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New EDMs

3177 **Dromore RFC, Bank of Ireland Towns Cup victory**

Tabled: **21/04/26** Signatories: **1**

Sorcha Eastwood

That this House congratulates Dromore Rugby Football Club on their historic victory in the Bank of Ireland Towns Cup Final, their first such title since 1939; pays tribute to captain Ryan Hughes and Player of the Match Dean Dillon, and to every member of the squad, for their outstanding contribution to this long-awaited achievement; recognises that this success also belongs to the coaches, volunteers and supporters whose dedication sustains the club and makes occasions such as this possible; further recognises the deep affection in which Dromore RFC is held by the people of the town, and the joy this victory has brought to so many; and wishes Dromore RFC every continued success in the seasons ahead.

3178 **50th anniversary of St Paul's Preschool, Northumberland Heath**

Tabled: **21/04/26** Signatories: **1**

Daniel Francis

That this House recognises and congratulates St Paul's Preschool in Northumberland Heath on its 50th anniversary; highlights the Art Exhibition held in March to commemorate their 50th anniversary; notes that the Preschool is based in St Paul's Church which provides an inclusive place of worship to all ages; further notes the long-standing support for the community of Northumberland Heath; thanks Bhaggya Tennakoon, Preschool staff and volunteers for their

hard work; and pays tribute to the Reverend Clive Beazley-Long, all the staff and volunteers at St Paul's Church and wishes them and the Preschool well for the future.

3179 **Coventry City Football Club's promotion to Premier League**

Tabled: **21/04/26** Signatories: **7**

Rachel Taylor
Chris Webb
John Slinger
Connor Naismith
Taiwo Owatemi
Yuan Yang

Valerie Vaz

That this House congratulates Coventry City Football Club on their return to the Premier League after 25 years; celebrates the hard work of fans, board members, club staff and volunteers; thanks owner Doug King, coach Frank Lampard, and all past and present players for their passion, commitment and dedication to the club; congratulates them on the upcoming award of Freedom of the City by Coventry City Council; and looks forward to the continued success of the Sky Blues in the Premier League next season.

3180 **Kate Kennedy Spring Procession 100th anniversary**

Tabled: **21/04/26** Signatories: **1**

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Kate Kennedy Spring Procession in St Andrews, held from 16–19 April; commends the Kate Kennedy Club and the many volunteers whose hard work and dedication ensured the success of this year's centenary event; notes the rich history of the Procession, first revived by students at the University of St Andrews in 1926 following its 19th century ban, and acknowledges its evolution into one of the town's most cherished annual traditions; recognises the significance of the Procession in bringing together residents, students, local organisations and visitors, showcasing the strong community spirit of St Andrews; further notes that the event plays an important role in celebrating the heritage, culture and historical figures associated with the town; and congratulates all involved on marking this milestone year with a procession that reflects both the enduring traditions and the vibrant community of St Andrews.

3181 **Bowhouse Market awarded farmers market certification**

Tabled: **21/04/26** Signatories: **1**

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House congratulates Bowhouse Market in the East Neuk of Fife on being awarded farmers market certification from the Farm Retail Association; recognises that the certification provides consistency and clarity to the public on what a true farmers market is; understands that eight key principles must be met in order to become certified, which Bowhouse Market have achieved; notes that Bowhouse Market is part of Balcaskie Estate and opened its doors in 2017 as a community of local food and drinks producers; celebrates that it now welcomes around 4,200 visitors to its monthly farmers markets; and wishes them further success for the future.

3182 **Planned reductions to BBC staff**

Tabled: **21/04/26** Signatories: **16**

Rebecca Long Bailey
John McDonnell
Kim Johnson
Grahame Morris
Liz Saville Roberts
Jeremy Corbyn

Nadia Whittome	Kate Osborne	Mary Kelly
Foy	Bell Ribeiro-Addy	Andy McDonald
Steve Witherden	Chris Hinchliff	Neil Duncan-Jordan
Richard Burgon	Ian Byrne	

That this House expresses concerns at the BBC's plans to cut between 1,800 and 2,000 jobs, about one in 10, across various departments; notes that BBC management has also outlined spending reductions, including on travel, attending external events, and commissioning freelances, in addition to cutting posts; further notes the latest plans follow previous rounds of cuts that have led to reduced programming, loss of experience, unmanageable workloads, lower morale, and fewer opportunities; agrees with the National Union of Journalists that successive cuts risk severely undermining the BBC's ability to fulfil its purposes of providing quality journalism and programming that informs, educates, and entertains; and therefore calls on the Government to recognise the BBC's value as a public service, provide urgent intervention, and use the opportunity afforded by the Charter Renewal process to guarantee the long-term financial sustainability of the broadcaster in order to protect the interests of workers and audiences alike.

3183 **Record attendance for Women's Six Nations match at Murrayfield**

Tabled: **21/04/26** Signatories: **1**

Christine Jardine

That this House recognises the significance of the recent weekend fixture in the Women's Six Nations Championship held at Murrayfield Stadium; welcomes the continued growth and public profile of women's rugby union across the Home Nations and beyond; acknowledges Murrayfield Stadium as a world class venue that has played a pivotal role in promoting women's sport on a national and international stage; notes the record crowd size at the match with over 30,000 in attendance, the highest standalone women's sporting event in Scotland, reflecting the increasing demand for women's elite sport; congratulates Scottish Rugby and the Six Nations organisers for their commitment to equality, visibility and investment in the women's game; and calls on sporting bodies, broadcasters and the Government to continue supporting and expanding opportunities for women and girls to participate in rugby and other sports more broadly.

3184 **Good grading for Glencryan School**

Tabled: **21/04/26** Signatories: **1**

Katrina Murray

That this House acknowledges the positive report from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) for Glencryan School, a school exclusively for children and young people with a range and complexity of additional support needs located in Cumbernauld; recognises the school's strong, nurturing culture and effective support for children and young people; notes that the report highlights positive relationships, an inclusive ethos and a strong commitment to wellbeing underpinning learning across the school; welcomes that across all evaluated quality indicators—Leadership of Change, Learning, Teaching and Assessment, Ensuring Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion, and Raising Attainment and Achievement—the school was graded "good", reflecting consistent and effective practice; commends the way in which children and young people's voices are highly valued; praises the school's inclusive and respectful culture, with children and young people feeling valued members of the school community; further recognises the strong emphasis placed by staff on wellbeing, rights and equality, including tailored support for learners with complex additional needs; notes that children and young people are developing important skills for later life, including communication, independence and vocational skills; further notes that, in the senior phase, young people benefit from meaningful learning pathways linked to qualifications, employability, supported employment and positive post-school destinations; welcomes the increase in the number of young people moving on successfully to further education, training and employment; and congratulates the children, teachers, support staff and wider community of Glencryan School on this positive report.

3185 **Whitelees Primary and Nursery School inspection**

Tabled: **21/04/26** Signatories: **1**

Katrina Murray

That this House acknowledges the recent inspection of Whitelees Primary School and Nursery, in which the school was graded "very good" and the nursery "good" by His Majesty's Inspectors of Education; notes that inspectors highlighted the strong, vibrant and nurturing culture across both settings; recognises the commitment, enthusiasm and high standards demonstrated by children, staff and leadership; further recognises the highly effective leadership of the headteacher, supported by principal teachers, in fostering a positive and purposeful ethos with clear expectations; commends the exceptionally responsive staff who ensure that children feel safe, valued and nurtured, leading to strong engagement and progress in learning; further notes the reflective and forward-thinking approach of staff, with a clear commitment to continuous improvement and professional learning; also notes the high-quality learning and teaching, alongside strong attainment in literacy and numeracy, with children confidently applying their skills both in the classroom and in outdoor learning; and congratulates the children, teachers, support staff and wider community of Whitelees Primary School and Nursery, Cumbernauld, on this positive report.

3186 **St Margaret of Scotland Youth Group's 50th anniversary**

Tabled: **21/04/26** Signatories: **1**

Katrina Murray

That this House congratulates St Margaret of Scotland Youth Group on its 50th anniversary of faith-based charitable action; recognises that each summer more than 80 young people aged 18 to 30 volunteer their time to support sick children and their families through the Archdiocese of Glasgow's annual pilgrimage of the sick to Lourdes; notes that all funds to support the pilgrimage are raised through the efforts of volunteers and are used to sponsor children and families to travel with the group alongside specialist staff; further notes that the group is well respected and trusted in Lourdes, having been invited to lead processions, including the torchlight procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; commends the contribution of young people who share their musical talents across services and masses, enhancing and enriching the spiritual experience of pilgrims; further recognises the lasting impact that this experience has on children, their families and the volunteers themselves; and celebrates the dedication, compassion and enduring legacy of St Margaret of Scotland Youth Group over five decades.

3187 **Strathcarron Hospice 45th anniversary**

Tabled: **21/04/26** Signatories: **1**

Katrina Murray

That this House congratulates Strathcarron Hospice on the occasion of its 45th anniversary, having first opened its doors on 21 April 1981 to provide compassionate care to people living with, and dying from, incurable illness; recognises that the hospice has remained true to its founding vision over 45 years, delivering the highest standard of palliative and end-of-life care while adapting to meet increasingly complex needs; notes that over more than 16,000 days the hospice has supported thousands of individuals and their families, treating each person with dignity, compassion and respect; acknowledges the dedication of staff, volunteers and supporters whose commitment has sustained this vital service; further acknowledges the continued support of the local community across Forth Valley, Cumbernauld and Kilsyth in maintaining and strengthening the hospice's work; welcomes the commemorative community weaving initiative marking the anniversary, which invites individuals, families, community groups and organisations to contribute threads representing personal stories, memories and connections to the hospice; recognises that this collective artwork reflects the compassion, connection and shared support that have defined Strathcarron Hospice across generations; further notes the opportunity for members of the public to engage with the hospice, learn more about its services and experience its welcoming environment; and commends Strathcarron Hospice for its outstanding contribution to the community over four and a half decades.

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.

3029 **Water sector reform**

Tabled: **24/03/26** Signatories: **43**

Tim Farron
Dr Danny Chambers
Cameron Thomas
Sarah Dyke
Wera Hobhouse
Ian Sollom

Charlie Maynard Vikki Slade Alex Brewer

That this House recognises the Government's intention to publish legislation on water sector reform following the publication of their Water White Paper and that this Bill is due to be announced in the upcoming King's Speech; further recognises the urgent need for structural reform of England's water industry to rebuild public trust, improve environmental outcomes, and ensure fair and resilient management of essential water services; asks that the Government include the establishment of a new mutual ownership model for water companies, owned by

customers and professionally managed, as a means to strengthen accountability and public confidence in the Bill; calls for a new Clean Water Authority to replace Ofwat, with updated powers and duties to ensure more effective regulation, improved environmental oversight, and stronger enforcement mechanisms; further calls for a review of the triggers for placing water companies under the Special Administration Regime, alongside the introduction of new special measures to ensure earlier invention where companies of new special measures to ensure earlier intervention where companies fail to meet financial, governance, or environmental standards; urges the Government to require water companies to monitor and publish volume flow data to enhance the accuracy of pollution monitoring; believes that implementing a single social tariff for water bills would help eliminate water poverty; and therefore urges the Government to ensure that their forthcoming legislation on water reform and any subsequent legislation brought forward in the King's Speech includes comprehensive measures to improve ownership, governance, environmental protection, affordability, and oversight across the water sector.

3042 **Restructuring at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**

Tabled: **25/03/26** Signatories: **20**

John McDonnell
Liz Saville Roberts
Graham Leadbitter
Grahame Morris
Ian Byrne
Ian Lavery

Olivia Blake

That this House considers that the main focus of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) should be on tackling pressing issues arising from the conflict in the Middle East alongside emerging and ongoing crises across the globe; regrets, however, that internal restructuring means that staff are occupied with a process of completing a self-assessment exercise so they can apply for roles in a new structure and will then go through a job selection exercise; believes this is a distraction from tasks which include ensuring the safety of 300,000 British Nationals in at-risk countries; agrees with the International Development Committee's recommendation that the restructure must be immediately paused to understand the impact of potential workforce reductions; further believes that any restructure must consider the vital work the FCDO does, including development work in some of the most unstable areas of the world; is concerned that, if the restructure continues, there is considerable risk that the organisation's ability to cope with the current crisis and similar situations in the future will be significantly degraded; shares the view of PCS and International Development staff that the current plans come at a time when FCDO leadership themselves say the pace of global change has, as they put it, accelerated; and therefore asks that the current restructure exercise is halted to allow the Department time to give adequate consideration to maintaining expertise and protecting jobs to ensure the organisation is fit for purpose in a rapidly changing world.

3045 **Workers Memorial Day**

Tabled: **25/03/26** Signatories: **18**

David Baines
Ms Marie Rimmer
Hannah Spencer
Siân Berry
Carla Denyer
Adrian Ramsay

Neil Duncan-Jordan Apsana Begum

That this House commemorates Workers Memorial Day and pays tribute to all workers who have lost their lives, suffered injury or experienced illness as a result of their work; calls on employers, employees, and trade unions across the UK to mark this occasion by renewing their commitment to workplace safety; welcomes the service of remembrance and wreath-laying ceremony being held at the Workers Memorial Statue in Vera Page Park, St Helens; and believes that events of this kind play a vital role in raising awareness among both employers and employees of the need for robust health and safety protections in the workplace.

3066 **Israeli death penalty law and military courts**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **27**

Iqbal Mohamed
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jeremy Corbyn
Shockat Adam
Ayoub Khan
Brendan O'Hara

Apsana Begum

That this House expresses grave concern at the passage by the Israeli Knesset on 30 March 2026 of the Penal Law (Amendment – Death Penalty for Terrorists), which introduces the death penalty as the default punishment for Palestinians convicted of terrorism offences in territories under Israeli control, including in the occupied West Bank; notes that the law enables military courts to impose capital punishment by majority decision, curtails due process protections and permits executions within 90 days, including by hanging; further notes that Palestinians are tried in military courts lacking full guarantees of independence, impartiality and fair trial rights, while Israeli citizens in the same territory are subject to civilian courts, resulting in differential legal systems and penalties; expresses deep concern that this framework may amount to discriminatory treatment and contribute to a system of apartheid, as identified in international legal analyses; recognises that the death penalty contravenes the United Kingdom's longstanding opposition to capital punishment and raises serious concerns under international human rights law, including the rights to life, equality before the law and due process; and calls

on the Government urgently to condemn the introduction of this law to ensure accountability for serious human rights violations.

3071 **Animal protection disclosure scheme**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **10**

Ruth Jones
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jim Shannon
Andrew George
Siân Berry
Hannah Spencer

Olivia Blake Carla Denyer Adrian Ramsay
Dr Ellie Chowns

That this House notes proposals for the creation of a Animal Protection Disclosure Scheme also known as Holly's Law; further notes that this scheme could potentially reduce the number of repeated prosecutions against those who abuse animals and people as well as protect animals and people from potential harm and neglect; and calls upon the Secretary of State to bring forward regulations providing guidance for police on the exercise of their rights of disclosure, known as the right to know, under such a scheme.

3075 **St George's Day 2026**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **17**

Adam Jogee
Jacob Collier
Josh Newbury
Dave Robertson
Dr Allison Gardner
Leigh Ingham

Robin Swann Vikki Slade Luke Myer

That this House joins the people of England in celebrating St George's Day on Thursday 23 April 2026; recognises the significance of England's national day to many people throughout the world; acknowledges the important role that England and her people play in strengthening the bonds of solidarity and togetherness across our beloved United Kingdom; notes that St George's Day 2026 comes two days after the 100th anniversary of the birth of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; welcomes the opportunity to celebrate England's patron saint and all that is great about England not least in history, identity, cultures, traditions and reputation for welcoming one and all; encourages schools, their leaders and community groups and organisations in counties, cities, towns and villages across England, and the world, to give all our people, young and old, the chance to engage with and enjoy this day; and gives thanks for the leadership role that England, and the United Kingdom, plays on the world stage and reaffirms its commitment

to to preserving, celebrating and cherishing England's green and pleasant lands, her people and our King, this year and all years.

3082 **Supporting UK hauliers and reducing border friction through UK–EU cooperation**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **24**

Dr Al Pinkerton
Dr Danny Chambers
Wendy Chamberlain
Wera Hobhouse
Pippa Heylings
Layla Moran

Zöe Franklin Vikki Slade

That this House notes with deep concern that post-Brexit trading arrangements have placed severe strain on the UK haulage sector, with the number of haulage companies entering insolvency nearly doubling between 2016–2020 and 2021–2025; regrets the Government's failure to adequately support the sector in adapting to these conditions; further notes that the full enforcement of the European Union's Entry/Exit System (EES) will impose additional administrative and operational burdens at the border, with hauliers already struggling to adapt; acknowledges industry warnings that up to 80% of operators expect a decline in business and that the economic impact could reach as high as £400 million; expresses grave concern that failure to act will have a catastrophic impact on haulage firms, disrupt UK supply chains, and drive up the cost of food and goods for households already facing sustained cost of living pressures; also notes that the Government has failed to set out sufficient support for hauliers ahead of EES implementation; urges the Government to immediately secure an agreement with the European Union to allow British HGV drivers to register biometric details away from the border, reducing friction and delays; and calls on Ministers to begin negotiations with European partners on a new, bespoke UK–EU customs union, recognising this as the single biggest lever available to boost business, deliver growth, and slash unnecessary Brexit bureaucracy.

3084 **Palestinian Nakba commemoration march**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **35**

John McDonnell
Apsana Begum
Richard Burgon
Ian Byrne
Nadia Whittome
Imran Hussain

Iqbal Mohamed Mary Kelly Foy

That this House notes that every year the Palestine Coalition organises a march in London on the anniversary of the Nakba and that this year the march falls on Saturday 16 May; expresses its strong concern that the Metropolitan Police has refused the Palestine movement its preferred route for the commemorative march but have instead allocated, on the same day, London's political centre, including the whole of Whitehall, Parliament Square and Trafalgar Square, to Tommy Robinson's far-right protest, claiming this action is necessary because of the expected scale of the Robinson demonstration even though many of the recent Palestine demonstrations have been considerably bigger than last year's Unite the Kingdom demonstration organised by Robinson; further notes the Palestine marches have been peaceful, while protests backed by Tommy Robinson have ended in up in violent attacks on the Palestine movement and on the Metropolitan Police and thus believes that people will not understand why the police are favouring the far right over Palestine on Nakba day; and therefore urges the Metropolitan Police to review this decision.

3085 **Impact of the Iran war on transport costs**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **31**

Ed Davey
Daisy Cooper
Pippa Heylings
Olly Glover
Dr Danny Chambers
Wendy Chamberlain

Zöe Franklin Vikki Slade Sarah Green

That this House notes with alarm the impact of President Trump's war with Iran on fuel prices and transport costs for people across the United Kingdom, with petrol up by 25p per litre and diesel up by 48p per litre since the war began; further notes that Government revenues from taxes on fossil fuels are significantly higher than expected due to the war; and calls on the Government to use that extra revenue to introduce an emergency transport package to help families and businesses with the cost of travel, including an immediate 10p cut in fuel duty, a reduction in the cap on bus fares to £1, a 10% cut in rail fares, a cut in VAT on public electric vehicle charging to 5%, and a review of the network costs that push up charging prices.

3086 **Universal Credit health for under-22s**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **22**

Neil Duncan-Jordan
Brian Leishman
Jeremy Corbyn
Chris Hinchliff
Nadia Whittome
Steve Witherden

Apsana Begum

That this House expresses grave concern at the proposal to delay access to the Universal Credit health element for young disabled people under 22; notes the absence of evidence that reducing benefit income or tightening eligibility increases participation in employment, education or training; recognises evidence, including the Department for Work and Pensions' own sanctions evaluation, showing that financial instability can reduce employment outcomes and earnings; highlights that disabled people already face disproportionately high levels of financial hardship, debt and unmet healthcare need; and calls on the Government to reconsider these proposals and ensure young disabled people have the financial security necessary to access education, healthcare, employment and training.

3093 **Meta and YouTube and legal liability for addictive design and online harms**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **23**

Victoria Collins
Munira Wilson
Dr Danny Chambers
Caroline Voaden
Wendy Chamberlain
Wera Hobhouse

Vikki Slade Sarah Green

That this House notes with alarm the findings of recent legal proceedings in the United States in which Meta and YouTube have been found liable for creating platforms with addictive features that cause mental health distress and social media addiction, and in which Meta has further been found liable for endangering children by exposing them to sexually explicit material and contact with sexual predators, with both rulings delivered within a single day of one another; further notes that TikTok and Snapchat reached a settlement to avoid being involved in the trial; is deeply troubled that in the UK no action has been taken to safeguard children from addictive social media features despite mounting medical and legal evidence of the mental and physical harm they cause; recognises that practical measures such as a doomscrolling cap and raising the age of data consent to 16, alongside harms-based age ratings for online platforms, would meaningfully reduce the exposure of children in the UK to these harms; expresses concern that the Government's ongoing social media consultation is resulting in further delay to the legislative action that is urgently needed; and calls on the Government to bring forward robust,

future-proof legislation that places the responsibility squarely on social media platforms to make the internet safer for children, rather than placing the burden on families and young people

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3098 **NHS maternity services**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **17**

Helen Morgan
Wendy Chamberlain
Wera Hobhouse
Dr Danny Chambers
Pippa Heylings
Sarah Dyke

Zöe Franklin Vikki Slade

That this House believes that the UK should be the safest country in the world to have a baby; regrets that 65% of maternity units do not meet the classification of good for standards of safety; recognises the serious harm caused to mothers and babies and the cost to the NHS of maternal clinical negligence claims as a result of these failings; calls on the Government to ensure that every unit in the country achieves at least a good rating of safety; urges the Government to not use Baroness Amos' review as a reason for delay when the issues in maternity care have been well-documented by previous reviews and inquires; and further urges the Government to implement Liberal Democrat calls to improve NHS maternity services, including through 24/7 consultant obstetrician cover on maternity wards, one-to-one midwifery care for every woman in labour, recruiting more consultant midwives, investing in fixing crumbling maternity and neonatal units, and a national Maternity commissioner to oversee improved standards of care.

3099 **Changes to IVF support in Greater Manchester**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **9**

Tom Morrison
Wendy Chamberlain
Pippa Heylings
Sarah Dyke
Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon

Hannah Spencer

That this House is deeply disappointed by the decision to standardise NHS Funded Invitro Fertilisation (IVF) to a 1+ cycle across all ten boroughs of Greater Manchester when evidence shows that success rates increase over multiple cycles; notes with concern that this decision will remove a realistic chance of pregnancy for thousands of people across the region; further notes that Salford, Tameside, Wigan and Stockport authorities will reduce from two or three

cycles to just one; acknowledges the serious stress, upset and grief that this decision will cause prospective parents; recognises with alarm that this decision will increase the economic barriers to having children, creating a two tier system based on income; also notes that the public consultation on this change found strong opposition to the decision to reduce all 10 boroughs to a 1+ cycle; notes that 74% of respondents either completely disagreed or disagreed with the proposal of a 1+ cycle offer; is alarmed that Greater Manchester NHS has ignored both NICE Guidance and public opinion; celebrates that the first 'test tube baby' Louise Brown was born in Oldham in Greater Manchester in 1978 and that approximately 1 child in every classroom is born via IVF; and calls on the Government to urgently review NHS Greater Manchester's decision.

3101 **A&E corridor care**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **18**

Helen Morgan
Dr Danny Chambers
Wendy Chamberlain
Wera Hobhouse
Pippa Heylings
Steff Aquarone

Zöe Franklin

That this House condemns the normalisation of corridor care in NHS hospitals; expresses alarm at recent reports of patients receiving end of life care in corridors; believes patients deserve better and should expect to receive care in privacy and with dignity; regrets that 2025 saw the worst level of 12 hour trolley-waits in A&E ever recorded; further notes that the Government are set to miss their own target of seeing 78% of patients within 4 hours by the end of March 2026; recognises this is affecting public confidence, with 67% of people now worried about long A&E waits; calls on the Government to end the national scandal of corridor care and save A&E departments from collapse; urges the Government to implement Liberal Democrat calls to end corridor care and the A&E crisis within a year by guaranteeing everyone can see a GP within seven days, or 24 hours if urgent, and by fixing the crisis in social care so that people can leave hospital when they are fit to do so; and further calls for a legal duty on the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to end 12-hour A&E waits by the end of the year.

3107 **Access to GP appointments**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **18**

Helen Maguire
Dr Danny Chambers
Wera Hobhouse
Helen Morgan
Pippa Heylings
Steff Aquarone

Zöe Franklin

That this House regrets that many people are struggling to access GP appointments; notes that on average one GP surgery a week has closed and month-long waits for GP appointments have increased by over 250,000 this Parliament; acknowledges that prolonged waits for GP appointments are terrible for patients' physical health, wellbeing and employment; recognises that long waits further increase pressure on A&E departments; calls on the Government to end the crisis in general practice by implementing the Liberal Democrat's GP rescue package, which would introduce a new legal right to see a GP within seven days, or 24 hours if urgent, by recruiting and retaining 8,000 more doctors; and further calls on the Government to launch a dedicated fund to open surgeries in rural and under-served areas.

3116 **Illegal waste operations**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **5**

Jon Trickett
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jim Shannon
Siân Berry
Hannah Spencer

That this House welcomes the Government’s Waste Crime Action Plan and the decision to provide the Environment Agency (EA) with enhanced funding, strengthened enforcement mechanisms, and the capacity to intervene more decisively; notes that more clarity is required regarding the EA’s expanded enforcement budget and wider use of restriction orders to support efforts to ensure restoration and clean up proceeds; further notes that the Ash Pits site in South Elmsall, in Normanton and Hemsworth constituency, has been formally identified by the EA as an illegal waste operation but there is growing concern that restoration and clean up will not be honoured; highlights concerns that if an operator enters bankruptcy or insolvency, they may be able to avoid the financial and legal responsibility to restore the site, noting precedents of companies deliberately using insolvency as a means to evade environmental obligations, as doing so can be more cost-effective than fulfilling their duties; and calls on the Government to ensure operators like the one in Normanton and Hemsworth constituency cannot exploit regulatory gaps or delays to avoid restoring the land as required.

3118 **Second annual SEND Youth Parliament**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **15**

Jodie Gosling
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Daniel Francis
Jim Shannon
Andrew George
Dr Ellie Chowns

Olivia Blake

That this House celebrates the Second Annual SEND Youth Parliament and commends the young people with learning disabilities and autism who have travelled from across the country to Parliament, many for the first time, to share their experiences and speak on the issues that matter most to them; notes that the majority of participants are undertaking or have completed transition-to-work programmes such as supported internships or apprenticeships, each demonstrating a strong commitment to leading active, independent lives and contributing meaningfully to their communities; acknowledges the determination of the young people attending the Youth Parliament to challenge low employment rates and to highlight the barriers they face; welcomes this year's focus on employment, including young people's reflections on what matters most to them about their future at work and the obstacles they encounter in securing a job; and applauds their collective commitment, demonstrated through debate and a concluding vote, to affirm that young people with a learning disability want to work and deserve equitable access to meaningful employment opportunities.

3119 **Mehran Raoof**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **14**

John McDonnell
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Brian Leishman
Jim Shannon
Dr Ellie Chowns
Hannah Spencer

Olivia Blake

That this House is alarmed that Mehran Raoof, a 70 year old British-Iranian labour rights activist, has been arbitrarily detained in Iran and convicted on national security charges after what Amnesty and others describe as a grossly unfair trial; is aware of recent reports from Evin Prison, where Mehran is imprisoned, which describe power cuts, loss of hot water, medicine shortages, staff absence, and no meaningful access to medical care amid the current war; calls on the Government to do all it can to explore the options to secure Mehran's release including parole or transfer into British Embassy care, as France was able to secure for its citizens, Cécile

Kohler and Jacques Paris; and further calls on the Foreign Secretary to treat the securing of Mehran's release as a matter of urgency.

3129 **100th anniversary of the birth of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **101**

Adam Jogee
Lucy Powell
Jim Allister
Jim Shannon
Bob Blackman
Gavin Robinson

Dawn Butler	Michael Payne	Helen Morgan
Carolyn Harris	David Mundell	Kenneth Stevenson

That this House notes, with affection and respect, the 100th anniversary, on 21 April 2026 of the birth of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; reflects on the sense of loss that people throughout the United Kingdom, the realms, territories and Commonwealth still feel following Her late Majesty's death on 8 September 2022; expresses its grateful thanks for Her late Majesty's long life of service and her reign of 70 years and 214 days, unparalleled in history; remembers a monarch driven by purpose, commitment, love of country and an unmatched dedication to the Commonwealth; recognises the many visits, meetings and receptions, over seven decades, through which the people of this country were able to meet Her late Majesty, and she them, in communities right across the UK and the world; acknowledges that this milestone in history will be a very personal day of reflection, love and remembrance for His Majesty the King and his family as they remember a mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and great-grandmother; and gives thanks for Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's long life of service and the example she set to all of us and sings with one voice, God Save the King.

3130 **Upland farmers and common land**

Tabled: **13/04/26** Signatories: **13**

Tim Farron
Pippa Heylings
Sarah Dyke
Jim Shannon
Mr Lee Dillon
Clive Jones

Caroline Voaden

That this House notes with concern that thousands of upland farmers in England face exclusion from future environment schemes due to the absence of a mechanism for common land to apply to the 2026 Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) and Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier (CSHT); recognises that around 4,000 farming businesses with common rights may be

adversely affected; further notes that limitations within the Rural Payments Service software prevent applications for commons and shared grazing; regrets the withdrawal of the MOR1 moorland survey action that helps the Landuse Framework's ambition to make Land Digital; acknowledges the lack of interim or offline solutions and impact to farm business viability; highlights the importance of common land to nature recovery, peatland restoration and flood management; and calls on the Government to urgently deliver a workable system for commons to apply for SFI and CSHT which will also ensure sustainable food production, equitable access, fair payment, and full inclusion of commoners.

3132 **GP access**

Tabled: **14/04/26** Signatories: **26**

Helen Maguire
Wera Hobhouse
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Andrew George
Dr Danny Chambers
Pippa Heylings

Vikki Slade Sarah Green

That this House regrets the ongoing and sustained difficulties accessing GP appointments across the country; expresses concern that over 1,300 GP surgeries have closed since 2015; notes that one GP surgery a week has closed under this Government; recognises that GP surgeries are serving an extra 917 homes on average since 2015, representing a 30% increase; further regrets that too often new GP surgeries are promised for new housing developments yet never materialise; calls on the Government to get Britain building and deliver the services communities need; and urges the Government to implement Liberal Democrat calls to require developers to fund and build new, or expand existing, GP surgeries ahead of the arrival of new residents to ensure everyone can get an appointment within seven days, or 24 hours if urgent.

3133 **Support for hospitality businesses**

Tabled: **14/04/26** Signatories: **19**

Victoria Collins
Wera Hobhouse
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Dr Danny Chambers
Andrew George
Pippa Heylings

Mr Gregory Campbell Vikki Slade

That this House notes with serious concern the cumulative cost pressures facing independent hospitality businesses across the United Kingdom; recognises that the simultaneous impact of rising National Minimum Wage, increased employer National Insurance contributions, rising

energy costs, food price volatility, and the reduction of business rates relief is pushing viable, long-established businesses to the brink; acknowledges that these pressures do not exist in isolation but compound one another in ways that make sustainable operation increasingly impossible for small operators; further notes that in Berkhamsted alone, three long-established restaurants have closed in the last four months, with their premises now sitting empty on one of the most vibrant high streets in the country; is deeply troubled that small business owners are being forced to cut staff hours, cancel investment in UK suppliers and manufacturers, remove themselves from payroll, and abandon plans for growth simply to survive; and calls on the Government to work collaboratively with the sector to create conditions in which independent businesses can operate, invest and grow.

3139 **Health and Social Care**

Tabled: **14/04/26** Signatories: **30**

John McDonnell
Rachael Maskell
Apsana Begum
Rebecca Long Bailey
Imran Hussain
Ian Lavery

Emma Lewell

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 202), dated 2 March 2026, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3 March 2026, be annulled.

3140 **Social care**

Tabled: **14/04/26** Signatories: **22**

Alison Bennett
Wera Hobhouse
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Dr Danny Chambers
Andrew George
Pippa Heylings

Zöe Franklin Sarah Green Sarah Olney

That this House believes everyone deserves high-quality care, to live independently and with dignity; condemns successive Governments for kicking meaningful reform of social care into the long-grass; recognises that the social care crisis is a millstone around the neck of our NHS and that many problems in the NHS cannot be solved without meaningful action on social care; regrets that patients spent the equivalent of 4.34 million days in 2025 stranded in hospital beds waiting for sufficient care arrangements; pays tribute to care workers and the millions of unpaid carers looking after loved ones; acknowledges that a failure to reform social care nationally

is bankrupting local government finances, driving up council tax and undermining other services; calls on the Government to re-establish cross-party talks on social care and finalise the Casey Review sooner so reforms can be implemented urgently; and urges the Government to implement Liberal Democrat calls to introduce a new Carer's Minimum Wage to boost the minimum wage for care workers by £2 an hour and end chronic staff shortages, guarantee personal care in old age, ensure nobody is trapped in hospital by investing in step down care and providing more support for unpaid carers, including reforming the unfair carers allowance, guaranteeing respite breaks and introducing paid carers leave.

3141 **Bermuda and oil industry tax**

Tabled: **14/04/26** Signatories: **20**

Clive Lewis [R]
Andrew George
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jon Trickett
Siân Berry
Dr Ellie Chowns

Sammy Wilson
Chris Hinchliff
John McDonnell
Valerie Vaz
Nadia Whittome
Olivia Blake
Kim Johnson

That this House notes recent research showing that the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda is a major hub for oil industry tax avoidance, and hosts the headquarters of three of the world's top ten oil drilling contractors, four of the world's ten biggest oil tanker companies, Shell and Chevron offices, and industry insurance companies; further notes the Iran war means oil companies are securing record profits, which Bermuda helps them avoid taxes on; and calls on the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to investigate what further actions can be taken to stop the oil industry using British territories to avoid taxes around the world.

3146 **Peregrine falcons in Woking**

Tabled: **15/04/26** Signatories: **9**

Mr Will Forster
Wera Hobhouse
Andrew George
Pippa Heylings
Jim Shannon
Clive Jones

Zöe Franklin

That this House congratulates the Surrey Bird Club and the Woking Peregrine Project on the recent success of the peregrine falcons nesting at Export House in Woking; notes that the installation of a nest box in 2016 has supported the return of these remarkable birds of prey

to the town centre; further notes that the resident pair have laid an exceptional clutch of five eggs in 2026, exceeding the usual three to four eggs and marking a significant milestone for the project; recognises the vital role of volunteers and conservationists in monitoring and protecting the birds, including through ringing chicks to track their movements; celebrates the recovery of the Peregrine Falcon in the United Kingdom following historic declines in the 20th century; acknowledges the importance of urban habitats such as tall buildings in supporting wildlife; and commends all those involved for promoting biodiversity and inspiring the local community in Woking and across the UK.

3147 **UN General Assembly Resolution A/80/L.48 on declaring the trafficking of enslaved Africans and racialised chattel enslavement as a crime against humanity**

Tabled: **15/04/26** Signatories: **13**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Ann Davies
Liz Saville Roberts
Kim Johnson

Olivia Blake Neil Duncan-Jordan Apsana Begum

That this House regrets the Government's decision to abstain on the recent United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/80/L.48 rather than vote for it; recognises the immense harm and suffering caused by the transatlantic slave trade, and the legacy of harm left by the practice, as well as colonialism and neocolonialism; notes that the Ghanaian Government's resolution declaring the transatlantic slave trade a crime against humanity was backed by the African Union, the Caribbean Community and a large global coalition; further notes that engagement with discussions on reparations would reveal that this is not just about financial compensation, but accountability, equality and justice; believes that, given Britain's central role in the trafficking and enslavement of African peoples, the decision to abstain was a betrayal of every life consumed by this gross human rights abuse; is concerned that no Parliamentary debate was held prior to the vote and therefore does not believe this vote reflects the will of Parliament; and calls on the Government to commit to a full Parliamentary debate prior to any future UN resolutions on reparations for the transatlantic slave trade.

3152 **Introduction of reforms to Agricultural Property Relief and Business Property Relief**

Tabled: **15/04/26** Signatories: **21**

Sarah Dyke
Wera Hobhouse
Susan Murray
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Rachel Gilmour
Cameron Thomas

Mr Gregory Campbell
Mr Lee Dillon
Robin Swann
Vikki Slade
Zöe Franklin

That this House expresses concern over the Government's decision to introduce reforms to Agricultural Property Relief (APR) and Business Property Relief (BPR), which took effect on 6 April 2026 and has limited the availability of full relief and created new thresholds on qualifying assets; recognises the Government's decision to increase the 100% rate of relief threshold from £1 million to £2.5 million as a hard-fought concession, yet still risks leaving too many family farms facing an effective tax rate of 20% on assets above the limit; understands these changes risk forced sales of productive farmland to meet inheritance tax liabilities, weakening the resilience of domestic food production and undermining long-term food security by reducing our ability to withstand global supply shocks; notes the negative impact this policy will have on local rural economies by reducing employment opportunities, straining local agricultural supply chains, restricting agricultural business growth and threatening the existence of the financial support rural communities depend on; calls on the Government to recognise the 18 months of uncertainty our farmers have been forced to face, owing to this ill-conceived policy and pledge their support to our agricultural sector by reversing the changes made to APR and BPR in full; and further calls on the Government to increase the farming budget by £1 billion a year to help ensure the agricultural sectors future viability and protect the UK's food security.

3155 **Mountain rescue in Cumbria**

Tabled: **16/04/26** Signatories: **12**

Tim Farron
Dr Roz Savage
Helen Morgan
Wendy Chamberlain
Pippa Heylings
David Chadwick

Caroline Voaden
Mr Joshua Reynolds

That this House notes with concern the potential impact of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 on small-volunteer led organisations; recognises the impetus for this change arose from the recommendations of the Manchester Arena bombing inquiry, and that improved regulation in this area is warranted; particularly

notes that mountain rescue teams, including Kirkby Stephen, Kendal, Coniston, and Patterdale Mountain Rescue Teams, routinely provide rescue cover free of charge at local community events such as fell races and agricultural shows, and that such teams would face registration costs estimated at between £10,000 and £20,000, in addition to a significant and ongoing administrative burden that is impossible to bear for the scale of their operations; is concerned that CQC assessors are trained to regulate hospitals and care facilities, and may lack the specialist expertise necessary to assess mountain rescue teams; warns that should these requirements proceed in their current form, mountain rescue teams will be unable to continue providing first aid cover at community events, forcing small, local events to engage commercial providers at considerable additional cost, while in genuine mountain emergencies the public would still depend entirely on mountain rescue teams regardless; and calls on the Government to amend the proposed legislation to introduce a proportionate, risk-based exemption for volunteer mountain rescue teams and similar small organisations, ensuring that vital community services are protected and that the regulatory burden imposed is commensurate with the scale

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3156 **Bicentenary of the Monkland and Kirkintilloch Railway**

Tabled: **16/04/26** Signatories: **6**

Susan Murray
Wera Hobhouse
Pippa Heylings
Clive Jones
Mr Will Forster
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the bicentenary of the Monkland and Kirkintilloch Railway, Scotland's first modern railway whose first commercial train ran on 17 May 1826; notes that it was the first railway in Scotland to be authorised by Act of Parliament to use steam trains for both passengers and goods; further notes the railway's importance in the development of Scotland's railway network and its role in linking the collieries around Monklands to the Forth and Clyde Canal at Kirkintilloch; welcomes the programme of commemorative events taking place in East Dunbartonshire this spring, including the exhibition at the Auld Kirk Museum and the unveiling of a National Transport Trust Red Wheel at Southbank Marina; pays tribute to local historian Don Martin MBE for his long-standing contribution to recording the history of the railway and his sharing of previously unshown archive photographs; congratulates the Kirkintilloch and District Society of Antiquaries, the Lenzie Gauge 0 Group, East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust, the National Transport Trust, and all involved in the work to preserve and promote this important heritage; and hopes that the bicentenary will inspire renewed interest in Scotland's transport, industrial and local history.

3157 **Food Bill**

Tabled: **16/04/26** Signatories: **30**

Sarah Dyke
Wera Hobhouse
Pippa Heylings
Cameron Thomas
Clive Jones
David Chadwick

Caroline Voaden	Jim Shannon	Zöe Franklin
Mr Lee Dillon	Vikki Slade	

That this House recognises the growing importance of food security in the context of ongoing global instability and rising costs of food, fuel and energy; notes that the resilience of the food system must be treated as a core pillar of national security; further notes that England is the only country in the UK, and in Europe, which does not financially support farmers producing food; further recognises the vital role farmers play in maintaining an accessible and affordable food supply; acknowledges that farmers require appropriate support to safeguard the future resilience of the food system; calls on the Government to prioritise food security through committing to introducing a Food Bill in the upcoming King's Speech; also notes that a Food Bill would represent a significant step towards embedding an effective national food strategy, strengthening public procurement of nutritious British produce by certain public bodies, enhancing supply chain resilience and placing clear duties on public authorities to promote access to affordable and nutritious food; further calls on the Government to formally recognise food security as national security and introduce a short-term cut to fuel duty that would reduce the cost of red diesel used across agriculture to help protect the domestic food supply, prices from increasing and support British farming.

3158 **Israel's treatment of Palestinian prisoners**

Tabled: **16/04/26** Signatories: **26**

Andy McDonald
Andrew George
Dr Ellie Chowns
Brendan O'Hara
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi

Steve Witherden	Mary Kelly Foy	Tracy Gilbert
Hannah Spencer	Apsana Begum	

That this House expresses grave concern about reports of widespread and systematic torture of Palestinians detained and imprisoned by Israel, including children; notes with alarm that, since 2023, the situation has deteriorated significantly, with evidence of intensifying abuses, including beatings, sexual violence, starvation and lethal mistreatment, leading to unprecedented numbers of Palestinians dying in custody; additionally condemns the Israeli Knesset for

passing legislation to introduce the death penalty exclusively for Palestinians; further notes this discriminatory law is evidence of the crime of apartheid, which the International Court of Justice found Israel to be committing in July 2024; also notes that Israel utilises separate judicial systems for different people, with only Palestinians processed through military courts with extraordinarily high conviction rates and without access to fair trials; additionally notes that over 3,000 Palestinians are currently held in administrative detention without any trial or evidence presented against them; notes that UN human rights experts have concluded that Israel is deliberately and purposefully using torture against Palestinians; considers that states, including Britain, have an obligation to prevent and punish such breaches of international law; and calls on the British Government to take immediate action by demanding the release of all Palestinian prisoners unjustly detained, including the prominent political leader Marwan Barghouti, and to impose meaningful sanctions on Israel including a full arms embargo.

3159 **Student Loans Company repayments**

Tabled: **16/04/26** Signatories: **5**

Ayoub Khan
Jon Trickett
Jeremy Corbyn
Jim Shannon
Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House expresses grave concern at reports that the Student Loans Company (SLC) has instructed 22,000 students to immediately repay tuition fee loans, maintenance loans and childcare grants issued in error; notes that many of those affected are from disadvantaged and non-traditional backgrounds, including mature students, single parents and those balancing work alongside study; acknowledges that access to higher education is a key driver of social mobility and opportunity across the United Kingdom; regrets that this situation appears to have arisen from failures in communication and guidance between the SLC, higher education institutions and Government departments; believes that students who acted in good faith based on information provided to them should not be penalised for administrative errors beyond their control; calls on the Government to urgently intervene to halt all recovery action against affected students until full responsibility for these errors has been established, and to provide immediate financial and pastoral support to those impacted; urges the Government to undertake a full review of the student finance system, including the clarity of eligibility guidance and the fairness of repayment structures; and further urges the Government to propose reforms which ensure that the system is transparent, equitable and does not place disproportionate burdens on graduates or act as a barrier to educational opportunity.

3160 **Impact of war in the Middle East on the cost of living**

Tabled: **16/04/26** Signatories: **11**

Jon Trickett
Ben Lake
Llinos Medi
Ann Davies
Liz Saville Roberts
Ayoub Khan

Apsana Begum

That this House expresses deep concern at the escalating cost of living crisis affecting households across the United Kingdom; notes that the war in the Middle East has severely disrupted vital supply chains including shipping, energy, critical minerals and metals, food and fertiliser, semi-conductors and many more, which has caused global economic instability; further notes that these disruptions are likely to lead to sudden increases in the cost of basic necessities such as fuel, energy and food, as well as many other consumer goods; acknowledges that in light of the war in the Middle East, UK growth forecasts have been downgraded by the IMF, whereas inflation has been forecast to rise by the Bank of England; believes that without strong Government action these combined pressures could lead to stagflation and a significant decline in living standards in the UK; and calls on the Government to ensure that working people do not pay the price for the United States and Israel's military action, to intervene where necessary to stabilise prices in essential markets, to support employment and incomes to maintain living standards, to protect the welfare system and public services and to suspend its fiscal rules in order to adopt a more flexible economic approach that reflects the scale of the crisis.

3161 **Stoke Orchard Football Club**

Tabled: **20/04/26** Signatories: **5**

Cameron Thomas
Clive Jones
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Jim Shannon
Pippa Heylings

That this House celebrates the work of the Stoke Orchard Football Club, an organised youth club that gives more than 120 children the chance to play football; recognises the work of Suzanne and John Cooper, who set up the club in honour of their son Ezra, alongside grandfather David Cooper; further recognises the courage of Ezra, who was born with Zellweger Spectrum Disorder and sadly passed away in July 2022, and who brought warmth and light into the lives of those who knew him; notes the incredible impact the club has had on the Stoke Orchard community, opening pathways into sport for all children regardless of background, including those with additional needs; further notes the efforts of the club in building relationships and supporting their area, including raising £4,000 for the 4Ed Campaign for families affected by MND; congratulates the club on being shortlisted as a finalist for the 2026 Gloucestershire

Lifestyle and Community Awards' Club of the Year; and calls on the Government to ensure the provision of proper sports infrastructure, especially playing pitches, as part of development in Gloucestershire and beyond.

3162 **UK defence bonds**

Tabled: **20/04/26** Signatories: **12**

James MacCleary
Calum Miller
Wera Hobhouse
Clive Jones
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Dr Danny Chambers

Jim Shannon	Zöe Franklin	Mr Lee Dillon
Pippa Heylings	Cameron Thomas	Vikki Slade

That this House believes that, in a world made more dangerous by President Trump's reckless war in the Middle East, Russian aggression in Europe and growing uncertainty over this White House's commitment to NATO, the UK cannot afford to continue drifting on defence; recognises the urgent need to rebuild the country's armed forces and strengthen national resilience; welcomes the Liberal Democrat proposal for defence bonds to raise up to £20 billion over two years for capital investment in defence equipment and capability; notes that such a scheme would back British industry, jobs and innovation while giving the public a direct stake in strengthening the nation's security; further believes that defence bonds would help increase Britain's strategic autonomy and support the goal of increasing defence spending to 3% of GDP; and calls on the Government to establish a capped and time-limited defence bonds programme subject to strong parliamentary oversight.

3163 **50th anniversary of Bangor Ladies Choir**

Tabled: **20/04/26** Signatories: **3**

Alex Easton
Robin Swann
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Bangor Ladies Choir on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; recognises the choir's outstanding contribution to cultural life in Bangor and across Northern Ireland over the past five decades; commends the dedication and commitment of its members, including those who have remained involved since its earliest years; notes the choir's role in promoting community cohesion, wellbeing and access to the arts; further recognises the importance of supporting local cultural organisations and grassroots arts initiatives; highlights the value of such groups in strengthening local identity and civic pride; and wishes Bangor Ladies Choir continued success for many years to come.

3164 **Keele Parish Council Election 2026**

Tabled: **20/04/26** Signatories: **2**

Adam Jogee
Jim Shannon

That this House notes the election of members to Keele Parish Council in Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, scheduled for Thursday 7 May 2026; recognises that there were fewer candidates than seats on the Parish Council and so the 2026 election to Keele Parish Council was uncontested; congratulates all those successfully elected including the incumbent Chair of Keele Parish Council, Councillor Graham Bibby, Councillor Susan Hughes, Councillor Clive Ashton, Councillor Jeremy Lefroy, formerly the Member of Parliament for Stafford, Councillor Andrew Rowe, Councillor Wenslie Naylon and Councillor Antony Arnold; appreciates the work and service of all sitting Parish Councillors on Keele Parish Council and others throughout Newcastle-under-Lyme; acknowledges that the hon. Member for Newcastle-under-Lyme has written personally to each member of Keele Parish Council with his congratulations and offer to work together constructively in the interests of local people; and wishes all members of Keele Parish Council and the community who live in and around Keele all the best for the years ahead.

3165 **100th anniversary of the birth of Queen Elizabeth II**

Tabled: **20/04/26** Signatories: **3**

Mr Gregory Campbell
Alex Easton
Jim Shannon

That this House notes that 21 April 2026 marks 100 years since the birth of the woman who became the longest reigning monarch in British history for over 70 years from 1952 until her passing in 2022; acknowledges the profound and lasting impact she had on the UK and across the globe; recognises that Her Majesty on only one occasion throughout her reign personally penned the foreword for a book which was entitled The Servant Queen and the King She Serves, which outlined her faith in Jesus Christ as she had done in many of her Christmas broadcasts; and expresses gratitude for having such a Servant Queen throughout tumultuous times in history.

3166 **80 years of the Raffery Boys' Brigade**

Tabled: **20/04/26** Signatories: **2**

Jim Shannon
Robin Swann

That this House notes the 80th Birthday of the 1st Raffery Boys' Brigade; celebrates the role of the 1st Raffery Boys' Brigade; thanks all those past members and officers who gave of their time to improve the lives of boys and young men in their local area throughout the last 80 years; and further thanks the current officers and Church for all they do to provide a safe place, skills

training and support to so many who enjoy the Boys Brigade today and whose childhoods are enhanced by every hour those volunteers give.

3168 **World Curlew Day**

Tabled: **20/04/26** Signatories: **15**

Chris Hinchliff
Robin Swann
Jim Shannon
Olivia Blake
John Whitby
Ian Byrne

Neil Duncan-Jordan	Rachael Maskell	Barry Gardiner
Mary Kelly Foy	Wendy Chamberlain	Imran Hussain
Adrian Ramsay	Mr Alistair Carmichael	Steve Witherden

That this House calls on the Government to adopt and implement the UK Curlew Action Plan; recognises that the Eurasian Curlew, one of Britain's most iconic and culturally significant birds, has declined by approximately 65 per cent since the 1970s and is now classified as a Red Listed species; notes that the United Kingdom hosts a quarter of the world's breeding population; further notes with sadness the recent extinction of the Slender-billed Curlew and the likely loss of the Eskimo Curlew as stark reminders of the consequences of inaction; therefore welcomes the UK Curlew Action Plan's proposals to establish a national Curlew Recovery Taskforce, create a network of Wader Recovery Areas encompassing key breeding habitats, deliver landscape-scale land management schemes that support breeding success, address pressures on ground-nesting birds including locally appropriate predator management, ensure that development and land-use changes do not threaten core upland populations and vital ecosystem services across their habitats, and monitor and refine interventions to support long-term recovery; and believes that saving the Curlew is not only an ecological necessity but also essential to the natural and cultural heritage of the United Kingdom, so that future generations may continue to hear the wild, haunting call of this evocative bird across the fields, moors and wetlands that enrich the beauty, vibrancy and character of our country.

3169 **Use of restraint of children in the asylum system removal process**

Tabled: **20/04/26** Signatories: **12**

Rachael Maskell
Emma Lewell
Olivia Blake [R]
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Mary Kelly Foy
Nadia Whittome

Jeremy Corbyn	Neil Duncan-Jordan	Kim Johnson
Iqbal Mohamed	Apsana Begum	Ian Byrne

That this House notes that Government are consulting on the use of physical restraint techniques to be applied to children during the removal process in the asylum system, including the handcuffing, carrying and physically handling of a child, which is well recognised as inducing psychological trauma to a child; therefore calls on the Government to immediately withdraw such considerations, instead providing a safeguarding approach to children in the asylum system, treating them with dignity and care and engaging with their distressed forms of communication, including refusal to comply with officers in the system; and condemns such considerations of promoting the use of physical restraint to children.

3170 **Democracy in Iran**

Tabled: **20/04/26** Signatories: **2**

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon

That this House expresses grave concern at the systematic repression of the people of Iran; notes reports that during the 2026 nationwide protests thousands were killed and tens of thousands arrested; recalls the 1988 massacre of 30000 political prisoners and Iran's continuing high rate of executions; recognises that during the 2022 and 2026 uprisings the Iranian people rejected all forms of dictatorship whether Shah's monarchical or Mullah's theocratic; condemns the son of the deposed Shah who labelled Iranian Kurdish groups as separatists and threaten to act decisively against them; calls for the establishment of a secular and democratic republic; acknowledges the opposition National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) as an organised political coalition advocating a democratic republic, declaring a transition government and calls for dialogue with it; further notes that more than 4000 parliamentarians worldwide and 125 former heads of government have publicly expressed support for the Ten-Point Plan presented by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi President-elect of the NCRI as a framework for a secular, pluralistic, democratic republic, gender equality, abolition of the death penalty, recognition of autonomy for ethnic communities within a united Iran, peaceful coexistence and a non-nuclear Iran; further condemns the regime's destabilising activities in the region; urges the Government to proscribe the IRGC and hold perpetrators of crimes against

humanity accountable; and further recognises the right of the Iranian people especially the defiant youth organised in Resistance Units confronting the IRGC repressive forces.

3171 **Dementia Fest and the first anniversary of the launch of Dementia Heroes (No. 2)**

Tabled: **20/04/26** Signatories: **2**

Martin Rhodes
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the Dementia Heroes community support group and dementia café on the creation of Dementia Fest in partnership with Glasgow Life; notes it is running as a part of Glasgow's WestFest and will include an open air concert on Kelvin Way, a dementia film festival, dementia friendly health walks and reminiscence events at local iconic landmarks, including the Glasgow Botanic Gardens, Kelvingrove Park, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, the Riverside Museum and local libraries; recognises the vital work of local charities such as Dementia Heroes; further congratulates Dementia Heroes for being recently awarded the Commonwealth Festival Fund Award, to support both multicultural and socially disadvantaged communities; celebrates the expansion of Dementia Heroes' service across the city through cafés and library dementia hour services; and wishes the best to everyone at Dementia Heroes as they reach the first anniversary of its launch.

3172 **MS Awareness Week 2026**

Tabled: **20/04/26** Signatories: **17**

Steve Darling
Wera Hobhouse
Clive Jones
Mr Gregory Campbell
Cameron Thomas
Ian Sollom

Dr Danny Chambers	Wendy Chamberlain	Jim Shannon
Ben Maguire	Zöe Franklin	Mr Lee Dillon
Daniel Francis	Pippa Heylings	Vikki Slade
Neil Duncan-Jordan	Sarah Green	

That this House supports multiple sclerosis (MS) Awareness Week which takes place between 20 to 26 April 2026; recognises the unpredictability and variable presentation of the condition in the over 150,000 people living with MS in the UK; highlights that the MS Society, MS Trust, MS Together, MS-UK, Neuro Therapy Network, Overcoming MS, Shift.ms and Talks with MS are working together to tackle misunderstandings about MS; welcomes the vital effort of the MS Think Again campaign to challenge assumptions made about MS and the harmful impact misconceptions can have; acknowledges with concern findings from the MS Think Again survey that reports almost two thirds of respondents said they felt judged or treated differently because of their MS, that almost half have been questioned or challenged for using accessible

facilities including Blue Badge parking spaces, accessible toilets and priority seats on public transport, and that more than one in four say that fear of judgement has stopped them from leaving the house or applying for a job; and aims to promote understanding of the reality of the challenges that people with MS face and the policies that can better support disabled people.

3173 **Rotary Club of Chippenham and Calne**

Tabled: **20/04/26** Signatories: **6**

Sarah Gibson
Wera Hobhouse
Clive Jones
Mr Joshua Reynolds
Jim Shannon
Pippa Heylings

That this House congratulates the Rotary Club of Chippenham and Calne on its service to the community since 1948; recognises its ongoing charitable and voluntary work, including raising in excess of £45,000 in 2026 for local and international causes; notes the wider contribution of Rotary as a global humanitarian organisation with 1.2 million members supporting education, health, peacebuilding and access to clean water; commends the Club's annual Classic Car Run through the Wiltshire countryside, which this year supports The Rise Trust in its work with vulnerable children and young people in Wiltshire; further commends its charity golf day at Castle Combe in support of Julia's House, which provides care for children with life-limiting conditions and their families; applauds the success of its pop-up charity shop, which since April 2025 has raised £28,000 to address local need and deprivation; and celebrates the work of Rotary clubs across Great Britain and Ireland.

3174 **Valentina Gomez and the protection of public order and community cohesion**

Tabled: **20/04/26** Signatories: **6**

Shockat Adam
Iqbal Mohamed
Jeremy Corbyn
Carla Denyer
Hannah Spencer
Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House welcomes reports that the Government is taking steps to prevent the entry of Ms Valentina Gomez to the United Kingdom for the far-right march in London on 16 May organised by Stephen Yaxley-Lennon; notes with serious concern her previous conduct at the same Unite the Kingdom rally, where she is reported to have used inflammatory and dehumanising rhetoric about Muslim communities and issued language that could be interpreted as encouraging confrontation and violence; further notes her documented pattern of directing abusive and Islamophobic language at Muslims in public life, including elected representatives; also notes her dissemination of deliberately provocative material, including the public desecration of

the Quran, apparently intended to inflame religious tensions; recognises that such conduct goes beyond legitimate freedom of expression and risks inciting hatred, hostility and disorder; affirms the United Kingdom's commitment both to free speech and to protecting communities from targeted abuse and incitement; recalls the Government's decision to refuse entry to Kanye West on the grounds that his presence was not conducive to the public good due to antisemitic hatred; believes that this principle should be applied consistently across all forms of hatred, including Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hostility; and supports the use of the Home Secretary's powers to refuse entry to individuals whose presence may not be conducive to the public good, where there is a clear and evidenced risk to public order and community cohesion.

3175 **MS Awareness Week 2026 (No. 2)**

Tabled: **20/04/26** Signatories: **11**

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That this House celebrates MS Awareness Week 2026, taking place from 20 to 26 April, and pays tribute to the seven UK charities delivering this year's partnership campaign, the MS Society, MS Trust, MS-UK, MS Together, the Neuro Therapy Network, Shift.MS and Talks with MS; notes that more than 150,000 people in the UK live with multiple sclerosis, a lifelong neurological condition whose symptoms are often invisible, fluctuating and poorly understood; welcomes the 2026 theme of challenging assumptions about MS under the hashtag #MSThinkAgain, informed by a survey of the MS community in which 91 per cent of respondents said that lack of public knowledge contributed to incorrect assumptions and 48 per cent reported that someone had wrongly assumed they could not work because of their condition; recognises the courage of people living with MS and the dedication of their families, carers, clinicians and researchers; and calls on the Government and the public to use the week as an opportunity to pause, listen and learn, and to ensure that people living with MS are treated with the understanding and respect they deserve.

3176 **100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough**

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That this House acknowledges with pride and gratitude the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough on Friday 8 May 2026; honours his long and groundbreaking career as the preeminent storyteller of our natural history and the natural world; notes that the BBC has commissioned a number of new shows to mark Sir David's 100th birthday including a dedicated collection of 40 of Sir David's most-loved programmes that will be made available on BBC iPlayer; further notes that the Royal Albert Hall will be host to a national celebration of Sir David's life on the evening of his birthday, Friday 8 May 2026; recognises that Sir David has been presenting on our tv screens, and throughout the world, since 1954; thanks Sir David's family, not least his late wife, Jane, Lady Attenborough for sharing Sir David with the nation for so many years and; wishes Sir David Attenborough a very happy 100th birthday.