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Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 4 December 2025

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New EDMs

2432 **Thanking postal workers**

Tabled: **4/12/25** Signatories: **2**

Lee Barron

Chris Webb

That this House notes that a majority of Britons, 54 percent, intend to send their Christmas gifts this year using Royal Mail, an increase from 30 percent in 2024; recognises the vital role Royal Mail continues to play in connecting families and communities; and expresses its sincere thanks to every postman, postwoman, and member of Royal Mail staff who sort and deliver parcels, cards, and letters in all weather conditions and at all times of day throughout the Christmas period and at all times of the year.

2433 **Domestic Energy Efficiency (Call for Evidence) Bill**

Tabled: **4/12/25** Signatories: **1**

Dr Simon Opher

That this House notes the many values of energy efficiency including lowering fuel bills, helping to alleviate fuel poverty, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reducing the demand for energy so assisting with energy security; also notes that there are organisations, like the Sustainable Energy Association, that have ideas on how to promote energy efficiency measures; supports the Domestic Energy Efficiency (Call for Evidence) Bill, introduced by the hon. Member for Stroud, which will require the Secretary of State to seek ideas on how to improve the take

up of energy efficiency measures by householders; and hopes that the Government will respond positively to this measure.

2434 **Russian shadow fleet**

Tabled: **4/12/25** Signatories: **1**

Steve Darling

That this House recognises that the Baltic Sea, and specifically Danish waters, form a strategic maritime choke-point on which the Russian shadow fleet relies to export oil, and that the operation of this fleet presents a serious threat to sanctions on Russian oil and on the environment; notes that a new multilateral convention could regulate the conditions of passage for all commercial ships transiting the Baltic by requiring vessels to hold valid insurance, be flagged to a legitimate state, carry certified crews and meet seaworthiness and safety certification standards, with inspection or denial of passage where compliance cannot be demonstrated; believes that such measures would uphold international law, enhance environmental protection in one of the world's most fragile enclosed seas, and significantly disrupt Russia's oil export system by increasing the compliance costs and legal risks faced by sanctions-busting networks; and urges the Government, together with European and Baltic partners, to support the development of a modern Copenhagen framework to lawfully constrain the Russian shadow fleet and reduce the Kremlin's ability to fund its aggression.

2435 **Habitat regulations**

Tabled: **4/12/25** Signatories: **1**

Chris Hinchliff

That this House recognises that the public overwhelmingly values nature, and expresses concern that recommendations 11 and 12 of the Nuclear Regulatory Review propose a weakening of the Habitats Regulations; believes that this would constitute a sledgehammer to crack a nut; notes that the Habitats Regulations applied in full during periods of speedy infrastructure delivery before the austerity of the last Government; further notes that reported recent Habitats Regulations issues affecting nuclear projects can be traced back to cuts to regulators and planning bodies and to project and political decisions; highlights that these issues could be swiftly resolved by improved guidance and by increasing ecological skills and capacity in the planning system; warns that the Review proposal to instead weaken the Habitats Regulations would unnecessarily undermine legal protections for our most important sites for wildlife at a time of accelerating nature decline and take longer than non-legislative action; and urges the Government to remember its welcome commitment to deliver infrastructure alongside nature recovery.

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.

2339 **Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week 2025**

Tabled: **20/11/25** Signatories: **80**

Mr Andrew Snowden

Tom Gordon

Jim Shannon

Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

Llinos Medi

Jess Brown-Fuller

Jamie Stone

Emma Lewell

Luke Akehurst

Chris Law

That this House recognises Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week, taking place in December 2025, highlighting the experiences of people living with Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis across the UK; notes that these serious, lifelong, and often invisible conditions affect around one in every 123 people, impacting education, employment, relationships and mental health; further notes that this year's theme, How it Feels, brings much needed attention to the emotional and social realities of living with an unpredictable and fluctuating illness, including anxiety about flare-ups, isolation during recovery, and the uncertainty that comes with managing symptoms that are not always visible; acknowledges the role of Crohn's and Colitis UK in supporting greater public understanding and amplifying the voices of those affected; and calls on hon. Members of this House to help raise awareness, challenge stigma, and support efforts to ensure everyone living with Crohn's or Colitis can access timely diagnosis, specialist care and the support needed to live well.

2358 **Phenylketonuria awareness and access to treatment (No. 2)**

Tabled: **24/11/25** Signatories: **13**

Liz Twist

Brian Mathew

Jim Shannon

Vikki Slade

Wera Hobhouse

Ann Davies

Alex Easton

That this House recognises the progress made in improving the care of people with phenylketonuria (PKU), a rare inherited metabolic disorder which prevents the body from properly metabolising phenylalanine; welcomes that many patients have benefitted from access to sapropterin, which has improved quality of life for some individuals living with PKU;

notes, however, that significant unmet clinical needs remain, with many patients unable to benefit from existing treatments and still reliant on a highly restrictive diet; further recognises the continuing impact of PKU on patients, carers and families; and highlights the need for access to further innovative treatments and technologies that can improve outcomes and reduce the lifelong burden of PKU.

2370 Trial by jury

Tabled: **26/11/25** Signatories: **15**

Mr Adnan Hussain [R]

Ayoub Khan

Jeremy Corbyn

Iqbal Mohamed

Shokat Adam

Rupert Lowe

Ms Diane Abbott

Apsana Begum

That this House expresses its grave concern at the Government's proposals to abolish trial by jury in most cases other than serious crimes, such as murder, rape and manslaughter; notes that trial by jury is a centuries-old constitutional safeguard and cornerstone of English liberty; further notes that a jury of ordinary citizens provides a vital check on state power, ensuring that guilt must be proved not only to a judge but to one's peers; believes that juries enhance fairness and impartiality through collective deliberation, bringing the common sense of the community to bear, reflecting local moral standards and equity; recognises that jury service educates citizens in civic responsibility and the rule of law, and helps sustain public confidence in the justice system; further acknowledges that the diverse life experiences of jurors enhance fact-finding, particularly in assessing credibility and complex evidence; is deeply troubled by the prospect that concentrating decision-making power in a single judge risks politicising the judiciary and undermining its independence; recalls that the protection of the lawful judgment of peers dates back to Magna Carta and remains a bedrock of the UK's legal tradition; and therefore urges the Government to explore alternative measures to address the Crown Court backlog, such as greater resourcing, process reform and innovation, rather than dismantling the jury system, which would constitute a profound assault on individual liberty, heritage and the balance of the legal system.

2372 Water scarcity and agricultural reservoirsTabled: **26/11/25** Signatories: **20**

Steff Aquarone
Wera Hobhouse
Wendy Chamberlain
John Milne
Andrew George
Charlotte Cane

Sarah Dyke

That this House recognises that water scarcity and limited water storage capacity put acute pressure on farming and food production; notes with concern the impacts of climate change on river patterns which has increased unpredictability for abstraction license holders; recognises the importance of attenuation for securing water for agricultural land; believes that farmers need more support to develop local resource options to secure water supplies; and calls on the Government to urgently set out a timescale for their review of agricultural permitted development rights for on-farm reservoirs.

2375 Dr Irene Oldfather and the Scottish Advisory Forum on EuropeTabled: **26/11/25** Signatories: **14**

Richard Baker
Douglas McAllister
Lillian Jones
Stephen Gethins
Elaine Stewart
Chris Kane

Graham Leadbitter
Pete Wishart

Seamus Logan

Chris Law

That this House recognises the achievements of Dr Irene Oldfather and the Scottish Advisory Forum on Europe (SAFE), which won the Empower EU Awards in the Inspiring European Connections Category; and notes that SAFE brings together over 40 civil society organisations across business, academia, and the third sector in Scotland, ensuring citizens' voices are heard in EU-UK relations.

2376 Israel's use of cluster munitionsTabled: **26/11/25** Signatories: **45**

Imran Hussain
Richard Burgon
Ian Byrne
Dr Ellie Chowns
Brendan O'Hara
Andrew George

Claire Hanna

Iqbal Mohamed

That this House expresses its alarm at evidence showing Israel used cluster munitions in its 2023 onwards invasion and bombings of Lebanon, which has killed more than 4,000 people in total; highlights that under the Convention on Cluster Munitions, an international treaty signed by Britain and more than 100 other states, the use, production, transfer and stockpiling of cluster munitions is prohibited; notes evidence showing Israel's largest arms company Elbit Systems was one of the manufacturers of the cluster munitions used in Israel's recent assault on Lebanon; further notes Elbit Systems is deeply implicated in Israel's grave violations of international law, including its genocide in Gaza; further expresses alarm that the Government allows Elbit Systems to operate factories in Britain and has awarded the company lucrative military contracts; also expresses alarm that British bank Barclays continues to invest in Elbit Systems, despite having a policy to end financial ties with companies that trade in or manufacture cluster munitions; urges therefore Barclays bank to end all financial ties with Elbit Systems; calls for the Government to implement measures to prevent companies in Britain from aiding international law violations; and further calls on the Government, in light of this new evidence, in addition to Elbit Systems' role in Israel's grave violations of international law against Palestinians, to end all arms sales to Israel, cancel all contracts with Elbit Systems, commit to not entering into any future contracts with Elbit Systems, and to close down all of Elbit Systems' factories in Britain.

2377 Rural Fuel Duty Relief SchemeTabled: **27/11/25** Signatories: **11**

Ian Roome
Rachel Gilmour
Andrew George
Jamie Stone
Mr Angus MacDonald
Mr Will Forster

Sarah Dyke

That this House recognises the high cost of transport faced by those in the most rural areas; asserts the importance of the Rural Fuel Duty Relief Scheme which provides support to remote communities in Scotland, Cumbria, Northumberland, North Yorkshire, on Exmoor and the Isles of Scilly, via a 5ppl rebate to the customers of designated fuel retailers in specific geographic

areas; notes that the rebate provided under the Scheme has not been increased in line with inflation since its announcement in 2010, and has lost around 35% of its original purchasing power during that time; stresses the need to harness economic growth in rural areas; and calls on the Government to review the value of the relief, and consider extending the Scheme to additional rural communities.

2381 Bank closures, digital exclusion and cyber risks

Tabled: **27/11/25** Signatories: **21**

Andrew George

David Chadwick

Jamie Stone

Alex Brewer

Mr Will Forster

Simon Hoare

Sarah Dyke

That this House believes high street bank closures have a detrimental impact on small enterprises, local business resilience, charities, vulnerable customers and the digitally excluded and adds to the vulnerability of UK financial services, especially to cyber threat from rogue actors; notes Lloyds Banking Group's announcement to close 38 branches by the end of 2026; further notes that Lloyds Group was content to accept over £37 billion of public money when it needed bailing out during the financial crisis but has turned its back on customer needs without consultation; further believes that digital banking cannot be a full substitute for the comprehensive services provided through face-to-face services in bank branches, and that many complex and essential transactions are either very difficult or cannot be completed online; is concerned that these closures risk breaching the Financial Conduct Authority's guidance on fair treatment of vulnerable customers and may breach Equality Act 2010 standards; also notes LINK's regulatory responsibilities in assessing access to cash, but believes these assessments do not consider the full range of services required by customers and small businesses; is further concerned Lloyds has not conducted sufficient social or equality impact assessments, nor engaged in any substantive consultation prior to its announcement; and calls the Government to review current regulations in this regard and to introduce a duty on banks to consult local communities before any such branch closure announcements.

2383 UK Government Budget and structural investment in WalesTabled: **27/11/25** Signatories: **13**

David Chadwick
Mr Will Forster
Wera Hobhouse
Mr Angus MacDonald
Llinos Medi
Liz Saville Roberts

Sarah Dyke

That this House expresses profound concern that the UK Government's recent Budget fails to deliver the structural reforms and investment necessary to meet Wales's long-term economic and social needs; regrets in particular that the Budget did not include the devolution of the Crown Estate in Wales, despite strong cross-party and civic support for doing so; further regrets that it did not provide for the devolution of heavy rail infrastructure, limiting Wales's ability to plan and deliver an integrated, modern transport system; notes with disappointment that the Government has not reclassified England-only infrastructure projects that have been incorrectly designated as "England and Wales" projects, which has the effect of reducing Wales's fair share of funding through the Barnett formula; recognises that these omissions compound wider funding shortfalls, including the failure to replace in full the EU structural funds previously available to Wales, believes that this Budget represents a missed opportunity to empower Wales with the tools needed to deliver sustainable and equitable economic development; and calls on the Government to bring forward revised proposals that devolve key assets and competencies, correct project classifications, and provide the resources required for genuine structural change.

2385 25th Anniversary of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000Tabled: **27/11/25** Signatories: **20**

Steve Darling
Mr Will Forster
Wera Hobhouse
Mr Angus MacDonald
Andy MacNae
Clive Jones

Sarah Dyke

That this House notes the 25th anniversary of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000; recognises that while the Act created new rights of access to mapped open country for those on foot, it did not extend comparable access to rivers, lakes or most inland waters; acknowledges the increasing public interest in responsible access to blue spaces for recreation, wellbeing and engagement with nature, including swimming and the use of unpowered craft; further notes that forthcoming Government work on water policy, including the planned Water Reform White Paper and subsequent legislation, provides an excellent opportunity to address these issues;

and encourages continued discussion between Members, stakeholders and the Government to ensure that the potential for improving access, environmental stewardship and public health in relation to inland waters is realised.

2386 Palestine Action hunger strike

Tabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **12**

John McDonnell

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Brian Leishman

Ms Diane Abbott

Dr Ellie Chowns

Andrew George

Nadia Whittome

Zarah Sultana

Jeremy Corbyn

Apsana Begum

That this House expresses its extreme concern that six prisoners associated with Palestine Action have felt that they had no other recourse to protest against their prison conditions but to launch a hunger strike; and calls upon the Secretary of State for Justice to intervene urgently to ensure their treatment is humane and their human rights are upheld.

2390 Gold awards for Nonsuch Park in South & South East in Bloom 2025

Tabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **6**

Helen Maguire

Jim Shannon

Dr Al Pinkerton

Clive Jones

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Sarah Dyke

That this House congratulates Nonsuch Park on winning both the Heritage Park of the Year and Large Conservation Area gold awards in the 2025 South & South East in Bloom Awards; notes that the site, once home to King Henry VIII's Nonsuch Palace begun in 1538, now serves as a vital country park of ancient woodland and diverse habitats; recognises that the gold award represents the highest level of achievement across all judging criteria; pays tribute to the outstanding work of local volunteers, including the Nonsuch Voles, and the dedicated teams within Epsom & Ewell Borough Council who protect, restore and enhance this unique heritage landscape; welcomes the recent restoration of historic garden features and the preservation of trees; and celebrates the deep pride the local community takes in safeguarding Nonsuch Park for wildlife, visitors and future generations.

2391 Escalating human rights violations in BalochistanTabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **4**

John McDonnell
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jim Shannon
Richard Burgon

That this House is alarmed by the recent reports of escalating human rights violations in Balochistan including reports of the drone strike in Zehri, District Khuzdar, on 5 October 2025 in which six civilians, including four children, were killed; is concerned by the reports of enforced disappearance of Mahjabeen Baloch, a student with disabilities, on 29 May 2025, and the enforced disappearance of the teenage girl Nasreena Baloch on 22 November 2025; is further concerned by reports of collective punishment and the detention of five women by Pakistani security forces on 17 November 2025; and calls on the Government to take further steps in response to these incidents given previous assurances that human rights concerns in Balochistan have been raised with the Pakistani authorities.

2392 Marjorie BahhajTabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **5**

John McDonnell
Richard Burgon
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jon Trickett
Apsana Begum

That this House wishes to place on record its gratitude to Marjorie Bahhaj for devoting her life to the service of others both as a caring and professional midwife and as a campaigner for the human rights, safety and security of people the world over but in particular the Palestinian families in Gaza, who have suffered such devastating harm; and recognises with great respect the assiduous role she has played in the numerous lobbies of Parliament to persuade Rt hon. and hon. Members and the Government to secure peace and justice for the Palestinian people.

2393 Repression following the Iran-Israel warTabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **8****John McDonnell****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Jim Shannon****Siân Berry****Carla Denyer****Adrian Ramsay**

Richard Burgon

That this House condemns the new and brutal wave of widespread repression that the Iranian Islamic Republic has initiated following the 12-day Iran-Israel war; is alarmed that the regime has intensified arrests, executions and escalated the systemic violence used to suppress social and political opposition, especially targeting workers, women, and those seeking freedom in Iran; is further alarmed that the death penalty has seen a horrifying surge in the months following the war with over 1,000 people being executed thus far in 2025, marking the highest number of yearly capital punishments in decades with political prisoners and ethnic minorities being disproportionately targeted without fair trials; expresses solidarity with the No to Execution Tuesdays campaign, launched by political prisoners, which has entered its 93rd consecutive week, uniting prisoners across 54 prisons in protest against the rising number of executions; and urges the UK Government to put pressure on the government in the region to call for an immediate halt to all executions and the abolition of the death penalty and the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners in Iran.

2394 Newbury Racecourse and the Racecourse Association Showcase AwardsTabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **5****Mr Lee Dillon****Jim Shannon****Christine Jardine****Dr Al Pinkerton****Sarah Dyke**

That this House congratulates Newbury Racecourse on being crowned Champion Groundstaff Team for 2025 and winning the Racing Post Readers' Award at the 14th annual RCA showcase awards; recognises that these honours reflect the dedication and excellence of the Newbury Racecourse team; notes that British horseracing employs thousands of people, contributes significantly to the Exchequer, and welcomes millions of racegoers annually; and commends all staff at Newbury Racecourse for their outstanding service to the sport and the wider community.

2395 Surrey Youth FocusTabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **11**

Zöe Franklin
Mr Will Forster
Jim Shannon
Dr Al Pinkerton
Christine Jardine
Monica Harding

Sarah Dyke

That this House expresses regret at the announcement that Surrey Youth Focus will close at the end of 2025; recognises their important work since 2011, bringing charities, children's and youth organisations, and the public sector together and supporting them to improve the lives of children, young people and families; and thanks the trustees and staff for the difference they have made.

2401 Gaelic and Scots recognised as official languagesTabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **9**

Mr Angus MacDonald
Wera Hobhouse
David Chadwick
Clive Jones
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Wendy Chamberlain

Sarah Dyke

Tom Morrison

Andrew George

That this House welcomes the commencement of the Scottish Languages Act 2025 on St Andrew's Day, which formally recognises Gaelic and Scots as official languages of Scotland; notes that the Act introduces new measures to strengthen language education, expand qualifications available in Gaelic, and support the creation of areas of linguistic significance to help target policies for language growth; further notes that the legislation enables research into the use of Gaelic and Scots and provides a framework for maintaining high teaching standards; recognises the cultural and historical importance of both languages to communities across Scotland; and observes that the most recent census recorded 130,161 people with some Gaelic skills and 2,444,659 with some Scots skills, both significant increases since 2011.

2404 Whitkirk Brownies and RainbowsTabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **8**

Richard Burgon
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ian Byrne
Rebecca Long Bailey
Imran Hussain
Grahame Morris

Apsana Begum

That this House congratulates Whitkirk Brownies and Rainbows on their success and wonderful contribution to the local community since the new Brownies group was set up a year ago and the new Rainbows group was set up two years ago; commends Heather, Sarah, Nicola, Diane, Jenny, Catherine and all the helpers for getting the groups going and thriving, with weekly sessions at St Mary's Church Hall at Whitkirk involving activities based around the categories of Know Myself, Express Myself, Take Action, Skills for My Future, Have Adventures and Be Well and including local children from five different schools in the area; notes that the Be Well activities included making first aid kits and congratulates all the children on earning their Kindness badge by planting seeds in pots and leaving them on local residents' doorsteps as a surprise; further commends all the children for their achievements; recognises that they are a credit to the Rainbows and Brownies, their schools, their families and the community; and wishes them and the group every success for the future.

2405 Sewage discharge in the Severn and AvonTabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **15**

Cameron Thomas
Mr Will Forster
Wera Hobhouse
Ian Roome
Jim Shannon
David Chadwick

Sarah Dyke

That this House notes the ongoing sewage discharge into the Rivers Avon and Severn; expresses alarm at data showing 2024 recorded the highest ever number of hours of sewage released into local waterways that feed into the Avon; recognises the need for increased development to be matched by investment into sewage treatment facilities; further expresses concern at water companies like Severn Trent delaying these major upgrades; calls on the Government to move with urgency to set up a new, stronger water regulator to hold water companies to account; and further calls on the Government to mandate water companies to publish the volume and concentration of discharge from all emergency overflows.

2410 10,000th Robotic Procedure at Royal Surrey County HospitalTabled: **1/12/25** Signatories: **11**

Zöe Franklin
Mr Will Forster
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Dr Al Pinkerton
Christine Jardine

Sarah Dyke

That this House congratulates the Royal Surrey County Hospital on completing its 10,000th robotic procedure since the technology was first introduced at the hospital in 2009; recognises the significance of this major milestone in terms of supporting thousands of patients undergoing cancer surgery, improving clinical outcomes and significantly reducing hospital stays; and acknowledges that this milestone places the hospital amongst the largest robotic centres in the UK.

2411 Tenth anniversary of Storm DesmondTabled: **2/12/25** Signatories: **18**

Tim Farron
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Dr Al Pinkerton
Ian Roome
Dr Danny Chambers
Charlotte Cane

Sarah Dyke

Adrian Ramsay

Clive Jones

That this House recognises the tenth anniversary of Storm Desmond and remembers the severe impact that it had on communities across Cumbria, which experienced unprecedented rainfall, extensive flooding, widespread disruption and significant damage to homes, businesses, farms and critical infrastructure; understands that many residents, emergency services, voluntary groups and local authorities worked tirelessly in the face of danger to protect lives and property, and that the recovery efforts that followed placed immense strain on communities already coping with long-term economic and social pressures; recognises the importance of sustained investment in flood-resilience measures, including improved defences, natural flood-management schemes, strengthened transport and utility infrastructure, and comprehensive support for households and businesses affected by extreme weather events; further recognises that Storm Desmond highlighted both the vulnerability of rural and upland areas to the increasing frequency and intensity of climate-driven storms, and the need for robust national adaptation policies to ensure that communities such as those in the Lake District and across Westmorland and Lonsdale are better protected in the future; and calls on the Government to commit to long-term, properly funded flood-resilience and climate-adaptation programmes, to work closely with local authorities and communities in Cumbria on

future preparedness, and to ensure that all three phases of the Kendal flood relief scheme are delivered speedily and in full.

2412 **Chalk streams and salmon in Hampshire**

Tabled: **2/12/25** Signatories: **14**

Dr Danny Chambers
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Dr Al Pinkerton
Charlotte Cane
Jim Shannon
Liz Jarvis

Sarah Dyke

Tom Morrison

Clive Jones

That this House notes with concern the dwindling number of the Atlantic Salmon in the chalk streams of the River Test and the River Itchen; notes that Atlantic Salmon were named as an endangered species in Great Britain in December 2023; is concerned that analysis by Project White Hart found that just 187 adult salmon returned to the River Itchen in 2024, less than 20% of the conservation limit; notes the genetic uniqueness of English chalk stream salmon; notes that a thriving salmon population requires cold, clean water that is free from disease, pollution and sewage; is worried that a single major event, such as a severe drought or pollution spill, could push the Atlantic Salmon population in Hampshire's chalk streams beyond recovery; welcomes the findings of the Independent Water Commission to replace Ofwat as the water regulator; urges the Government to introduce a new, stronger regulator with the ability to end the sewage scandal; and commends Winchester resident Jim Murray, Project White Hart, the Test and Itchen Association, the Wessex Rivers Trust and other conservation groups for the campaign to save this species from extinction.

2414 **Detention of Hassan Mushaima and Dr Abduljalil Al-Singace**

Tabled: **2/12/25** Signatories: **15**

Wendy Chamberlain
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Dr Al Pinkerton
Jim Shannon
Charlotte Cane
Wera Hobhouse

Sarah Dyke

Tom Morrison

Siân Berry

Adrian Ramsay

Carla Denyer

Clive Jones

That this House condemns the continued detention of Bahraini opposition leader Hassan Mushaima and human rights defender Dr Abduljalil Al-Singace, who have been imprisoned since 2011 for their peaceful political activity; notes with deep concern that both men are elderly and suffer from serious, untreated medical conditions resulting from years of inadequate care

and punitive restrictions; further notes that Dr Al-Singace has been on repeated hunger strikes to protest the confiscation of his research and the broader mistreatment of political prisoners; believes their continued detention exemplifies Bahrain's systemic use of imprisonment and abuse to silence dissent; observes that these actions have occurred under the authority of King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and senior officials responsible for Bahrain's security apparatus; regrets that repeated appeals by the United Nations and by UK parliamentarians have been ignored; and calls on His Majesty's Government to publicly urge the immediate and unconditional release of both men, consider the use of Magnitsky-style sanctions against officials implicated in grave human-rights violations and ensure that UK policy does not legitimise or enable abuses carried out under royal authority.

2415 **Julie Whitton**

Tabled: **2/12/25** Signatories: **11**

Ian Roome
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Dr Al Pinkerton
Jim Shannon
Adam Dance
Helen Maguire

Sarah Dyke

Charlotte Cane

Clive Jones

That this House commends the exemplary charity work of Julie Whitton, Swimbridge community champion and fundraising officer for the Royal Devon Hospitals Charity; recognises her instrumental role in NHS fundraising appeals that delivered the £3m Seamoore Chemotherapy and Day Treatment Unit, re-equipped Special Care Baby Unit, and £1.5m Fern Centre, at North Devon District Hospital; applauds her crowning achievement as Project Leader for the £630,000 community-led effort to rebuild Swimbridge Jubilee Hall between 2007 and 2015, which won the Prince of Wales Award; notes her tireless work to raise more than £2m supporting countless local charities and good causes across North Devon over many years; and wishes her well in retirement.

2416 Jury trial rightsTabled: **2/12/25** Signatories: **19**

Karl Turner
Jim Shannon
Jon Trickett
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Andy McDonald
Richard Burgon

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Adrian Ramsay

Zarah Sultana
 Carla Denyer

Siân Berry
 Rebecca Long Bailey

That this House expresses grave concern at recent Government proposals to abolish or severely restrict the right to trial by jury in England and Wales by limiting jury trials to cases attracting sentences of less than three years; notes that trial by jury has been a centuries-old constitutional safeguard and cornerstone of liberty and democracy in our country; further notes that a jury of one's peers plays a unique role in ensuring fairness and impartiality, drawing on diverse life experiences, local standards, and community values when evaluating evidence and credibility; is deeply troubled that replacing juries with judge-only courts for most criminal trials risks concentrating judicial power in a way that undermines transparency, public confidence, and judicial independence; recognises that the courts system faces serious challenges, including an unprecedented case backlog, long delays for victims and defendants, and pressure on resources; therefore calls on the Government to abandon proposals to abolish or restrict jury trials, and instead commit to increasing judicial sitting days, recruiting more recorders to sit in the Crown Courts, utilising disused court space, modernising court capacity, directing the Crown Prosecution Service to review cases where a lesser plea may be acceptable, and instructing the independent bar to review cases stalled while awaiting court time; and affirms that there are proper alternatives to put victims at the forefront of the justice system without attacking the fundamental right to trial before one's peers of twelve good men, women and true.

2421 Nettlebed Community SchoolTabled: **2/12/25** Signatories: **8**

Freddie van Mierlo
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Dr Al Pinkerton
Jim Shannon
Brian Mathew
Pippa Heylings

Sarah Dyke

Clive Jones

That this House applauds the imagination and concern for the world shown by the children of Nettlebed Community School during their participation in UK Parliament Week, when they shared their suggestions for how society can be kinder and more sustainable; notes their calls

to protect the environment by banning public bonfires to reduce harmful emissions, ending the use of plastic bags and tackling plastic pollution in our rivers and oceans, stopping cars from idling and moving towards a ban on petrol vehicles, leaving trees to grow undisturbed, and keeping our streets free of litter; further notes their heartfelt wish for a world without murder or bad behaviour, reflecting the importance of justice and kindness in our communities; welcomes their joyful request for more toys and more funding for school trips, reminding us that play and opportunity are vital parts of childhood; believes that these ideas, while simple, reflect the priorities of a generation who will inherit the consequences of today's decisions; and calls on the Government to take seriously the voices of young people in shaping policy, to accelerate progress on environmental protection and climate action, to strengthen measures that promote safety and kindness, and to ensure schools are properly funded to provide enriching experiences for all children.

2422 Reopening of The Bayford Inn in Wincanton

Tabled: **2/12/25** Signatories: **5**

Sarah Dyke
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Dr Al Pinkerton
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones

That this House celebrates the re-opening of The Bayford Inn in Wincanton, formerly known as The Unicorn Inn; notes that the pub was saved from permanent closure owing to the generosity of over 70 residents from Bayford, who secured the pub at auction, with The Bayford Inn Benefits Society Limited, a Community Benefit Society, having launched a share offer to provide funds to cover the cost of the business's refurbishment; recognises that this community owned freehouse and former 17th Century coaching inn, has been at the heart of Bayford's community for over 250 years; understands that by re-opening the pub as a community pub, the residents of Bayford have created a welcoming community enterprise, committed to supporting local businesses, by serving locally sourced home cooked food, beer, wines and cider, contributing to Somerset's rural economy; regrets that the Government has chosen to only reduce the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure business rates multiplier by 5p rather than the 20p cut legislated for in the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Act; and calls on the Government to cut businesses rates by their legislated 20p and introduce an emergency 5% VAT cut for hospitality, accommodation and attraction businesses to help counter the rising costs threatening their viability.

2425 The Fixy Project wins Green Apple Environmental AwardTabled: **2/12/25** Signatories: **9**

Sarah Dyke
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Dr Al Pinkerton
Jim Shannon
Charlotte Cane
Adam Dance

Clive Jones

That this House congratulates The Fixy Project, a local Somerset initiative promoting reuse, repair and recycling of electronic devices, on winning the International Green Apple Environment Award; notes that The Fixy Project, which was launched in 2022 by Resource Futures and Somerset Council, has since saved more than 13.4 tonnes of electronics from landfill and incineration and has redistributed refurbished items to those in need helping to bridge digital exclusion; praises the continued support from Ecosurety, Material Focus Electricals Recycling Fund, the Hinkley Point C Community Fund, the National Lottery Awards for All and Somerset Council in helping to keep the project alive; understands that The Fixy Project, alongside DonateIT, are leading on reuse in Somerset, encouraging greater enthusiasm and awareness on the importance of repairing broken devices, with 68% of people having said that they were more likely to buy a refurbished electronic device after meeting with them; and calls on the Government to increase their support for community-led green initiatives which are demonstrating the potential of using sustainable practices to help tackle social inequality and the climate crisis collectively.

2427 Palestinian children in Israeli military detentionTabled: **3/12/25** Signatories: **15**

Munira Wilson
Wera Hobhouse
Sarah Dyke
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Charlotte Cane
Tom Morrison

Wendy Chamberlain
 Richard Burgon
 Adrian Ramsay

Dr Al Pinkerton
 Carla Denyer
 Brian Mathew

Andrew George
 Siân Berry
 Clive Jones

That this House notes with concern that Israeli forces continue to arrest, detain and try several hundred Palestinian children in the Israeli military court and detention system each year despite evidence that that process violates international law; highlights that Israel regularly prosecutes Palestinian children in military courts which lack fundamental fair trial rights and protections; deplores reported ill-treatment of Palestinian child detainees by Israeli authorities including widespread physical and psychological violence; asserts that Israel, as the occupying

power under international humanitarian law in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, is responsible for protecting the rights of Palestinian children living under military occupation; further notes that the recommendations of the 2012 Foreign and Commonwealth Office funded report, *Children in Military Custody*, UNICEF's 2013 report, *Children in Israeli Military Detention*, have not been met; also notes that the Save the Children 2024 report describes a deterioration in the treatment of detainees; believes that in no circumstances should civilians, particularly children, be detained or prosecuted under the jurisdiction of military courts or held in military detention; and urges the Government to engage with the government of Israel to end the military trial and detention of Palestinian children and, as a minimum safeguard, to respect and ensure basic due process rights and the absolute prohibition of torture and ill-treatment.

2428 Political prisoners in Bangladesh

Tabled: **3/12/25** Signatories: **5**

Barry Gardiner
Andrew George
Carla Denyer
Siân Berry
Adrian Ramsay

That this House notes with concern that many former MPs, journalists and judges have been imprisoned without charge for over a year in Bangladesh; recalls that justice delayed is justice denied; expresses its concern that there has been a resurgence of human rights abuses by state institutions, including over 40 extrajudicial killings in the 15 months since the resignation of the previous government, as documented by the human rights organisation Odhikar; and urges the interim government led by Muhammad Yunus to ensure that the rights of minorities are respected and that proper judicial process is followed.

2429 North East Fife restaurants named among world's best

Tabled: **3/12/25** Signatories: **5**

Wendy Chamberlain
Sarah Dyke
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Dr Al Pinkerton
Clive Jones

That this House congratulates two outstanding North East Fife restaurants on being named among the world's best in the prestigious LaListe 2026 guide; celebrates Haar in St Andrews and The Peat Inn near Largoward, two of only 10 Scottish restaurants to receive this honour; recognises the remarkable achievement of ranking among the top 1000 restaurants globally and the role this plays in putting North East Fife firmly on the international food map; acknowledges their commitment to showcasing exceptional local produce and the valuable

boost they bring to our local hospitality sector; and wishes both restaurants every continued success in the years ahead.

2430 **Asylum reform proposals**

Tabled: **3/12/25** Signatories: **3**

James McMurdock
Andrew Rosindell
Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House expresses deep concern toward the Home Office's recently announced proposals on asylum system reform; notes that these proposals fail to address the underlying causes and impacts of the current asylum crisis; regrets that the proposals do not provide clear mechanisms for the enforced removal of those whose claims have failed; highlights the alarming use of the Work and Study route as a means of providing citizenship to illegal immigrants; believes that this approach amounts to weak reform of an asylum system in urgent need of robust action; and calls on the Government to bring forward stronger, clearer and more effective measures to restore control, integrity and public confidence in Britain's asylum processes.

2431 **Sheringham bus shelter**

Tabled: **3/12/25** Signatories: **11**

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Charlotte Cane
Tom Morrison

Victoria Collins
Brian Mathew

Jamie Stone
Clive Jones

Dr Al Pinkerton

That this House notes with grave concern the plans of Norfolk County Council to demolish Sheringham's historic bus shelter; recognises that the shelter is of Streamline Moderne art-deco design, dating from the 1950s; further notes that it contains a treasured poppy mural painted by a local artist which recognises the historic Midland and Great Northern Railway; is concerned that residents do not feel properly consulted or heard by the County Council; praises and expresses solidarity with the local people who have protested outside and occupied the bus shelter; calls on the County Council to suspend their plans to allow for further constructive discussion with the community; and agrees that Sheringham is a town which is not to be messed with.