House of Commons

PUBLISHED – FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2026

# Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 12 November 2026

Early Day Motions (EDMs) are motions for which no days have been fixed.

The number of signatories includes all members who have added their names in support of the Early Day Motion (EDM), including the Member in charge of the Motion.

EDMs and added names are also published on the EDM database at www.parliament.uk/edm

[R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

## New EDMs

1167 **Winchburgh and the Global Intergenerational Excellence Awards 2026**

Tabled: **12/11/26** Signatories: **1**

**Kirsteen Sullivan**

That this House congratulates Hazel McLeod and all those involved in creating the award-winning book of memories What Do You See When You Look at Me?; recognises the book for receiving the Highly Recommended Award at the Global Intergenerational Excellence Awards 2026; notes that the global awards recognised 13 projects from across the world, providing international recognition for the community of Winchburgh; further recognises the outstanding collaborative effort behind the project; welcomes the enthusiasm and hard work of pupils from Winchburgh and Sinclair Academies to make this book inspirational and intergenerational; further welcomes the success of the book in bringing different generations together; and celebrates the stories of Winchburgh residents that are given a voice in this book.

1168 **Rural maternity unit closures**

Tabled: **12/11/26** Signatories: **6**

**Helen Morgan**
**Ian Roome**
**Anna Sabine**
**Dr Danny Chambers**
**Helen Maguire**
**Clive Jones**

That this House is alarmed at the growing trend of rural maternity ward closures; believes forcing women to travel more than an hour to the nearest hospital is unsafe and leaves mothers at risk of harm; further believes no expectant mother should be forced to worry whether she will be able to reach the closest maternity unit in time during labour; condemns the previous Government for the structural issues they left in maternity services; disagrees with those arguing that closures are inevitable; urges the Government to properly explore alternative options, including funding rotations at larger units to maintain experience, rather than simply closing rural maternity units; praises the courage of mothers opposing these closures in north Devon and elsewhere; and calls for a maternity rescue package to save vital services and make Britain the safest country in the world to have a baby.

---

1169 **Mobile phone exemptions for pupils with medical conditions**

Tabled: **12/11/26** Signatories: **1**

**Tom Gordon**

That this House recognises that for many children with type 1 diabetes and other medical conditions, mobile phones are essential medical devices rather than distractions, enabling them to monitor blood glucose levels, receive potentially life-saving alerts and, in some cases, manage insulin delivery; notes with concern that restrictions on mobile phones in schools could put pupils at risk if appropriate medical exemptions are not clearly established and consistently applied; welcomes the Government's recognition of the need for exemptions for medical and disability purposes; calls on the Department for Education to ensure that these exemptions are explicitly protected in statutory guidance, with no discretion for individual staff members to confiscate devices required for medical purposes; further calls for exemptions to be recorded in pupils' Individual Healthcare Plans, communicated to all relevant teaching and supply staff, and maintained when pupils change classes or schools; supports the introduction of a recognised means for pupils to demonstrate their medical exemption when challenged; and urges the Government to work with charities, including Breakthrough T1D, to ensure that no child's health or safety is compromised by restrictions on mobile phones in schools.

---

1170 **Amigos Mexican Restaurant wins Food Awards England 2026**

Tabled: **12/11/26** Signatories: **1**

**Dr Peter Prinsley**

That this House congratulates Amigos Mexican Restaurant in Bury St Edmunds on being named Mexican Restaurant of the Year at The Food Awards England 2026; celebrates its Outstanding Achievement award in the People's Choice Business of the Year category; recognises the hard work and dedication of owner Karl Hollingsworth and his team; notes that Amigos was the only Suffolk business shortlisted; and wishes the restaurant continued success.

---

1171 **Social security, poverty and dignity**

Tabled: **12/11/26** Signatories: **1**

**Siân Berry**

That this House notes that by the end of the last Parliament, the previous Government presided over deep rooted hardship caused by cruel and counterproductive policies from 2010; further notes that 7 out of 10 children living in poverty have at least one parent in paid work and that 350,000 children were lifted out of poverty when the two-child limit was belatedly removed; believes in a social security system based on the principles of fairness, dignity and respect for people in need of help not one based on arbitrary spending cuts based on inaccurate tropes that demonise people on benefits; calls on the Government to reject calls by the Official Opposition to cut benefits whilst overlooking ingrained housing and income inequality; further calls for the Government to unfreeze local housing allowance and to institute rent controls to help avoid the risk of homelessness and the devastating impact this has on those directly affected and on local councils struggling to fund temporary accommodation; further believes that child poverty is a political choice; and also calls for the Government to abolish the overall benefit cap which traps families in deep poverty.

---

1172 **Future of temporary recreational campsites in the Lake District**

Tabled: **12/11/26** Signatories: **1**

**Markus Campbell-Savours**

That this House notes that, at its meeting on 30 September 2026, the Lake District National Park Authority Committee was presented with proposals for an Article 4 Direction removing permitted development rights for temporary recreational campsites; further notes that the officer's report referred to complaints and concerns about campsites in Newlands, despite there being only one temporary recreational campsite there; also notes that, during the meeting, the Head of Development Management stated that Above Derwent Parish Council had made significant reports over an extended period about the impact of sites in Newlands; notes that the Parish Clerk has subsequently stated that the Council has received no reports for at least two years, that reports were received when pop-up campsites first began operating, and that the Council has queried the information presented by the officer; notes that the operators of the

sole temporary campsite in Newlands state that neither the Parish Council nor the Authority has notified them of complaints or concerns about their site; is concerned by the discrepancies between the accounts of the Authority, Parish Council and campsite operators; believes that members must receive accurate, current and properly evidenced information before determining proposals that may restrict rural businesses; and calls on the Authority urgently, before any decision is taken, to identify the reports relied upon, clarify their dates and whether they related to the sole Newlands campsite, correct the public record where necessary, and ensure that Board members are not misled when considering the proposed Article 4 Direction.

---

1173 **Ban on mass balloon releases**

Tabled: **12/11/26** Signatories: **1**

**Liz Jarvis**

That this House notes with concern that balloon litter is a persistent threat to marine life, with the Marine Conservation Society finding an average of around three balloons per 100 metres of UK beach over the past five years; further notes that only around 13 per cent of released balloons burst into small pieces, more than 80 per cent come down intact, and balloons marketed as biodegradable can last up to four years in the sea; recognises that marine animals can swallow balloons or become entangled in their strings, and that plastic breaking down into the food chain ultimately affects human health; welcomes the more than 160 English councils and around half of Welsh councils that have banned releases on their land, but believes this leaves much of the UK unprotected; and calls on the Government to introduce a national ban on deliberate mass balloon releases and balloon sticks.

---

1174 **50 years of the Forth Valley CAMRA Branch**

Tabled: **12/11/26** Signatories: **1**

**Brian Leishman**

That this House raises a glass and congratulates the Forth Valley CAMRA branch on 50 years; celebrates the half a century of championing real ale, supporting local pubs and breweries, and bringing communities together; recognises that the committee, made of volunteers and chaired by Stuart Batchelor, work tirelessly to host a Cask Ale and Cider Festival in both Alloa and Larbert, and have done for 33 years; and wishes the members many more years of good drink.

---

1175 **45th anniversary of the murder of Rev Robert Bradford MP and Kenneth Campbell**

Tabled: **12/11/26** Signatories: **1**

**Robin Swann**

That this House acknowledges sadly that 14 November 2026 marks the 45th anniversary of the killing of Rev Robert Bradford MP, aged 40, and community centre caretaker Kenneth Campbell, aged 29, who were murdered by the Provisional IRA while holding a constituency advice surgery in South Belfast; remembers Rev Bradford's public service as the Ulster Unionist Member of Parliament for Belfast South and his commitment to representing his constituents; pays tribute to Kenneth Campbell, an innocent civilian murdered simply while carrying out his daily duties; extends its continued sympathy and solidarity to the families and loved ones of both men; and reaffirms its commitment to democratic politics and the rejection of all forms of terrorism and political violence.

---

1176 **Englishness and ethnicity**

Tabled: **12/11/26** Signatories: **23**

**Josh Babarinde**
**Bobby Dean**
**Sarah Olney**
**Dr Danny Chambers**
**Caroline Voaden**
**Mr Lee Dillon**

Alison Bennett
Richard Foord
James MacCleary
Manuela Perteghella
Jess Brown-Fuller
Luke Taylor
Charlie Maynard
Mr Angus MacDonald
Tom Morrison
Sarah Dyke
Munira Wilson
Marie Goldman
Martin Wrigley
Claire Young
Mr Will Forster
Anna Sabine
Calum Miller

That this House believes that people do not have to be White to be English.

---

1177 **100th anniversary of Bexleyheath Methodist Church**

Tabled: **12/11/26** Signatories: **1**

**Daniel Francis**

That this House recognises and congratulates Bexleyheath Methodist Church on its 100th anniversary; highlights that it was opened on 2 June 1926; notes that the school hall was later added in 1939; further recognises that the Church has been in the Bexley area since 1845 before opening at its current location in the Broadway in 1926; also recognises the important impact that the church has had on the community across Bexleyheath; thanks the church community

for their hard work; and wishes the Reverend Dr Chellaian Lawrence, all volunteers and the congregation at the Methodist Church all the best for the future.

---

1178 **Robyn's nomination for Outstanding Contribution Award at the Nature of Scotland Awards 2026**

Tabled: **12/11/26** Signatories: **1**

**Patricia Ferguson**

That this House congratulates Robyn, a volunteer with The Conservation Volunteers from Scotstoun in Glasgow West constituency, on being shortlisted for the Outstanding Contribution Award at the Nature of Scotland Awards 2026; recognises her exceptional dedication to environmental conservation since beginning her volunteering in February 2023, having completed more than 320 days of conservation work across Glasgow; commends her remarkable achievements, including planting 2,300 trees, clearing 13,330 square metres of invasive non-native species, managing over 7,000 square metres of wildflower meadow and improving more than 25,000 square metres of woodland; acknowledges the significant contribution this work has made to improving biodiversity, supporting pollinators and strengthening habitat connectivity across the city; further recognises her leadership of the Citizen Science Volunteer Group since June 2024, helping gather valuable biodiversity data to support national conservation efforts; praises her commitment to inspiring and encouraging others to get involved in protecting Scotland's natural environment; and wishes Robyn every success at the Nature of Scotland Awards 2026.

---

1179 **Opposition to lighting Belfast City Hall to promote abortion**

Tabled: **12/11/26** Signatories: **1**

**Carla Lockhart**

That this House firmly opposes lighting up Belfast City Hall, or any civic building, to promote abortion on any date; notes that Belfast City Council voted on 2 November 2026 to illuminate City Hall on 28 March 2027 to mark the Global Day of Action to De-stigmatise Abortion; believes that civic buildings serve the whole community and should respect the deeply held convictions of those they represent; deplores the particular insensitivity of choosing Easter Sunday, when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ; recognises the dignity and value of unborn life; welcomes the call-in led by Alderman Dean McCullough; urges Belfast City Council to withdraw the proposal altogether; and calls on the Northern Ireland Executive to invest in education and practical support for women facing an unexpected pregnancy and for families raising children.

---

1180 **80th anniversary of Loughgall Women's Institute**

Tabled: **12/11/26** Signatories: **1**

**Carla Lockhart**

That this House congratulates Loughgall Women's Institute on its 80th anniversary in 2026; notes that the Institute was formed in 1946 following a meeting at the Cope School and that its members bought the former Cadets' Hall in the 1950s; recognises its contribution to village life over eight decades; pays tribute to the generations of members who have sustained the Institute and given local women a place to build friendships, share skills and support one another; welcomes the acknowledgement of this milestone by the Royal Household at Buckingham Palace earlier this year; and extends its warmest wishes to all past and present members of the Institute.

---

## 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.

1087 **Remembering the life of Ciara Mageean**

Tabled: **2/11/26** Signatories: **9**

**Jim Shannon**
**Mr Gregory Campbell**
**Jim Allister**
**Alex Easton**
**Sorcha Eastwood**
**Seamus Logan**

Tom Gordon

That this House expresses its profound sorrow and deep sadness at the tragic and untimely passing of Portaferry native, two-time Olympian, and European Champion, Ciara Mageean, on 1 November 2026 at the age of 34, following a courageous and inspirational battle with stage four bowel cancer; notes with immense pride her legendary athletics career, during which she became the standard-bearer for modern Irish and Northern Irish middle-distance running, culminating in her magnificent 1500m Gold Medal at the 2024 European Athletics Championships in Rome, alongside her historic Commonwealth Silver for Northern Ireland in 2022 and her multiple national records; pays tribute to her extraordinary strength, candour, and resilience in sharing her final journey publicly to raise critical awareness for bowel cancer, capturing the hearts of the nation through her final memoir, My Greatest Race; extends its deepest and most heartfelt condolences to her devoted husband Thomas, her loving parents Chris and Bryde, her siblings, her wide circle of friends, and the global athletic community;

and further notes that her radiant spirit, warmth, and enduring legacy will continue to inspire generations of young athletes across Strangford, Northern Ireland, and the world.

---

1101 **Rehabilitation and reintegration of Ukraine's veterans**

Tabled: **3/11/26** Signatories: **14**

**Richard Baker**
**Graeme Downie**
**Sir Bernard Jenkin**
**Chris Law**
**Dr Roz Savage**
**John Milne**

Manuela Perteghella Cat Eccles

That this House recognises the profound human cost of Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, especially the physical injuries, psychological trauma and lasting disabilities suffered by military personnel, former prisoners of war and civilians; acknowledges that the comprehensive rehabilitation and the economic reintegration of Ukraine's veterans and war wounded are critical components of the country's future stability, security, social cohesion and recovery; highlights the urgent need for accessible specialist treatment for burns, scarring, disfigurement, amputations and psychological issues such as PTSD and complex trauma; further recognises the importance of long-term single rehabilitation pathways, accessible transport, and tailored skills development; calls upon His Majesty's Government to demonstrate international leadership by supporting the establishment of the UK-Ukraine Coalition for Rehabilitation and Reintegration, bringing together public authorities, private enterprise, medical institutions, academic expertise and civil society organisations to coordinate expertise, investment, innovation and practical assistance; and further calls for this coalition to work in partnership with the Ministry of Veterans' Affairs of the Government of Ukraine to develop sustainable, Ukrainian-led rehabilitation services and pathways to economic independence, ensuring that those who have sacrificed and suffered in defence of UK and European security are central to its recovery and future prosperity.

---

1107 **Islamophobia Awareness Month 2026**

Tabled: **4/11/26** Signatories: **11**

**Shockat Adam**
**Hannah Spencer**
**Dr Ellie Chowns**
**Siân Berry**
**Adrian Ramsay**
**Carla Denyer**

Iqbal Mohamed

That this House supports Islamophobia Awareness Month, which takes place this November; recognises the immense contributions that British Muslims make to every part of national life, including public service, the NHS, business, culture and sport; acknowledges that Islamophobia remains far too prevalent in our society, affecting people in their workplaces, schools, places of worship and online; notes with concern that organisations monitoring Islamophobia incidents continue to record high levels of abuse, with women who wear the hijab and mosques and Muslim institutions frequently targeted; emphasises the importance of standing up to religious hatred in all its forms; and calls on the Government to ensure that public bodies, including the police, schools and local authorities, have the resources and training they need to identify and prevent hate crimes, and to work closely with Muslim communities to tackle Islamophobia and build trust and greater community cohesion.

---

1108 **20th anniversary of SOCOPA**

Tabled: **4/11/26** Signatories: **3**

**Shockat Adam**
**Jim Shannon**
**Iqbal Mohamed**

That this House congratulates the Somali Community Parents Association (SOCOPA) in Leicester on its 20th anniversary; recognises two decades of work supporting Somali and East African communities and people from more than 40 nationalities through bilingual advice and drop-in support, free adult English classes, study support for young people, family support and emergency food provision; notes that SOCOPA's latest figures show over 2,200 clients supported, with thousands of referrals and support requests handled and hundreds of English classes delivered; pays tribute to its trustees, staff and volunteers, many of whom give their time to help families navigate complex systems at moments of crisis; believes that grassroots organisations rooted in the communities they serve play a vital role in integration, tackling poverty and strengthening community cohesion; and calls on the Government to recognise the contribution of such organisations and to ensure sustainable funding for community-led advice services and English language provision, so that they can continue their work for the next 20 years.

---

1117 **Mineworkers' Pension Scheme**

Tabled: **4/11/26** Signatories: **12**

**Robert Jenrick**
**Lee Anderson**
**Nigel Farage**
**Richard Tice**
**Sarah Pochin**
**Danny Kruger**

Mary Glindon James McMurdock

That this House calls for the Government to release the money held from the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme Guarantor's Fund to scheme members within a matter of days, certainly no later than Christmas; recognises the difference that the £1.2bn held could make to scheme members now; further recognises that the miners and their families were promised this in 1994 by the Government of the day; and also recognises the important work done by coal miners in the UK.

---

1128 **Retail Trust's Let's Respect Retail campaign**

Tabled: **10/11/26** Signatories: **3**

**Mr Clive Betts**
**Jim Shannon**
**Carla Denyer**

That the Parliament welcomes the Retail Trust's Let's Respect Retail campaign supported by the British Retail Consortium and trade union USDAW that commenced on 9 November 2026, which aims to encourage the promotion of kind, courteous and respectful behaviour in stores towards retail workers and fellow customers at one of the busiest shopping periods of the year, whilst seeking to raise awareness of the problem of customer abuse and violence towards retail workers; notes that this initiative is coordinated by the Retail Trust and supported by the British Retail Consortium; affirms that any mistreatment of those working in stores is utterly unacceptable and should not be tolerated; and commends the positive and collaborative Let's Respect Retail initiative from employers, charities and trade unions with its objective of ensuring that people are able to enjoy shopping safely over the festive period and in turn support the vibrancy of retail destinations across the UK and the local jobs that they bring.

---

1134 **Closure of Lewston School**

Tabled: **10/11/26** Signatories: **8**

**Edward Morello**
**Simon Hoare**
**Wera Hobhouse**
**Jim Shannon**
**Pippa Heylings**
**Jamie Stone**

Sarah Dyke

That this House notes with concern the sudden closure of Lewston School on 27 October 2026, announced with just three days' notice before the end of half term, leaving over 570 pupils without a school place, and teaching and support staff facing unemployment and financial hardship; recognises the pressure this has placed on Dorset and Somerset Councils, local authority admissions teams and already stretched state schools; calls on the Government to provide urgent additional funding and staffing support to state schools willing to exceed their Published Admission Numbers to accommodate affected pupils, and ensure every child secures an appropriate place without delay, particularly those in examination year groups and pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), who need specialist provision and support plans; further notes that pupils face disruption to their GCSE and A-Level courses, with no option to transfer between examination boards; also notes that overseas teachers and international pupils may lose Skilled Worker visa sponsorship and immigration status; expresses concern that parents have no recourse to recover deposits, advance fees and money paid for trips; further calls for urgent support for displaced teachers and support staff, including help to recover unpaid wages, pensions and redundancy entitlements; and urges the Government to promote the financial resilience of independent schools, including through a review of measures such as scrutiny of ownership, liquid capital, financial viability, early-warning requirements and minimum closure notice periods, so no school can close at such short notice without proper protections for pupils, families and staff.

---

1138 **Withdrawal from Investor-State Dispute Settlement Treaties**

Tabled: **10/11/26** Signatories: **11**

**Chris Hinchliff**
**Richard Burgon**
**Jon Trickett**
**Andy McDonald**
**John McDonnell**
**Kim Johnson**

Carla Denyer

That this House expresses deep concern that UK-based Cadence Minerals and REM Mexico are suing Mexico over its nationalisation of lithium, undermining the right of Mexican communities and their democratically elected government to determine how their country's natural

resources are used; opposes Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanisms, which empower private corporations to sue governments for decisions taken in the public interest; highlights how ISDS rigs international law in favour of super-rich investors, granting them a unique legal weapon unavailable to ordinary citizens, chilling democratic decision-making and forcing states to bear unrecoverable legal costs; notes that UK-headquartered Shell has launched a claim against the Netherlands following the closure of a gas field, while investors in the quashed Cumbria coal mine are taking legal action against the UK Government; affirms that private corporations hold no absolute right to a nation's natural resources, nor should international arbitration protect fossil fuel interests that are driving climate catastrophe and threatening living standards for millions in Britain and billions around the world; and therefore calls on the Government to work with international partners to withdraw from treaties containing ISDS provisions and establish new international frameworks that uphold popular sovereignty, human dignity and the future of our planet over corporate profit.

---

1145 **President's Award for Charlotte Horobin of the Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce**

Tabled: **10/11/26** Signatories: **4**

**Pippa Heylings**
**Jim Shannon**
**Steve Darling**
**Ian Sollom**

That this House congratulates Charlotte Horobin, Chief Executive of the Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce, on receiving the President's Award at the British Chambers of Commerce Centre of Excellence Gala Dinner; recognises her leadership in strengthening support for businesses across Cambridgeshire and championing the interests of the county's business community at local, national and international levels; notes the Chamber's contribution to economic growth, enterprise and investment in the region; further notes the national recognition achieved by the Chamber and its members; and wishes Charlotte Horobin and the Chamber continued success in supporting businesses and promoting prosperity across Cambridgeshire.

---

1148 **Flooding in Gaza**

Tabled: **10/11/26** Signatories: **39**

**Layla Moran**
**Wera Hobhouse**
**Pippa Heylings**
**Caroline Voaden**
**Steve Darling**
**Tom Gordon**

Clive Jones
Wendy Chamberlain
Mr Paul Kohler
Dr Simon Opher
Alison Bennett
Tom Morrison

Gideon Amos
Sarah Olney
Ian Sollom
Shockat Adam
Helen Morgan
Graham Leadbitter

That this House is deeply concerned by the recent heavy rain and strong winds in Gaza; is devastated that 70,000 tents have been flooded, leaving babies, the elderly and those already sick even more vulnerable; notes that 950,000 displaced Palestinians in Gaza remain at serious risk of flooding; acknowledges that the Israeli government has revoked the licences of 37 international NGOs, including UNRWA; recognises that the deteriorating humanitarian crisis is the consequence of aid being blocked from entering Gaza; further notes that obstructing aid is contrary to international law; therefore calls on the UK Government to ensure the Israeli Government permits humanitarian aid access into Gaza and believes the UK Government should be prepared to uphold international law against those who are blocking aid into Gaza.

---

1149 **Gaza flooding response**

Tabled: **10/11/26** Signatories: **59**

**Richard Burgon**
**Imran Hussain**
**Abtisam Mohamed**
**Andy McDonald**
**Cat Eccles**
**John McDonnell**

Euan Stainbank
Mary Glindon
Kenneth Stevenson
Tahir Ali
Gill Furniss
Karl Turner
Margaret Mullane

That this House is deeply alarmed at the humanitarian suffering in Gaza following heavy rainfall and flooding; notes UN reports that tens of thousands of already displaced families have suffered damage to their shelters; recognises that this catastrophe is not simply the result of extreme weather but has been made far worse by Israel's widespread destruction of homes, drainage systems and other essential infrastructure that have left most Palestinians in Gaza displaced and 1.4 million living in tents and makeshift shelters; further notes that this catastrophe was foreseeable, with the UN having previously warned that 950,000 displaced Palestinians were at risk of flooding; condemns Israel's ongoing restrictions on the entry of humanitarian aid, including materials needed to provide shelter, respond to flooding, and aid reconstruction; further condemns Israel's continued obstruction of UNRWA's humanitarian operations, including restrictions on bringing humanitarian supplies and international staff into Gaza; calls on the Government to demand the immediate and unrestricted entry of humanitarian aid, shelter materials and reconstruction equipment, including through UNRWA; further calls on the Government to work with international partners to address both the funding crisis faced by UNRWA and the 70% funding shortfall in the UN-coordinated Gaza winter shelter appeal including with a dedicated contribution to that fund; and also calls on the Government to use its powers under the new Global Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law

Sanctions Regulations 2026 to impose sanctions on Israeli officials and others responsible for obstructing humanitarian assistance to Gaza.

---

1153 **Novaya Gazeta and press freedom**

Tabled: **10/11/26** Signatories: **7**

**Helen Maguire**
**Wera Hobhouse**
**Jim Shannon**
**Steve Darling**
**Tom Gordon**
**Carla Denyer**

Siân Berry

That this House expresses deep concern over the decision by the Russian authorities to shut down Novaya Gazeta, Russia's independent newspaper founded in 1993 by Nobel Peace Prize winner Dmitry Muratov; notes the growing threats and restrictions faced by journalists worldwide; recognises the work of journalists who face imprisonment or prosecution for reporting independently; and calls for the protection of independent journalism, press freedom and freedom of expression.

---

1159 **Public warnings for hazardous air pollution**

Tabled: **11/11/26** Signatories: **10**

**Tim Farron**
**Andrew George**
**Wendy Chamberlain**
**Pippa Heylings**
**Ian Roome**
**Dr Danny Chambers**

Mr Joshua Reynolds Helen Maguire Carla Denyer
Siân Berry

That this House is concerned that the UK has no system for issuing formal public warnings for hazardous air pollution; notes that recent high and very high air pollution incidents occurred without public health warnings including the wildfire smoke and tropospheric ozone episodes in August 2026 and the extreme air pollution episode over the weekend of Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 November 2026 which was exactly 74 years after the Great Smog; further notes that the Government has a duty to warn the public about hazardous air pollution; recognises that air pollution contributes to thousands of premature deaths each year; and calls on the Government to ensure that there is a system in place to issue formal public warnings of hazardous air pollution episodes.

---

1160 **Recognition and preservation of English, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish ethnic identities**

Tabled: **11/11/26** Signatories: **3**

**Rupert Lowe**
**Andrew Rosindell**
**Suella Braverman**

That this House recognises that the English, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish are historic peoples with distinct ethnic identities, rooted in generations of shared ancestry, culture, heritage and connection to England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland respectively; affirms that British citizenship and English, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish ethnicities are not interchangeable concepts; believes that citizenship establishes legal membership of the state, but cannot manufacture ancestral continuity or erase the distinction between historic populations and the wider national community; expresses grave concern that the political redefinition of ethnicity risks obscuring the existence and demographic security of England's, Scotland's, Wales's and Northern Ireland's historic populations; maintains that official statistics must distinguish clearly between ethnicity and citizenship; further affirms the right of the English, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish peoples to preserve their distinct heritage and to discuss their demographic future without intimidation or accusations of prejudice; and calls on His Majesty's Government to recognise and protect English, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish ethnicities as distinct historic identities, preserve accurate demographic classifications, and resist attempts to erase the distinction between citizenship, national belonging and ancestral heritage.

---

1161 **UK-EU Youth Experience Scheme**

Tabled: **11/11/26** Signatories: **8**

**Wera Hobhouse**
**Andrew George**
**Wendy Chamberlain**
**Pippa Heylings**
**Mr Joshua Reynolds**
**Helen Maguire**

Carla Denyer Siân Berry

That this House recognises, ahead of the EU-UK summit, the benefits the Youth Experience Scheme could bring to young people across the United Kingdom and welcomes the ongoing practical negotiations between the UK Government and the European Union to reduce youth mobility barriers between the two; encourages the Government to work in partnership with the EU to ensure this scheme is as beneficial as possible to youth in the UK by removing the cap on opportunities and therefore making sure young people are not unfairly excluded; and notes that this would allow those in the scheme to travel, study, and work freely in Europe, minimise financial and visa barriers to participation to ensure that the scheme remains accessible to as

many young people as possible and lastly, ensure young people from Europe can contribute to industries across the UK.

---

1162 **Family Business Week 2026**

Tabled: **11/11/26** Signatories: **9**

**Sarah Gibson**
**Andrew George**
**Wendy Chamberlain**
**Pippa Heylings**
**Ian Roome**
**Ayoub Khan**

Tom Morrison Wera Hobhouse Helen Maguire

That this House supports Family Business Week 2026, taking place from 23 to 27 November, a week-long celebration led by Family Business UK of family businesses across the UK; welcomes this year's theme of supporting local growth, recognising the contribution of family businesses to creating jobs, supporting local supply chains and investing in their communities; recognises that family-owned businesses are the backbone of the UK economy, employing 15.8 million people and contributing £985 billion in Gross Value Added; celebrates their long-term commitment to the towns, cities and regions in which they operate; and calls on the Government to place family businesses at the heart of its mission to grow the UK economy and deliver growth in every part of the country.

---

1163 **Non disclosure agreements**

Tabled: **11/11/26** Signatories: **10**

**Layla Moran**
**Andrew George**
**Wendy Chamberlain**
**Pippa Heylings**
**Hannah Spencer**
**Wera Hobhouse**

Mr Joshua Reynolds Alison Bennett Carla Denyer
Siân Berry

That this House is appalled by the continued use of non-disclosure agreements to silence victims of harassment, sexual harassment, discrimination and abuse; recognises that such agreements are most often imposed where there is a stark imbalance of power; notes that recent high-profile cases have shown how NDAs can be used to keep allegations out of public view; pays tribute to the work of Zelda Perkins CBE and the Can't Buy My Silence campaign for the progress made so far; welcomes provisions in the Employment Rights Act that will void clauses that prevent workers from speaking about harassment and discrimination; remains concerned that the Government's consultation on how those provisions will operate closed on 8

July 2026 yet no response has been published; urges the Government to publish its response as soon as possible; and understands that the country owes it to survivors to implement the ban without delay.

---

1164 **Alan Chalmers caring for 123 War Graves**

Tabled: **11/11/26** Signatories: **2**

**Patricia Ferguson**
**Martin Rhodes**

That this House congratulates Alan Chalmers of Drumchapel on his outstanding commitment to remembrance and his dedicated voluntary work caring for 123 Commonwealth War Graves at Lambhill Cemetery in Glasgow; recognises the time and care he gives to inspecting headstones, clearing leaves and vegetation, photographing the graves and reporting on their condition, often visiting more frequently than the twice-yearly visits normally expected of volunteers; notes that Alan brings 28 years of service with the Army Reserves, 6 SCOTS, to his work, alongside his professional role as an associate perioperative practitioner at NHS Golden Jubilee; pays tribute to Alan's strength, compassion and unwavering sense of duty; and expresses gratitude to Alan and all those volunteers who ensure that the sacrifice of fallen servicemen and women is never forgotten.

---

1165 **Thames link corridor on the Brighton Mainline**

Tabled: **11/11/26** Signatories: **3**

**Peter Lamb**
**Alison Bennett**
**Mims Davies [R]**

That this House recognises that the railway junctions at East Croydon Station are one of the most congested points on Britain's rail network, limiting capacity and spreading delay across Southern, Thameslink and Gatwick Express services from Brighton and the Sussex coast to Bedford, Peterborough and Cambridge; notes that the Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme would add around 15 per cent peak capacity through East Croydon Station, allow six extra 12-car fast trains and could unlock around £5.1 billion in economic value over 20 years, supporting new homes and jobs from Croydon to Gatwick, Crawley; welcomes the Prime Minister's commitment at Prime Minister's Questions on 2 September 2026 to look again at the scheme; further notes that the Budget of 28 October 2026 did not set out funding for its development; and calls on the Government to fund Network Rail's design work, alongside the renewals already planned in Control Period 7, so that the scheme is ready for a funding decision in Control Period 8 from 2029, and to make it a pilot for the Government's reform and devolution agenda, with national government, mayors, councils and business planning and co-funding the scheme together.