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## **Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 30 October 2025**

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### **New EDMs**

#### **2178 Hannah Reast and her family's cricketing achievements**

Tabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **1**

##### **Linsey Farnsworth**

That this House congratulates 14-year-old Hannah Reast on her selection to represent England in Under-17s indoor cricket in India; notes that Hannah is part of England's Emerging Performance Player Pathway and has captained Derbyshire County for the last four years; further notes her outstanding performance this summer in senior cricket, finishing as the second-highest wicket taker in her league; celebrates the achievements of her brother Scott Reast, who recently achieved Butterley United Cricket Club's highest individual innings with 191 runs; acknowledges the decades of dedication shown by Scott and Lyndsay Reast as coaches and volunteers within the Amber Valley cricket community and their long-standing involvement with Butterley United Cricket Club; and commends Butterley United Cricket Club for its 150-year legacy.

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#### **2179 Free speech and Dr Päivi Räsänen**

Tabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **1**

##### **Jim Allister**

That this House expresses concern over growing restrictions on free speech across Europe; notes the case of Dr Päivi Räsänen in Finland, where legal action has followed her expression of

traditional views on marriage; and urges the Government to engage internationally to uphold freedom of expression and defend the right to articulate religious and conscientious beliefs.

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2180 **Tower Hamlets counter-demonstration on 25 October 2025**

Tabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **13**

**Apsana Begum**  
**Nadia Whittome**  
**Imran Hussain**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**John McDonnell**

Jeremy Corbyn  
Steve Witherden  
Brian Leishman

Richard Burgon  
Jon Trickett

Ian Byrne  
Grahame Morris

That this House pays tribute to the people of Tower Hamlets for taking part in a vibrant and inspiring anti-racist and anti-fascist demonstration on 25 October 2025 alongside trade unions, trades councils, community organisations, faith institutions, political parties, student societies, and campaign groups in opposition to racism and the far right and their scapegoating of migrants and minorities; recognises the role of women in the anti-fascist mobilisation and community organising; welcomes this successful and positive demonstration as part of the East End of London's long and proud history of anti-racism, anti-fascism and community action against the far right; reaffirms a commitment to eliminating racism, fascism, Islamophobia and antisemitism; and celebrates grassroots initiatives in solidarity with refugees and migrants.

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2181 **Fossil fuel company profits**

Tabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **2**

**Freddie van Mierlo**  
**Pippa Heylings**

That this House recognises the urgent need to address the climate and ecological crisis; notes that oil and gas companies have made record profits while contributing significantly to climate breakdown; further notes that millions of people in the UK and globally are already paying the price through extreme weather, flooding, and environmental degradation; acknowledges polling which shows that the vast majority of the public support making big polluters pay for the damage caused; calls for the introduction of a windfall tax on the big banks, which have overseen billions of pounds in unexpected profits; and urges the Government to step up their action on adaptation, nature's recovery and clean renewable energy at COP30 to enable the UK to act as a leader on the world stage when it comes to tackling climate change.

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**2182 North to South for Poppyscotland walk by Wendy Sylvester**Tabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **1****Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House commends Highland resident Wendy Sylvester on undertaking her North to South for Poppyscotland challenge, a 340-mile walk across Scotland in aid of the forces charity Poppyscotland; notes that the walk will begin at Cape Wrath lighthouse in late October 2025 and concludes at the Scottish border on 29 November 2025, taking in some of Scotland's most iconic routes, including the Great Glen Way and the West Highland Way; further notes that Wendy will complete the five-week trek entirely self-funded, relying on the generosity of local people, friends and businesses along the route; recognises her deep personal connection to the armed forces through her own service as a combat medic with 7 Scots and her family's military background; commends her previous fundraising effort in 2021, when she raised over £5,000 for Poppyscotland by walking from Dunnottar Castle to Eilean Donan Castle; acknowledges the vital work of Poppyscotland in providing financial, employment, housing and mental health support to veterans, serving personnel and their families; and wishes Wendy every success in her inspiring journey to support Scotland's armed forces community.

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**2183 VAT on defibrillators**Tabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **1****James McMurdock**

That this House notes that over 40,000 people suffer cardiac arrests outside hospital settings each year in the UK, with survival rates as low as 10 per cent; further notes that survival rates can exceed 70 per cent when defibrillators are used within the first few minutes; recognises that many communities, including over 70 per cent of postcodes in South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency, fall outside the British Heart Foundation's recommended three to five minute response window; acknowledges the vital role played by community groups, sports clubs and small businesses in fundraising for and installing defibrillators; expresses concern that VAT on defibrillators presents a financial barrier to wider access; supports the call to remove VAT on defibrillators for community-based purchasers; and urges the Government to take this simple and practical step to improve public health outcomes, empower local volunteers, and reduce long-term costs to the NHS.

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**2184 Kashmir Black Day and self-determination**Tabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **7****Imran Hussain****Tahir Ali****Richard Burgon****Ian Byrne****Ayoub Khan****Apsana Begum**

Andy McDonald

That this House commemorates Kashmir Black Day on 27 October, observed annually by Kashmiris across the world as a day of solidarity and reflection on the loss of autonomy following the events of 1947; recognises that for millions of Kashmiris, this day symbolises the beginning of a continuing struggle for the right to self-determination, as enshrined in successive United Nations Security Council resolutions; notes the decades of persecution, injustice, oppression and human rights violations faced by the Kashmiri people at the hands of the Indian Armed Forces, including through the continued use of the Public Safety Act and Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, which enables arbitrary detention and excessive force without accountability; further notes the ongoing detention of political leaders and civil society voices, many of whom remain imprisoned without charge or access to a fair trial; further notes that successive UK governments have failed to give the Kashmir issue the diligence, urgency and international attention it deserves, allowing the crisis to deepen; affirms that lasting peace in the region cannot be achieved without dialogue that includes the voices and aspirations of the Kashmiri people themselves; further believes that the international community must recognise the situation in Kashmir as an international issue requiring coordinated international engagement, rather than a matter to be settled through bilateral dialogue; and calls on the UK Government to recognise its moral, historic and legal duty to help resolve this long-standing issue and ensure the birth right of self-determination for the people of Kashmir.

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**2185 Drumchapel Against Racism campaign**Tabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **1****Patricia Ferguson**

That this House commends G15 Thriving Places in Glasgow West on the launch of their Hope not Hate – Drumchapel against Racism campaign; recognises that the community groups' anti-racism campaign, which is being brought back for its third year, seeks to unite the Drumchapel and wider Glasgow community to combat racism and promote inclusion; notes that the campaign's launch event, held at Drumchapel Community Centre, featured a wall of flags representing the different countries Drumchapel residents have migrated from with the Saltire at the centre of the display; further notes that the event brought together community leaders, school children, members of the community, and politicians, included musical performances from five local primary schools as well as local groups Fortune Works, Antonine Court and the Good Vibes Choir, a presentation from Drumchapel High School's anti-racism society, and a quiz; understands that, as part of the month-long campaign, a football tournament and ceilidh

will also be organised by G15 Thriving Places; acknowledges that community workers from G15 Thriving Places have also been running visits to local primary schools to conduct a workshop with pupils called The Human Library, where an asylum seeker, refugee, or newly integrated member of the community is invited to share their story of coming to Drumchapel; and thanks G15 Thriving Places for running such an important campaign and all those supporting it, for their work to unite the community in the face of racism in a positive and caring manner.

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2186      **Decarbonising refrigerated transport**

Tabled: **30/10/25**      Signatories: **1**

**Helen Maguire**

That this House recognises the important role of decarbonising refrigerated transport in tackling climate change; acknowledges the current system of keeping goods, especially food and medicine, chilled and frozen during delivery means running diesel engines on the back of trucks generating emissions and burning fuel even when vehicles are stationary is unsustainable; celebrates the work of innovative companies delivering zero-emission transport refrigeration units using roof-mounted panels and batteries to maintain temperatures without diesel; and calls on the Government to deliver a cross-departmental plan to decarbonise refrigerated transport and strengthen resilience against climate, energy and cyber threats.

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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.

1982      **Agriculture**

Tabled: **13/10/25**      Signatories: **24**

**Victoria Atkins**

**Robbie Moore**

**Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst**

**John Cooper**

**Greg Smith**

**Harriet Cross**

Ben Obese-Jecty

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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**2088 Non-indexed pre-1997 pensions**Tabled: **20/10/25** Signatories: **13****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Jim Shannon****Andrew George****Dr Ellie Chowns****Nadia Whittome****Ayoub Khan**

Robin Swann

That this House notes that hundreds of thousands of former employees of 3M, American Express, Hewlett-Packard, Chevron, Pfizer and Wood Group, among others, face massively-reduced pensions from their pre-1997 contributions; understands that the Pension Act 1995 does not require for pension indexation for service before 1997; believes that, over this time, those affected have seen a huge decrease in value of their occupational pensions, because the lack of indexation meant pensions have not risen alongside rising costs, eroding income and leaving many now facing extreme financial hardship; further believes that allowing for discretionary increases to be a matter between companies and trustees has disadvantaged and discriminated against this group of pensioners; and calls on the Government to put pressure on the companies concerned to make good the indexation of former employees' pensions for their pension contributions prior to 1997 and to consider retrospective legislation to encourage those companies who have not provided a significant discretionary uplift to former employee pensions, to help to mitigate value erosion from inflation to their company pensions.

**2093 Future of BBC Radio 4 Longwave**Tabled: **20/10/25** Signatories: **17****Tim Farron****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Gideon Amos****Mr Will Forster****Dr Danny Chambers**

Layla Moran

That this House notes with concern the BBC's intention to cease broadcasting BBC Radio 4 on Longwave, ending a 90-year tradition of national service; recognises the cultural and historical importance of programmes such as The Shipping Forecast, The Daily Service and Test Match Special, and that the Sovereign's Speeches have been carried on Longwave since its inception; further notes that Longwave remains a vital part of the UK's broadcasting infrastructure, providing reliable analogue coverage during emergencies and in remote areas; and calls on the BBC to maintain Radio 4 Longwave transmissions for the foreseeable future and to conduct a full public impact assessment before any closure is confirmed.

**2099 Menopause Awareness Month**Tabled: **21/10/25** Signatories: **26**

**Helen Maguire**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Joshua Reynolds**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

Dr Ellie Chowns

That this House notes that October 2025 marks Menopause Awareness Month; recognises the significant impact that menopause can have on women's physical health, mental wellbeing and participation in the workforce; welcomes the growing public and parliamentary discussion of menopause as an important health and equality issue; further notes the continuing challenges many women face in accessing timely diagnosis, effective treatment and affordable hormone replacement therapy (HRT); expresses concern about the postcode lottery in menopause-related healthcare; calls on the Government to ensure consistent provision of specialist services across England; further urges greater support for small and medium-sized employers to implement workplace adjustments for menopausal employees; supports public awareness campaigns to reduce stigma and improve understanding of the menopause; and commends organisations, clinicians and campaigners working to ensure that all women receive the support they need at every stage of life.

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**2102 Flying Nightingales**Tabled: **21/10/25** Signatories: **16**

**Liz Jarvis**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Joshua Reynolds**  
**Charlotte Cane**

John Milne

That this House recognises the achievements of the Flying Nightingales, a group of Women's Auxiliary Air Force nursing orderlies who were the first three British women officially flown into a war zone during World War II to evacuate injured soldiers; pays tribute to Corporal Lydia Alford, who was from Eastleigh, LACW Myra Roberts, and LACW Edna Birkbeck, for their extraordinary courage; acknowledges that the Flying Nightingales were pioneers of modern medical evacuations; and calls for further recognition of the Flying Nightingales' extraordinary contribution to the allied war effort to ensure that their bravery and legacy is celebrated.

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**2106 Drug deaths (No. 2)**Tabled: **21/10/25** Signatories: **15**

**Grahame Morris**  
**Brian Leishman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Ayoub Khan**  
**James McMurdock**

Dr Ellie Chowns

That this House is dismayed at annual data released by the Office for National Statistics on 17 October 2025 revealing yet another record number of drug deaths; notes that 5,565 deaths related to drug poisoning were registered in England and Wales in 2024; further notes that opiates and opioids were involved in almost half of these; recognises that recent research from King's College London has shown that many opioid-related deaths are missed from official statistics, raising concerns that underestimation has led to underfunding; is alarmed that deaths related to the synthetic opioid Nitazenes are four times higher than in the previous year; is concerned that cocaine-related deaths have risen for the thirteenth consecutive year; observes that death rates remain highest in areas suffering greatest deprivation; and calls on the Government to acknowledge this is a public health crisis and redouble efforts to tackle it.

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**2111 Government energy efficiency standards**Tabled: **22/10/25** Signatories: **4**

**Ayoub Khan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Dr Ellie Chowns**

That this House believes that the implementation of energy efficiency measures are vital in tackling fuel poverty, reducing household carbon emissions and cutting energy bills for low-income families; acknowledges the crucial importance of ensuring that the Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) and Great British Insulation Scheme (GBIS) work to the benefit of low-income households in homes with poor energy efficiency ratings; notes that since 2022, 28,000 installations of external wall insulation and 45,200 installations of internal wall insulation have occurred through ECO4 and GBIS; regrets that the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero deemed 98% of the homes that received external wall insulation works and 29% of homes that underwent internal wall insulation works to require remediation, with many tens of thousands of residents being directly harmed by unsatisfactory provisions under ECO4 and GBIS; notes the findings of the National Audit Office's report of 14 October 2025 entitled Energy efficiency installations under the Energy Company Obligation, which concludes that there have been clear failures in the design and set-up of ECO4 and GBIS and their consumer protection and quality assurance system, which have led to widespread issues with the quality of installations and suspected fraud; and urges the Government to take urgent action to reform the consumer protection and quality assurance frameworks of ECO, sanction and eliminate fraud among



retrofit businesses carrying out installation works under ECO and GBIS and issue remediation to households that received installation works that are non-compliant with the relevant quality standards.

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2119      **Contribution of legal immigrants**

Tabled: **22/10/25**      Signatories: **29**

**Max Wilkinson**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Charlotte Cane**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Tim Farron**

Dr Ellie Chowns

That this House expresses its deep concern at recent reported remarks suggesting that a large number of people who came to the United Kingdom legally will need to go home; notes that these comments appear to call for the deportation of law-abiding people who have lived, worked and paid taxes in the UK for many years; believes that such rhetoric is deeply troubling, unpatriotic and inconsistent with the fundamental British values of decency, tolerance, and respect for the rule of law; affirms that people who have come to the United Kingdom legally, played by the rules, and made it their home do not need to go home, and that this is their home; and calls on all public figures and political leaders to reject language that undermines social cohesion, stokes division or questions the belonging of those who contribute to the life of this country.

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2126      **Warm Homes Plan**

Tabled: **23/10/25**      Signatories: **27**

**Pippa Heylings**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Mr Will Forster**  
**David Chadwick**  
**Brian Mathew**

Dr Ellie Chowns

That this House is deeply disappointed by the Government's decision to delay the publication of the Warm Homes Plan; understands this means vulnerable households were been left without the anticipated support to upgrade homes and cut energy bills in winter 2024-25 and now again, for winter 2025-26; notes that the publication of this plan is needed urgently given UK housing stock is the oldest in Europe and among the least energy efficient, homelessness in the UK is at a record high and an estimated six million households are in fuel poverty; further notes that new decent homes standards have been further delayed; and calls on the Government

to urgently implement a 10-year emergency home upgrade programme, provide incentives for installing heat pumps that cover the real costs, and bring forward a social energy tariff to reduce energy bills to protect vulnerable households this winter.

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2127 **Poppy Appeal in Northern Ireland**

Tabled: **23/10/25** Signatories: **12**

**Robin Swann**

**Jim Shannon**

**Jim Allister**

**James McMurdock**

**Adam Jogee**

**Alex Easton**

Ben Obese-Jecty

That this House recognises the great and invaluable work of the Royal British Legion and its volunteers in delivering the internationally recognised Poppy Appeal; and calls on the Minister for Veterans and the Minister for the Constitution and European Relations to work with the Royal British Legion and the European Union to remove the unnecessary requirements placed on those selling poppies and other commemorative materials in Northern Ireland, including the need to appoint an EU representative to handle compliance and safety issues for products distributed, sold or given in exchange for donations, to display a printed notice on or near stalls at Poppy Appeal events, and to affix EU representative address stickers to all poppy trays used during the appeal, as they are currently required to do, so that the Government in its actions fully supports all those who support the Poppy Appeal.

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2128 **Eligibility variations in access to IVF**

Tabled: **23/10/25** Signatories: **32**

**Freddie van Mierlo**

**Clive Jones**

**James McMurdock**

**Dr Danny Chambers**

**Mr Will Forster**

**Martin Wrigley**

Dr Ellie Chowns

Adrian Ramsay

Carla Denyer

Siân Berry

That this House notes with considerable concern the continuing variation in access to NHS-funded in vitro fertilisation (IVF) treatment across England, with some Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) applying eligibility criteria that diverge from National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance; further notes that the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) ICB currently restricts funding to women under 35 and offers only one cycle of treatment, compared with NICE recommendations of up to three cycles for women under 40

and one for those aged 40 to 42 who meet clinical criteria; recognises that such restrictions do not reflect changing demographic and social realities, including that the average age of women beginning IVF is over 35 and the average age at first birth is around 31; is concerned that these disparities create a postcode lottery in access to fertility treatment and may disadvantage individuals who delay starting families for educational, career or financial reasons; also notes that women with medical conditions affecting fertility, such as polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), may be particularly impacted where eligibility criteria or referral processes are not clearly communicated or sufficiently flexible; acknowledges the financial pressures facing ICBs but believes that equitable access to fertility services should not depend on where a person lives; and calls on the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to review national funding and commissioning arrangements to enable all ICBs to implement NICE guidance in full and ensure fair, consistent access to IVF across England.

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2135      **Administration of Sheffield Wednesday**

Tabled: **27/10/25**      Signatories: **13**

**Anna Sabine**  
**Charlotte Cane**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Ian Sollom**

Mr Angus MacDonald                      Luke Myer

That this House expresses its deep concern at the news that Sheffield Wednesday has entered administration; deplores the continuing trend of football clubs falling into financial crisis as a result of irresponsible ownership; urges Dejphon Chansiri to listen to fans and to ensure that any future owner is committed to the long-term survival and success of the club; and calls on the Government and the Independent Football Regulator to introduce a golden share for recognised fan groups to empower supporters with a veto on decisions that would harm their club.

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2136      **Stewarts, the UK's first garden centre**

Tabled: **27/10/25**      Signatories: **9**

**Vikki Slade**  
**Mr Joshua Reynolds**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Manuela Perteghella**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House congratulates Stewarts Garden Centres based in Dorset for the seventieth birthday of the UK's first garden centre in Ferndown; celebrates the role Edward Stewart,

founder of the garden centre, played in the development of gardening as a hobby; recognises the contribution of the wider horticultural sector to our understanding of nature and the environment in this country; pays tribute to gardeners across the UK for their green-fingered additions to our communities; and commends the Stewart family for continuing Edward's legacy with their three current garden centres that are part of a family business dating back to 1742.

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**2137 County Antrim Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann**

Tabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **3**

**Seamus Logan**  
**Colum Eastwood**  
**Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates the County Antrim Board of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann in celebrating fifty years of cultural leadership and community spirit; recognises the work of branches in Antrim Town, Dunloy, Glinnte Aontroma (Glens of Antrim), Lough Beg, Loch Lao, Rasharkin, and Ballycastle in preserving and promoting traditional music, song, poetry and dance; notes the critical contribution of many dedicated former and deceased members and that of current members; commends the vision, dedication, and inspirational community action that has sustained this vibrant tapestry of cultural life; and wishes the County Board success in all its ventures for the next fifty years and beyond.

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**2138 Fireworks anti-social behaviour and regulation**

Tabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **14**

**Imran Hussain**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Brian Leishman**  
**Chris Hinchliff**

Dr Ellie Chowns  
Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

Carla Denyer

That this House notes with deep concern the growing impact of fireworks misuse on communities across the UK; recognises that the unpredictable use of high-decibel fireworks causes significant distress to animals, wildlife, and those with sensory sensitivities or neurodiverse conditions; further notes that local councils and police forces lack sufficient powers and resources to manage the increasing volume of complaints from residents; highlights that current firework legislation, much of it dating back to the early 2000s, has failed to keep pace with modern technology and changing patterns of use; acknowledges the calls of animal welfare charities including the RSPCA and Dogs Trust for a reduction in permitted decibel levels, stronger licensing of retailers, and a crackdown on unlicensed pop-up sellers during festive periods such as Bonfire Night; welcomes public campaigns that have highlighted widespread

public frustration; and therefore urges the Government to bring forward comprehensive reform of firework regulation to ensure fireworks are used safely, sold responsibly, and enjoyed without causing harm to people, animals, and communities.

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2139      **National Cancer Plan**

Tabled: **27/10/25**      Signatories: **24**

**Helen Maguire**  
**Cameron Thomas**  
**Charlotte Cane**  
**Steff Aquarone**  
**Mr Joshua Reynolds**  
**Jim Shannon**

Dr Ellie Chowns  
Siân Berry

Mr Angus MacDonald

Carla Denyer

That this House expresses deep concern over the Government's decision to delay publication of the National Cancer Plan and associated NHS Workforce Plan; notes that recent research, reported in The Lancet, has warned that further delays could cost lives and worsen outcomes for patients; recognises that timely diagnosis, access to treatment, and sufficient specialist staff are critical to improving survival rates; further notes that the postponement of the NHS workforce plan, including measures to recruit oncologists, radiologists and specialist nurses, risks compounding the crisis; believes that people living with cancer deserve urgent action, not further delay; and calls on the Government to publish the National Cancer Plan and NHS workforce plan without further postponement.

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2140      **Baby Loss Month**

Tabled: **27/10/25**      Signatories: **9**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Jo White**  
**Dr Ellie Chowns**

Adrian Ramsay

Carla Denyer

Siân Berry

That this House notes the end of Baby Loss Awareness Month, observed each October to honour babies who have died during pregnancy, at or soon after birth; highlights that whether a loss is felt in the fifth week, the 15th week or the 25th week, the fact remains that it is a loss and that each life is so precious, and the grief must be acknowledged; further notes that in 2023 in Northern Ireland, there were 67 stillbirths and 80 infant deaths registered, and for those mums and dads, our hearts ache; and underlines that we must pay tribute to charities such as Sands and so many others who go above and beyond to provide support for those couples and families

who are coping with loss; honours those little lives and the indelible footprints left on hearts throughout this country; and ensures that they are not forgotten.

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2141 **Preventing sight loss in people with diabetes**

Tabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **10**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Andrew George**  
**Brian Leishman**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Rachael Maskell**

Dr Ellie Chowns  
Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

Carla Denyer

That this House congratulates Queen's University Belfast on its breakthrough study, led by Professor Tim Curtis and Dr Josy Augustine of the Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine, which found that a novel drug, 2-HDP, can protect retinal nerve cells and blood vessels in diabetic eye disease; highlights that diabetic retinal disease is the leading cause of vision loss in adults and that current treatment can only target the latest stages of damage; notes that the research which is supported by Diabetes UK, signals the possibility of earlier, preventative treatments for vision loss in people living with diabetes; urges the Government to accelerate this work into trials and pathways for treatment; and calls upon the Department for Health and Social Care to consider their support for protecting vision by targeting early intervention, to prevent against sight loss for people with diabetes.

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2142 **Water bills**

Tabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **26**

**Tim Farron**  
**Cameron Thomas**  
**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Charlotte Cane**  
**Mr Joshua Reynolds**  
**Jim Shannon**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House is deeply concerned by the news that the Competition and Markets Authority has agreed to allow water companies including Anglian, Northumbrian, Southern, Wessex, and South East Water to increase bills by an additional 3% on average, compared to the amount agreed by the regulator Ofwat; notes that this comes after the Independent Water Commission's final report in July 2025 which echoed Liberal Democrat calls for Ofwat to be replaced with a new regulator on account of its failures to regulate water companies for their environmental pollution and financial mismanagement which has ultimately left customers paying more for

poorer services; and urges the Government to come forward with a new, stronger regulator to hold water companies to account and implement a single social tariff for water bills to help eliminate water poverty.

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**2146 Conduct of the hon. Member for Runcorn and Helsby**

Tabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **34**

**Max Wilkinson**  
**Marie Goldman**  
**Manuela Perteghella**  
**Cameron Thomas**  
**Pippa Heylings**  
**Charlotte Cane**

Dr Ellie Chowns

Ann Davies

That this House censures the hon. Member for Runcorn and Helsby for racist and inexcusable remarks made on Talk TV on Saturday 25 October 2025, which were damaging, divisive and risk bringing hon. Members collectively into disrepute; and calls on the hon. Member for Clacton to withdraw the whip from the hon. Member for Runcorn and Helsby.

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**2151 Buying community energy locally**

Tabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **26**

**Abtisam Mohamed**  
**Carla Denyer**  
**Llinos Medi**  
**Graham Leadbitter**  
**Pippa Heylings**  
**Bob Blackman**

Dr Ellie Chowns

Ben Lake

Ann Davies

Liz Saville Roberts

Adrian Ramsay

Siân Berry

Clive Lewis [R]

Luke Myer

That this House recognises the many social, economic and environmental benefits that community energy schemes create; notes that the number of such schemes would grow greatly if they were enabled to sell their clean power directly to households and businesses in their communities; welcomes the Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero's oral contribution on 15 July 2025, stating that the Government are absolutely determined to deliver clean power that benefits local communities, so that they can buy it locally; further notes that there are many energy system experts that can help devise an effective local supply process; and therefore calls on the Government to expeditiously implement local supply rights for community energy schemes.

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**2152 National Memorial for armed forces veterans who lost their lives in Northern Ireland**Tabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **6**

**Jo White**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Jim Allister**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Luke Myer**

That this House pays tribute to the courage and sacrifice of all members of the United Kingdom's armed forces who lost their lives during the conflict in Northern Ireland; recognises the immense contribution of service personnel who served with dedication and professionalism in the most challenging circumstances; acknowledges the deep and lasting impact of the conflict on veterans and their families; notes that there is currently no dedicated national memorial recognising the service and sacrifice of all those members of the armed forces who died as a result of operations in Northern Ireland; and calls on the Government to work with veterans, veterans' organisations and the families of the fallen to establish an appropriate national memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum to honour their memory and ensure their service is never forgotten.

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**2156 Treatment of Professor Michael Ben-Gad**Tabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **6**

**Luke Akehurst**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Paul Kohler**  
**Jo White**  
**Peter Prinsley**

That this House is deeply concerned by the antisemitic and targeted harassment campaign against Michael Ben-Gad, Professor of Economics at City, University of London; condemns any campaign that seeks to intimidate and drive out lecturers because they are Israeli or Jewish; notes that attacks of this nature are particularly distressing to Jewish students and academics, and risk setting a dangerous precedent for academic freedom at UK universities; and stands in support of Professor Ben-Gad, and his personal and intellectual freedom as an Israeli academic in the UK.

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**2161 Gayle Nelson**Tabled: **28/10/25** Signatories: **6****Wendy Chamberlain****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke****Jim Shannon****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House notes with great sadness the passing of Gayle Nelson of Cupar, at the age of 54, after a courageous battle with cancer; recognises Gayle's outstanding contribution to her local community, including as a founding figure of Cupar Arts and The Sunshine Kitchen, organisations dedicated to supporting culture, the arts, and food-based community outreach in North East Fife; celebrates her commitment, kindness, and passion for bringing people together, and extends its deepest condolences to her husband, children, extended family and all at Cupar Arts and The Sunshine Kitchen.

**2162 Matters for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to consider prior to the Autumn Budget 2025**Tabled: **28/10/25** Signatories: **6****Andrew George****Wera Hobhouse****Sarah Dyke****Jim Shannon****Dr Ellie Chowns****Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House notes the extent of widening inequality in the UK and that the top 50 richest families now hold more wealth than the poorest half of the population and there has been nearly 1000% increase in the wealth of UK billionaires since 1990; further notes that a dynamic study conducted by Patriotic Millionaires UK on the Sunday Times Rich List reported that £160 billion could have been raised for the UK's public finances over the past three decades if those with assets over £10 million were annually taxed at 2%, whilst their wealth would still have increased at between 1.7% and 2.7%; believes that moderate taxes would not provoke capital flight as lobbyists assert and is repeated by some media and commentators; considers that just 0.01% of the richest households relocated after wealth tax reforms were introduced in Norway, Sweden and Denmark; highlights that the considerable evidence that low taxes on wealth can be counterproductive for growth and productivity and that research by tax policy experts at CenTax and the IFS shows that equalising capital gains and income tax rates alongside introducing an investment allowance supports productivity and growth, as does taxing share buybacks; also notes UK's tax-to- GDP ratio is around 35% according to OECD data (2024), lower than comparable G7 economies France (44%), Italy (43%), Nordic countries (41-43%);

and calls on the Chancellor to reflect on these factors as she considers her options for the forthcoming Budget.

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2164 **The Lakes School**

Tabled: **28/10/25** Signatories: **14**

**Tim Farron**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Liz Jarvis**  
**Tom Morrison**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

Brian Mathew

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House recognises the historic significance of the site of The Lakes School Windermere, where the Windermere Children, child survivors of the Holocaust who were granted asylum by the British Government in 1945, were first welcomed to the United Kingdom; expresses deep concern for the current state of disrepair that the school is in; believes that the redevelopment of the school presents a unique opportunity to create a nationally leading centre of educational excellence focussed on tackling hatred and building empathy among young people; and calls on the Government to support these efforts and to make this important educational legacy a reality.

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2166 **Transparency and accountability in social media account closures**

Tabled: **28/10/25** Signatories: **16**

**Victoria Collins**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Charlotte Cane**  
**Liz Jarvis**  
**Mr Will Forster**

Munira Wilson  
Mr Angus MacDonald  
Manuela Perteghella

Tessa Munt  
Christine Jardine  
Helen Morgan

Mr Alistair Carmichael  
Jamie Stone

That this House acknowledges the more than 44,000 people who have signed a petition expressing concern at the wrongful closure of social media accounts by Meta; recognises the importance of removing illegal or harmful content while upholding due process, transparency and effective redress but calls on Meta to provide clear explanations when accounts are closed and to enable complete data exports for affected users; and calls for the establishment of a UK escalation route, urging Ofcom and the Information Commissioner's Office to require

transparent accuracy and appeals metrics, to audit automated enforcement systems, and to ensure meaningful remedies for users adversely affected by enforcement errors.

## 2167 **Verdict in the Soldier F trial**

Tabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **3**

**Carla Lockhart**

**Robin Swann**

**Jim Allister**

That this House welcomes the verdict delivered by Justice Lynch in which Soldier F was found not guilty on all charges; recognises this outcome as a vindication for a man who served his country; reaffirms the right of all innocent victims and their families to seek truth and justice for the loss of their loved ones; regrets that this and other legacy cases have too often been pursued for political motives rather than in the genuine interests of justice; notes the clear comments of Justice Lynch that the evidence presented did not meet the threshold for criminal prosecution and fell well short of the required standard; believes that the continued pursuit of veterans and members of the Security Forces who served honourably during the Troubles represents a grave injustice; condemns the use of parliamentary privilege to name individuals facing legal proceedings, which undermines due process, fairness, and the safety of those individuals; pays the strongest tribute to the men and women of the Security Forces who served with bravery and integrity, often at great personal risk, to defend democracy and protect the people of Northern Ireland; notes that only a small proportion of deaths during the Troubles were attributed to the Security Forces, most of which occurred during engagements with armed terrorists; and expresses the hope that, following this clear verdict, Soldier F and his family may now live in peace, free from the threat of further vexatious or politically-motivated prosecutions.

## 2169 **Impact of extreme weather on farming**

Tabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **15**

**Mr Lee Dillon**

**Dr Ellie Chowns**

**Ian Roome**

**Robin Swann**

**Dr Roz Savage**

**Mr Joshua Reynolds**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Adrian Ramsay

Chris Law

Dr Danny Chambers

Carla Denyer

Charlotte Cane

Jim Shannon

Siân Berry

Clive Jones

That this House recognises the severe impact of extreme weather on farming communities across the UK, including in Newbury, where farmers have reported some of the worst harvests in decades; notes with concern that Government figures show a 14% decrease in the English barley harvest and a 23% fall in spring barley yields compared to the previous year, with other

cereal crops also experiencing significant reductions despite increased planting; acknowledges the financial and emotional strain this places on farmers, many of whom are facing mounting pressures from crop failure, rising costs, and market uncertainty; further notes that some farmers are being forced to sell land or exit the industry altogether, risking long-term damage to the rural economy and national food security; highlights expert warnings that such extreme weather patterns may become the norm, and that urgent adaptation and resilience measures are needed; urges the Government to recognise the seriousness of this crisis and its implications for farming livelihoods, food production, and mental health and community wellbeing; and calls on the Government to support profitable, sustainable and nature-friendly farming by increasing the farming budget by an additional £1 billion a year.

## 2170 **Palestine Action**

Tabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **8**

**John McDonnell**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Imran Hussain**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Carla Denyer**  
**Siân Berry**

Dr Ellie Chownes

Brendan O'Hara

That this House expresses its deep concern at the use of counter-terror laws in respect of those engaged in protest and direct action; and urges the Government to review its proscription of Palestine Action.

## 2171 **Government proposals for mandatory digital ID**

Tabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **36**

**Victoria Collins**  
**Max Wilkinson**  
**Anna Sabine**  
**Caroline Voaden**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Steff Aquarone**

Ian Roome  
 Ian Sollom  
 Dr Al Pinkerton  
 Charlotte Cane  
 Munira Wilson  
 Mr Joshua Reynolds  
 Mr Angus MacDonald  
 Tom Morrison

Dr Roz Savage  
 Martin Wrigley  
 Jamie Stone  
 Cameron Thomas  
 Tessa Munt  
 Mr Alistair Carmichael  
 Rachel Gilmour  
 Christine Jardine

Brian Mathew  
 Steve Darling  
 Claire Young  
 Liz Jarvis  
 Zöe Franklin  
 Helen Morgan  
 Jim Shannon  
 Wera Hobhouse

Manuela Perteghella  
Clive Jones

Chris Law  
Pippa Heylings

James MacCleary

That this House expresses deep concern at Government proposals for a mandatory digital ID system; believes such a scheme would cross a red line for civil liberties, threatening privacy while doing little to meet the Government's stated aims on immigration; further believes that digital tools should empower individuals with control over their data, not extend state control over their lives; notes that mandatory digital ID risks deepening digital exclusion, particularly for older people, disabled people and those on low incomes; is alarmed at the potential cost to taxpayers and the Government's poor record on data security, including recent breaches at the Legal Aid Agency and Ministry of Defence; further notes that the Cyber Resilience Bill, which should form the bedrock of any such scheme, has yet to be laid before Parliament; is concerned that Ministers continue to conflate digital ID with e-government tools and improving public services; and therefore calls on the Government to abandon plans for a mandatory digital ID.

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2172      **Whitchurch station**

Tabled: **29/10/25**      Signatories: **4**

**Helen Morgan**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Clive Jones**

That this House recognises the need for Whitchurch station to receive platform accessibility upgrades under the Department for Transport's Access for All programme; expresses concern that disabled passengers, those with heavy luggage, small children or who are otherwise unable to traverse 44 steps, cannot access the station's southbound platform or exit the station from trains travelling northbound; notes that Network Rail has designated the scheme at Whitchurch Station as high priority; further notes the detrimental impact that the lack of station access has on residents of Whitchurch and north Shropshire; and calls on the Government to confirm upgrades to Whitchurch station under the Access for All programme.

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2173      **Tidy Randalstown**

Tabled: **29/10/25**      Signatories: **2**

**Robin Swann**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the excellent work of Tidy Randalstown and its volunteers in transforming and maintaining the beauty of Randalstown; recognises the leadership of Helen Boyd, how their dedication and community spirit have inspired others to take pride in their town; notes the group's success in winning multiple Best Kept Town, Ulster in Bloom, and Britain in Bloom awards; acknowledges the pride that their achievements have brought to the local community, notably how the former railway viaduct spanning the River Maine became the location of one of four new RHS Community Gardens; and expresses thanks to all those involved,

past and present, for their continued commitment to making Randalstown an excellent place to live, work and visit.

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2174 **Llynclys Crossroads**

Tabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **3**

**Helen Morgan**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises the significant dangers posed to road users by Llynclys Crossroads on the A483; notes its position as one of the worst accident hotspots in the West Midlands; further notes the detrimental impact on the north Shropshire economy caused by road users avoiding the crossroads; expresses concern about the substantial daily risk faced by children crossing the A483 in Llynclys to access school buses; further recognises the dangers caused by regular speeding, narrow pavements, and lack of a road crossing at Bryn Offa School along the A483 through Pant; and calls on the Government to include upgrades to the A483 in North Shropshire in the third Road Investment Strategy.

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2175 **Scott & Fyfe at the Courier Business Awards 2025**

Tabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **6**

**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Mr Joshua Reynolds**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Clive Jones**

That this House congratulates Scott & Fyfe, based in Tayport, on winning the Innovation and Technology Award, sponsored by SSEN Transmission, at the Courier Business Awards 2025; notes the company's proud 161-year history of innovation, from its early days producing cotton and linen fabrics for boats on the River Tay, through to its pioneering work in the jute industry, and now as a global leader in the design and manufacture of technical textiles and composite materials; recognises the company's ongoing commitment to embracing new markets, technologies and sustainable solutions, ensuring that this long-standing North East Fife business continues to thrive in a rapidly changing global economy; applauds Managing Director Michelle Quadrelli and the entire team at Scott & Fyfe for their dedication, creativity and forward-thinking approach; and celebrates this award as a testament to the company's enduring contribution to Scottish manufacturing, innovation and local employment.

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**2176 Community Connexions Gloucestershire**Tabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **5**

**Cameron Thomas**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Clive Jones**

That this House recognises the vital contributions of the Community Connexions charity in Gloucestershire, which provides pre-booked transport for vulnerable people of all ages across the county and beyond; celebrates their successful operations throughout almost 40 years; commends their work to reduce isolation, increase mobility, aid independent living, and to connect people; especially praises the Robin service, an on-demand bus service operating in Tewkesbury, Berkeley Vale, and the South Cotswolds; and calls on the Government to celebrate the work of Community Connexions and other similar organisations for the vital role they play in the community, and to explore further opportunities for on-demand bus services in rural areas.

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**2177 Held In Our Hearts**Tabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **3**

**Dr Scott Arthur**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**

That this House recognises and commends the vital work of Held In Our Hearts, an Edinburgh South West based Scottish charity providing early intervention, specialist counselling and peer support to families affected by pregnancy, baby or infant loss; notes that the organisation has over 40 years' experience offering compassionate bereavement care across Scotland, with services including one-to-one peer support, group support, and therapeutic interventions; acknowledges that many of the charity's staff and volunteers are bereaved parents themselves, bringing lived experience and deep empathy to their support; further notes the charity's commitment to providing free, personalised care for as long as families need it; celebrates their innovative initiatives such as Hospital to Home and Memory Bags; believes services like hospital-to-home should be a minimum standard of bereavement care; wishes success to Held In Our Hearts on the launch of their first-ever charity films, their Brand Video and Hospital to Home Impact Film, co-created with bereaved families and Electrify; and calls on the Government to ensure sustainable funding for baby loss services and to recognise the profound impact of organisations like Held In Our Hearts in helping families navigate grief with dignity, connection, and hope.