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New EDMs

2187 **South Essex Railways**

Tabled: **3/11/25** Signatories: **1**

James McMurdock

That this House expresses concern over recent commercial decisions made by newly nationalised rail operators which increase prices for commuters; regrets the decision to remove popular off-peak advance booking discounts on the London, Tilbury, and Southend Line, and the likely reduction in passengers this change will cause; calls for stronger enforcement on the issue of passengers avoiding payment of fares on nationalised lines; and urges the government to ensure that nationalised rail operators take measures to entice an increase in passenger numbers during off-peak hours in order to both enhance the commercial viability of the business whilst also offering a lower-cost service which benefits more economically disadvantaged constituents such as children or pensioners on a fixed income.

2188 Local government and social careTabled: **3/11/25** Signatories: **4**

Zöe Franklin
Alison Bennett
Helen Morgan
Vikki Slade

That this House recognises that adult social care is the largest area of council spending after SEND provision; notes that in 2024-25 the gross current expenditure for local authorities in England on adult social care totalled £29.4 billion which was a 9% increase on the previous year in cash terms; therefore is deeply concerned by the pressure adult social care is placing on local authority finances; regrets that a recent report by the Committee of Public Accounts found that delayed funding reforms to local authority funding coupled with rising demand on their services has meant funding is not matching the local need nor local circumstances; is further concerned that costs associated with the SEND provision and National Insurance Contribution increases mean local authorities' budgets are being stretched beyond their limits; further regrets that increasing numbers of people are seeing requests for social care denied under this pressure, causing elderly and vulnerable people to suffer and increasing pressure on the NHS; and calls on the Government urgently to complete its review into social care and reform central funding to local authorities to ensure they are equipped to fund the high levels of demand on their services.

2189 Cost of asylum seeker accommodationTabled: **3/11/25** Signatories: **1**

Carla Lockhart

That this House notes with alarm the findings of the Home Affairs Committee report showing that the cost of asylum seeker accommodation will triple across the United Kingdom to £15.3 billion over the next decade, including a rise in Northern Ireland from £100 million to £400 million; condemns the continued over-reliance on hotels, which were only ever intended as a short-term measure, and the spiralling costs now being borne by taxpayers across Great Britain and Northern Ireland; expresses concern at weak oversight, poor value for money, and excessive profits among private contractors; calls for urgent reform of the asylum accommodation system to ensure transparency, accountability, and proper enforcement against unlicensed and unsuitable housing; and urges the Government to restore full control of the United Kingdom's borders and ensure that all those who enter the country illegally are swiftly detained and deported, upholding the rule of law and protecting the interests of law-abiding citizens.

2190 English language and translation policy in the NHSTabled: **3/11/25** Signatories: **1****Rupert Lowe**

That this House notes with concern the growing annual cost to the National Health Service of providing translation and interpretation services in foreign languages; further notes that such expenditure diverts vital funds away from patient care and frontline services; believes that every NHS employee must demonstrate a fluent level of spoken and written English proficiency; and therefore calls on the Government to bring forward legislation to abolish taxpayer-funded foreign language translation and interpretation services within the NHS and require all new and existing NHS staff to meet clear, fluent and enforceable English-language standards, ensuring that the health service once again operates efficiently in the national language of the United Kingdom.

2191 Ukrainian Permission Extension SchemeTabled: **3/11/25** Signatories: **3****Wendy Chamberlain
Martin Wrigley
Vikki Slade**

That this House expresses concern about the continuing uncertainty faced by Ukrainians living in the United Kingdom under the Ukraine Schemes; notes that while the introduction of the Ukrainian Permission Extension Scheme in February 2025 provided an additional 18 months' leave to remain for those already in the UK, it does not offer the long-term stability that families need; recognises the significant contribution Ukrainians have made to communities, schools, and the economy across the UK; further notes that many Ukrainians who sought sanctuary here have built new lives, integrated into local communities, and become active members of British society; welcomes the policy adopted by the Liberal Democrats calling for the Government to automatically extend visas for Ukrainians residing in the UK and to establish a clear pathway to indefinite leave to remain for those who wish to settle long-term; believes that providing certainty of status honours the courage of Ukrainians who fled the war, supports the UK's national interest, and reflects the country's humanitarian values; and calls on the Government to take decisive and compassionate action to extend visas automatically and to create a route to settlement for Ukrainians who have made the UK their home.

2192 70th anniversary of Spa Accordion BandTabled: **3/11/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Spa Accordion Band, founded in 1954; notes the bands long-standing contribution to community music and cultural life; congratulates the members, past and present, on reaching this milestone and on the success of the

recent anniversary barbecue, which brought together generations of members and featured photographs highlighting the band's proud history and ongoing achievements; acknowledges that the original twelve accordions were purchased for £408, around £34 pounds each, whereas now they go for up to £1600 each; remembers that the Band's first uniforms—navy with red and gold trim—were formally presented and dedicated by Rev. Adams in 1958; commends the Band for its enduring spirit, fellowship and musicianship over seven decades; and wishes it continued success for many years to come.

2193 **Reformation Day 2025**

Tabled: **3/11/25** Signatories: **1**

Jim Shannon

That this House notes Reformation Day that was celebrated on 31 October 2025, marking the 508th anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing of the Ninety-Five Theses to the church door in Wittenberg in 1517; highlights the impact of the Reformation on shaping the spiritual, cultural and democratic life of the United Kingdom and across the world; underlines the Reformers' commitment to the principles of faith alone, through grace alone, by scripture alone, in Christ alone for the glory of God alone; commemorates the works of British Reformers such as William Tyndale and Thomas Cranmer who laid foundations for the Protestant faith across the United Kingdom; and encourages churches, schools and communities to continue reflecting on and celebrating the historical significance of the Reformation and the truth of the Gospel.

2194 **75th anniversary of Olive Leaf Royal Black Preceptory No. 542, Bangor District.**

Tabled: **3/11/25** Signatories: **1**

Alex Easton [R]

That this House congratulates Olive Leaf Royal Black Preceptory No. 542, Bangor, on reaching its 75th anniversary; acknowledges the Preceptory's proud history and significant contribution to the cultural, charitable and community life of Bangor and North Down; commends its continued commitment to Christian witness, fellowship and service; recognises the dedication of its members in preserving local heritage and supporting good causes; pays special tribute to Past Master John McCready, a member of the Ulster Defence Regiment, who was murdered by terrorists in 1976, and whose sacrifice is remembered with honour and dignity by his brethren; and extends best wishes to the Preceptory for continued success in its important work for many years to come.

2195 100th anniversary of the Bangor Branch of the Royal British LegionTabled: **3/11/25** Signatories: **1****Alex Easton**

That this House congratulates the Bangor Branch of the Royal British Legion on marking its 100th anniversary; recognises the tireless dedication of its members, past and present, in supporting veterans, serving personnel and their families; commends the branch for a century of community service and remembrance, ensuring that the sacrifices of those who served are never forgotten; acknowledges the vital role the Royal British Legion plays across the United Kingdom in welfare, remembrance and advocacy for the Armed Forces community; and sends best wishes to the Bangor Branch for continued success in its second century of service.

2196 Human rights in Balochistan (No. 3)Tabled: **3/11/25** Signatories: **1****John McDonnell**

That this House expresses deep concern at the recent credible reports of serious human rights violations in Balochistan; notes with alarm that on the night of 28 October 2025, security forces identified as the Frontier Corps allegedly raided the home of Shafi Muhammad in Panjgur, during which members of his family, including Nazia Shafi, were abducted and subjected to violence, leading to Nazia's death as a result of severe injuries; further notes reports from the same date of an aerial attack in the Chiltan Hills near Quetta which wounded six youths who were reportedly on a picnic, as covered by BBC Urdu; is also concerned by accounts of an aerial bombardment on 5 October 2025 in the Moola Pass area of Charhi, Zehri region, that resulted in the deaths of six civilians, including four children, and injuries to three others; condemns all acts of violence against civilians and calls for full, transparent investigations into these incidents; urges the UK Government to raise these matters with the Government of Pakistan through diplomatic and international channels; and asks the Government to confirm whether any UK-origin military aircraft, drones, or related equipment supplied to Pakistan are subject to export licensing conditions and whether monitoring arrangements have been put in place to prevent the use of these weapons and equipment in any operation that may breach international human rights or humanitarian law.

2197 Speen Community Cafe's fourth anniversaryTabled: **3/11/25** Signatories: **1****Mr Lee Dillon**

That this House congratulates Speen Community Cafe in Newbury on its fourth anniversary; recognises the hard work of its founder, Kerry Bird, and their dedication to the continued running of the cafe; praises the volunteers whose commitment ensures the cafe is open every week and accessible to all members of the community, which is the reason it has been able to stay open for so long; further recognises the importance of the cafe for many in the area as a

place for those who may feel lonely or isolated to meet others; and calls on the Government to provide further support to such community initiatives.

2198 Second homes in the Lake District

Tabled: **3/11/25** Signatories: **2**

Tim Farron
Vikki Slade

That this House is deeply concerned about the growing shortage of homes for permanent occupancy in the Lake District National Park, where around 25 percent of housing has no permanent resident and where, in some parishes, over 70 per cent of properties are used as second homes or holiday lets; understands that the numbers of second homes and holiday lets risks hollowing out local communities and create challenges for employers to recruit and retain staff; recognises the importance of tourism to the local economy and the fact that 17.7 million tourists visited the Lake District in 2024, supporting local communities and providing the area with £2.3 billion in revenue; and calls on the Government to give local authorities new powers to control second homes and short-term lets in their areas, establish new planning use classes for holiday lets and second homes, commit to building 150,000 social homes a year and support sustainable rural communities where there is no shortage of homes for the local community and tourism can flourish.

2199 Stanley Development Trust Lunch Club

Tabled: **3/11/25** Signatories: **1**

Dave Doogan

That this House congratulates the Stanley Development Trust Lunch Club on reaching its 10th anniversary; recognises the outstanding contribution the club has made to the community life of Stanley; commends the volunteers and supporters who have created a welcoming space for people of all ages and backgrounds to come together, share a meal, and build friendships; notes the important role the group plays in tackling loneliness, promoting wellbeing, and fostering community spirit; celebrates the club's success over the past decade; and wishes the club continued success in bringing the Stanley community together for many more years to come.

2200 Marriage laws

Tabled: **3/11/25** Signatories: **1**

David Mundell

That this House notes the Love Shouldn't Wait campaign to make the marriage process simpler, fairer and fit for the modern age; further notes that fewer than half of UK adults are now married for the first time in recorded history; also notes evidence that cost and bureaucracy

are major deterrents with 61% of adults citing the cost of weddings, and 26% say they would remove the mandatory 28-day notice period; notes that compassionate and urgent cases, such as serious illness, military deployment or visa deadlines, have opaque pathways to a quicker marriage ceremony, and that it is perversely now easier to get divorced; further notes that digital technology would enable faster verification and registration, as other countries including Denmark, Germany, America and China have already demonstrated; and accordingly calls on the Government to firstly support a review of how the statutory 28-day notice period operates, to allow a transparent and fair fast-track, yet still rigorous, process, secondly consider simpler and clearer national guidance, digital-first and written in plain English, so that couples understand their rights and responsibilities, and thirdly work towards alignment across UK jurisdictions, ensuring that Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland operate within a coherent, modernised framework.

2201 Death of Wayne Broadhurst

Tabled: **3/11/25** Signatories: **1**

Rupert Lowe

That this House mourns the death of Wayne Broadhurst.

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.

2088 Non-indexed pre-1997 pensions

Tabled: **20/10/25** Signatories: **15**

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Jim Shannon

Andrew George

Dr Ellie Chowns

Nadia Whittome

Ayoub Khan

Jim Allister

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: **18**

Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse
Gideon Amos
Mr Will Forster
Dr Danny Chambers

Sarah Gibson

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.

2106 Drug deaths (No. 2)

Tabled: **21/10/25** Signatories: **17**

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

Charlotte Nichols

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.

2126 Warm Homes Plan

Tabled: **23/10/25** Signatories: **29**

Pippa Heylings

Clive Jones

Dr Danny Chambers

Mr Will Forster

David Chadwick

Brian Mathew

Sarah Gibson

Manuela Perteghella

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.

2127 Poppy Appeal in Northern Ireland

Tabled: **23/10/25** Signatories: **13**

Robin Swann

Jim Shannon

Jim Allister

James McMurdock

Adam Jogee

Alex Easton

Graham Stringer

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.

2128 Eligibility variations in access to IVF

Tabled: **23/10/25** Signatories: **33**

Freddie van Mierlo

Clive Jones

James McMurdock

Dr Danny Chambers

Mr Will Forster

Martin Wrigley

Edward Morello

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.

2139 National Cancer PlanTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **25**

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

Ian Roome

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.

2140 Baby Loss MonthTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **11**

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

Jim Allister

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.

2141 Preventing sight loss in people with diabetesTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **11**

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

Jim Allister

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.

2142 Water billsTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **30**

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

Edward Morello

Ian Roome

Sarah Gibson

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.

2147 Ewan MacDonald and the Apprenticeship of the Year AwardsTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **8****Mr Angus MacDonald****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke****Dr Roz Savage**

Ian Roome

That this House congratulates Ewan MacDonald for being named as a finalist for the Scottish Joint Industry Board (SJIB) Apprenticeship of the Year Awards 2025; recognises that this accolade is testament to his technical ability, professionalism, and exceptional attitude whilst working for Ross-shire Engineering; notes that as Scotland continues its transition to net zero, apprentices play a vital role in delivering the skills and innovation the country needs; appreciates that young skilled workers represent the bright future of an industry that is essential to a modern, sustainable society; thanks the SJIB for inspiring young people to fulfil rewarding and technical careers in the electrotechnical industry and for their organisation of the awards at the Edinburgh Marriott Hotel Holyrood on 9 October; and wishes Ewan all the best for his bright future.

2149 Radio Skye, Radio Station of the Year 2025Tabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **8****Mr Angus MacDonald****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke****Dr Roz Savage**

Ian Roome

That this House congratulates Radio Skye on being named Radio Station of the Year at the 2025 Community Radio Awards; notes that this award recognises the station's outstanding service to its community through high-quality, inclusive and locally rooted broadcasting; acknowledges the station's vital role in connecting people across Skye and Lochalsh, from sharing local news and Gaelic culture to supporting musicians, community groups and emergency communications during severe weather; pays tribute to the dedicated volunteers, presenters and sponsors whose commitment keeps the station thriving; recognises that community radio is sustained by passion, collaboration and a deep understanding of place; and celebrates Radio Skye as a model of how local media can strengthen communities, amplify local voices and inspire pride in the Highlands.

2150 Jammu and Kashmir Accession DayTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **3****Bob Blackman****Jim Shannon****Mr Louie French**

That this House notes the continued observance on 26 October of Jammu and Kashmir Accession Day by residents of the United Kingdom of Jammu and Kashmiri heritage; records that on 26 October 1947 the Instrument of Accession was executed by Maharaja Hari Singh; reaffirms the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of India over the State of Jammu and Kashmir; expresses sympathy for all civilians killed and injured in acts of terror in Jammu and Kashmir, including the victims of the Pahalgam attack and their families; recognises the significance of this date for communities who mark it as the constitutional accession of Jammu and Kashmir into the Indian Union; welcomes peaceful commemorations in the UK that promote historical literacy, cultural exchange, and civic participation; and encourages constructive dialogue, community cohesion, and respect for international norms and sovereign boundaries in discussions about Jammu and Kashmir.

2151 Buying community energy locallyTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **28****Abtisam Mohamed****Carla Denyer****Llinos Medi****Graham Leadbitter****Pippa Heylings****Bob Blackman**

Vikki Slade

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.

2153 Knydart wins international rural resilience awardTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **8****Mr Angus MacDonald****Jim Shannon****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Clive Jones****Sarah Dyke****Dr Roz Savage**

Ian Roome

That this House congratulates the Knydart community on the west coast of Scotland on being awarded the Michael Dower Award for European Rural Resilience; notes that the award recognises communities across Europe tackling economic, environmental and social challenges to improve rural life; further notes that Knydart was selected ahead of finalists from Armenia, Germany and Ireland; recognises that this accolade comes 25 years after the community completed its historic £750,000 buy-out of the 17,000-acre Knydart Estate; commends the community's achievements over that period, including the doubling of its population from around 60 to 120, the establishment of community enterprises such as the Old Forge pub, Knydart venison and tourism services, and the creation of 450 hectares of new woodland with over 600,000 trees planted; welcomes the improvements in local infrastructure and the restoration of the community's hydro power scheme; and applauds all those involved with the Knydart Foundation, Knydart Forest Trust and wider community for their inspiring example of rural regeneration and resilience.

2154 Media Plurality and Press Freedom in ParliamentTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **19****Jeremy Corbyn****Ayoub Khan****Shockat Adam****Mr Adnan Hussain****Jim Shannon****Iqbal Mohamed**

Brian Leishman

That this House urges the relevant parliamentary authorities to provide independent media outlet Declassified UK with a parliamentary press pass to ensure media plurality and press freedom.

2156 Treatment of Professor Michael Ben-GadTabled: **27/10/25** Signatories: **7**

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

Jim Allister

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.

2161 Gayle NelsonTabled: **28/10/25** Signatories: **7**

Wendy Chamberlain
Clive Jones
Sarah Dyke
Jim Shannon
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Mr Angus MacDonald

Ian Roome

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.

2164 The Lakes SchoolTabled: **28/10/25** Signatories: **15**

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

Ian Roome

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.

2166 Transparency and accountability in social media account closuresTabled: **28/10/25** Signatories: **21**

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

Mr Lee Dillon

Ian Roome

Vikki Slade

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.

2168 Detention of British journalist Sami Hamdi in the United StatesTabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **8**

John McDonnell
Apsana Begum
Siân Berry
Kim Johnson
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Brian Leishman

Steve Witherden

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House is gravely concerned at the detention of British journalist and political commentator Sami Hamdi by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement at San Francisco airport on 26 October 2025; fears that the apparent misuse of anti-terror legislation is a deliberate attempt by the US authorities to undermine freedom of expression; agrees with the International Federation of Journalists and the National Union of Journalists in the UK and Ireland that this arrest constitutes a serious violation of Mr Hamdi's fundamental rights and risks setting a dangerous precedent for journalists and citizens engaging in a public debate and exercising freedom of speech; and calls on the Government to work for Hamdi's immediate release.

2169 Impact of extreme weather on farmingTabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **19**

Mr Lee Dillon
Dr Ellie Chowns
Ian Roome
Robin Swann
Dr Roz Savage
Mr Joshua Reynolds

Adam Dance

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: **13**

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

Neil Duncan-Jordan

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: **43**

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

Adam Dance
Vikki Slade

Mr Lee Dillon

Siân Berry

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.

2172 Whitchurch stationTabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **5**

Helen Morgan
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones
Ian Roome

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.

2173 Tidy RandalstownTabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **3**

Robin Swann
Jim Shannon
Jim Allister

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.

2174 Llynclys CrossroadsTabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **5**

Helen Morgan
Mr Angus MacDonald
Jim Shannon
David Chadwick
Ian Roome

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.

2175 Scott & Fyfe at the Courier Business Awards 2025Tabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **7**

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

Ian Roome

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.

2176 Community Connexions GloucestershireTabled: **29/10/25** Signatories: **7**

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

Ian Roome

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.

2178 Hannah Reast and her family's cricketing achievementsTabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Linsey Farnsworth
Jim Shannon

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.

2179 Free speech and Dr Päivi RäsänenTabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **2**

Jim Allister
Jim Shannon

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.

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

Tabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **18**

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

Kim Johnson
 Clive Lewis

Ian Lavery
 Neil Duncan-Jordan

Andy McDonald

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.

2181 **Fossil fuel company profits**

Tabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **19**

Freddie van Mierlo
Pippa Heylings
David Chadwick
Helen Maguire
Cameron Thomas
Clive Jones

Adam Dance
 Wendy Chamberlain
 Zöe Franklin
 Jamie Stone

Brian Mathew
 Mr Lee Dillon
 Dr Roz Savage
 Vikki Slade

Ian Roome
 Steve Darling
 Jim Shannon

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.

2182 North to South for Poppyscotland walk by Wendy Sylvester

Tabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **6**

Mr Angus MacDonald

Graham Leadbitter

Clive Jones

John Grady

Jim Shannon

Ian Roome

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.

2183 VAT on defibrillators

Tabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **4**

James McMurdock

Helen Maguire

Jim Allister

Jim Shannon

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.

2184 **Kashmir Black Day and self-determination**

Tabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **8**

Imran Hussain
Tahir Ali
Richard Burgon
Ian Byrne
Ayoub Khan
Apsana Begum

Jim Shannon

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.

2185 **Drumchapel Against Racism campaign**

Tabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **3**

Patricia Ferguson
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jim Shannon

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.

2186 **Decarbonising refrigerated transport**

Tabled: **30/10/25** Signatories: **8**

Helen Maguire
Wera Hobhouse
Mr Will Forster
Mr Lee Dillon
Siân Berry
Jim Shannon

Clive Jones

Ian Roome

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.