extreme heat, drought, flooding and rising sea temperatures; reasserts the importance of halving energy bills over a decade by breaking the link between volatile gas prices and electricity costs; further understands that reliance on fossil fuels makes the UK vulnerable to energy price shocks and despots like President Putin; recognises that the green economy is critical to the UK's economic success and is worth over £83 billion, employing nearly a million people, and growing three times faster than the economy as a whole; is deeply concerned by the damage to business, investment certainty and the UK's industrial future that the removal of the Climate Change Act 2008 would create; rejects the idea that keeping Britain dependent on imported fossil fuels is good for economic growth or reducing energy bills; and urges all political parties to support action to tackle climate change, restore nature and protect the planet for future generations.

1991 Celebrating Edinburgh Zoo's Wee WaddleTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **3****Christine Jardine****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse**

That this House celebrates the return of the popular daily penguin parade at Edinburgh Zoo under the new title of the Wee Waddle, when the resident Gentoo, Rockhopper and King Penguin colonies are able to explore the area outside their usual habitat on a specially designated walkway; commends the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland for its continued efforts in conservation, education and animal welfare; recognises the joy and educational value that experiences such as the Wee Waddle bring to visitors of all ages; and congratulates Edinburgh Zoo on yet another innovative way of engaging the public in the wonders of wildlife and the importance of protecting endangered species

1992 25th anniversary of the UN Women, Peace and Security agendaTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **5****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Cameron Thomas****Andrew George**

That this House celebrates the 25th anniversary of the United Nations' Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda; notes the WPS agenda, anchored in UN Security Council Resolution 1325, was groundbreaking in the way it recognised the need to increase the participation of women and incorporate gender perspectives in conflict prevention, peace building and security; recognises that more than 100 countries have adopted national action plans to implement Resolution 1325; commends that, in 2023, women were present in four out of five active UN-led or co-led negotiation processes; acknowledges the need for further female involvement in the peace process; understands that in 2023 women made up only five per cent of negotiators, nine per cent of mediators and 19 per cent of signatories to peace and ceasefire agreements; calls for continued work to increase women's participation in the conflict prevention and peacebuilding process; and thanks individuals and nations championing the United Nations' Women, Peace and Security agenda.

1993 Hallglen Knit N Natter GroupTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Euan Stainbank****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Hallglen Knit N Natter Group on receiving £8,860 from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that the grant will support their weekly community knitting group for a further year; recognises the positive social and wellbeing benefits such activities bring to participants; and commends the group for creating an inclusive and welcoming space in Hallglen.

1994 Dame Patricia RoutledgeTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Adam Jogee****Jim Shannon**

That this House acknowledges with sadness the death of the actress Dame Patricia Routledge on 3 October 2025 at the age of 96; extends its condolences to her family and friends; recognises her lifetime of service to the arts, culture, television and the stage; celebrates her most famous role as Hyacinth Bucket in the classic TV sitcom Keeping Up Appearances; remembers with clarity that Bucket was pronounced "bouquet"; and gives thanks for her contribution to the culture of the United Kingdom.

1995 Frozen tissue brain cancer treatmentTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Tonia Antoniazzi****Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises that malignant brain tumour prognosis remains dismal and that treatment has barely changed in the last 50 years; notes that many new innovative testing and treatment techniques make use of the biological information stored in tumour tissue samples; further notes that to remain usable for these techniques such tissue samples need to be fresh frozen at -80 degrees C rather than stored in paraffin wax which is the current norm; is concerned that the NHS currently has insufficient appropriate freezer capacity and this is a significant contributory factor to the NHS's ongoing failure to provide the NICE recommended whole genome sequencing for brain tumour patients in England; acknowledges that the lack of freezer capacity could be rectified for the relatively small sum of just a few hundred thousand pounds; supports an associated need for updated guidance to clinicians to ensure patients have the right to exercise informed consent as to how their tissue is stored and used; and calls on the Government to work with stakeholders to address the freezer capacity shortage and

develop a regime in which patients are equipped to give informed consent on matters relating to tissue storage.

1996 **Celebrating 25 years of Smithies Delicatessen and Gin Emporium**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Stephen Gethins

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Smithies Delicatessen and Gin Emporium on reaching its 25th anniversary; notes the vital role the Emporium has played in the Arbroath community by offering high-quality local produce, artisanal delicacies, and an exceptional selection of gins; recognises the dedication, passion, and hard work of the Smithies team in supporting local suppliers and creating a welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike; and wishes the Emporium continued success in the years ahead.

1997 **75th anniversary of The Castle Hotel, Taunton**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Gideon Amos

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates The Castle Hotel in Taunton on marking its 75th anniversary under the ownership of the Chapman family; recognises its longstanding contribution to Somerset's hospitality industry and to the cultural and economic life of Taunton; notes the role the Hotel has played in welcoming visitors to the county and in training and employing local people; and commends the Chapman family and staff for their dedication to preserving a Somerset landmark and for their continued commitment to excellence in hospitality.

1998 **Access to school and college transport for disabled young people**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **8**

Gideon Amos

Jim Shannon

Wera Hobhouse

Cameron Thomas

Shockat Adam

Helen Maguire

Andrew George

Sarah Green

That this House recognises that disabled young people often have to travel further than other pupils to get the right education or college place; notes that they are less likely than other pupils to travel to school or college independently; expresses concern that, as the law stands, a young person is expected to be in school or training until the age of 18, but once they turn

16 they lose their school or college transport even if they stay on at the same school and their needs have not changed; further notes that problems with school and college transport sometimes mean that some disabled young people are unable to learn or to complete their education and that parents have had to give up their jobs to transport their children to school; acknowledges that some councils offer discretionary transport; regrets that an increasing number of these councils are cutting funding for discretionary transport as they try to balance the books; calls on the Government to consider a review of the age-eligibility requirements for SEND transportation services; further calls on the Government to examine ways of reducing the pressures placed on local authorities by the costs of providing SEND home-to-school transport, while ensuring that the quality of transport provision and educational access is not diminished; and also calls on the Government to exempt SEND transportation services from the increase in National Insurance contributions to reduce the financial burden on local authorities and transport providers.

1999 **Lift Barton Hill Academy pupil leaders**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Steve Darling

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the newly elected pupil leaders at Lift Barton Hill Academy in Torquay, Gwen, Archie, Luna, Flossy, TJ, Faye, Emily, Adalyn, Ava, Robert, Jessie, Elsie, Rueben, Darcie, Billie-Mae, and Reilly; commends them for their commitments to the school rules of being ready, respectful and safe, and for their new role of listening to, understanding and supporting their fellow students through their leadership over the next academic year; and further commends school children across the UK for their dedication to kindness, inclusion and active participation in school life, which helps to build stronger and more compassionate communities for the future.

2000 **LinkLiving Limited**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Euan Stainbank

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates LinkLiving Limited on being awarded £84,074 from the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that the funding will support their programme for young people aged 16–19 across Falkirk and Fife, addressing mental health, resilience, and life skills; recognises the importance of supporting young people at this critical stage of life; and commends LinkLiving's work in empowering future generations.

2001 Protect our hospicesTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **9****Alison Bennett****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Cameron Thomas****Helen Maguire****Neil Duncan-Jordan**

Jess Brown-Fuller

Andrew George

Sarah Green

That this House celebrates hospices for providing essential, life changing care to hundreds of thousands of people across the country; notes that hospices receive just one third of their funding from the NHS and that a hit to charitable income can have a material impact on frontline services; regrets that 300 hospice inpatient beds are currently out of use due to lack of funding and staffing; further regrets that the Government's hike in National Insurance contributions costs hospices £34 million per year; further regrets that hospices endured a real terms decline in funding under the last government; expresses alarm that 40% of hospices are set to make cuts this year; believes that the current model of hospice provision is broken; further believes that a Cinderella service, with provision rationed according to the means of the community, is unacceptable in the 21st century; calls for an end to the postcode lottery of hospice care and funding to be allocated according to need, with ringfenced funding for children's hospices and annual uplifts to at least £30 million by the end of the Parliament; further calls for hospices to be immediately exempted from rises in National Insurance in April 2026; calls for a dedicated hospice workforce plan to end vacancies; and affirms that high quality end of life care should be a right not a privilege, and that no one should die in avoidable isolation, stress or discomfort.

2002 Project SeagrassTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **6****Ann Davies****Llinos Medi****Liz Saville Roberts****Ben Lake****Jim Shannon****Andrew George**

That this House commends the work of Project Seagrass, a charity actively working to safeguard seagrass in Caerfyrddin and beyond, dedicated to advancing the conservation of seagrass through education, influence, research and action; notes that seagrasses are flowering plants that live in the shallow, sheltered areas of our coast and support thousands of marine species, producing oxygen, storing carbon, stabilising our coastlines and keeping our oceans clean; highlights that since the late 19th century, it is estimated that one third of the world's seagrass meadows have disappeared; acknowledges that since 2013, Project Seagrass has been committed to science based solutions to the global challenges facing seagrass; further notes

that this work has led to the planting of over 2 million seagrass seeds by engaging over 3000 volunteers; and wishes Project Seagrass the very best with their important work protecting and restoring seagrass whilst supporting the continuation of sustainable human activities.

2003 **Councillor John McCabe**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Linsey Farnsworth
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the contributions of Amber Valley's longest-serving councillor John McCabe; acknowledges that he has been posthumously awarded the title of Freeman of the Borough, the Council's highest civic honour; further recognises his exceptional and lasting contribution to public life over four decades; and remembers him as a strong and dedicated voice for the people he served.

2004 **Renewable energy and coal**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **7**

Pippa Heylings
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse
Cameron Thomas
Helen Maguire
Jess Brown-Fuller

Andrew George

That this House celebrates reports that renewable energy has overtaken coal as the world's leading energy source for the first half of this year; notes that solar and wind power have met and outpaced new global energy demand, supporting economic growth and energy security; highlights that solar energy in particular was key to keeping up to new energy demands, especially in low-income countries where 58 per cent of solar energy was generated; welcomes reports from the International Energy Agency indicating that global renewable capacity could more than double by the end of the decade; and emphasises that the continued expansion of renewable energy is essential to tackling the climate crisis, promoting sustainable economic growth, and reducing household energy bills.

2005 Air Ambulance employees and the Ambulance Service (Emergency Duties) Long Service and Good Conduct MedalTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **5**

Liz Jarvis
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse
Helen Maguire
Jess Brown-Fuller

That this House notes with concern that employees of air ambulance charities, including paramedics, doctors, nurses, critical care practitioners, pilots, technicians, and those in leadership, training, or command roles with prior frontline service, are currently ineligible for the Ambulance Service (Emergency Duties) Long Service and Good Conduct Medal; further notes that these professionals undertake duties fully aligned with NHS emergency care, including responding to life-threatening incidents and delivering urgent and emergency patient care; believes that the exclusion of air ambulance personnel from this formal recognition fails to reflect the parity and value of their service; and calls on the Government to review eligibility for the Ambulance Service (Emergency Duties) Long Service and Good Conduct Medal with a view to extending recognition to appropriately qualified air ambulance staff.

2006 Thames Water in WiltshireTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **5**

Sarah Gibson
Layla Moran
Dr Roz Savage
Jim Shannon
Helen Maguire

That this House expresses deep concern at the continued mismanagement of Thames Water, whose failings have caused serious disruption to residents across Wiltshire and beyond; notes that leaks continue to worsen, bills continue to rise, and customers are left with poor communication and little accountability; condemns the payment of excessive executive bonuses while service levels and infrastructure performance decline; regrets that a third of Thames Water customers' bills are now spent on servicing the company's debt; further notes that Thames Water holds £23 billion of assets in urgent need of repair and has a debt pile of nearly £20 billion; also notes that the company's future is perilous after US private equity firm KKR pulled out of plans to purchase the company, leaving it in the hands of its creditors who have failed to manage the company's finances; welcomes reports that the Government has appointed insolvency advisers to prepare for a potential Special Administration regime; calls for Thames Water to be placed into Special Administration so that debt can be written down with a swift exit plan to put customers first and direct investment towards repairing infrastructure; supports a ban on water company boss bonuses until environmental standards met; further calls for the replacement of Ofwat with a new, capable, and independent regulator without

further delay; and urges the Government to act decisively to protect the 16 million customers who have been left to foot the bill for Thames Water's corporate and regulatory failures.

2007 **Electrifying the Midland Main Line**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Lisa Smart
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the significant benefits that electrifying the Midland Main Line would bring, including faster, smoother and quieter journeys, improved reliability, and increased capacity with more seats and more frequent services; notes that electrification would reduce operating costs for rolling stock, fuel and maintenance, while cutting noise and air pollution; further notes that modern electric trains produce significantly lower carbon emissions than diesel trains and utilise regenerative braking to enhance energy efficiency; believes that modernising the railway infrastructure to Sheffield as originally planned by the 2010–2015 Coalition Government would support progress towards the UK's net zero target, contribute to Derby's own zero carbon ambitions, and provide a credible alternative to private car use; expresses concern that the 2020 target for Midland Main Line electrification has been missed and that progress nationally is so slow it would take over two centuries to complete the rail network at the current rate; regrets that the Government's HS2 project has been severely curtailed, leaving the Midlands underserved; and calls on the Government to prioritise the electrification of the Midland Main Line to Sheffield without further delay in order to cut carbon emissions, improve capacity, and deliver better rail services for communities along the route.

2008 **International Credit Union Day**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **4**

Irene Campbell [R]
Jim Shannon
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Andrew George

That this House recognises the vital role that credit unions play in promoting financial stability, financial inclusion, resilience of local communities and ethical banking across the UK; celebrates International Credit Union day, held annually on the third Thursday of October as an opportunity to raise the awareness of the positive impact credit unions have on their communities; acknowledges their contribution to providing affordable, locally-based financial services, such as savings accounts and affordable loans, for everyone; considers that credit unions, as member-owned financial co-operatives, reinvest profits back into local communities, thereby bolstering local economic growth and inclusion; celebrates the growth of credit union membership in the UK, with over 2 million members and more than 350 credit unions, as understood; commends the work done by current and former members to promote credit unions; notes the calls for MPs and all public bodies to engage with the sector, and further notes the calls for continued support to ensure that credit unions thrive as a key pillar of the

UK's financial landscape, supporting the development and sustainability of the sector and helping to deliver tangible benefits to individuals and communities, including achieving the Government's commitment to double the size of the co-operative and mutuals sector and advance its financial inclusion strategy.

2009 30th Anniversary of the Torbay National Coastwatch Institution

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Steve Darling

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Torbay National Coastwatch Institution; pays tribute to its volunteers for their outstanding service in providing vital information on weather conditions, radio checks for yachtsmen and fishermen, and details of the sea state and tides for all those taking part in water sports and maritime activities; recognises that since the closure of the Brixham Coastguard in October 2014, the Torbay National Coastwatch Institution has continued to play an essential role in keeping watch over the bay, alerting HM Coastguard and directing rescue services when people are in difficulty; acknowledges the growing popularity of sailing, sea kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, wild swimming and coasteering, which make the work of the Institute more important than ever; and extends heartfelt thanks to all volunteers across the National Coastwatch Institution around the United Kingdom for their dedication, vigilance and selfless service in helping to protect everyone who works on or enjoys our coastal waters.

2010 Celebrating Neroche Primary School Choir

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Adam Dance

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the success of Neroche Primary School Choir; congratulates the small rural village school choir of children aged seven to eleven for a fantastic year of performance; recognises their inspiring passion, drive, commitment and talent; and wishes the choir all the best as they prepare to sing at Wells Cathedral this Christmas and as part of Young Voices at the O2 Arena in London.

2011 Tribute to Fiona HigginsonTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **3**

Adam Dance
Jim Shannon
Helen Maguire

That this House celebrates the life and career of Fiona Higginson, who served as the Matron of Yeovil District Hospital's (YDH) Emergency Department, who tragically passed away on 30 August 30; acknowledges her deep and abiding commitment to public service, demonstrated by her over 30 years of service at YDH; notes with admiration her exceptional compassion, kindness, and dedication, which were evident from her early work in elderly care medicine through to her leadership of the YDH Emergency Department; recognises that she led the Emergency Department with professionalism and good humour, consistently advocating for her patients and staff; and extends its deepest condolences to her family, friends, and the many colleagues she mentored and inspired.

2012 Digital IDTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **18**

Siân Berry
Zarah Sultana
Manuela Perteghella
Chris Law
Sorcha Eastwood
Shockat Adam

Robin Swann
Iqbal Mohamed
James McMurdock
Carla Denyer

Jim Shannon
Liz Jarvis
Andrew George

Ms Diane Abbott
Dave Doogan
Alex Easton

That this House strongly condemns the Government's plans to introduce a mandatory digital ID scheme; notes that after being used in World War 2 compulsory ID cards were abolished in 1952 because of the widespread sentiment that they are fundamentally at odds with British values and civil liberties; believes that sentiment was true then and is true today; further believes any mandatory ID scheme would fundamentally reverse the nature of citizens' relationship with the state and risk turning Britain into a checkpoint society; is deeply concerned such a scheme would usher in a new era of mass surveillance that would enable a range of other privacy violations, put vast troves of sensitive personal data at high risk of cyberattacks and data breaches and contribute to the digital exclusion of marginalised groups; further notes that a majority of the UK public do not trust the Government to keep digital ID data secure; and calls on the Government to scrap their compulsory ID card proposals.

2013 Drumchapel citizens advice bureauTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Patricia Ferguson****Jim Shannon**

That this House commends Drumchapel Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) for the crucial services it provides to residents in the north west of Glasgow; notes that the CAB, based in Glasgow West, was founded in 1963 to help those living in the G1 to G15 areas by providing free, confidential and impartial advice on issues like housing, benefits, employment, debt, consumer and tax issues; further notes that the bureau provides vital advocacy services through partnership working with key service providers such as local housing associations, the NHS, and government agencies, as well as utilising the lived experience of clients to help shape government policy and influence public service decision makers; understands that the service recently held its AGM at which it published its Annual Report 2024-2025, recording another busy and successful year; recognises that during the year Drumchapel CAB helped over 3,000 clients, assisting with more than 13,000 individual cases, which contributed to over £3.7million in financial gains for clients; commends their recent campaign to recruit and train volunteer interpreters, as well as their wider work engaging with ethnic minority local community groups, universities, and the Scottish Refugee Council, ensuring their service is accessible to all those in need; applauds their campaigning over the year which saw them work collaboratively with the Citizen Advice Scotland network; thanks the whole Drumchapel CAB team, which comprises of both paid staff and over fifty volunteers, for their dedication to supporting the people of Glasgow; and wishes Drumchapel Citizens Advice Bureau continued success for the future.

2014 A Moment for MusicTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **3****Patricia Ferguson****Jim Shannon****Martin Rhodes**

That this House commends the recent launch of A Moment for Music, a monthly music group for people living with dementia; understands that A Moment for Music runs monthly sessions on the first Friday of every month, hosted in Gartnavel Royal Hospital in Glasgow West; notes that the group offers free, interactive music sessions for people living with dementia and their carers, including group singing and group instrument playing; further notes that A Moment for Music's work helps to build an important sense of community and bring people together to share experiences and create friendships during what can be a lonely experience; recognises the important role music can play for those struggling with dementia, particularly by helping to trigger memories and emotions; acknowledges that groups like A Moment for Music help to enhance the emotional well-being, social experience and cognitive function of dementia sufferers; and thanks Common Wheel for their role in organising the group, and in particular, Stuart Cromarty for delivering the music sessions.

2015 Logan Grimes 2025 Lord Provost's Poetry Prize winnerTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Patricia Ferguson****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Logan Grimes on winning the Glasgow City Council Lord Provost's Poetry Prize 2025, an annual poetry competition which celebrates the literacy talent of young people across the city; understands that Logan is a former pupil at St Clare's Primary School, Drumchapel and currently attends St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, Jordanhill, both within Glasgow West constituency; recognises that the competition invited Primary 7 pupils in schools across Glasgow to write poems sharing their experiences and perspectives of Glasgow, with this year's theme, Glasgow, my city experiences, reflecting the city's 850th anniversary; notes that over seven hundred poems were received and judged by the Lord Provost, the city's poet laureate Jim Carruth, and senior officers from Education Scotland; further notes that Logan's poem stood out for its creativity, use of Scots language, and vivid portrayal of life in Glasgow; commends Logan on this impressive achievement and congratulates the other four finalists on their success in the competition as well as all those who submitted an entry to the competition, with judges noting the creativity and passion displayed by all of the young people who took part; and thanks the Lord Provost of Glasgow for hosting the poetry competition which developed literacy skills and encouraged imagination across the city.

2016 Harrogate Hospital & Community CharityTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **3****Tom Gordon****Jim Shannon****Helen Maguire**

That this House congratulates Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity (HHCC) on its 30th birthday, marking three decades of dedicated services to the staff, patients and families of Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (HDNHSFT); recognises the work of the charity to enhance equipment and facilities across HDNHSFT above NHS funding and enhance staff wellbeing; notes the considerable contribution the charity has made to the hospital including the provision improvements to ward facilities, staff care packages and patient experiences such as visits from Father Christmas; commends the commitment and leadership of the HHCC leadership team, whose dedication has seen the charity grow year-on-year for the last three decades; acknowledges the introduction of its Great Start in Life Foundation that focuses on providing specialist equipment, training and services that go above and beyond the current service provision for children aged 0 to 19; further notes the far-reaching impact of the Foundation on children across the North of England; pays tribute to the tireless efforts of the charity's dedicated staff, volunteers and supporters, whose invaluable work has helped improve the experiences of those working for, and accessing HDNHSFT services; and warmly thanks the charity for its dedication and wishes the team a very happy birthday.

2017 25th anniversary of the death of the Right Honourable Donald DewarTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Patricia Ferguson****Jim Shannon**

That this House acknowledges the 25th anniversary of the death of the Right Honourable Donald Dewar, Scotland's first First Minister; notes that Donald was first elected to Parliament in 1966 as the MP for Aberdeen South, representing the area until 1970; further notes that he returned to Westminster in 1978, winning a by-election in the Glasgow Garscadden constituency, in his home city, and holding the seat at four subsequent general elections, and winning the successor Glasgow Anniesland constituency in the 1997 general election; recognises that during his Westminster parliamentary career he served on the Scottish Affairs Committee, including as Chair, before being promoted into Labour's Shadow Cabinet as the Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland, then Social Security, and finally Chief Whip; further recognises that in 1997 Donald was appointed as Secretary of State for Scotland, in which role he was regarded as the 'Architect of Devolution', credited for his leadership in delivering a 'Yes' vote in the 1997 Scottish devolution referendum, and steering through parliament the Scotland Act 1998, establishing the Scottish Parliament; acknowledges that Donald led Scottish Labour's winning 1999 Scottish Parliament election campaign, which saw him elected to represent the Glasgow Anniesland constituency; celebrates his election by the Scottish Parliament on the 13 May 1999 as Scotland's first First Minister; regrets his untimely passing on the 11 October 2000; and honours Donald Dewar's life, his distinguished parliamentary career spanning 26 years, and all that he achieved for Scotland, earning him the title Father of the Nation.

2018 Olivia Smart and the future of tennis in FalkirkTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Euan Stainbank****Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates Olivia Smart from Falkirk, who is on the verge of completing her Level 4 tennis coaching qualification and is Scotland's youngest Level 3 qualified tennis coach; commends her work through Olivia Smart Tennis Coaching at Dollar Park, which is inspiring a new generation of players; applauds the success of the Park Tennis Project, funded by the UK Government and the LTA Tennis Foundation, in revitalising community courts; recognises Olivia's contribution as a young entrepreneur promoting sport, health and opportunity across Central Scotland; and calls for continued investment in grassroots tennis, including ensuring that the proposed Falkirk Sports Hub delivers covered, multisport tennis facilities to secure the long-term future of local tennis.

2019 Brenda WilshawTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Adam Jogee****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes with sadness the death of 83 year old Brenda Wilshaw on Sunday 21 September 2025; acknowledges Brenda's more than 35 years as a member of staff at the Borough Arms Hotel in Newcastle-under-Lyme; appreciates that this was primarily focused on the restaurant floor serving breakfast, lunch and dinner to local people and visitors from afar; commends the management at the Borough Arms Hotel for announcing their intention to name its king deluxe room in Brenda's honour; recognises Brenda's popularity with local people and visitors alike and her commitment and consideration to everyone she served and looked after; and extends its condolences to Brenda's family, the staff at the Borough Arms Hotel and to the wider Newcastle-under-Lyme community.

2020 Belfast City Council's Irish language policyTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Jim Allister****Jim Shannon**

That this House deplores the partisan and divisive Irish language policy imposed by Belfast City Council; is concerned about the divisive and political use of the Irish language within Northern Ireland; notes that the Belfast Agreement (page 19 Art 4) recognises that the use of Irish language should be consistent with the level of demand from local residents; further notes that streets in which demand for Irish language signage is as low as 15 per cent have been given signage in Irish; and regrets that public buildings and facilities in unionist areas are being rebranded with dual signage and that employees are to be forced to wear Irish-branded staff uniforms without consent.

2021 National inquiry into group-based child sexual exploitation and abuseTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **5****Rupert Lowe****Mr Peter Bedford****Jim Shannon****Ms Marie Rimmer****Alex Easton**

That this House expresses its deep concern at the continued lack of visible progress in establishing the National Inquiry into Group-Based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, announced by the Government in June 2025; notes that, four months later, no Chair has been appointed, no Terms of Reference have been published, and no hearings or local investigations have begun; further notes that victims and survivors have waited decades for answers,

justice, and accountability while government departments and local agencies continue to evade scrutiny; calls on the Home Secretary to publish without delay a full update on (a) the appointment process for the Chair, (b) the Inquiry's budget, staffing and timeline and (c) the mechanisms for survivor engagement; and urges the Government to ensure the Inquiry is established under the Inquiries Act 2005 with full statutory powers to compel evidence from public officials, police forces and local authorities so that truth and justice are finally delivered for the victims of rape gangs nationwide.

2022 **Durham University - University of the Year in The Times Good University Guide 2026**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Durham University on being named The Times and The Sunday Times University of the Year 2026, as well as University of the Year in the North and Northeast 2026; notes that Durham has climbed to third place nationally, up from fifth last year, and has entered the top three for the first time in 24 years; further notes that this recognition reflects Durham's strengths in teaching and research, student satisfaction and graduate outcomes, and its position as joint runner-up for Graduate Employment; acknowledges the comments of the Guide's editors highlighting Durham's stellar academic performance and improvements in teaching quality and student experience; recognises the University's commitment to widening participation, including through generous bursaries and scholarships that support under-represented students from Durham and the wider region; and further congratulates all staff and students at Durham University on this achievement and wishes them continued success in the future.

2025 **London Underground cleaners**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **12**

Apsana Begum
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Barry Gardiner
John McDonnell
Ms Diane Abbott
Margaret Mullane

Jim Shannon
Brian Leishman

Kim Johnson
Lorraine Beavers

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House supports the campaign by outsourced cleaners on London Underground to be employed in-house; agrees with the Mayor that these cleaners saved lives during the pandemic; notes that ABM's contract is due to end in March 2026; further notes with concern RMT's warning that the Mayor of London may have been misled by TfL into believing that re-tendering

was now the only option open to him; also notes with further concern that if the contract is re-tendered these cleaners face five more years being overworked, denied sick pay and facing poverty in retirement; welcomes the legal advice from Michael Ford KC which indicates that the Mayor can further extend the existing contract to allow for TfL to make preparations to run the service in-house; and calls on the Mayor to direct TfL to extend the contract, cancel the re-tender and commit to running the service in-house once the extension ends.

2026 Proposed changes to STV News and STV North News at 6

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Torcuil Crichton
Jim Shannon

That this House regrets the announcement by STV that it intends to axe STV North's regular evening news programming with subsequent job losses across the Grampian, Angus and Highland and Islands area; notes that democratic accountability is increasingly threatened by diminishing news resources; further notes the proposals to reduce staffing across the organisation and calls on the company to engage meaningfully with trade unions and staff over the plans; calls on the regulator Ofcom to conduct an immediate review on how the company is meeting regional broadcast licence obligations to provide news coverage for distinct areas of Scotland; and further calls on the Scottish Affairs and Culture, Media and Sport Select Committees to hold rapid investigations into news broadcasting coverage in Scotland.

2027 Flood Action Week 2025

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **11**

Sarah Dyke
Brian Mathew
Dr Roz Savage
Tom Gordon
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon

Cameron Thomas
Alex Brewer

Helen Maguire
Andrew George

Jess Brown-Fuller

That this House notes the importance of Flood Action Week, the Environment Agency's annual campaign encouraging individuals and communities to prepare for flooding by raising awareness of risks and offering guidance on staying safe; acknowledges that this year's campaign, running from 13 to 19 October, coincides with the second anniversary of Storm Babet; recognises that, since then, communities including those in Somerset have endured repeated flooding from Storms Henk, Bert and Eowyn; highlights the campaign's value in urging people to check flood risk, sign up for warnings, prepare emergency plans and take vital steps such as knowing how to turn off utilities and never walking or driving through flood water; regrets the recent withdrawal notice issued by the Environment Agency concerning the cessation of

maintenance on Somerset's designated Main Rivers, weakening local flood resilience; welcomes the Government's £2.4 billion commitment to flood defences for 2024-25 and 2025-26, but urges that funding be extended and ring-fenced beyond this period to ensure long-term preparedness; recognises the vital role of farmers and landowners in natural flood management by storing water and slowing the flow to prevent downstream flooding; and calls on the Government to review the qualifying criteria for the Farming Recovery Fund so it better reflects the realities faced by rural communities and farmers living with the consequences of flooding.

2028 Digital ID cards and surveillance

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **4**

Carla Lockhart

Rupert Lowe

Jim Shannon

Jim Allister

That this House rejects proposals to introduce mandatory digital identification (ID) cards across the UK; notes with concern that such measures are being falsely presented as a solution to illegal immigration, despite no credible evidence that digital ID schemes prevent unlawful entry or stop people trafficking; further notes that illegal immigration is primarily a border and enforcement issue that will not be resolved by increased monitoring of law-abiding citizens; believes that digital ID systems risk creating a presumption of suspicion against the entire population while doing little to deter those acting outside the law; recalls that previous attempts to impose ID cards in the UK were abandoned due to widespread public opposition and fundamental civil liberty concerns; and calls on the Government to rule out the introduction of digital ID in any part of the United Kingdom, ensuring that Northern Ireland is not treated differently, and that the rights to privacy and freedom remain equal across all four nations.

2029 St George's School in Semington

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Brian Mathew

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates St George's Church of England School in Semington for achieving a 100% SAT pass rate in reading, writing and maths; notes that these results put the school above the national average of 62% of students passing all three subjects; commends the students for their hard work and determination; wishes them good luck with the rest of their time at St George's; and pays tribute to headteacher Emma Hembury and all the other staff for their excellent work in guiding students through the examinations.

2030 50th anniversary of Bexley Women's AidTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Daniel Francis****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Bexley Women's Aid on its 50th anniversary; recognises the important work that the staff and volunteers do to support and empower women and children experiencing domestic abuse; acknowledges the hundreds of women and children that have been supported in the last 50 years; recognises that Bexley Women's Aid offer refuge accommodation, outreach support, a helpline, group programmes and an education and prevention service; pays tribute to all staff, trustees and volunteers for their dedication and commitment; recognises all funders, supporters and donors; and wishes Bexley Women's Aid every success for the future.

2031 Dr Anjana KhatwaTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Vikki Slade****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Dr Anjana Khatwa on the publication of her book *Whispers of Rock*, which effortlessly entwines the history of planet earth through its geology and the stories of the indigenous people whose culture is embedded in them; acknowledges her work in educating young people and the wider community as an earth scientist, through the Jurassic Coast Trust and the Open University; thanks her for sharing her love of geology with small communities like Corfe Mullen; recognises the impact that she has had through her work with the Dorset Race Equality Council in making our natural world more accessible to diverse communities here in the UK; commends her efforts to bring forward a greater understanding of the lives and culture of first nations people around the world; and wishes her the very best as she continues her mission to engage and educate as she showcases her book around the world.

2032 Anniversary of the Battle of Cable StreetTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **8****Apsana Begum****Bell Ribeiro-Addy****Steve Witherden****Kim Johnson****Richard Burgon****John McDonnell**

Jim Shannon

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House marks the 89th anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street when on 4 October 1936, Oswald Mosley and members of the British Union of Fascists were blocked from marching

through East London by the Jewish community, trade unionists, socialists and others; recognises the continuing importance of the Battle of Cable Street in inspiring communities uniting together in solidarity in the fight against the far right; pays tribute to the rich cultural and political history of the Jewish community in East London; and reaffirms its commitment to the fight against racism, fascism and antisemitism.

2033 Dyslexia Awareness Week

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **8**

Adam Dance
Alex Brewer
Jim Shannon
Cameron Thomas
Wera Hobhouse
Helen Maguire

Jess Brown-Fuller

Andrew George

That this House celebrates dyslexia awareness week from 6 to 10 October 2025; notes that the theme of this year's dyslexia awareness week is raise the volume, focusing on the voices of young people with dyslexia and their stories, challenges, and successes; notes with concern that too many dyslexic people feel misunderstood, overlooked, and singled out, describing their dyslexia as a something to be hidden, a sign they are not clever, and a source of bullying; recognises that the Government's forthcoming Special Educational Needs and Disability reforms represent a real opportunity to fix education with young people; and urges the Government to give young people with dyslexia the fair start they deserve by making education more inclusive and accessible.

2034 Leeds Stand Up To Racism's event

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **15**

Richard Burgon
Apsana Begum
Ms Diane Abbott
Imran Hussain
Kim Johnson
Brian Leishman

Jim Shannon

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House congratulates Leeds Stand Up To Racism for organising a vibrant and inspiring 3,000 strong, women-led anti-racist event in Leeds City Centre on Saturday 11 October backed by trade unions, trades councils, political parties, student societies, community organisations and campaign groups in opposition to racism and the far right and their scapegoating of

migrants and minorities; and welcomes this successful and positive event as part of Leeds' long and proud history of anti-racism and community organising against the far right.

2035 **Castlemilk Youth Complex**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Gordon McKee

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the achievements of Castlemilk Youth Complex's cycling programmes which make use of the fantastic facilities on Cathkin Braes; acknowledges the starring role of Castlemilk's young people in Aimi Kenyon's movie Urban Delights; and congratulates Castlemilk Youth Complex on encouraging young women to participate in the sport.

2036 **65th Anniversary of St. Columbanus' College**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Alex Easton

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates St. Columbanus' College, Bangor, on reaching its 65th anniversary; recognises the College's outstanding contribution to education and the local community since its founding; pays tribute to the dedication of its past and present staff, pupils, and families who have helped shape the school's proud legacy; notes the celebration event marking this special milestone; and encourages as many current students, families, alumni, and former staff as possible to attend and join together in celebrating 65 wonderful years of St. Columbanus' College.

2038 **Dentists in Hazel Grove constituency**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **3**

Lisa Smart

Jim Shannon

Helen Maguire

That this House expresses deep concern over the crisis of NHS dentistry in Hazel Grove constituency; notes with alarm that a recent health survey of local residents found that 46.4 per cent were not registered with an NHS dentist, and 44 per cent had been forced to pay for private treatment because they could not access NHS care; further notes that around 10 per cent of residents surveyed reported that they were neither registered with an NHS dentist nor paying for private care, suggesting that they are going without dental treatment altogether; highlights that in Romiley the last NHS dentist closed more than two years ago, leaving large parts of the constituency without local access to NHS provision; believes this situation is unacceptable

and risks worsening health inequalities, particularly during a cost-of-living crisis; calls on the Government to urgently reform the broken NHS dental contract, incentivise dentists to provide NHS services locally, and ensure flexible commissioning so that residents can access timely care; and urges Ministers to act further and faster to tackle the emergence of dental deserts so that every constituent can access an NHS dentist when they need one.

2039 50 Years of the Linlithgow Union Canal Society

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Kirsteen Sullivan

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the Linlithgow Union Canal Society (LUCS) on its 50th anniversary, marking five decades of dedicated service to the restoration, preservation, and celebration of Scotland's canal heritage; commends the efforts of LUCS to rally local support to revive the rundown Union Canal; praises the Society's efforts in acquiring boats, clearing blockages, and participating in community events such as the Linlithgow Marches and the Drambuie Canal Marathon; recognises LUCS's role in enhancing public engagement through the development of facilities including a museum, tearoom, education centre, and boating slipways; and acknowledges the importance of LUCS in preserving local history and strengthening civic pride.

2040 Black Scottish Awards 2025

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Kirsteen Sullivan

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the West Lothian African Women's Network on winning the community organisation of the year at the Black Scottish Awards 2025; recognises the Network's outstanding contribution to community cohesion, empowerment, and support for African and Black women across West Lothian; commends the leadership of its founder Eunice Simpson as a tireless advocate and organiser; congratulates Eunice Simpson on being awarded the outstanding contribution to the Black community award; acknowledges the vital role played by community leaders, volunteers, and businesses in supporting the Network's mission; and celebrates this achievement as a proud moment for West Lothian and a testament to the power of grassroots leadership in building inclusive and resilient communities.

2041 Service of Union for Bo'ness Parish ChurchTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **2****Kirsteen Sullivan****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates the congregations of Bo'ness Old Kirk and St Andrew's Parish Church on the occasion of their Service of Union; celebrates the joining together of both congregations to form the new Bo'ness Parish Church; thanks all who joined the service; celebrates the spirit of unity and hope for the future as the new congregation; expresses gratitude to Derek, Moderator of The Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale, for leading the service; acknowledges the support, encouragement, and goodwill of those who serve the community; and wishes Bo'ness Parish Church all the very best as it embarks on this new chapter.

2042 Extinction of the slender-billed curlewTabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **5****Chris Hinchliff [R]****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Jim Shannon****Andrew George****Robin Swann**

That this House notes with deep sadness the confirmed extinction of the Slender-Billed Curlew, the first recorded extinction of a mainland bird species from mainland Europe, North Africa and West Asia; acknowledges the likely causes of its decline, including the drainage of bog and wetland breeding grounds, loss of coastal feeding habitats, hunting and other environmental pressures; recognises that the Eurasian Curlew, commonly known as the Curlew, now faces similar threats from habitat loss, agricultural intensification and climate change; further notes that the UK holds around a quarter of the global breeding population of Curlews, placing a particular responsibility on the UK to ensure their survival; and therefore calls on the Government to support and strengthen measures for Curlew conservation, including habitat restoration and protection, nature-friendly farming schemes, the prevention of inappropriate afforestation in breeding areas, and the safeguarding and sustainable management of coastal wetlands to secure the future of this iconic species.