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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 16 July 2026

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### New EDMs

650      **Conduct of Bellway Homes Limited**

Tabled: **16/07/26**      Signatories: **1**

**John McDonnell**

That this House is deeply concerned by the actions of Bellway Homes Limited, including the current Bellway appointed directors of Bluenote Apartments Management Company Limited, Francis Dickinson, Paul Hayes and Colin Marshall in connection with homes the company built at Bluenote Apartments, Hayes, Middlesex; notes the failure to remedy developer defects, failure to provide annual accounts on time to residents or any justification for how residents money is being spent, charging unjustified service charge demands, refusing to provide underlying receipts and invoices for expenditure in breach of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985, allowing residents' money, including reserve funds, to be unaccounted for, placing undue pressure on residents to take over the management of the building and exposing them to personal liability, knowingly charging residents for fixing defects that the developer is responsible for, facilitating and being indifferent to the negligence of the property managers put in place by the Bellway appointed directors, failing to transfer the freehold to the residents' management company as contractually required, contrary to the sales contract appointing additional directors to the management company, and failing to act in the best interests of residents; and urges the Government to bring forward a strengthened Leasehold Reform Bill to put an end to this malpractice.

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**651 2026 Sustainable Farming Incentive**Tabled: **16/07/26** Signatories: **1****Sarah Dyke**

That this House notes with concern that demand for the 2026 Sustainable Farming Incentive had allocated 75% of the window 1 budget within weeks of the scheme opening; pays tribute to farmers across the country, particularly smaller and hill farms, for producing food, caring for the countryside and tackling climate change, during a cost of doing farming crisis; further notes that for many of them SFI is now their only direct financial support; expresses concern that England remains an outlier among European nations in providing no direct payments to farmers, making properly funded and accessible environmental schemes essential to their survival; recognises that farmers need confidence that schemes will remain open and funded during their advertised duration; also notes that the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs pledged there would be no more sudden and unexpected closures of farming schemes following the abrupt suspension of SFI in 2024; believes that SFI26 must remain open and accessible to all farmers who need it; regrets that farmers are being forced into a race against the clock to apply before funds run out; and calls on the Government to guarantee sufficient, long-term funding for all eligible SFI26 applicants regardless of landscape or designation, by committing to an additional £1 billion a year for environmental land management schemes, so that farmers have the certainty they need to invest in nature-friendly farming, food security and climate resilience.

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**652 Chinese state repression against Tibetans**Tabled: **16/07/26** Signatories: **1****Chris Law**

That this House expresses deep concern over the intensification of Chinese state repression against Tibetans; recognises that on 2 July 2026, Tibetan activist Lobsang Palden, widely known as Lobga Rangzen, set himself on fire outside of the United Nations Headquarters in New York, a day after China's new so-called Ethnic Unity and Progress Law entered into force; notes that this was in protest of China's continued occupation and repression of Tibetan identity, religion and political expression; condemns the Ethnic Unity and Progress Law in which Article 63 provides a basis for the Chinese authorities to target individuals and organisations overseas alleged to have undermined ethnic unity; further notes that this pattern of intimidation is spreading to UK soil as uniformed Chinese security personnel stood behind glass doors of the Chinese embassy shouting and pointing live stun batons toward Tibetan protesters; acknowledges this weapon is illegal in the UK and that Chinese embassy personnel acted as if they were in China, not the United Kingdom; and urges the UK Government to take every appropriate measure to prevent these instances of transnational repression that pose a direct threat to the safety, rights and freedoms of Tibetan, Uyghur, Hong Konger, and all other diaspora communities living in the United Kingdom.

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**653 Fire ponds**Tabled: **16/07/26** Signatories: **1****Sarah Dyke**

That this House notes with concern the wildfires that broke out near Ilminster in Somerset recently, one of several simultaneous incidents that placed significant strain on fire crews from multiple counties amid warnings of exceptional wildfire risk; further notes that Somerset has this year experienced both devastating flash flooding and dangerous heat leading to wildfires, underlining the county's exposure to the extremes of a changing climate; recognises that farmers and landowners in Somerset are on the front line of this challenge and that wildfires can spread quickly in built-up areas as well as the countryside; further recognises that fire ponds serve a critical dual purpose, providing a store of water for irrigation and livestock through dry spells and a reliable water source for fire crews in rural areas where mains hydrants cannot reach; believes that wildfire resilience should be treated as part of the same interconnected challenge as drought and flood adaptation, rather than a separate issue, within the Farming Roadmap 2050; calls on the Government to make fire pond creation and restoration an explicit, eligible, funded action within the Sustainable Farming Incentive, with clear capital grant support for Somerset's landowners; further calls on the Government to work with the National Fire Chiefs Council to map the areas of Somerset most at risk of wildfire and least served by water access; and urges the Government to set out how fire pond provision will be monitored and reported on as part of wider climate adaptation delivery.

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**654 Queensferry Museum Second World War exhibition**Tabled: **16/07/26** Signatories: **1****Christine Jardine**

That this House congratulates the Queensferry Museum on the opening of its new exhibition exploring the important role that South Queensferry played during the Second World War; recognises the profound impact of the war on individuals, families and communities, from the outbreak of hostilities and the defence of the Forth, through the hardships of life on the home front to eventual victory and homecoming; further recognises that the exhibition traces the impact of the war on the close-knit community of South Queensferry and highlights the town's important contribution to the war effort; and thanks the Queensferry History Group for curating the exhibition and bringing together personal stories, photographs and artefacts that showcase the experiences of those from South Queensferry who served their country.

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**655 Design and Disability exhibition at the V&A Dundee**Tabled: **16/07/26** Signatories: **1****Chris Law**

That this House welcomes the opening of the Design and Disability exhibition at the V&A Dundee highlighting the contributions of disabled people and their achievements in design,

art, architecture, fashion and photography; notes that the exhibition features Scottish design stories and the contributions made by disabled designers, scientists and entrepreneurs who are being represented by 170 objects separated into three sections throughout the museum, visibility, creativity and living; highlights how the creativity, experience and expertise of disabled-led design have made invaluable contributions to the designed world and contributed to the improved daily lives of people throughout the world; recognises the work of designers such as the University of Dundee-led Hands of X project that explores the design of prosthetic hands, Jamie O'Donnell who has sought to create airline seating that reduces anxiety for neurodivergent people, and Kirsty Stevens who uses MRI scans of her brain to create images and patterns following her multiple sclerosis diagnosis; celebrates the roles of Natalie Kane for curating the exhibition for V&A South Kensington and May Rosenthal Sloan and Lily Barnes for curating this at the V&A Dundee; and wishes all involved the best for the future.

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**656 Mucky Nutz, King's Award for Enterprise**

Tabled: **16/07/26** Signatories: **1**

**Ben Maguire**

That this House congratulates Mucky Nutz Ltd, based in Bude, North Cornwall on being awarded The King's Award for Enterprise in the Innovation Category; notes that it is the only business in Cornwall to achieve an award in 2026; recognises the development of the dual-mode adjustable rear mudguard providing versatile protection for full-suspension and hardtail mountain bikes which led to the award; and wishes the company continued success in their chosen field.

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**657 Killing of Mohamed Fawaz al-Wahidi**

Tabled: **16/07/26** Signatories: **1**

**Iqbal Mohamed**

That this House condemns the killing of Mohamed Fawaz al-Wahidi, Director of Public Relations for the Egyptian Relief Committee in Gaza, who was killed alongside three other civilians, including two children, in an Israeli drone strike on a civilian vehicle in Gaza City; notes that the Egyptian Relief Committee provides essential humanitarian assistance to Palestinians in Gaza, including food aid, shelter for displaced families and rubble clearance operations; further notes reports that humanitarian workers and civilian relief operations continue to come under attack despite the October 2025 ceasefire; expresses grave concern at the continued loss of civilian life in Gaza, including humanitarian personnel and children, and at the impact these attacks have on the delivery of life-saving assistance; reaffirms that humanitarian workers and civilians are protected under international humanitarian law and that attacks against them must be independently investigated; believes that those responsible for violations of international law must be held accountable; and calls on the Government to condemn this attack, press for an immediate, independent investigation, support measures to protect humanitarian

personnel and civilians, and work with international partners to secure a permanent ceasefire, unrestricted humanitarian access and full compliance with international law.

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**658 Access to education for students with FND**

Tabled: **16/07/26** Signatories: **1**

**Sarah Gibson**

That this House notes with deep concern reports that pupils with Functional Neurological Disorder and similar complex health conditions are missing out on large parts of their education because they are not receiving consistent, suitable and accessible educational provision; recognises that children who are able and eager to learn may nevertheless be unable to attend school regularly in person because of disabling symptoms; is concerned that, where appropriate provision is not put in place, pupils can be effectively informally excluded from education without the safeguards that accompany formal exclusion; further recognises the distress caused to families when suitable provision is not made and parents are left to fill the gap in their child's education; also recognises the urgent need to improve inclusion for children whose health needs prevent them from attending school in person; calls on the Government to ensure that schools and local authorities meet their duties to provide suitable education for children unable to attend school because of health needs; further calls for clearer guidance, better training and stronger accountability so that pupils with Functional Neurological Disorder and similar conditions receive reasonable adjustments, remote or alternative provision where needed, and proper SEND support; and urges Ministers to ensure that no child is left without meaningful access to education because their medical condition is poorly understood.

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**659 Estate management charges**

Tabled: **16/07/26** Signatories: **1**

**Imran Hussain**

That this House expresses concern that many homeowners on privately managed housing estates face estate management charges with limited transparency, accountability and consumer protection; notes concerns over inadequate consultation, poor estate management and the limited rights available to freehold homeowners to challenge charges or management arrangements with companies such as Blue Property Management; welcomes the Government's commitment to leasehold and commonhold reform; and calls on the Government to ensure forthcoming legislation provides stronger protections for homeowners, including greater transparency, effective oversight of private estate management companies and fairer rights to challenge unreasonable estate management charges.

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## Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

511 **UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory**

Tabled: **2/07/26** Signatories: **26**

**Iqbal Mohamed**

**Ben Lake**

**Liz Saville Roberts**

**Llinos Medi**

**Ann Davies**

**Ms Diane Abbott**

Richard Burgon

That this House notes with outrage the findings of genocide by the United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel, documenting the deliberate targeting of Palestinian children by Israeli forces and widespread attacks on educational, religious and cultural sites in Gaza; expresses grave concern that the report concludes such attacks have caused severe and potentially irreversible harm to the Palestinian people and their fundamental human rights; reaffirms the obligation of all parties to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure during armed conflict; and calls on the Government to move beyond condemnation of these attacks by supporting independent international accountability mechanisms, suspending arms exports to Israel, and working with international partners to secure an immediate and permanent ceasefire, unrestricted humanitarian access, the protection of civilians and compliance with international law.

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522 **Disability Pride Month**

Tabled: **6/07/26** Signatories: **15**

**Patricia Ferguson**

**Andrew George**

**Ben Lake**

**Liz Saville Roberts**

**Llinos Medi**

**Ann Davies**

Richard Burgon

That this House celebrates Disability Pride Month, an annual opportunity to recognise the identities, culture, achievements and contributions of disabled people across the United Kingdom and around the world; notes that the Disability Pride movement, which originated in the United States, was established in the UK in 2015 and has continued to grow through

community-led events and campaigns; further notes that around twenty five per cent of the population are disabled, making disabled people the largest minority group in the country; believes that disability is a natural and valued part of human diversity and that everyone should be able to live with dignity, equality and pride; acknowledges the barriers, discrimination and stigma that many disabled people continue to face in everyday life; and commends the work of disabled people, Disabled People's Organisations, campaigners, advocates, allies and community groups across the UK in advancing equality, challenging discrimination and promoting disability pride, visibility and inclusion throughout society.

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524      **Palantir and the NHS (No. 2)**

Tabled: **6/07/26**      Signatories: **33**

**Martin Wrigley**  
**Mr Will Forster**  
**Andrew George**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Luke Taylor**

Clive Lewis [R]

Josh Babarinde

That this House notes that Members of the Science, Innovation and Technology Committee, the Health and Social Care Select Committee, and other hon. Members have raised serious concerns regarding the procurement, trust, operation and long-term implications of the Federated Data Platform (FDP) contract with Palantir; is concerned that key components remain under supplier control, and that the contract's subscription model leaves the NHS without real ownership; acknowledges that a credible, funded, and time-bound exit and transition strategy is essential to safeguard patient services, value for money, and continuity of critical data infrastructure; recognises the risks of vendor lock-in, potential price gouging under a single supplier, and that placing critical national health data infrastructure in the hands of a foreign-controlled proprietary provider raises serious digital sovereignty concerns, including the potential exposure of UK data to foreign legal powers; further notes reports of sustained dissatisfaction among the clinicians, and NHS staff regarding usability and effectiveness, and further notes recent analysis in the BMJ raising concerns about transparency, governance and the adequacy of accountability arrangements surrounding the FDP; calls on the Government to ensure that local need, clinical judgement and value for money are the top priorities for decisions on implementing the FDP, not top-down requirements through the medium-term planning framework; and further calls on the Government to ensure there is timely contingency, and scrutiny, with all necessary information available, to deliver an exit from Palantir, to an open, interoperable and sovereign alternative.

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**525 Sustainability of mental health legal aid services**Tabled: **6/07/26** Signatories: **7****Mr Adnan Hussain [R]****Jim Shannon****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Iqbal Mohamed****Imran Hussain****Rachael Maskell**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House recognises the essential work undertaken by specialist mental health legal aid practitioners in safeguarding the liberty, dignity and legal rights of people detained under the Mental Health Act 1983; notes that those practitioners represent some of the most vulnerable people in society in proceedings determining whether their detention should continue; further notes that the Mental Health Act 2025 strengthens patients' rights and is expected to increase the need for timely and specialist legal advice and representation; is deeply concerned that mental health legal aid remuneration has not kept pace with inflation, rising operating costs, increased administrative requirements or the specialist accreditation and expertise required of practitioners; also notes reports that experienced practitioners are leaving the sector and that specialist practices, including providers serving Blackburn and the wider North West, are struggling to remain financially viable; believes that the closure of those practices would leave vulnerable patients without timely access to specialist legal advice and representation, resulting in potential delays in patients being discharged, delay hearings and undermine the practical effectiveness of the safeguards provided by Parliament; is concerned that the Legal Aid Agency mileage rate remains at 45 pence per mile despite the approved HMRC mileage rate having increased to 55 pence per mile from 6 April 2026; and calls on the Government urgently to review and increase mental health legal aid fees, uprate travel and mileage payments, and establish a mechanism for regular index-linked reviews.

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**526 50th anniversary of the Trico strike for equal pay**Tabled: **6/07/26** Signatories: **13****John McDonnell****Andrew George****Jim Shannon****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Apsana Begum****Hannah Spencer**

Richard Burgon

That this House celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the 21 week strike in 1976 by trade union members for equal pay at the Trico-Folberth factory in Brentford, West London, which was led by courageous women refusing to be exploited by their employer and demanding equal pay for work of equal value, and which led to women's rights becoming the focus of the trade

union movement; and recognises the marvellous chronicling and analysis of the strike by Sally Groves and Vernon Merritt and their generous acknowledgement of the supportive role of many progressive trade union men.

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**527      Impact of Israel's ingress into Palestinian territory on maternal care**

Tabled: **6/07/26**      Signatories: **31**

**Dr Zubir Ahmed**

**Andrew George**

**Ben Lake**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

**Kim Johnson**

**Lillian Jones**

Adrian Ramsay

Richard Burgon

That this House notes its profound concern over the impact of Israel's illegal ingress into sovereign Palestinian territory on maternal care; highlights the findings of the UN Independent Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel in which a 41 percent decline in livebirths has been reported in the first half of 2025 when compared to 2022; demands that the Government officially recognises the crimes that are being perpetrated against the Palestinian people by an undemocratic and terrorist Israeli regime; thanks the important work of many surgeons who have worked and continue to work in Gaza, including Nizam Mamode, Nick Maynard, Victoria Rose and Dr Mohammed Mustafa who, alongside the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Australian Government, is desperately seeking to get a maternity hospital caring for woman and children into Gaza; calls on the Government and Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to support this endeavour, recognising their moral responsibility to ensure that adequate medical and humanitarian aid reaches the people of Gaza.

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**528      78th anniversary of the creation of the National Health Service**

Tabled: **6/07/26**      Signatories: **13**

**Adam Jogee**

**Robin Swann**

**Jim Shannon**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

**Seamus Logan**

**Daniel Francis**

Richard Burgon

That this House notes that 5 July 2026 marked the 78th anniversary of the creation of the beloved NHS by the Clement Attlee-led Labour Government on 5 July 1948; celebrates the late Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health in the Attlee government, for the role he played in delivering and establishing the NHS; acknowledges that the UK was the first western country in the world

to offer medical care and treatment to the whole population, whoever they are, free at the point of need and use; gives thanks to all the staff, at every level and in every discipline, working in the NHS who show care, compassion and diligence; recognises that healthcare free at the point of need in the UK is no longer up for political debate or discussion as the principle has won the day; and reaffirms its commitment to the values, practice and purpose of the beloved NHS for today and every day to come.

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532      **30th anniversary of Christians Against Poverty**

Tabled: **6/07/26**      Signatories: **8**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Will Forster**  
**Robin Swann**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Lillian Jones**  
**Gavin Robinson**

Richard Burgon

That this House celebrates the 30th anniversary of Christians Against Poverty (CAP), founded in 1996 by John Kirkby; commends the outstanding dedication of its staff, partner churches, and volunteers who have spent three decades providing free, expert debt advice and holistic support to individuals and families facing severe financial and emotional distress across the United Kingdom; notes with gratitude that CAP's vital services have helped tens of thousands of people navigate complex financial challenges, avoid homelessness, and find freedom from the crushing burden of unmanageable debt; recognises the significant expansion of its work over the past 30 years to include life-changing job clubs, life skills courses, and financial education groups; expresses deep concern that the ongoing cost-of-living pressures continue to trap vulnerable households in poverty; thanks, specifically, the CAP team in Newtownards who have helped thousands of families to get out of debt and learn to live a debt free life and given them support, love and hope; and calls on the Government to recognise the indispensable role of the voluntary sector in poverty relief and to continue working alongside organisations like CAP to ensure adequate funding and support for free, accessible debt advice nationwide.

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**543 Parthenon Sculptures**Tabled: **8/07/26** Signatories: **19**

**Andrew George**  
**Dr Ellie Chowns**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Ann Davies**  
**Llinos Medi**

Adrian Ramsay  
 Lillian Jones  
 Shockat Adam

Brendan O'Hara  
 Mary Glindon  
 Siân Berry

Jeremy Corbyn  
 Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House notes that the British Museum still holds about half of the Parthenon Sculptures, controversially removed from Athens by Lord Elgin between 1801 and 1812, during the Ottoman occupation of Greece, and that they remain on display in the British Museum to which they were transferred by an Act of Parliament in 1816; considers it unacceptable for these sculptures to be held and displayed in the UK, not least because the sculptures have been damaged whilst in the museum's possession; further notes that those Parthenon Sculptures remaining in Athens have been well displayed since 2009 in the purpose-built Acropolis Museum close to the Parthenon; is encouraged by reports of stronger and developing partnerships between the British and Acropolis Museums, and reports that British Museum Chair, George Osborne, has indicated his support for this to include the return of the sculptures; also notes that opinion polls have shown a majority also support the return; and therefore calls on the Government to do all that is necessary to cooperate with the trustees of the British Museum, to agree a gracious act to reunite the Parthenon Sculptures with those in Athens and to finally put right this enduring wrong.

**544 Royal Mail delivery standards**Tabled: **8/07/26** Signatories: **33**

**Andrew George**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Dr Ellie Chowns**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**

Mr Adnan Hussain  
 Christine Jardine  
 Helen Maguire  
 Seamus Logan

Adrian Ramsay  
 David Chadwick  
 Martin Wrigley  
 Siân Berry

Ben Maguire  
 Freddie van Mierlo  
 Pippa Heylings  
 Zöe Franklin

That this House believes Royal Mail's continuing poor postal delivery performance, is effectively enabled by OFCOM's regulatory failings; further believes that this is adversely affecting residents and businesses, with consequent missed medical appointments, missed court

decisions, fines for non-payment of bills and numerous other significant impacts; also believes that Royal Mail has not met its quarterly service targets, reflecting a growing national crisis in postal reliability, in spite of OFCOM fining Royal Mail £21 million this year, following fines in previous years; is concerned Royal Mail continues to seek to lower the standards of the Universal Service Obligation; believes these problems do not reflect on the hard-working front-line postal delivery staff who have been let down by an over-centralised management structure and profit-before-service orientated owners; and therefore calls on the Government to intervene to insist that OFCOM pressures Royal Mail to meet its operational targets, ensure that Royal Mail takes immediate remedial action to restore service reliability and to address staffing shortages and morale, and for OFCOM to fully utilise its enforcement powers, and to ensure the Universal Service Obligation is protected.

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545      **Bank closures, digital exclusion and cyber risks**

Tabled: **8/07/26**      Signatories: **28**

**Andrew George**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Ian Roome**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Dr Ellie Chowns**  
**Siân Berry**

Dr Al Pinkerton  
Charlotte Cane  
Jamie Stone

Alex Brewer  
Chris Law  
Natasha Irons

Caroline Voaden  
Christine Jardine  
Simon Hoare

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; remembers the Government injected £137 billion in loans and capital when banks needed bailing out during the financial crisis, and that this cost the public £23 billion overall; 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 simply 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; notes LINK's regulatory responsibilities in assessing access to cash, but believes these assessments are far too narrowly focussed and do not consider the full range of services required by customers and small businesses; is further concerned that high street banks often do not conduct sufficient social or equality impact assessments, nor engaged in any substantive consultation prior to closures; and calls the Government to review current regulations in this regard and to introduce a duty on banks to consult local communities before any further branch closure announcements.

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**547 Childhood dementia awareness and support**Tabled: **8/07/26** Signatories: **22**

**Tim Farron**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Mr Will Forster**

Freddie van Mierlo

Richard Burgon

That this House recognises that childhood dementia, caused by a group of rare genetic conditions leading to progressive brain damage, remains significantly under-recognised compared to other serious childhood illnesses; notes with concern the immense emotional, physical and financial challenges faced by affected families, who often receive limited support; commends the work of Lions Clubs UK, including Kendal and District Lions, in raising public awareness through presentations and resources; welcomes the campaigning of the Scottish Alzheimer's Society for dedicated funded roles; and calls on the Government to improve early diagnosis, increase research funding, and support national recognition of childhood dementia.

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**552 Glaucoma Awareness Week 2026**Tabled: **8/07/26** Signatories: **11**

**Shockat Adam**  
**Dr Ellie Chowns**  
**Siân Berry**  
**Hannah Spencer**  
**Adrian Ramsay**  
**Andrew George**

Richard Burgon

That this House recognises Glaucoma Awareness Week 2026 as an important opportunity to raise public awareness of glaucoma, a leading cause of irreversible blindness; notes with concern that glaucoma is rising in prevalence as the population ages; further notes that as many as half of all people with glaucoma remain undiagnosed, reflecting its reputation as the silent thief of sight due to its lack of early symptoms; highlights the vital role of routine eye tests in monitoring for and detecting the disease before irreversible sight loss occurs; expresses concern at the patchy coverage of community-based glaucoma services across England, which places additional strain on secondary care, complicates patient pathways, and increases the risk that conditions go undetected; calls on the Government to address the postcode lottery in community glaucoma care and to set out what steps are being taken to improve community-based glaucoma services nationally; and urges the promotion of Glaucoma Awareness Week activities to encourage regular eye examinations and help prevent avoidable blindness.

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**553 Norman MacLeod**Tabled: **9/07/26** Signatories: **11**

**Torcuil Crichton**  
**Kirsteen Sullivan**  
**Graham Leadbitter**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Tracy Gilbert**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**

Richard Burgon

That this House congratulates journalist Norman MacLeod of Scalpay on 40 years of broadcasting in Gaelic and English to audiences across the Grampian and STV area; pays tribute to his skill and dedication in news presenting, local, national and international reporting; commends his professional presentation of news stories ranging from the sensitive handling of the Piper Alpha disaster to the tongue in cheek reporting on the rise of Peat and Diesel band as a cultural phenomenon; and wishes him all the best in future roles in front or behind the camera.

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**554 Strike action and industrial dispute at Tower Hamlets leisure centres**Tabled: **9/07/26** Signatories: **25**

**Apsana Begum**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Nadia Whittome**  
**Imran Hussain**  
**Steve Witherden**  
**Ian Byrne**

Richard Burgon

That this House expresses solidarity with members of Unite the Union taking strike action at Tower Hamlets' public leisure centres; notes that workers have been waiting for over two years for in-house contracts to be issued after the commitment to insourcing rightly made by Tower Hamlets Council in May 2024; further notes that these workers have since been left faced with precarious work, inconsistent shifts, reports of unwritten contracts and owed wages; is concerned about the impact of this dispute on the health and wellbeing of these frontline workers; is further concerned about the services' stability and safety for local residents; is alarmed by reports that workers are being expected to undertake work in unsafe and unsanitary conditions; believes that these leisure centre workers should have in-sourced contracts issued with fair terms and conditions, as promised; further believes that access to safe local swimming facilities are vital for physical health and mental wellbeing and tackling health inequalities; therefore, calls on Tower Hamlets council to engage constructively with Unite the Union to find a solution to this dispute, treating workers and trade union representatives with dignity and respect, and uphold commitments to reaching a just agreement; and further calls on the

Government to make additional funding available to local authorities to address systemic inequalities in pay, conditions, and precarity of work for leisure centre workers.

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555      **Commencement of section 106 of the Equality Act 2010**

Tabled: **9/07/26**      Signatories: **15**

**Zöe Franklin**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Mr Will Forster**  
**Vikki Slade**

Freddie van Mierlo                      Richard Burgon

That this House believes that Parliament and political parties should better reflect the diversity of the communities they serve; notes ongoing concerns regarding the underrepresentation of women and disabled people, alongside other groups with protected characteristics, in elected office across the United Kingdom; further notes that section 106 of the Equality Act 2010, which would require political parties to collect and publish anonymised data on the protected characteristics of election candidates, has not yet been commenced despite Parliament approving the legislation more than a decade ago; recognises the importance of robust and accessible data in identifying barriers to participation in democratic life and informing evidence-based policy responses; further recognises that transparency can support efforts to improve accessibility and representation across political parties and public institutions; and calls on the Government to take steps to improve the collection and publication of information relating to candidate diversity in UK elections.

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556      **The Bookmonger, Bearsden Cross**

Tabled: **9/07/26**      Signatories: **10**

**Susan Murray**  
**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Mr Joshua Reynolds**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**

Christine Jardine

That this House congratulates Caitlyn Payne on the first birthday of The Bookmonger, the bookshop, wine and cheese bar she opened on New Kirk Road at Bearsden Cross; notes that Caitlyn was diagnosed with stage three breast cancer at the age of 39 and received treatment at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre; recognises that this experience led her to build a business that gives back, including a Book of the Month initiative donating 100% of proceeds to Beatson Cancer Charity; commends her fundraising

activities in support of the charity, including prize draws and themed sales during Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and thanks Caitlyn for her contribution to the Bearsden high street and to cancer care in Glasgow.

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**557      Infrastructure Planning**

Tabled: **9/07/26**      Signatories: **15**

**Gideon Amos**  
**Zöe Franklin**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Pippa Heylings**  
**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Helen Morgan**

Ian Sollom                                  Calum Miller

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Infrastructure Planning (Development Consent) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 735), dated 30 June 2026, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3 July 2026, be annulled.

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**558      Srebrenica Memorial Week**

Tabled: **9/07/26**      Signatories: **27**

**Abtisam Mohamed**  
**Iqbal Mohamed**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Tracy Gilbert**  
**Dr Zubir Ahmed**  
**Steve Darling**

Caroline Voaden                                  Apsana Begum

That this House marks Srebrenica Memorial Week 2026 and commemorates the 31st

anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, the worst atrocity on European soil since the Second World War, in which more than 8,000 Bosniak Muslim men and boys were murdered because of their Muslim identity; believes that remembrance of Srebrenica sends a powerful message that we must never forget where anti-Muslim hatred, dehumanisation, and division can lead; remembers all those who were murdered, displaced, bereaved, and affected by the genocide and the wider atrocities committed during the Bosnian War, including up to 50,000 women and girls who were subjected to rape and sexual violence as weapons of war; recognises the judgments of international courts that the massacre at Srebrenica constituted genocide; pays tribute to survivors, victims' families, the Mothers of Srebrenica, and all those who continue to preserve the memory of those who were killed; commends the work of Remembering Srebrenica, including its national and regional boards, volunteers, Community Champions and partners, in educating people across the United Kingdom through schools, local authorities, places of

worship, community organisations, police forces, and civic institutions about the consequences of anti-Muslim hatred, dehumanisation, division, and genocide denial; reaffirms the importance of remembrance, truth, justice, peace, and social cohesion; and calls on the Government to continue supporting Srebrenica genocide education, remembrance, and initiatives that help prevent future atrocities.

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**562 Nature rights**

Tabled: **9/07/26** Signatories: **15**

**Adrian Ramsay**

**Dr Roz Savage**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

**Andrew George**

**Clive Lewis [R]**

**Siân Berry**

Iqbal Mohamed

Richard Burgon

That this House recognises that healthy, resilient and thriving natural systems are fundamental to food security, public health, economic prosperity, climate resilience and national security; notes with deep concern the Government's report entitled Global biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and national security: A National Security Assessment, which identifies biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse as imminent systemic risks to national security, resilience and prosperity; further recognises that the long-term wellbeing, security and economic stability of the UK depends upon the health and integrity of the natural world; believes that law and governance should better reflect society's dependence on Nature and the living systems that sustain human life and economic activity; welcomes the introduction of the Nature's Rights Bill [HL] as an important contribution to parliamentary debate on how legal duties, governance and decision-making can better protect and restore the natural world; remains concerned that, despite existing environmental protections, current governance frameworks do not adequately address the rapid pace of ecological decline or the critical risks arising from nature loss; and calls on the Government to give serious consideration to the legal and governance approaches that recognise Nature as a legal subject and rights-bearing entity, establish a duty of care towards Nature, and align public decision-making, policy development, economic planning and national resilience strategy with the protection, restoration and regeneration of the living systems on which human wellbeing, national security and economic activity depend.

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**570 Support for post offices**Tabled: **13/07/26** Signatories: **23**

**Edward Morello**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**David Chadwick**

Steve Darling

Ian Sollom

Anna Sabine

That this House recognises the vital role post offices play in supporting rural communities by providing access to banking, cash withdrawals and deposits, parcel services and essential retail facilities; notes that, following widespread high street bank closures, post offices have become the primary point of access to in-person banking for many residents, particularly older or digitally excluded people in rural economies such as West Dorset; further notes with concern that changes by banks to services available through post offices risk undermining their long-term viability and reducing access to essential services; further recognises the dedication of postal workers serving rural communities despite the challenges of longer delivery routes and dispersed populations; expresses concern that postal delivery performance remains well below target, with first-class mail delivery at 79.2% in the Dorchester postcode area against a 93% target; also notes persistent parcel delivery failures in rural areas from delivery companies like EVRI, including missed deliveries, inaccurate tracking, incorrect delivery locations and inadequate customer support; believes rural consumers deserve reliable and transparent postal and parcel services; and calls on the Government to support the long-term sustainability of the Post Office network, work with Royal Mail to improve rural delivery performance, strengthen Ofcom's oversight of parcel delivery operators, require retailers to inform customers at the point of purchase which courier will be used, and work with the Post Office, banks and other stakeholders to safeguard banking services, ensure key financial services remain available through post offices, and secure their future at the heart of communities.

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**574 Security for at-risk MPs**Tabled: **13/07/26** Signatories: **5**

**Rupert Lowe**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**James McMurdock**  
**Gavin Robinson**

That this House recognises the increasing number of serious threats, intimidation and abuse directed towards Members of Parliament in the course of carrying out their public duties; notes that credible threats against elected representatives undermine democratic participation and the ability of Members to represent their constituents without fear; believes that every Member of Parliament, irrespective of political party or viewpoint, who is assessed as facing a credible threat to their safety should have access to appropriate state-funded security measures

proportionate to the level of risk; further recognises the importance of maintaining democratic engagement between Members and the public while ensuring adequate protection for those at risk; calls on the Home Office, working alongside the Parliamentary Security services, the Metropolitan Police and other relevant local policing bodies, to undertake an urgent review of the current security arrangements available to Members of Parliament from all political parties; and further calls on the Government to ensure that sufficient resources are made available to protect all elected representatives who face serious and credible threats as a result of their role in public life.

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**577      National Day of Memory for Victims of Honour-Based Abuse**

Tabled: **13/07/26**      Signatories: **12**

**Apsana Begum**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Andrew George**  
**Siân Berry**  
**Hannah Spencer**

Richard Burgon

That this House recognises the National Day of Memory for Victims of Honour-Based Abuse on 14 July as a day of remembrance, reflection and renewed commitment to ending honour-based abuse; marks with profound sadness that this year Shaflea Ahmed would have celebrated her 40th birthday, and remembers her life, taken at 17 years old, as a powerful reminder of the devastating consequences of honour-based abuse and the enduring need for action; pays tribute to the victim-survivors, bereaved families and campaigners whose courage has driven progress; warmly welcomes the Government's introduction of a statutory definition of honour-based abuse, recognising this long-overdue, landmark achievement as one that specialist organisations, survivors and parliamentarians have sought for many years; believes that this definition represents a new chapter in improving safeguarding agencies' identification, understanding and response to honour-based abuse; notes with concern evidence from leading charity Karma Nirvana, which delivers the Home Office-commissioned National Honour-Based Abuse Helpline, that reports of honour-based abuse continue to rise, demonstrating the scale of the abuse and increasing confidence among victims to seek help; further recognises that greater awareness and improved identification are likely to lead to more victims coming forward; and therefore calls on the Government to ensure that police, health services, education, children's and adult social care, the justice system and safeguarding professionals receive appropriate training to implement the statutory definition consistently, and that specialist by-and-for services are provided with sustainable, long-term funding to ensure every victim and survivor can access expert, lifesaving support when they need it.

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581 **Shahid Choudhary**Tabled: **13/07/26** Signatories: **6**

**Dr Zubir Ahmed**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Jas Athwal**  
**Dawn Butler**  
**Richard Burgon**

That this House recognises the incredible achievement of Shahid Choudhary of the Glasgow South West constituency on becoming the first Scottish Asian Pakistani to climb all 282 Munros in Scotland; celebrates the magnitude of this achievement and Mr Choudhary as an inspiration for everyone across the UK, especially those from a minority background; highlights his charitable endeavours outside of these climbs including participation in the Glasgow Kiltwalk on multiple occasions; further highlights the importance of regular exercise on physical and mental well-being; and commends his incredible role in personally supporting over 300 individuals achieve their goal of climbing a Munro.

583 **Richard Pengelly**Tabled: **13/07/26** Signatories: **57**

**Grahame Morris**  
**Rachel Gilmour**  
**Stuart Andrew**  
**Kirsty Blackman**  
**Adam Jogee**  
**Paul Holmes**

Torcuil Crichton  
Wendy Chamberlain  
Katrina Murray  
Patricia Ferguson  
Wendy Morton

Richard Quigley  
Charlotte Cane  
Jodie Gosling  
Luke Akehurst  
Mr Clive Betts

Christine Jardine  
Kirsteen Sullivan  
Liz Jarvis  
Jess Asato  
Pete Wishart

That this House celebrates Richard Pengelly and his 37 years of dedicated service to the House of Commons; notes that he began his parliamentary career in the Pugin Room before becoming one of the best-known and best-loved faces behind the bar in the Strangers' Bar; recognises that his warmth, kindness, humour, quick wit and ever-present smile have brightened the days of countless Members, staff and visitors over the years; further recognises that, whether serving a drink or sharing a joke, Richard has been a constant source of good cheer and embodies the very best of the parliamentary community; applauds his legendary enthusiasm for the Eurovision Song Contest, which has brought much enjoyment to colleagues over the years; thanks him for the friendships he has forged and the memories he has helped create over nearly

four decades; and concludes by awarding him the parliamentary equivalent of douze points for a truly outstanding career, with every good wish for the future.

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585      **Hampshire Day 2026**

Tabled: **13/07/26**      Signatories: **9**

**Alex Brewer**  
**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Mr Will Forster**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mr Joshua Reynolds**

Tom Morrison

That this House celebrates Hampshire Day on 15 July 2026; commends the people of Hampshire for their pride, friendliness and camaraderie; expresses gratitude to the small businesses, charities and public sector workers who form the bedrock of the county; further thanks the farming and hospitality industries for enabling rural life to thrive through their economic, social and cultural contributions; recognises the natural beauty of Hampshire's countryside, woodlands and rivers, which weave through villages each filled with their own character; notes Hampshire's rich history as the birthplace of Jane Austen, providing a setting that inspired one of the country's most-loved authors, and boasting a wealth of historic houses, castles and gardens; acknowledges Hampshire as home to a thriving Armed Forces community, with several active and historic military sites across the county, as well as a large veteran population to whom the UK is indebted; further acknowledges Hampshire as a powerhouse for technology and innovation, attracting industry experts and investment from around the world; and calls on the Government to enable rural communities like those in Hampshire to thrive by ensuring adequate transport links, access to vital healthcare and wellbeing services, and protection from crime.

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586      **Memorial for Ann Widdecombe**

Tabled: **13/07/26**      Signatories: **41**

**Mr Peter Bedford**  
**Jo White**  
**Helen Grant**  
**Tonia Antoniazzi**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Andrew Rosindell**

Josh Babarinde  
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

John Cooper

Charlie Dewhirst

That this House expresses its profound sadness at the death of Ann Widdecombe and condemns the violence that led to her death; extends its deepest condolences to her family, friends and all those who knew and admired her; recognises her distinguished record of public service,

including her 23 years as Member of Parliament for Maidstone and The Weald, and her wider contribution to public life; pays tribute to her longstanding commitment to animal welfare and animal rights throughout her parliamentary career; acknowledges her reputation as a parliamentarian of conviction who never wavered in speaking her mind and standing by her principles; and believes that her contribution to this House and to public life should be commemorated through the installation of a memorial in her memory within the Palace of Westminster.

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**588      Generation Z and the State Pension**

Tabled: **13/07/26**      Signatories: **10**

**Adam Dance**

**Jess Brown-Fuller**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

**Wendy Chamberlain**

**Claire Young**

Steve Darling

That this House notes with concern recent polling indicating that almost half of Generation Z, those born between 1997 and 2012, do not expect the State Pension will exist by the time they reach retirement age; recognises the vital role of the State Pension in providing a foundation of financial security in later life, and the importance of a secure retirement as a reward for decades of work and contribution; is concerned that declining confidence among young workers, including in Yeovil constituency, in the future of the State Pension risks undermining the post-war social contract between generations and eroding confidence in the long-term value of work; further notes the scale of the challenge facing Generation Z in the labour market, including reports that, without intervention, one in six young people could be outside education, employment or training within five years; and calls on the Government to protect long-term confidence in the State Pension, including by maintaining the Triple Lock, and to provide greater support and opportunities, including through apprenticeship reform and action to address youth unemployment, so that young people can build secure and sustainable working lives.

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**589 London South Bank University industrial dispute**Tabled: **13/07/26** Signatories: **23**

**John McDonnell**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

Richard Burgon

That this House notes with concern the escalating industrial dispute between London South Bank University (LSBU) and University and College Union (UCU) over fire and rehire proposals to terminate the contracts of all academic staff and require them to compete in a redundancy selection process as part of a restructuring of roles; is concerned these proposals will establish a two-tier academic workforce, increase working time without a corresponding pay increase, and see new teaching and scholarship staff employed through a subsidiary company outside the national pay framework and without access to the Teachers' Pension Scheme; believes these proposals could have disproportionate equality impacts, particularly for women working in nursing and midwifery; regrets LSBU has declined to participate in ACAS talks to resolve this dispute, as suggested by UCU; recognises the essential contribution of LSBU staff to higher education and to the education of much of London's nursing workforce; expresses solidarity with UCU members who have already taken strike action in defence of their jobs, pay and working conditions; calls on LSBU to suspend these proposals, undertake a full equality impact assessment and engage in meaningful negotiations with recognised trade unions to achieve a negotiated settlement that protects staff, students and the university's long-term future; and further calls on the Government to work with the sector and unions to halt the growing use of redundancy threats and subsidiary companies across the higher education sector undermining national pay, pensions and employment standards, and to ensure a sustainable funding settlement for higher education.

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**590 Ehlers Danlos Syndrome**Tabled: **13/07/26** Signatories: **18**

**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Helen Morgan**  
**Mr Will Forster**

Steve Darling

Freddie van Mierlo

Richard Burgon

That this House commends the tireless campaigning of EDS UK to raise awareness about hypermobile Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (hEDS) and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorder (HSD); recognises that these multisystem conditions are often undiagnosed for years, leaving patients

to suffer a litany of seemingly unconnected symptoms; highlights that this means that those with hEDS/HSD are often left without adequate support or care to manage their symptoms, which can be devastating; underlines that hEDS/HSD ought not be called rare but rather a realistic possibility; celebrates the work of Dr Reinhold in Winchester to develop the RCGP EDS Toolkit which is available worldwide to support medical practitioners to recognise hEDS/HSD earlier; urges the Government to promote this toolkit as a means of raising awareness about EDS; and calls on the Government to meet with EDS UK to discuss next steps.

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**592 UK Town of Culture 2028 shortlist**

Tabled: **13/07/26** Signatories: **6**

**Ian Roome**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Tracy Gilbert**

That this House congratulates Ilfracombe, Isle of Bute, Lerwick, Sandown, Strabane, Stockton Town Centre Ward, Corby, Great Yarmouth, Leith, Pontypridd, Port Talbot, Basildon, Birkenhead, Grimsby and Rotherham on being shortlisted for the first UK Town of Culture competition; applauds the creativity and hard work of volunteer groups and organisations such as One Ilfracombe in championing their communities; believes that culture and the arts enrich people's quality of life while adding more than £8.5bn to the UK economy each year; and supports efforts to strengthen local pride in towns across Britain.

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**597 30 years of the Spice Girls**

Tabled: **13/07/26** Signatories: **12**

**Tom Gordon**  
**Josh Newbury**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Liz Jarvis**  
**Sarah Dyke**

Vikki Slade

Max Wilkinson

Steve Darling

That this House congratulates the Spice Girls on 30 years since the release of their debut single Wannabe on 8 July 1996, which reached number one in 37 countries and launched one of the most remarkable careers in British music; celebrates three decades in which Victoria Beckham, Melanie Brown, Emma Bunton, Melanie Chisholm and Geri Halliwell Horner became the best-selling girl group of all time, selling over 100 million records worldwide and achieving nine UK number one singles and two UK number one albums, including beloved hits such as Say You'll Be There, 2 Become 1 and Spice Up Your Life; recognises that their message of Girl Power

inspired and empowered a generation of young women, both across the world and within our local communities, championing confidence, ambition and solidarity at a formative moment in many young lives; acknowledges their lasting influence on British popular culture, on the generations of artists who have followed them, and on the global standing of UK music; and concludes that three decades later, the Spice Girls look very well placed to make it last forever.

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**599 Emmeline Pankhurst Day**

Tabled: **13/07/26** Signatories: **7**

**Patricia Ferguson**

**Jeremy Corbyn**

**Andrew George**

**Rachael Maskell**

**Jim Shannon**

**Kirsteen Sullivan**

Richard Burgon

That this House recognises 14 July as Emmeline Pankhurst Day, commemorating the birth of Emmeline Pankhurst, one of the most influential campaigners for women's rights in British history; celebrates her leadership of the suffragette movement and her unwavering determination to secure votes for women; acknowledges the courage and sacrifice of Emmeline Pankhurst and the many suffragettes and suffragists whose efforts transformed British democracy and advanced the cause of equality; notes that the extension of the franchise to women marked a defining moment in the United Kingdom's constitutional history, while recognising that the struggle for equal representation and opportunity continues; and believes that Emmeline Pankhurst's legacy serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of civic participation, democratic engagement and challenging injustice.

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**600 Nelson Mandela Day**

Tabled: **13/07/26** Signatories: **17**

**Patricia Ferguson**

**Jeremy Corbyn**

**Martin Rhodes**

**John Grady**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

**Douglas McAllister**

Kirsteen Sullivan

Richard Burgon

That this House recognises 18 July as Nelson Mandela Day, established by the United Nations to honour the life, legacy and values of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela; notes with pride that Nelson Mandela was awarded the Freedom of the City of Glasgow in 1981 in recognition of his courageous opposition to apartheid, years before his release from prison, reflecting Glasgow's long-standing commitment to justice and equality; celebrates his unwavering dedication to

freedom, democracy, reconciliation and human dignity; acknowledges his leadership in the struggle against apartheid and his enduring contribution to peace and human rights across the world; further notes that Nelson Mandela Day encourages people everywhere to devote time to serving their communities in the spirit of solidarity and compassion; believes that Mandela's example continues to inspire efforts to challenge injustice, promote equality and foster peaceful dialogue; and calls on hon. and Rt hon. Members to mark Nelson Mandela Day by reaffirming their commitment to the values of human rights, equality, justice and service to others that Nelson Mandela embodied throughout his life.

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**601 30th anniversary of the State Visit of President Nelson Mandela of the Republic of South Africa to the United Kingdom**

Tabled: **13/07/26** Signatories: **6**

**Adam Jogee**  
**Andrew George**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Kirsteen Sullivan**  
**Patricia Ferguson**

That this House notes with affection that July 2026 marks the 30th anniversary of the State Visit of President Nelson Mandela of the Republic of South Africa to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; further notes that President Mandela's State Visit was the first for a South African Head of State since its return to democracy in 1994 after the collapse of the Apartheid regime; remembers that President Mandela gave an address to both Houses of Parliament on Thursday 11 July 1996; acknowledges the ties of family, shared values and friendship between the Republic of South Africa and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and recommits itself to furthering the close working relationship between the two countries.

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**602 Orkney creel fishery, Community Catch Standard accreditation**

Tabled: **14/07/26** Signatories: **7**

**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**

Tom Morrison

That this House congratulates the Orkney creel fishery for achieving a world-first accolade in being certified against the Community Catch Standard for small scale fisheries; notes that the accreditation is intended to mark high standards for responsible, transparent and community-

led seafood sourcing, and recognises organisations that demonstrate strong standards in responsible sourcing, traceability, labour rights, community benefit, and stewardship of marine resources; recognises that assessment of the fishery was carried out independently by NSF, the global certification and assurance organisation; and believes that such accreditation can be an important benchmark for sustainable and economically beneficial fisheries practice in coastal communities across the United Kingdom.

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**603      Amnesty International UK report on the anti-rights movement in the UK**

Tabled: **14/07/26**      Signatories: **6**

**Tonia Antoniazzi**  
**Tracy Gilbert**  
**David Smith**  
**Kirsteen Sullivan**  
**Mary Glindon**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House expresses extreme concern at Amnesty International UK's report entitled *A Growing Threat: the Anti-Rights Movement in the UK*, published on 8 July; condemns its depiction and listing of organisations defending the rights of women, girls, children, and gay and bisexual people as anti-rights on the basis of them being gender critical; further condemns its depiction and listing of organisations of parents and of clinicians as promoting conversion practices; notes that organisations depicted as supposedly anti-rights includes many grassroots women's rights organisations doing vital work domestically and internationally with vulnerable women and children, and a rape crisis centre and support service for female survivors of male violence; further notes that gender critical belief is a protected belief under the Equality Act 2010 and reflects the views of the majority of the public; also notes that it is perfectly legitimate to organise around the protected characteristic of sex and to offer single-sex spaces, as clarified by the recent Supreme Court ruling in *For Women Scotland vs The Scottish Government*; recognises that such organisation, work and services are fundamentally important; also condemns the report for making unevidenced characterisations; acknowledges the damaging impact of such baseless accusations for the small grassroots charities and organisations listed; and calls on Amnesty International to withdraw the report, issue a formal public correction and apology acknowledging the reputational harm, and pledge that Amnesty staff who hold gender critical beliefs can express such beliefs without fear of bullying or harassment.

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**609 Spotlight Dance Academy, Minehead**Tabled: **14/07/26** Signatories: **6****Rachel Gilmour****Ian Roome****Jim Shannon****Wera Hobhouse****Clive Jones****Tom Morrison**

That this House congratulates Mollie and Billy of Spotlight Dance Academy in Minehead on their fantastic achievement in proudly representing England at the Dance World Cup in Dublin this month; commends the role of Spotlight Dance Academy and all those associated in supporting young, local talent to fulfil their potential; recognises the importance of supporting cultural education and access to arts opportunities for people in rural and coastal communities, where such activities play a vital role in personal development and community life; acknowledges the pride that this achievement brings to Minehead, Somerset and the wider region; and wishes Mollie and Billy every success in their future dancing careers and endeavours.

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**612 John MacDonald's fundraising walk for Men Matter Scotland**Tabled: **14/07/26** Signatories: **5****Patricia Ferguson****Dr Zubir Ahmed****Jim Shannon****Martin Rhodes****Kirsteen Sullivan**

That this House recognises the extraordinary commitment of John MacDonald, who completed a 246-mile walk from Dunblane to Manchester to raise funds and awareness for Men Matter Scotland, a Drumchapel-based charity supporting men's mental health; commends John's determination in completing the journey over 12 days in support of an organisation that provides a lifeline for thousands of men across Scotland; acknowledges that John undertook this challenge not only as a fundraising effort but also as a personal journey of reflection, resilience and mental wellbeing; praises his courage in openly discussing his own experiences and highlighting that men's mental health remains an issue requiring greater understanding and support; celebrates the dedication of Men Matter Scotland's volunteers and supporters, who continue to deliver essential services despite relying heavily on donations and fundraising; congratulates John on successfully completing this remarkable challenge and raising thousands of pounds; and further recognises the awareness that his achievement has raised of the importance of speaking openly about mental health.

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**613 Defence Investment Plan**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **19**

**James MacCleary**  
**Helen Morgan**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Dr Danny Chambers**  
**Ian Roome**  
**Andrew George**

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| Clive Jones        | Wendy Chamberlain | Mr Lee Dillon      |
| Mr Will Forster    | Adam Dance        | Calum Miller       |
| Mr Joshua Reynolds | Dr Al Pinkerton   | Tom Morrison       |
| Helen Maguire      | Rachel Gilmour    | Freddie van Mierlo |
| Edward Morello     |                   |                    |

That this House expresses deep concern at the publication of the Defence Investment Plan (DIP), which is nearly a year delayed and delivers a fundamentally unambitious funding package for the nation's security; notes that the £15 billion in new military spending falls significantly short of the sum required to restore defence readiness and meet strategic obligations; regrets that this plan leaves an unfunded £4.7 billion black hole that directly threatens the UK's defence capabilities and undermines its standing with key NATO allies; urges the Government to deliver a £20 billion defence bonds programme, hypothecated to capital spending on defence to rapidly inject money into the Armed Forces; further regrets that the delays in publishing the DIP have already caused industry uncertainty, leaving vital supply chain partners without a clear demand signal; recognises that SMEs form an increasingly critical part of the UK's defence industrial base and are disproportionately affected; and calls on the Government to publish a comprehensive, independent report within six months on the specific economic consequences that the delay has had on SMEs within the defence sector and the wider supply chain.

**614 International Court of Justice's July 2024 Advisory Opinion on the Occupied Palestinian Territories**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **59**

**Calum Miller**  
**James MacCleary**  
**Dr Al Pinkerton**  
**Monica Harding**  
**Mr Paul Kohler**  
**Brian Mathew**

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| Helen Morgan  | Adam Dance  | Chris Coghlan |
| Claire Young  | Sarah Green | Jeremy Corbyn |
| Iqbal Mohamed | Ayoub Khan  |               |

That this House acknowledges the second anniversary of the International Court of Justice's Advisory Opinion on 19 July 2024, which noted that Israel's continuing presence in the Occupied

Palestinian Territories (OPTs) is unlawful; regrets the Government's continuing and unjustifiable failure to provide the UK's assessment on the Court's opinion; believes that the UK is failing to meet its obligations in relation to the Court's opinion; recognises that only a two-state solution and a lasting peace can deliver security and dignity for both Israelis and Palestinians; further recognises that securing progress towards a two-state solution requires consistent and robust action to end Israel's occupation; further regrets the continuing administrative and arbitrary detention of Palestinians across the OPTs ; calls therefore on the UK Government to immediately publish its response to the Court; urges the Government to work with international partners to press the Israeli Government to allow journalists and human rights investigators full access to Gaza to support the collection of evidence of war crimes there; further calls on the UK Government to meet its commitments to uphold international law, including by banning all UK trade in goods and services with illegal Israeli settlements, by sanctioning Ministers responsible for facilitating and encouraging illegal expansion, including Prime Minister Netanyahu, and by banning all UK arms exports to Israel including F-35 components.

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615      **Military housing**

Tabled: **15/07/26**      Signatories: **24**

**James MacCleary**

**Helen Morgan**

**Jess Brown-Fuller**

**Hannah Spencer**

**Dr Ellie Chowns**

**Adrian Ramsay**

Siân Berry

Ian Roome

Wendy Chamberlain

Adam Dance

Dr Al Pinkerton

Rachel Gilmour

Dr Danny Chambers

Andrew George

Mr Lee Dillon

Calum Miller

Tom Morrison

Freddie van Mierlo

Jim Shannon

Clive Jones

Mr Will Forster

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Helen Maguire

Edward Morello

That this House expresses deep concern over the substandard living conditions endured by service personnel and their families; believes that all military accommodation should be legally included under the Decent Homes Standard (DHS) to ensure that service men and women and their families are guaranteed safe, dignified places to live; regrets that the Government's recently announced Defence Investment Plan will deprioritise the urgent refurbishment of sub-standard military housing; further believes that cutting corners on personnel welfare directly undermines operational readiness, morale, recruitment and long-term retention within the Armed Forces; and urges the Government to immediately reverse plans to push back housing improvements, fully fund the eradication of mould and damp across the defence estate, and formally adopt the DHS for all service accommodation without delay, including single living accommodation.

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**616 Local Housing Allowance rates**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **30****Wendy Chamberlain****Steve Darling****Vikki Slade****Jess Brown-Fuller****Siân Berry****Caroline Voaden**

Hannah Spencer

Dr Danny Chambers

Andrew George

Charlie Maynard

Mr Lee Dillon

Mr Angus MacDonald

Susan Murray

Helen Maguire

Dr Ellie Chowns

Jim Shannon

Clive Jones

Ian Sollom

Mr Paul Kohler

Chris Coghlan

Tom Morrison

Wera Hobhouse

Adrian Ramsay

Jamie Stone

Charlotte Cane

Manuela Perteghella

Mr Will Forster

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Martin Wrigley

Zöe Franklin

That this House notes with concern that across the country, fewer than 2% of advertised private rented homes are affordable based on Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates; recognises that this has become significantly worse due the LHA freeze since April 2024 with research by Crisis and Zoopla suggesting that in 2021/22, 11.2% of listings for two-bed homes in England were affordable, compared to only 1.1% in 2025/26; expresses deep concern that LHA rates have remained frozen while rents have continued to rise, leaving many households unable to meet housing costs; further notes evidence from a coalition of homelessness, housing, health and advice organisations, including Citizens Advice, Crisis, Shelter, Centrepoin, St Mungo's, Independent Age, Justlife, Shared Health and the National Residential Landlords Association, that the freeze is contributing to poverty, hardship and homelessness; understands that recent polling commissioned by Citizens Advice found that 48% of renters receiving Universal Credit have cut back on essentials such as food, energy and transport costs to cover housing expenses; and calls on the Government to restore Local Housing Allowance rates so that they once again cover at least the lowest 30% of local rents and to ensure that support keeps pace with changes in the rental market.

**617 Retirement of Godfrey Asare and Margaret Labulo from the Members' Tea Room**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **28****Josh Babarinde****Jess Brown-Fuller****Dr Danny Chambers****Apsana Begum****Jim Shannon****Andrew George**

Clive Jones

Peter Swallow

Wendy Chamberlain

Katrina Murray

Mr Lee Dillon

Lauren Edwards

Tom Morrison  
Freddie van Mierlo  
Jodie Gosling  
Rachel Gilmour  
Claire Young  
Richard Burgon

Liz Jarvis  
Jas Athwal  
Munira Wilson  
Charlie Maynard  
Jeremy Corbyn

Alison Bennett  
Navendu Mishra  
Layla Moran  
Manuela Perteghella  
Brian Mathew

That this House pays tribute to Godfrey Asare and Margaret Labulo, General Assistants in the Members' Tea Room, on the occasion of their retirement from the service of Parliament; recognises their many years of dedicated and loyal service to this House and its Members and staff who have relied upon them each and every day; commends the professionalism, courtesy and good humour with which they have carried out their duties, ensuring the smooth and efficient running of the Tea Room through the long hours and late sittings that this place demands; acknowledges the countless small acts of care and attentiveness that have made the Tea Room a welcoming part of daily life in this House; thanks Godfrey and Margaret for their outstanding contribution to the House and its Members over many years of service; and wishes them both a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

#### 618 **Prohibiting Members of Parliament from having paid second jobs**

Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **31**

**Richard Burgon**  
**Lee Barron**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Neil Duncan-Jordan**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Ian Lavery**

Ian Byrne  
Dr Ellie Chowns  
Rachael Maskell  
Lorraine Beavers  
Emma Lewell  
Rebecca Long Bailey

Siân Berry  
Adrian Ramsay  
Cat Eccles  
Mary Kelly Foy  
Mary Glendon  
Jeremy Corbyn

Hannah Spencer  
Andrew George  
Grahame Morris  
Kate Osborne  
Steve Witherden  
Imran Hussain

That this House welcomes the presentation of the Members of Parliament (Prohibition of Second Jobs) (Motion) Bill as a positive contribution to the debate on ending paid second jobs for MPs; notes with concern that MPs have reportedly received more than £11 million in outside earnings since the last General Election, with around two-thirds of that income going to just 10 MPs; believes that this, and examples of MPs earning in a few hours what many nurses, teachers and other workers earn in an entire year, undermine public confidence in politics; further notes the strong public support for banning MPs' second jobs, except for very limited exemptions, including where outside work is necessary to maintain professional qualifications; also notes that Members of Parliament are among the highest-paid five per cent of workers in the country; further believes that being a Member of Parliament is a privilege and a full-time responsibility, that the role should not be treated as a springboard to lucrative outside employment, and that second jobs can create serious conflicts of interest; further welcomes the measures already

taken by the Government to strengthen the rules around paid lobbying but believes that much stronger action is required to restore trust in politics, which has hit record lows in recent years; and calls on the Government to bring forward legislation prohibiting MPs from undertaking paid second jobs.

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**619      Torbay RNLI 160th anniversary**

Tabled: **15/07/26**      Signatories: **10**

**Steve Darling**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ian Roome**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Caroline Voaden**

Mr Lee Dillon  
Freddie van Mierlo

Dr Al Pinkerton

Tom Morrison

That this House celebrates the 160th anniversary of Torbay RNLI, established in 1866 in the aftermath of the devastating Great Storm of January that year; notes that during one night of exceptional violence around 60 ships were wrecked in and around Torbay and more than 70 sailors lost their lives, with much of the community's fishing fleet destroyed; recognises the remarkable courage and community spirit shown by local people during the disaster; further notes that the nearest lifeboat was located at Teignmouth and was hauled some 10 miles overland in an effort to rescue survivors; commends the establishment of Torbay RNLI later that year in response to the tragedy and its subsequent 160 years of dedicated lifesaving service to mariners, residents and visitors alike; welcomes the StormFest 160 commemorations marking this important anniversary, including the recreation of a 19th century lifeboat reflecting the station's origins; pays tribute to all past and present RNLI volunteers, crews, fundraisers and supporters whose selfless service has saved countless lives at sea, supporting those in our merchant vessels, fishing fleet and leisure crafts; and thanks all those who continue to give their time and expertise to protect people at sea and around the nation's coastline.

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**620      20th anniversary of Shine Harrogate**

Tabled: **15/07/26**      Signatories: **4**

**Tom Gordon**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Tom Morrison**

That this House congratulates Shine in celebration of its 20th anniversary; recognises the remarkable achievement of one of Harrogate's local businesses, established in 2005, retailing jewellery, gifts and accessories; acknowledges the business' unwavering commitment to serving customers across Harrogate and supporting other local businesses in the area; understands

the important contribution that independent businesses make to the community and the local economy; and wishes everyone associated with Shine continued success in the years ahead.

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621 **Russian sanctions**

Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **57**

**Calum Miller**  
**James MacCleary**  
**Dr Al Pinkerton**  
**Monica Harding**  
**Mr Paul Kohler**  
**Max Wilkinson**

Helen Morgan  
Chris Coghlan

Jim Shannon  
Claire Young

Adam Dance  
Sarah Green

That this House condemns the ongoing, unprovoked, and illegal aggression of the Russian Federation both at home and across Europe; notes with grave concern the increasing hostility by Russian naval vessels and aircraft across northern European waters, including within the British Channel and the Norwegian Sea, which pose a direct threat to UK security; expresses alarm at the Russian shadow fleet actively bypassing international price caps and national sanctions to move roughly 40% of Russian oil; regrets that these illicit vessels transport sanctioned cargo near to UK territorial waters, bankrolling the Kremlin's brutal war machine in Ukraine; urges the Government to take a decisive stance by working alongside international allies to completely ban the provision of all maritime services for the export of Russian oil, oil products, gas, and coal, thereby choking off the critical energy revenues funding Putin's hybrid warfare and hostile regional aggression; and further urges the Government to expand its interdiction of Russian shadow vessels transporting oil illegally near UK waters, selling the captured cargo to raise money for Ukraine.

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622 **Keele Business School, Higher Education Provider of the Year at the Midlands Education Awards 2026**

Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **2**

**Adam Jogee**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Keele Business School, in Newcastle-under-Lyme, on being named Higher Education Provider of the Year at the Midlands Education Awards 2026; commends the School's commitment to inspiring and developing future leaders through the highest quality teaching and research, and an approach that always put the health and well-being of students first; celebrates the work of Director of Keele Business School, Dr Scott Bambrick, his staff, students and the wider Keele University community; recognises the vital role that Keele University and Keele Business School play in the economy of Newcastle-under-Lyme

and North Staffordshire; and extends good wishes to all the team at Keele University for their continued success.

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623      **Newcastle-under-Lyme and the 70th anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

Tabled: **15/07/26**      Signatories: **2**

**Adam Jogee**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award; recognises the scheme's outstanding contribution to the personal development of millions of young people in Newcastle-under-Lyme, across the UK and around the world; commends the vision of His late Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in establishing an award that continues to build confidence, resilience and life skills in young people regardless of their background; acknowledges the work of His Royal Highness, Prince Edward, patron of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, who has continued and strengthened the legacy of his father; further recognises all those who live, learn and work in Newcastle-under-Lyme who have taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award; thanks the countless volunteers, leaders and organisations who allow young people to take part across schools, youth groups and communities; and wishes the Duke of Edinburgh's Award continued success in inspiring and empowering future generations in Newcastle-under-Lyme and across the world.

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624      **Madeley Carnival 2026**

Tabled: **15/07/26**      Signatories: **3**

**Adam Jogee**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew Rosindell**

That this House celebrates the successful Madeley Carnival 2026, held in Madeley, Newcastle-under-Lyme on 11 July 2026; congratulates the organisers, volunteers, committee members at the Madeley Centre and members of Madeley Parish Council for their tireless work in planning and delivering a safe, successful and enjoyable event; recognises that the Madeley Carnival is a much-loved fixture in the annual calendar for people in Madeley, bringing together residents of all ages and backgrounds; notes the important role that events of this kind play in bringing people together, supporting local charities and businesses, and showcasing the talent and traditions of this part of Newcastle-under-Lyme; thanks all those who took part, including performers, stallholders, sponsors and members of the public who attended; and wishes the Madeley Carnival and all those involved continued success for many years to come.

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**625 Work of the Dove Service in Newcastle-under-Lyme**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **2****Adam Jogee****Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises the valuable work of the Dove Service in providing bereavement and loss support to individuals, families and children across Newcastle-under-Lyme and North Staffordshire; commends the dedication of its staff and volunteers in offering counselling, support groups and specialist services to those experiencing grief and bereavement; acknowledges the importance of accessible, compassionate bereavement support services in helping people process loss and rebuild their lives; notes the Dove Buddies gatherings that take place across North Staffordshire all through the month and provides people with the chance to have a cuppa, a chat and make friends, all thanks to staff and volunteers, Sarah Smith, Sarah Knott, Charlie O'Dell, Stephen Holmes, and Ann Deaville; and gives thanks for the Dove Service's continued commitment to the people of Newcastle-under-Lyme and North Staffordshire.

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**626 WOW travel tracker and Ysgol Llanfawr**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **5****Llinos Medi****Ben Lake****Ann Davies****Liz Saville Roberts****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates pupils at Ysgol Llanfawr in Ynys Môn for reaching the top of a national leaderboard celebrating children who are making strides to walk or wheel to school; notes that WOW, the walk to school challenge from charity Living Streets Cymru, sees pupils record how they get to school using the interactive WOW travel tracker, a comprehensive method of gaining valuable insights into school travel habits; further notes that the tracker helps boost pupils' engagement in the overall challenge and helps increase active travel rates at schools by awarding those who walk, wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride with a monthly WOW badge; highlights that 95% of journeys recorded by pupils at Ysgol Llanfawr during the month of June were active travel journeys; and commends pupils at the school as well as the 200 primary schools in Wales currently participating in the challenge for showing how small actions lead to big impacts such as easing congestion, improving air quality, and creating cleaner, healthier streets.

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**627 Legacy League 2026 fundraising for Newbury Cancer Care**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **3**

**Mr Lee Dillon**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Clive Jones**

That this House congratulates the organisers of the Legacy League charity football tournament, Andrew Downing and Ashley Stockwell, on raising an outstanding £15,274.99 for Newbury Cancer Care; praises the generosity and endurance of around 90 players, volunteers, sponsors, local businesses and supporters who took part in the marathon 10-hour football tournament at Trinity School in Newbury; applauds the continued growth of this annual fundraiser, which has now raised tens of thousands of pounds for local cancer care; acknowledges the invaluable impact Newbury Cancer Care has on patients and families across West Berkshire, providing specialist practical support and compassionate assistance during what can be an overwhelming and isolating period in people's lives; and looks forward to the Legacy League continuing to build on its tremendous fundraising efforts in the years ahead.

**628 Merchant Navy Day**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **19**

**Liz Jarvis**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew George**

Wendy Chamberlain  
 Cane  
 Susan Murray  
 Martin Wrigley  
 Caroline Voaden

Clive Jones  
 Mr Will Forster  
 Steve Darling  
 Andrew Rosindell  
 Ian Roome

Charlotte  
 Mr Angus MacDonald  
 Helen Maguire  
 Christine Jardine

That this House recognises 3 September as Merchant Navy Day, established to honour the service and sacrifice of the men and women of the Merchant Navy, past and present; notes the historic and continuing dedication of merchant seafarers, and their supportive families residing in Eastleigh; celebrates the crucial role of merchant seafarers, who today handle 95% of the UK's traded goods, keeping the nation supplied and connected to the world; acknowledges the bravery of Merchant Navy seafarers in keeping supply lines open during global conflicts, including the two world wars, and more recent crises such as the covid-19 pandemic; further notes that merchant seafarers continue to face serious and ongoing challenges, including in the Strait of Hormuz; and calls on hon. and Rt hon. Members to mark Merchant Navy Day by flying the Red Ensign and paying tribute to the service, courage and sacrifice of merchant seafarers.

**629 Proposed Scottish Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **4**

**Christine Jardine**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House welcomes the proposal by ScotsRock to establish Scotland's first dedicated Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame to honour the country's outstanding musical history and support the next generation of talent; celebrates Scotland's extraordinary, world-class contribution to global music and its legendary artists, songwriters, and industry pioneers; notes the esteemed backing of major cultural figures for this initiative, including Midge Ure, Lulu, Jim Kerr, Travis, and Del Amitri; recognises that housing this national landmark within the former Centre for Contemporary Arts building on Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, offers an opportunity to preserve an historic creative hub and revitalize the city's cultural scene; and urges the UK and Scottish Governments to work collaboratively to support this project and ensure Scotland's rich musical story is given a permanent and celebrated home.

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**630 Alex Thaddeus Hairdressing, Cupar**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **3**

**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Tom Morrison**

That this House congratulates Alex Thaddeus Hairdressing of Cupar, North East Fife, on securing four nominations in the prestigious 2026 Salon Awards; notes that the salon has been shortlisted in the categories of Best Salon, Best Colour Salon, Creative Image of the Year, and Stylist of the Year; recognises the Salon Awards as an important industry-led celebration of excellence, creativity and customer experience within the UK hairdressing profession; commends Alex Thaddeus and the entire team for their talent, dedication and entrepreneurial spirit in building a successful and highly regarded business in North East Fife; welcomes the positive recognition these nominations bring to the wider Scottish hair and beauty sector; and wishes Alex Thaddeus Hairdressing every success at the Salon Awards ceremony in London on 16 November 2026.

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**631 Retford Town Hall**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **2**

**Jo White**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Eddie Matthews on his retirement as caretaker of Retford Town Hall; thanks him for his many years of dedicated service and for the care, professionalism

and warm welcome he has shown to everyone using the building; recognises the important contribution he has made to the civic life of Retford and to the many council meetings, ceremonies and community events held at the Town Hall; notes that Retford's history of civic buildings dates back to the Moot Hall erected in the Market Place in 1388 and that the present Town Hall was opened in January 1868; acknowledges its distinctive design and historic role in the civic and social life of Retford; further notes that the Grade II listed building remains an important symbol of Retford's identity and heritage; wishes Eddie a happy and well-earned retirement; and expresses its hope that Retford Town Hall will be protected as a cherished public and community space for the benefit of future generations.

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**633      10 years since the start of Edinburgh's 20mph scheme**

Tabled: **15/07/26**      Signatories: **2**

**Dr Scott Arthur**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates 10 years since the City of Edinburgh Council began implementing its 20mph speed limit scheme under the Leadership of Councillor Lesley Hinds; notes that the programme, initiated in 2016, was one of the first city-wide speed-reduction initiatives in the UK and has since become a model for other local authorities; recognises the scheme's contribution to improved road safety, including reductions in serious injuries and lives lost, and its role in creating more liveable streets for pedestrians, cyclists and families; further notes that peer reviewed research published in 2022 and 2024 revealed that fatalities and serious injuries fell significantly following the implementation of the scheme; acknowledges the positive impact on public health, active travel, and community wellbeing; commends the council staff, campaigners, and local residents whose sustained efforts helped deliver and embed the scheme; and encourages continued support for measures that make urban environments safer, healthier, and more accessible for all.

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**634      Closure of High Borrans Outdoor Education Centre**

Tabled: **15/07/26**      Signatories: **3**

**Tim Farron**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Tom Morrison**

That this House regrets the decision by North Tyneside Council to close High Borrans Outdoor Education Centre in Windermere in November 2026; notes that High Borrans has provided vital outdoor learning experiences for thousands of children and young people living in urban and disadvantaged areas since 1967; recognises that it has been a place where children and young people have developed confidence, resilience, independence, teamwork, leadership skills and a lifelong appreciation of the natural environment; expresses concern that the proposed closure is part of a long term trend reflecting a shrinking of the opportunities available for young people to benefit from residential outdoor education centres; further notes the long term benefits of such experiences in fostering personal development and socio-economic skills; further

recognises the importance of such opportunities to improve access and equity for those facing barriers to participation; calls on the Government to act to prevent closures of outdoor centres across the country by boosting demand and supporting the goal of offering all children and young people opportunities for residential outdoor learning as part of its emerging enrichment framework; and urges the Government to encourage North Tyneside Council to recognise the strong public support for the continued operation of this site, to consult meaningfully with the local community, to explore alternative business models, and to review its decision to close the centre.

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**635 Chichester Priory Park Cricket Club, 175th anniversary**

Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **3**

**Jess Brown-Fuller**

**Jim Shannon**

**Tom Morrison**

That this House congratulates Chichester Priory Park Cricket Club on celebrating its 175th anniversary, tracing its origins back to the first recorded match played in Priory Park on 7 August 1851; recognises the club's historic role in English cricket, including former member Arthur Hobgen's role in financing James Lillywhite's pioneering 1876-77 tour to Australia, which produced the first ever Test match; commends President Graeme Bennison and Chairman Gary Rustell for their continued leadership of the club; further commends the club's active and growing women and girls division, which offers both softball and hardball options in a friendly, inclusive environment for players of all ages and abilities; welcomes Chichester District Council's commitment of nearly £1 million towards the redevelopment of the club's White Pavilion; notes that this investment will help to deliver improved changing facilities, accessible provision, and a new social space; further notes the important role that clubs such as this play in encouraging grassroots participation in cricket and supporting community health and wellbeing; and calls on the Government to increase support for local cricket clubs, to ensure they have the facilities and resources needed to continue growing participation at a grassroots level for generations to come.

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**636 Essential energy guarantee**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **13****Daisy Cooper****Pippa Heylings****Helen Morgan****Jess Brown-Fuller****Wera Hobhouse****Andrew George**

Wendy Chamberlain

Claire Young

Freddie van Mierlo

Mr Will Forster

Steve Darling

Tom Morrison

Calum Miller

That this House recognises that access to affordable energy is a basic necessity and that no household should face a choice between heating their home and meeting other essential needs; notes that households continue to face significant financial pressure from energy bills following continued volatility in global gas markets; further notes that monopoly energy network operators are on course to receive up to £7 billion in unearned windfall profits under the current RII0-2 price control framework, not through improved performance but through an unintended consequence of the regulatory system; believes those unexpected profits should be used to cut energy bills for all households rather than to enrich shareholders; also notes that this would help tackle the trend of rising energy debt, therefore supporting the resilience of our energy market; further believes that additional targeted support must be provided to vulnerable households and families with children facing high energy costs; notes reports that the Rt hon. Member for Makerfield is considering proposals similar to the Liberal Democrats' essential energy guarantee, which would provide every household with a discount on its essential energy consumption; urges him to commit to this approach for the benefit of everyone in Great Britain; and calls on the Government to bring forward permanent reforms to reduce energy bills, including a 10-year emergency home upgrade programme, reform of the electricity market to reduce reliance on global gas prices, and accelerated investment in home-grown renewable energy.

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**637 Hedgehog Rescue**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **13**

**Claire Young**  
**Jess Brown-Fuller**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Adrian Ramsay**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew George**

Tom Morrison  
 Mr Angus MacDonald  
 Richard Burgon

Wendy Chamberlain  
 Steve Darling

Mr Lee Dillon  
 Andrew Rosindell

That this House commends the vital work of Hedgehog Rescue, which treats, rehabilitates and cares for over 300 hedgehogs a year in South Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Bath, Somerset and Bristol, including orphaned young that must be hand reared before release; recognises the tireless dedication of the whole team, and in particular Yvonne Cox, who has given 27 years of service to the rescue and regularly delivers educational talks to schools and community groups on protecting local wildlife; notes with concern that hedgehogs continue to suffer death and injury on the roads and through litter, habitat destruction and the use of garden tools and chemicals; is deeply concerned that the rescue will be forced to cease operations this year, in significant part due to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) under care guidance, which requires a physical veterinary examination before antibiotics, antiparasitics, antivirals or antifungals can be prescribed, leaving small wildlife rescues unable to access timely treatment during outbreaks such as coccidiosis; recognises that this guidance was introduced to tackle antimicrobial resistance and protect declining insect populations, but believes its blanket application is having a disproportionate and unintended effect on wildlife rescues operating at scale and often facing unresponsive practices; and calls on the Government to work with the RCVS and the Veterinary Medicines Directorate to review the impact of this guidance on wildlife rescue centres.

**638 Yoker Athletic Football Club's 140th anniversary**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **4**

**Douglas McAllister**  
**Kirsteen Sullivan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Patricia Ferguson**

That this House congratulates Yoker Athletic Football Club on its 140th anniversary, marking an extraordinary milestone since the club's formation in 1886; notes that while the club represents the Yoker area in the west of Glasgow, it has for most of its history been based at Holm Park in Clydebank; celebrates the club's enduring place at the heart of the local community, having provided generations of people with opportunities for participation, recreation, and social connection through football; acknowledges the important role grassroots clubs such as Yoker Athletic play in promoting participation in sport, community cohesion, wellbeing and local

pride; further notes the club's proud competitive history, including winning the Scottish Junior Cup in the 1932/33 season, finishing as finalists in 1935/36, and again most recently reaching the final in the 2021/22 season; recognises that the club currently competes in the West of Scotland Football League Division 2, with ambitions for future progress; thanks the volunteers, players, staff, and supporters for their dedication; and commends Yoker Athletic Football Club for 140 years of service to its community, wishing all involved continued success in the years ahead.

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**639 Abuse Doesn't Fly campaign**

Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **10**

**Peter Lamb**  
**Siân Berry**  
**Hannah Spencer**  
**Dr Ellie Chowns**  
**Adrian Ramsay**  
**Apsana Begum**

Jim Shannon  
Richard Burgon

Rachael Maskell

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House welcomes Unite the Union's safety campaign entitled Abuse Doesn't Fly; notes with concern the widespread abuse, aggression, and physical assaults reported by airport workers across the aviation sector; regrets the severe impact this hostility has on the wellbeing of staff, the travel experience of passengers, and the operation of airports, particularly ahead of peak holiday seasons; and urges airport employers, police authorities, and the Government to support the introduction of a traffic-light banning system for repeat offenders, stronger physical security measures for the protection of staff, and access to counselling services for workers suffering mental health impacts as a consequence of such abuse.

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**641 The King's Award for Enterprise in Newcastle-under-Lyme**

Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **3**

**Adam Jogee**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew Rosindell**

That this House congratulates Lyngard, a local business based in Newcastle-under-Lyme, on being awarded the King's Award for Enterprise; recognises this prestigious national award is a testament to the hard work, commitment and dedication of the team at Lyngard; notes that the King's Award is one of the most prestigious set of awards for businesses based in all parts of the UK, signifying the outstanding achievement of the Lyngard team; further notes the vital contribution that local businesses such as Lyngard make to the local economy in Newcastle-under-Lyme and across Staffordshire; and extends its warmest good wishes to the team at Lyngard for continued success in the future.

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**642 Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **2****Graham Leadbitter**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises Glasgow's successful bid to host the upcoming 2026 Commonwealth Games which begins next week, running from 23 July to 2 August; notes that Glasgow is an excellent choice as a host city; acknowledges the significance of such an event in welcoming 3,000 athletes from a total of 74 nations and territories to the city; celebrates the Scottish Government's commitment to providing support for Scotland House to operate as a central hub for business engagement, private space for Team Scotland, and a media centre throughout the Games; supports the recent Scottish Parliament motion calling for UK Government ministers to make the Games free-to-air as it has for the previous 18 Commonwealth Games, beyond the nightly coverage currently planned; and further notes that Scots should be able to watch the Commonwealth Games without a financial barrier and laments the impact this decision will have on future generations of Scottish athletes.

**643 Detention of Dr Hussam Abu Safiya**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **10****Patricia Ferguson**  
**Siân Berry**  
**Hannah Spencer**  
**Dr Ellie Chowns**  
**Adrian Ramsay**  
**Apsana Begum****Andrew George**  
**Ayoub Khan****Jeremy Corbyn****Iqbal Mohamed**

That this House expresses continuing concern over the ongoing detention of Dr Hussam Abu Safiya, the former Director of Kamal Adwan Hospital in northern Gaza, following his arrest by Israeli forces in December 2024; notes with grave concern reports that he continues to be held without charge or trial under Israel's controversial Combatants Law, that his detention has been repeatedly extended, and that credible reports indicate he has been held in prolonged solitary confinement and denied adequate medical care; further notes the vital role played by Dr Abu Safiya in providing medical care under extraordinarily dangerous conditions and in bearing witness to the destruction of Gaza's healthcare system; reaffirms that international humanitarian law affords special protection to medical personnel carrying out their professional duties during armed conflict; calls on the Government to continue to make urgent representations to the Israeli authorities for the immediate release of Dr Abu Safiya or, if lawful charges are to be brought, for due process in accordance with international law, together with immediate access to appropriate medical treatment, legal representation and independent monitoring while he remains in detention; and further calls on the Government to continue its

work with international partners to uphold the protection of healthcare workers and medical facilities in armed conflict and to ensure respect for international humanitarian law.

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**644 Local government reorganisation in Newcastle-under-Lyme**

Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **2**

**Adam Jogee**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes the very strong feeling about local government reorganisation among many local people in Newcastle-under-Lyme; further notes that both the hon. Member for Newcastle-under-Lyme and Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council have set out clearly their support for a Newcastle-under-Lyme only unitary model; acknowledges the bonds of civic pride and history that people hold close; recognises that the current two tier system fails to deliver the services that local people deserve and leaves much power over the lives of the people who live, learn and work in Newcastle-under-Lyme in the hands of a small group of councillors at County Hall in Stafford; and calls upon His Majesty's Government to listen to the views of people in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

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**645 Bell ringing in Newcastle-under-Lyme**

Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **2**

**Adam Jogee**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House commends Sam Martin, a professional jazz musician and tower leader based in Madeley, Newcastle-under-Lyme, for establishing a youth bell ringing group; acknowledges the importance of bell ringing as a centuries-old British tradition rooted in church towers across the ancient county of Staffordshire and across the nation; notes that Ms Martin identified a lack of regular youth bell ringing provision in communities across the country; recognises the value of Ms Martin's work in creating an inclusive and welcoming space for young people, including those with special educational needs, many of whom have found the sessions a source of calm and belonging; further notes that Ms Martin's group are competing in national competitions in all parts of the country; expresses concern that, without intervention of this kind, the ageing profile of bell ringers risks the nation losing the skills and knowledge built up over generations; and pays tribute to Ms Martin for supporting young people in Newcastle-under-Lyme and North Staffordshire who need it most, engaging in intergenerational dialogue and participation, and giving a new youthful spirit to this age old British tradition.

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**646 Techbuyer, Harrogate, receives King's Award for Enterprise in Sustainable Development**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **2****Tom Gordon****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Techbuyer, based in Harrogate, for the exceptional achievement of being honoured with a King's Award for Enterprise in Sustainable Development; applauds its innovative IT solutions that extend equipment lifespan through refurbishment and reuse, reducing electronic waste and advancing a circular economy; recognises Techbuyer as a benchmark for British businesses improving their environmental performance; and calls upon the Government to actively support and champion such enterprises in delivering the United Kingdom's net zero and sustainability objectives.

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**647 Death of Jim Hampton**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **2****Adam Jogee****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes with the greatest sadness the death, on 1 July 2026, of Jim Hampton, managing director of the Newcastle-under-Lyme based Hamptons Group, at the age of 79; pays tribute to his lifetime of dedication to building up his family business and supporting the local economy in Newcastle-under-Lyme and Staffordshire alongside his family and staff; commends his unwavering work ethic, honesty and determination, which has made this Staffordshire business what it is today; further commends his generosity and support for the local community; further notes the hundreds of tributes paid to Mr Hampton by local people that acknowledged his outstanding character and life of commitment to others; and extends its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

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**648 2026 Commonwealth Young Person of the Year**Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **3****Adam Jogee****Kirsteen Sullivan****Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Shifra Ainomugisha of Uganda on being named the 2026 Commonwealth Young Person of the Year at the Commonwealth Youth Awards ceremony held in London on 25 June 2026; recognises Ms Ainomugisha as founder and CEO of Solafam, an agri-tech social enterprise delivering climate-smart, AI-driven solar-powered cold storage and irrigation solutions; commends this contribution to building economic and climate resilience for women and youth across Uganda and the Commonwealth; welcomes the wider work of the Commonwealth Youth Awards, in investing in young talent and grass-roots programmes across

the Commonwealth; notes the important role the Commonwealth diaspora plays in Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire and across the UK; and gives thanks to the Commonwealth Secretariat for the work they do to bring the Commonwealth family together.

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**649 St Mary's Primary School's Speech Fest 2026**

Tabled: **15/07/26** Signatories: **2**

**Adam Jogee**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates the pupils of St Mary's Primary School, in Newcastle-under-Lyme, on their outstanding success at their annual Speech Fest, held on 5 June 2026 at Castle House in Newcastle-under-Lyme; commends the children for their confidence, hard work and dedication in preparing for this popular and important annual event; recognises the important role that speech and performance festivals play in building young people's communication skills, self-confidence and love of the spoken word; thanks the teachers, parents, volunteers and carers who supported the pupils at St Mary's Primary School's in Newcastle-under-Lyme in their preparation; and wishes the children of St Mary's Primary School continued success.