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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 16 October 2025

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### New EDMs

2064     **100 years of St Brendan's Church of Ireland, East Belfast**

Tabled: **16/10/25**     Signatories: **2**

**Gavin Robinson**

**Carla Lockhart**

That this House celebrates 100 years of St Brendan's Church of Ireland, which has served as a cornerstone of community life in Sydenham, East Belfast; recognises their steadfast faith, worship and service that have defines its history; commends the faithful service of its clergy and parishioners past and present in sustaining ministry across generations; and wishes the congregation continued strength and blessing in the years ahead.

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2065     **Shelford Spice**

Tabled: **16/10/25**     Signatories: **1**

**Pippa Heylings**

That this House congratulates Shelford Spice, the much-loved Indian restaurant and takeaway in Great Shelford, on winning Season Eight, Episode One of the Catering Circle's Catering Talent Show; celebrates owner Farhan Hussain's inspiring underdog victory against more experienced competitors, showcasing his creativity, innovation and passion for great food; notes that Shelford Spice continues to make waves with its fresh, homemade recipes, healthier approach to takeaway dining, and imaginative dishes, including its now-famous 18-inch naan; further notes the restaurant's growing list of honours, such as Cambridgeshire Takeaway of the Year at

the Asian Curry Awards 2024; commends Mr Hussain and his team for putting Shelford firmly on the culinary map and for keeping the spirit of hospitality alive during challenging times for the sector; further celebrates the joy and pride that Shelford Spice brings to the local community; and sends its best wishes from South Cambridgeshire as the team heads into the next stage of the competition.

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2066 **Brake**

Tabled: **16/10/25** Signatories: **4**

**Liz Saville Roberts**

**Ben Lake**

**Llinos Medi**

**Ann Davies**

That this House commends the work of Brake, the road safety campaign; notes their work in campaigning to end road crashes, supporting people affected by road death and injury, and working tirelessly towards their vision of a world where no one is killed or hurt on a road; further notes with deep concern that every day, on average, five people die on UK roads and 82 are seriously injured; highlights that Brake's campaigning involves a number of common-sense proposals including reducing default speed limits on roads in built-up areas, progressive licensing to safeguard young and newly qualified drivers, and ensuring that new vehicles that include the latest-generation, life-saving vehicle safety technology; and calls on the Government to work alongside Brake to work towards a world where we can all move in a safe and healthy way, whoever we are and however we travel.

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2067 **New Start Highland Gardens and BBC Scotland Make a Difference Green Award**

Tabled: **16/10/25** Signatories: **1**

**Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House congratulates Donald Graham, Laura Deans and all of the New Start Highland Gardens team on winning the Green Award at the BBC Scotland Make a Difference Award ceremony held in Glasgow; recognises the project's vital role in providing the restorative power of nature to connect volunteers to each other; commends the opportunities they provide for people who are facing crisis in their lives to improve wellbeing through horticulture, environmental conservation, and community connection; celebrates the strong community participation and dedication to local nature and beauty; notes New Start Highland's commendable efforts in creating positive change for people exiting homelessness or trying to move forward from a place of crisis; congratulates all the other award winners who have helped their communities in meaningful ways; and thanks BBC Scotland for shining a light on the inspiring individuals and groups making a real difference in communities across Scotland.

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**2068 South Downs National Park**Tabled: **16/10/25** Signatories: **1****Dr Danny Chambers**

That this House reaffirms its commitment to preserve National Parks and defend the Protected Landscapes Duty; maintains that it is paramount that we protect National Parks as a means of ensuring that we all have access to nature and promote healthy ecosystems; notes that 90% of rivers in the South Downs National Park are not achieving a good status for nature and that any such decision to remove environmental protections now, or in the future, would be catastrophic; welcomes the findings of the Independent Water Commission to replace Ofwat as the water regulator; and urges the Government to get on with setting up a new, stronger regulator to hold water companies to account and stop the sewage scandal once and for all, and expand nature-based solutions to improve water resilience and restore precious habitats, especially in National Park areas.

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**2069 50 years of the Jeely Piece Club**Tabled: **16/10/25** Signatories: **1****Gordon McKee**

That this House congratulates the children, staff and parents of the Jeely Piece Club in Castlemilk on its 50th anniversary; celebrates the unique and invaluable contribution the Club has made to thousands of kids and families in Castlemilk; recognises the vital role of its holiday food programmes and social outreach initiative; and notes that 86% of the workforce is made up of local people from Castlemilk, many of whom are formerly Jeely weans themselves.

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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.

**1950 Fly camping in the Lake District**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **13**

**Tim Farron**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Charlotte Cane**  
**Cameron Thomas**

Ben Maguire

That this House is concerned about the growing problem of fly camping and anti-social behaviour in the Lake District National Park, including littering, wildfires, abandoned tents and human waste; notes the recent Friends of the Lake District survey which found widespread evidence of these issues; recognises the damage being caused to the environment, local communities and responsible tourism; and calls on the Government and local agencies to increase enforcement, support local authorities to expand the use of Public Space Protection Orders, improve visitor education about the Countryside Code, and provide greater resources to protect this cherished landscape.

**1956 Five-year indefinite leave to remain pathway for Skilled Worker visa holders**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **30**

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

Siân Berry  
Claire Hanna

Adrian Ramsay  
Ben Lake

Olivia Blake [R]

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.

**1965 UN International Year of Co-operatives**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **8****Jim McMahon****Jim Shannon****Kate Osborne****Andrew George****Kirsteen Sullivan****Carla Denyer**

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

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

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**1968 Wonderland Bookshop and the promotion of reading for pleasure amongst children and young people**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **6****Jo White****Shockat Adam****Apsana Begum****Mr Paul Kohler****Christine Jardine****Layla Moran**

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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**1980 Safety of British nationals aboard the Global Sumud Flotilla**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **11**

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

Freddie van Mierlo

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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**1984 Insect decline and pesticide reduction**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **15**

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

Siân Berry

Carla Denyer

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.

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**1989 Calne Fair Trade**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **9****Sarah Gibson****Dr Roz Savage****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Clive Jones****Mr Lee Dillon**

Brian Mathew

That this House congratulates Calne Fair Trade on its work to promote fairness, sustainability and respect in global supply chains through initiatives such as the Brew It FAIR! tea party during Fairtrade Fortnight; recognises that fairness is a vital principle that should apply to the way supply chains are managed by big companies working abroad; notes that fair trade empowers farmers and producers by guaranteeing a fair price, protecting human rights, and safeguarding the environment in the communities where they live and work; believes that businesses are the principal engine of growth and prosperity in the UK and should work in partnership with government to provide stability and opportunity for investment, growth and employment; urges businesses in return to commit not only to skills, equality and good governance, but also to protecting human rights and the environment throughout their operations and supply chains; calls on the Government to introduce a general duty of care for human rights and the environment in business operations, to require all large companies listed on UK stock exchanges to set and report on targets consistent with achieving net zero, and to regulate financial services so that investments are aligned with the Paris Agreement; and further calls on the Government to restore UK aid spending to at least 0.5% of Gross National Income with a clear roadmap back to 0.7%, ensuring that international development supports poverty reduction, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and genuine partnerships rooted in local needs and mutual respect.

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**1992 25th anniversary of the UN Women, Peace and Security agenda**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **14****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Cameron Thomas****Andrew George****Charlotte Cane**

Carla Denyer

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

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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2008      **International Credit Union Day**

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

**Irene Campbell [R]**

**Jim Shannon**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

**Andrew George**

**Mr Gregory Campbell**

**John Grady**

Carla Denyer

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

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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**2012 Digital ID**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **22**

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

Robert Jenrick

Pete Wishart

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.

**2021 National inquiry into group-based child sexual exploitation and abuse**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **18**

**Rupert Lowe**  
**Mr Peter Bedford**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ms Marie Rimmer**  
**Alex Easton**  
**Jack Rankin**

John Lamont

Robert Jenrick

Shivani Raja

That this House expresses its deep concern at the continued lack of visible progress in establishing the National Inquiry into Group-Based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, announced by the Government in June 2025; notes that, four months later, no Chair has been appointed, no Terms of Reference have been published, and no hearings or local investigations have begun; further notes that victims and survivors have waited decades for answers, justice, and accountability while government departments and local agencies continue to evade scrutiny; calls on the Home Secretary to publish without delay a full update on (a) the appointment process for the Chair, (b) the Inquiry's budget, staffing and timeline and (c) the mechanisms for survivor engagement; and urges the Government to ensure the Inquiry is established under the Inquiries Act 2005 with full statutory powers to compel evidence from

public officials, police forces and local authorities so that truth and justice are finally delivered for the victims of rape gangs nationwide.

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2025      **London Underground cleaners**

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

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

Siân Berry

Carla Denyer

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

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

**Torcuil Crichton**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Dr Scott Arthur**  
**Katrina Murray**

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

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**2027 Flood Action Week 2025**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **21**

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

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

That this House notes the importance of Flood Action Week, the Environment Agency's annual campaign encouraging individuals and communities to prepare for flooding by raising awareness of risks and offering guidance on staying safe; acknowledges that this year's campaign, running from 13 to 19 October, coincides with the second anniversary of Storm Babet; recognises that, since then, communities including those in Somerset have endured repeated flooding from Storms Henk, Bert and Eowyn; highlights the campaign's value in urging people to check flood risk, sign up for warnings, prepare emergency plans and take vital steps such as knowing how to turn off utilities and never walking or driving through flood water; regrets the recent withdrawal notice issued by the Environment Agency concerning the cessation of maintenance on Somerset's designated Main Rivers, weakening local flood resilience; welcomes the Government's £2.4 billion commitment to flood defences for 2024-25 and 2025-26, but urges that funding be extended and ring-fenced beyond this period to ensure long-term preparedness; recognises the vital role of farmers and landowners in natural flood management by storing water and slowing the flow to prevent downstream flooding; and calls on the Government to review the qualifying criteria for the Farming Recovery Fund so it better reflects the realities faced by rural communities and farmers living with the consequences of flooding.

**2031 Dr Anjana Khatwa**Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **7**

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

Freddie van Mierlo

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.

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**2032 Anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street**

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

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

Carla Denyer

Siân Berry

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.

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**2033 Dyslexia Awareness Week**

Tabled: **13/10/25** Signatories: **21**

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

Carla Denyer

Siân Berry

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.

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2040     **Black Scottish Awards 2025**

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

**Kirsteen Sullivan**

**Jim Shannon**

**Wendy Chamberlain**

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

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

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

**Chris Hinchliff [R]**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

**Jim Shannon**

**Andrew George**

**Robin Swann**

**Irene Campbell**

Carla Denyer

Wera Hobhouse

Siân Berry

John McDonnell

Adrian Ramsay

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: **6**

**Carla Denyer**

**Andrew George**

**Siân Berry**

**Adrian Ramsay**

**Jim Shannon**

**Nadia Whittome**

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: **15**

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

Jim Shannon

Alex Brewer

Pippa Heylings

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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**2045 Mills Observatory 90th birthday**Tabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **2**

**Chris Law**  
**Jim Shannon**

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

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**2046 Friends of the Shakespeare Line**Tabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **5**

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

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

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**2047 Political donations**Tabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **19**

**Manuela Perteghella**  
**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Charlotte Cane**  
**Claire Young**

Carla Denyer  
Mr Joshua Reynolds

Siân Berry  
Wendy Chamberlain

Adrian Ramsay

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: **7****Mr Angus MacDonald****Wendy Chamberlain****Torcuil Crichton****Sarah Dyke****Steve Darling****Jim Shannon**

Mr Alistair Carmichael

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

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**2049 University of Strathclyde, Scottish University of the Year**Tabled: **14/10/25** Signatories: **4****Maureen Burke****John Grady****Jim Shannon****Katrina Murray**

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: **3**

**Euan Stainbank**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Jim Shannon**

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: **8**

**Tracy Gilbert**  
**Patricia Ferguson**  
**Jess Asato**  
**Rosie Duffield**  
**Carla Denyer**  
**Siân Berry**

Adrian Ramsay                      Jim Shannon

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: **31**

**Tim Farron**  
**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Charlotte Cane**  
**David Chadwick**

Jim Shannon  
Carmichael  
James MacCleary  
Liz Jarvis

Tessa Munt  
Richard Foord  
Pippa Heylings  
Ian Roome

Mr Alistair  
Tom Morrison  
Tom Gordon

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 £1 billion 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: **4**

**James McMurdock**  
**Rupert Lowe**  
**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Jim Shannon**

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: **4**

**Brian Leishman**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Jim Shannon**

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: **31**

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

Carla Denyer  
Jim Shannon

Siân Berry  
Alex Brewer

Adrian Ramsay  
Pippa Heylings

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: **5**

**Adrian Ramsay**

**Alex Easton**

**Andrew George**

**Carla Denyer**

**Siân Berry**

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.

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**2058      Climate adaptation**

Tabled: **15/10/25**      Signatories: **3**

**Adrian Ramsay**

**Carla Denyer**

**Siân Berry**

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: **16**

**Helen Maguire**

**Luke Myer**

**Mr Lee Dillon**

**Mr Joshua Reynolds**

**Dr Danny Chambers**

**Steve Darling**

Jim Shannon

Alex Brewer

Pippa Heylings

Brian Mathew

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Clive Jones

Wendy Chamberlain

Wera Hobhouse

Sarah Dyke

Andrew Rosindell

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: **3**

**Euan Stainbank**

**Jim Shannon**

**Kirsteen Sullivan**

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: **2**

**Alex Ballinger**

**Jim Shannon**

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: **3**

**Patricia Ferguson**

**Jim Shannon**

**Kirsteen Sullivan**

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: **34****Ed Davey****Dr Roz Savage****Luke Myer****Wendy Chamberlain****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Charlotte Cane**

Mr Lee Dillon

Wera Hobhouse

Steve Darling

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Max Wilkinson

Ian Sollom

Alex Brewer

Sarah Dyke

Luke Taylor

Daisy Cooper

Dr Al Pinkerton

Ben Maguire

Clive Jones

Brian Mathew

Susan Murray

Cameron Thomas

Freddie van Mierlo

Tessa Munt

Adam Dance

Martin Wrigley

Dr Danny Chambers

Mr Paul Kohler

David Chadwick

Ian Roome

Helen Maguire

Victoria Collins

Pippa Heylings

Marie Goldman

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.