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## Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 15 October 2025

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### New EDMs

2057 **Recognising Pathways CIC in Crewe**

Tabled: **15/10/25** Signatories: **1**

**Connor Naismith**

That this House recognises the exceptional achievement of Pathways CIC in Crewe in being awarded a Princess Royal Training Award by the City and Guilds Foundation; and congratulates its employers who have created outstanding training and skills development programmes which have resulted in exceptional organisational benefits.

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2058 **Climate adaptation**

Tabled: **15/10/25** Signatories: **1**

**Adrian Ramsay**

That this House notes the Climate Change Committee's (CCC) assessment that the UK is not yet adapted for the changes in weather and climate that we are living with today, let alone those that are expected over coming decades; further notes the Joint Intelligence Committee's warning that climate breakdown poses a severe national security threat; is concerned that one in six homes in England and one third of railway and road miles are now at risk of flooding, and that an extra 30,000 deaths a year from extreme heat in England and Wales are expected by the 2070s; regrets that the Government has not yet introduced measurable or time-bound adaptation targets or delivered concrete actions, such as a heat strategy or a maximum safe temperature for workplaces; highlights that failing to invest now in making our economy,

communities, housing, public services and infrastructure climate resilient will cost more in the long term and threatens lives, as well as jobs and the security of our food, water and energy supplies; urges the Government to therefore immediately adopt the CCC recommendation to prepare the country for the weather extremes that will be experienced if global warming levels reach 2°C above preindustrial levels by 2050; and further urges the Government to introduce a new sixth mission to protect the public against the growing climate threat, alongside a National Climate Resilience Plan to ensure preparedness is fully integrated into all sectors, including housing, transport, and infrastructure.

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**2059 35 years of Macmillan Cancer Support's Coffee Morning**

Tabled: 15/10/25 Signatories: 1

**Helen Maguire**

That this House celebrates the 35th anniversary of Macmillan Cancer Support's Coffee Morning, one of the UK's longest-running and most successful fundraising campaigns; recognises the incredible contribution of communities, workplaces and volunteers across the country who have come together over the years to raise millions to support people living with cancer; commends Macmillan Cancer Support for its tireless work to improve cancer care, reduce inequalities in access to treatment, and provide vital financial, emotional and practical support to patients and their families; notes Macmillan's continuing efforts to ensure that everyone living with cancer receives personalised care and the right support at the right time; further acknowledges the importance of sustained investment in the cancer workforce, early diagnosis, and integrated support services; and looks forward to the publication of the Government's forthcoming National Cancer Strategy, ensuring that it delivers measurable progress in outcomes, workforce planning and patient experience.

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**2060 Strathcarron Hospice**

Tabled: 15/10/25 Signatories: 1

**Euan Stainbank**

That this House congratulates Strathcarron Hospice on receiving £167,547 from The National Lottery Community Fund; notes that the funding will enable the expansion of its Compassionate Communities project in Slamannan and Bainsford Langlees, with wider work across Falkirk and Forth Valley; recognises the outstanding contribution of Strathcarron Hospice to palliative and community care; and commends its dedication to dignity and compassion.

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**2061 Corngreaves Academy**Tabled: **15/10/25** Signatories: **1****Alex Ballinger**

That this House recognises Corngreaves Academy for achieving three national awards; commends them for being recognised as a Silver Skills Builder for enhancing essential skills and optimising academic performance; further commends their new pedigree as a Silver Rights Respecting School for improving wellbeing and promoting civic engagement amongst children and young people; recognises their achievement in obtaining the OPAL Platinum in their efforts to enhance children's outdoor play exercises; and commends Head Teacher Jo Robinson, her fellow teachers, the staff and the students of Corngreaves for their tireless endeavour towards academic rigor and excellence.

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**2062 50th anniversary of Drumchapel Community Credit Union**Tabled: **15/10/25** Signatories: **1****Patricia Ferguson**

That this House congratulates Drumchapel Community Credit Union in Glasgow West constituency on its 50th anniversary; understands that the Credit Union's golden anniversary was in 2020, but Covid restrictions delayed celebrations; notes that in its 55th anniversary year, the Lord Provost of Glasgow will host a civic reception in Glasgow City Chambers in recognition of over half a century of Drumchapel Community Credit Union; commends the forethought and dedication of the late Bert Mullen who founded the Credit Union in 1970; further notes that Drumchapel Community Credit Union was the first credit union in Scotland; also notes that the non-profit financial cooperative provides members across Glasgow with access to affordable loans and savings; acknowledges the important role the Credit Union plays in providing members with financial knowledge and freedom and promoting financial inclusion; thanks all the staff and volunteers whose hard work ensures the effective operation of the Credit Union; and wishes Drumchapel Community Credit Union and its members a long and successful future.

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**2063 Elon Musk at the Unite the Kingdom rally**Tabled: **15/10/25** Signatories: **2****Ed Davey****Dr Roz Savage**

That this House notes with grave concern the actions of Elon Musk in inciting violence and attempting to subvert our democracy at Tommy Robinson's Unite the Kingdom rally; further notes that such actions risk legitimising extremism, undermining community cohesion and threatening public safety; believes that individuals who enable or encourage divisive and inflammatory activity should be held to account for their conduct; further believes that all individuals who use their platforms to spread or endorse harmful and divisive content should be held to account; recognises that no person, regardless of wealth or power, should be allowed to

use their platform to inflame tensions or incite violence; and therefore demands that Elon Musk be summoned to appear at the Bar of the House of Commons to be reprimanded and publicly admonished for his conduct.

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## 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.

1890 **Independence of Healthwatch England**

Tabled: **10/09/25** Signatories: **31**

**Jess Brown-Fuller**

**Helen Morgan**

**Alison Bennett**

**Dr Danny Chambers**

**Tom Gordon**

**Claire Young**

Adrian Ramsay

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

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**1895 Fertility funding access for LGBTQIA+ people**

Tabled: 11/09/25 Signatories: 19

**Tom Gordon**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Siân Berry**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Steve Darling**

That this House notes the barriers to fertility treatment faced by LGBTQIA+ couples struggling to conceive, particularly in relation to access to fertility funding despite the 2022 Women's Health Strategy for England promising to improve access; further notes that most Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) expect female same sex couples to complete between 6 and 12 self-funded rounds of intrauterine insemination (IUI) before accessing the NHS treatment pathway; acknowledges that this creates inequality of access with IUI treatment costing up to £25,000; and calls on the Government to ensure that all members of the LGBTQIA+ community are provided with fair and equal access to fertility treatment.

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**1897 Winnersh Film Studios**

Tabled: 11/09/25 Signatories: 8

**Clive Jones**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Charlotte Cane**

**Mr Lee Dillon**

That this House welcomes the news that Winnersh Film Studios in Wokingham constituency has been acquired with the intention of being re-opened; recognises the strong contribution made to the economy both nationally and in Berkshire by the film and television industry; notes that the number of studios across Berkshire cements the Royal County's role as the Hollywood of the UK; commends SCIO Capital for taking on this site and saving it from demolition; and agrees with Terry Winter that the Winnersh location presents opportunities for film production beyond the studio because of its picturesque atmosphere.

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1928 **The Chilterns National Landscape boundary review**

Tabled: 16/09/25 Signatories: 12

**Freddie van Mierlo****Sarah Dyke****Adam Dance****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Charlotte Cane****Daisy Cooper**

Tessa Munt

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House notes with concern the decision to cancel the Chilterns Boundary Review; acknowledges the Government's commitments to biodiversity, landscape protection and access to nature; recognises that Protected Landscapes, National Parks and National Landscapes, are critical in delivering those aims; further notes that the Government risks failing to achieve their commitment to protect 30 per cent of land for nature by 2030 without more resources and funding for these public bodies; regrets the real-terms reductions in core funding for National Parks and National Landscapes in recent years; notes the Government's announcement in December 2024 of plans to improve the powers of Protected Landscapes, but regrets the lack of detail and timetable since; and urges the Government to urgently revisit the decision to cancel the Chilterns Boundary Review, set out a clear plan and timetable to strengthen the statutory duties and powers of Protected Landscapes to drive nature recovery and improve access, increase funding for National Parks and National Landscapes and align future environmental land management schemes, including the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme, with the delivery of the 30x30 pledge and nature's recovery in Protected Landscapes, working in partnership with local communities and land managers.

1930 **Emma Kennedy**

Tabled: 16/09/25 Signatories: 7

**Dr Roz Savage****Charlotte Cane****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Clive Jones****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon**

Sarah Dyke

That this House congratulates Emma Kennedy, Nurse Manager at Hilary Cottage Surgery in Fairford, on being awarded the prestigious title of Queen's Nurse by The Queen's Nursing Institute; recognises her 19 years of dedicated service at Hilary Cottage Surgery, where she manages an amazing team of nurses and pharmacists; further acknowledges her role as Registered Manager of Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities Nursing Team, a local charity founded by her mother, providing invaluable end-of-life care to residents; notes her contributions to the wider nursing community, including mentoring and coaching practice

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nurses across Gloucestershire; celebrates her commitment to excellence, leadership, and compassionate patient care in both general practice and community nursing; and calls on local communities and healthcare organisations to recognise and support the vital work of nurses who make a profound difference every day.

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**1932 80 years of the Moomins**

Tabled: **16/09/25** Signatories: **18**

**Steve Darling**

**Wendy Chamberlain**

**Charlotte Cane**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Jess Brown-Fuller**

**Sarah Gibson**

Claire Young

That this House celebrates the 80th anniversary of the first Moomin book, *The Moomins and the Great Flood*, written by Tove Jansson in 1945; notes that the story, written during the Second World War, reflects the experience of families seeking safety and belonging, themes which remain relevant today; recognises the Moominhouse as a symbol of welcome and security that has inspired generations; acknowledges the enduring cultural significance of the Moomins, whose stories of kindness, acceptance and adventure have been translated into over 50 languages, adapted for stage and screen, and enjoyed by millions of readers young and old; welcomes the partnership between Moomin Characters and the Red Cross this anniversary year to raise funds for people in need around the world; and further welcomes the collaboration with Refugee Week 2025, which saw new public artworks inspired by the Moomins created across the United Kingdom celebrating creativity, resilience and the importance of home.

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**1938 Leasehold reform (No. 2)**

Tabled: **16/09/25** Signatories: **24**

**Gideon Amos**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Sarah Dyke**

**Mr Will Forster**

**Charlotte Cane**

**Tom Morrison**

Mr Lee Dillon

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

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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.

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**1940 Children of Ukraine**

Tabled: **16/09/25** Signatories: **30**

**Jess Brown-Fuller**

**Dr Al Pinkerton**

**John Milne**

**Steve Darling**

**Cameron Thomas**

**Wera Hobhouse**

Claire Young

Mr Lee Dillon

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.

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1944 **Blood Cancer Awareness Month**

Tabled: 16/09/25 Signatories: 14

**Sorcha Eastwood****Wera Hobhouse****Mr Will Forster****Bob Blackman****Tom Morrison****Mr Joshua Reynolds**

Adrian Ramsay

That this House recognises that September is Blood Cancer Awareness Month; commits to raising awareness of blood cancers and the life-saving role of stem cell donation; encourages greater sign-ups to the UK stem cell register to improve access to suitable donors for patients in need; acknowledges the findings of Anthony Nolan's Improving the mental health and wellbeing of cell therapy patients report; expresses strong concerns about the significant gaps and inequalities within the provision of necessary psychological support for cell therapy patients in the UK; notes the inconsistent care for family members and sibling donors; further notes the shortcomings of long-term psychological follow-ups for patients; calls for consistent specialist psychological support for patients receiving stem cell transplants, CAR-T and gene therapy; understands the needs to provide equal psychological support to patients with non-cancer diagnoses; and further calls for the voices of patients and patient families to be at the heart of the UK's healthcare policy direction.

1946 **CLN2 Batten disease**

Tabled: 16/09/25 Signatories: 17

**Sarah Gibson****Sarah Dyke****Mr Will Forster****Tom Morrison****David Chadwick****Mr Joshua Reynolds**

Mr Lee Dillon

Martin Wrigley

That this House recognises the immense challenges faced by children and families living with CLN2 Batten disease, a rare and devastating neurodegenerative condition; notes the importance of early diagnosis, personalised and compassionate care, and access to innovative treatments that can extend and improve quality of life; acknowledges the tireless efforts of families, clinicians and the Batten Disease Family Association in supporting affected children and raising awareness; believes that the voices and experiences of patients and carers must be central to decisions about access to therapies for rare diseases; supports investment in social care and respite for families of children with complex health needs; is concerned that, despite an extended period of evidence collection and negotiation; further recognises that only an estimated three to six children are diagnosed with CLN2 Batten disease in the UK each year

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and that delaying access risks irreversible loss of function in affected children; and calls on the Government, NHS England, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, and the manufacturer to engage urgently to agree a sustainable access pathway and to ensure that newly diagnosed children are not denied timely treatment from 1 January 2026.

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**1949 Speeding in rural areas**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **9**

**Cameron Thomas**

**Helen Maguire**

**Clive Jones**

**Charlotte Cane**

**David Chadwick**

**Claire Young**

Mr Lee Dillon

Martin Wrigley

Sarah Dyke

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.

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**1950 Fly camping in the Lake District**

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

**Tim Farron**

**Jim Shannon**

**Helen Maguire**

**Clive Jones**

**Charlotte Cane**

**Cameron Thomas**

Wendy Chamberlain

Steve Darling

Lisa Smart

Martin Wrigley

Sarah Dyke

Helen Morgan

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

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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.

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

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

**Christine Jardine**

**Jim Shannon**

**Clive Jones**

**Andrew Rosindell**

**Sarah Dyke**

**Steve Darling**

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.

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**1952 Tribute to Claudia Soakell**

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

**Sarah Dyke**

**Jim Shannon**

**Clive Jones**

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.

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1954 **25th anniversary of Norden Farm Centre for the Arts**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 5

**Mr Joshua Reynolds****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke**

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 Bramhall**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 5

**Tom Morrison****Jim Shannon****Helen Maguire****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke**

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 holders**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 25

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

Apsana Begum

Clive Efford

Wera Hobhouse

Rachael Maskell

Manuela Perteghella

Andrew George

Ian Byrne

Clive Lewis

Cat Eccles

Zarah Sultana

Ian Lavery

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.

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**1957 Lynne Franks and London Fashion Week**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 4

**Sarah Dyke****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Charlotte Cane**

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.

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1958 **Congratulations to Ionad an Stòir**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 4

**Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke**

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 School**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 4

**Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke**

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 2025**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 5

**Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke****Steve Darling**

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.

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**1961 Isle of Raasay Distillery finalists in Scottish Whisky Awards 2025**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 4

**Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke**

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.

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**1962 Celebrating Organic September**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 12

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

Clive Jones  
Mr Lee Dillon

Charlotte Cane  
Adrian Ramsay

Claire Young  
Martin Wrigley

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.

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**1968 Wonderland Bookshop and the promotion of reading for pleasure amongst children and young people**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 4

**Jo White**  
**Shockat Adam**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Mr Paul Kohler**

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.

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**1972 Rainbow Muslim Women's Group**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 3

**Euan Stainbank****Jim Shannon****Apsana Begum**

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.

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

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 4

**Pippa Heylings****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke**

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.

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**1975 Cherry Hinton Hub and the Make a Difference Community Award**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 4

**Pippa Heylings****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke**

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;

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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.

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**1978      Glenuig Inn and Scotland Loves Local Awards**

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

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

**Jim Shannon**

**Sarah Dyke**

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.

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**1979      Enduring friendship between Poland and Scotland**

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

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

**Jim Shannon**

**Helen Maguire**

**Sarah Dyke**

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.

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**1980 Safety of British nationals aboard the Global Sumud Flotilla**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 10

**Susan Murray****Mike Martin****Layla Moran****Andrew George****Charlotte Cane****Tom Morrison**

Jon Trickett

Mr Will Forster

Sarah Dyke

Steve Darling

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.

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**1982 Agriculture**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 19

**Victoria Atkins****Robbie Moore****Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst****John Cooper****Greg Smith****Harriet Cross**

Andrew Rosindell

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.

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1984 **Insect decline and pesticide reduction**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 13

**Freddie van Mierlo****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Cameron Thomas****Shockat Adam****Helen Maguire**

Clive Jones

Charlotte Cane

Claire Young

Adrian Ramsay

Sarah Dyke

Martin Wrigley

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.

1987 **Protecting palliative care at Arthur Rank Hospice**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 7

**Pippa Heylings****Jim Shannon****Helen Maguire****Clive Jones****Charlotte Cane****Sarah Dyke**

Steve Darling

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,

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and to ensure that hospices remain central to the Government's new NHS 10 Year Plan to move from hospital to community-based care.

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**1988      Duncan Forbes Primary School and the Climate Action Challenge**

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

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

**Jim Shannon**

**Clive Jones**

**Sarah Dyke**

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.

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**1989      Calne Fair Trade**

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

**Sarah Gibson**

**Dr Roz Savage**

**Jim Shannon**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Clive Jones**

**Mr Lee Dillon**

Sarah Dyke

Martin Wrigley

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

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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.

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**1990 Protection of the Climate Change Act**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **15****Pippa Heylings****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Cameron Thomas****Helen Maguire****Andrew George**

Charlotte Cane

Claire Young

Sarah Dyke

Clive Jones

Mr Lee Dillon

Martin Wrigley

David Chadwick

Mr Will Forster

Steve Darling

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.

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**1991 Celebrating Edinburgh Zoo's Wee Waddle**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 6

**Christine Jardine****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Clive Jones****Andrew Rosindell****Sarah Dyke**

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

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**1992 25th anniversary of the UN Women, Peace and Security agenda**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 11

**Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Cameron Thomas****Andrew George****Charlotte Cane**

David Chadwick

Mr Will Forster

Sarah Dyke

Martin Wrigley

Steve Darling

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.

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1994 **Dame Patricia Routledge**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 3

**Adam Joge****Jim Shannon****Andrew Rosindell**

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 treatment**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 4

**Tonia Antoniazzi****Jim Shannon****Dame Siobhain McDonagh****Jo White**

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.

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

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 4

**Gideon Amos****Jim Shannon****Sarah Dyke****Steve Darling**

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: 16

**Gideon Amos****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Cameron Thomas****Shockat Adam****Helen Maguire**

Charlotte Cane

Clive Jones

Claire Young

Mr Lee Dillon

Mr Will Forster

Martin Wrigley

Sarah Dyke

Steve Darling

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: 5

**Steve Darling****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Martin Wrigley****Sarah Dyke**

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.

2001 **Protect our hospices**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 19

**Alison Bennett****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Cameron Thomas****Helen Maguire****Neil Duncan-Jordan**

Charlotte Cane

David Chadwick

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Clive Jones

Claire Young

Mr Lee Dillon

Mr Will Forster

Martin Wrigley

Sarah Dyke

Steve Darling

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

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quality end of life care should be a right not a privilege, and that no one should die in avoidable isolation, stress or discomfort.

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2004 **Renewable energy and coal**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 16

**Pippa Heylings**

**Jim Shannon**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Cameron Thomas**

**Helen Maguire**

**Jess Brown-Fuller**

Charlotte Cane

David Chadwick

Clive Jones

Claire Young

Mr Lee Dillon

Mr Will Forster

Martin Wrigley

Sarah Dyke

Steve Darling

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.

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2005 **Air Ambulance employees and the Ambulance Service (Emergency Duties) Long Service and Good Conduct Medal**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 12

**Liz Jarvis**

**Jim Shannon**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Helen Maguire**

**Jess Brown-Fuller**

**Charlotte Cane**

Clive Jones

Claire Young

Mr Lee Dillon

Mr Will Forster

Martin Wrigley

Sarah Dyke

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,

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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.

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**2006      Thames Water in Wiltshire**

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

**Sarah Gibson**

**Layla Moran**

**Dr Roz Savage**

**Jim Shannon**

**Helen Maguire**

**Mr Joshua Reynolds**

Clive Jones

Mr Lee Dillon

Martin Wrigley

Sarah Dyke

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.

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2007 **Electrifying the Midland Main Line**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 6

**Lisa Smart**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**David Chadwick**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Mr Will Forster**  
**Sarah Dyke**

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: 6

**Irene Campbell [R]**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Andrew George**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**John Grady**

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.

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**2009 30th Anniversary of the Torbay National Coastwatch Institution**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **5**

**Steve Darling**

**Jim Shannon**

**Clive Jones**

**Sarah Dyke**

**Martin Wrigley**

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.

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**2010 Celebrating Neroche Primary School Choir**

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

**Adam Dance**

**Jim Shannon**

**Clive Jones**

**Sarah Dyke**

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.

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2011 **Tribute to Fiona Higginson**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 5

**Adam Dance****Jim Shannon****Helen Maguire****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke**

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 ID**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 20

**Siân Berry****Zarah Sultana****Manuela Perteghella****Chris Law****Sorcha Eastwood****Sir Gavin Williamson**

Graham Leadbitter

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.

**2016 Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 7

**Tom Gordon****Jim Shannon****Helen Maguire****Clive Jones****Martin Wrigley****Sarah Dyke**

Steve Darling

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.

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**2017 25th anniversary of the death of the Right Honourable Donald Dewar**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 3

**Patricia Ferguson****Jim Shannon****Martin Rhodes**

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.

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2020 **Belfast City Council's Irish language policy**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 4

**Jim Allister**

**Jim Shannon**

**Mr Gregory Campbell**

**Carla Lockhart**

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.

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2021 **National inquiry into group-based child sexual exploitation and abuse**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 14

**Rupert Lowe**

**Mr Peter Bedford**

**Jim Shannon**

**Ms Marie Rimmer**

**Alex Easton**

**Jack Rankin**

Sir Edward Leigh

James McMurdo

Andrew Rosindell

Jim Allister

Robbie Moore

Lewis Cocking

Sir Gavin Williamson

Carla Lockhart

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

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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.

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**2025      London Underground cleaners**

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

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

Jon Trickett

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.

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**2027      Flood Action Week 2025**

Tabled: **13/10/25**      Signatories: **19**

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

Charlotte Cane	David Chadwick	Mr Joshua Reynolds
Clive Jones	Claire Young	Mr Lee Dillon
Wendy Chamberlain	Steve Darling	

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

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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.

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**2029 St George's School in Semington**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 4

**Brian Mathew****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke**

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.

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**2030 50th anniversary of Bexley Women's Aid**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 3

**Daniel Francis****Jim Shannon****Apsana Begum**

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.

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2031 **Dr Anjana Khatwa**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 5

**Vikki Slade****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Martin Wrigley****Sarah Dyke**

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 Street**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 9

**Apsana Begum****Bell Ribeiro-Addy****Steve Witherden****Kim Johnson****Richard Burgon****John McDonnell**

Jon Trickett

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: 19

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

Ian Roome

Claire Young

Wendy Chamberlain

Sarah Dyke

Charlotte Cane

Mr Angus MacDonald

Mr Will Forster

Steve Darling

David Chadwick

Mr Lee Dillon

Martin Wrigley

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.

2038 **Dentists in Hazel Grove constituency**

Tabled: 13/10/25 Signatories: 9

**Lisa Smart****Jim Shannon****Helen Maguire****Clive Jones****Mr Angus MacDonald****Mr Lee Dillon**

Martin Wrigley

Sarah Dyke

Steve Darling

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

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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.

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**2042 Extinction of the slender-billed curlew**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **9**

**Chris Hinchliff [R]**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

**Jim Shannon**

**Andrew George**

**Robin Swann**

**Irene Campbell**

Shockat Adam

Jon Trickett

Steve Witherden

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.

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**2043 Indefinite leave to remain and settlement**

Tabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **2**

**Carla Denyer**

**Andrew George**

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.

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**2044 Parkrun's 21st anniversary**

Tabled: 14/10/25 Signatories: 11

**Helen Maguire****Apsana Begum****Cameron Thomas****Dr Danny Chambers****Wera Hobhouse****Charlotte Cane**

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Andrew Rosindell

Mr Angus MacDonald

Sarah Dyke

Wendy Chamberlain

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.

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**2046 Friends of the Shakespeare Line**

Tabled: 14/10/25 Signatories: 4

**Manuela Perteghella****Mr Angus MacDonald****Wendy Chamberlain****Steve Darling**

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;

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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.

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**2047 Political donations**

Tabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **13**

**Manuela Perteghella**

**Dr Danny Chambers**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Jess Brown-Fuller**

**Charlotte Cane**

**Claire Young**

Dr Roz Savage

Martin Wrigley

Steve Darling

Helen Maguire

Sarah Dyke

Mr Angus MacDonald

Andrew George

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.

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**2048 Royal National Mòd 2025 in Lochaber**

Tabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **5**

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

**Wendy Chamberlain**

**Torcuil Crichton**

**Sarah Dyke**

**Steve Darling**

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

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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.

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**2049 University of Strathclyde, Scottish University of the Year**

Tabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **2**

**Maureen Burke**

**John Grady**

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.

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**2050 Tamfourhill Community Hub**

Tabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **2**

**Euan Stainbank**

**Jon Trickett**

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.

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**2051 UN Special Rapporteur Report on Violence Against Women and Girls in the context of surrogacy**

Tabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **4**

**Tracy Gilbert**

**Patricia Ferguson**

**Jess Asato**

**Rosie Duffield**

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.

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**2052 Fruit and Vegetable Aid Scheme**

Tabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **21**

**Tim Farron**

**Dr Danny Chambers**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Jess Brown-Fuller**

**Charlotte Cane**

**David Chadwick**

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Dr Roz Savage

Mr Lee Dillon

Martin Wrigley

John Milne

Clive Jones

Helen Maguire

Wendy Chamberlain

Lisa Smart

Helen Morgan

Claire Young

Mr Angus MacDonald

Steve Darling

Sarah Dyke

Andrew George

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.

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**2053 Condition of hospitals**

Tabled: 14/10/25 Signatories: 3

**James McMurdo****Rupert Lowe****Andrew Rosindell**

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.

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

Tabled: 14/10/25 Signatories: 2

**Brian Leishman****Jon Trickett**

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.

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**2055 Global Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day 2025**

Tabled: 14/10/25 Signatories: 25

**Helen Maguire****John Milne****Cameron Thomas****Charlotte Cane****Ian Sollom****Dr Danny Chambers**

Edward Morello

Liz Jarvis

David Chadwick

Dr Roz Savage

James MacCleary

Wera Hobhouse

Steve Darling

Vikki Slade

Jess Brown-Fuller

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Mr Angus MacDonald

Mr Lee Dillon

Martin Wrigley

Monica Harding

Brian Mathew

Claire Young

Clive Jones

Wendy Chamberlain

Sarah Dyke

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.

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**2056 Badger protection**

Tabled: 14/10/25 Signatories: 3

**Adrian Ramsay****Alex Easton****Andrew George**

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.