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## Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 28 October 2024

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### New EDMs

#### 311 **150 years of Heart of Midlothian Football Club**

Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **1**

##### **Dr Scott Arthur**

That this House notes that Heart of Midlothian Football Club, Hearts, celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2024; recognises the club's rich history, including its many successes in Scottish football, its passionate fanbase of Jambos, and its contribution to the local community via the Big Hearts Community Trust; notes its status as the UK's largest fan-owned football club; commends the club's commitment to youth development; respects that the club cherishes its links with McCrae's Battalion, with many fans making the pilgrimage to Contalmaison on the Somme each year; and wishes Heart of Midlothian Football Club continued success in the years to come.

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#### 312 **75th anniversary of NATO**

Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **1**

##### **Luke Myer**

That this House marks the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (in 1949; recognises NATO as the cornerstone of global security and of the collective defence of democracy, liberty and the rule of law; reaffirms its unshakeable commitment to the alliance

in an increasingly volatile world; and calls on the Government to ensure major defence programmes meet Britain's NATO obligations.

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313 **Supporting business growth in Leicestershire**

Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **1**

**Shivani Raja**

That this House commends Leicester for being recognised as the UK's most entrepreneurial city, with one of the highest rates of new business creation in the country; acknowledges the essential role that entrepreneurs across Leicester and Leicestershire play in strengthening the UK economy through job creation, innovation, and community development; celebrates the diverse and resilient business communities across the region, reflecting the drive and creativity of local residents; and calls on the Government to support Leicester's entrepreneurial spirit and encourage business growth throughout Leicestershire by investing in initiatives that foster sustainable development, support young entrepreneurs, and position the region as a model of economic vitality nationwide.

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314 **360th anniversary of the Royal Marines**

Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **1**

**Luke Myer**

That this House congratulates the Corps of Royal Marines on the 360th anniversary since its formation on 28 October 1664; recognises its continued vital operations as an elite amphibious fighting force; thanks all Royal Marines officers, commandos and reservists who have risked their lives to defend our values; and pays tribute to all who have served our country by sea and by land.

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315 **East Sussex Wildlife Rescue Ambulance Service 40th anniversary**

Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **1**

**James MacCleary**

That this House congratulates East Sussex Wildlife Rescue Ambulance Service (WRAS) on reaching its 40th anniversary; recognises the outstanding contribution WRAS has made since 1983 in providing essential wildlife rescue and rehabilitation services across East Sussex; acknowledges the critical role played by its volunteers, whose dedication and passion have enabled WRAS to respond to thousands of wildlife emergencies each year; notes the invaluable support WRAS provides in caring for injured and distressed animals, from hedgehogs to seals, through its purpose-built wildlife hospital and network of rehabilitation sites; appreciates the impact WRAS has had on educating the public on wildlife protection and fostering compassion

for local wildlife; and extends sincere thanks to all staff, volunteers, and supporters for their tireless efforts over four decades, ensuring the wellbeing of wildlife across the region.

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316 **Shaqayeq Nejah, Moray College UHI Student of the Year 2024**

Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **1**

**Graham Leadbitter**

That this House commends the remarkable achievements of Shaqayeq Nejah, who was named the University of the Highlands and Islands, Moray, Student of the Year 2024; notes that her award comes in spite of the efforts of the Taliban Regime in Shaqayeq's native Afghanistan, who have overseen extreme moves to implement the prohibition of education for women and girls; praises her efforts, not just in securing her own degree, but in assisting other refugees while in the UK and becoming a powerful advocate for equality; and wishes her all the best in her continued academic journey toward becoming a radiographer.

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317 **30th anniversary of West Lothian 50+ Network**

Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **1**

**Kirsteen Sullivan**

That this House celebrates the 30th anniversary of the West Lothian 50+ Network; notes their goal to make the rest of life, the best of life; thanks the volunteers who have achieved 30 years of community activities and events; commends the efforts of the current committee in arranging activities and celebrations during the 30th anniversary year; applauds the Network in attracting around 700 members through social and charity events; welcomes the variety of activities supporting 70 hobbies and interests groups; further welcomes the opportunities offered by the Network to visit cultural epicentres such as the birthplace of Robert Burns, Edinburgh's Usher Hall, and the Kelpies; further applauds the Network's frequent charity events and educational sessions with local services; acknowledges the importance of social activities in strengthening community bonds in difficult times; recognises the importance of creating a dedicated hub of activities for those over fifty; believes the West Lothian 50+ Network is a role model for fostering community; and wishes the West Lothian 50+ Network every success in the coming years.

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318 **Prize-winning Bennie Museum Weavers**

Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **1**

**Kirsteen Sullivan**

That this House congratulates the Bennie Museum Weavers on winning first place at the Royal Highland Show 2024; congratulates the efforts of the Bennie Museum Weavers producing their own high-quality tweed and mastering their craft; recognises the skilled technical knowledge

involved in their craft; thanks the Bennie Museum Weavers for keeping alive an innately Scottish and fond tradition; and wishes the Bennie Museum Weavers the very best in the future.

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319 **120th anniversary of Balbardie Primary School**

Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **1**

**Kirsteen Sullivan**

That this House recognises the 120th anniversary of the primary school's central role in educational, social and cultural life in Bathgate; further recognises Balbardie Primary School as a great source of history, pride, success and inspiration for the town of Bathgate; notes the impressive architectural prominence of the Balbardie Primary School building which has seen thousands of students pass through its halls; commends the continued high-quality and wide-ranging learning opportunities offered to pupils; welcomes the longstanding role of Balbardie Primary School in wider Bathgate community life, including its impressive float over the years in the annual Bathgate Procession, fundraising efforts and commitment to parent engagement in how the school is run; applauds the efforts of the pupils, staff, parents and carers in organising a celebration of education in Bathgate, organising whole-community celebrations including a float procession, multimedia exhibition of memories, and creative opportunities for children; and wishes the very best to the future doctors, nurses, teachers, fire-fighters, police officers, entrepreneurs and politicians who will pass through the doors of Balbardie Primary School.

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320 **Deputy Lieutenant Eunice Simpson and West Lothian African Women's Network**

Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **1**

**Kirsteen Sullivan**

That this House recognises the hard work and vision of Eunice Simpson and the West Lothian African Women's Network; congratulates Eunice Simpson on her appointment as Deputy Lieutenant of West Lothian; recognises the appointment as ground-breaking with Eunice Simpson as the first black person to hold this title; congratulates the West Lothian African Women's Network on their recent Bathgate Africa-Scottish EXPO sharing culture, food, music, and dance; supports the continued efforts of the Network to promote business opportunities, support families and education, combat loneliness, and foster community cohesion; welcomes the work of the network promoting Black History education in schools and creating opportunities for cultural exchange; recognises the contribution of black women across West Lothian in helping vulnerable people, organising of community events, running local businesses, and working in public service; and wishes Eunice Simpson and the West Lothian African Women's Network the very best in all their future endeavours.

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**321 30th anniversary of Drugs, Alcohol and Psychotherapies Limited**Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **1****Richard Baker**

That this House congratulates Drugs, Alcohol and Psychotherapies Limited (DAPL) on its 30th anniversary; notes that having originated in Buckhaven in 1994, the charity is now a Fife-wide service; recognises that the organisation's counselling service was recently re-accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy, evidencing the high quality of work undertaken by the charity; further notes that DAPL offers free and confidential one-to-one counselling to school pupils in the region, and also to adults affected by substance use; celebrates the charity's history of innovative and ground breaking work which has been sector leading; praises the organisation's professionalism while ensuring that the organisation is very much rooted in the community; and thanks their board, staff and volunteers for their continued dedication and excellent work.

**322 Retirement of Johnnie Walker**Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **1****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes the retirement of Johnnie Walker, after 58 years of radio; highlights his show on BBC Radio 2, Sounds of the 70s, a much loved programme enjoyed by so many across Northern Ireland; further notes that his final show contained messages from his wife Tiggy and Sir Rod Stewart, before Walker ended by telling listeners: may we walk into the future with our heads held high and happiness in our hearts; underlines his significant career in British radio which has spanned almost six decades and that he has been host of the BBC Radio 2 show from 2009 and before that from 1999, co-hosted BBC Drivetime; thanks him for his dedication to UK radio over the last 58 years; and sends him best wishes for his retirement.

**323 80th anniversary of the Northern Ireland Cadet Force**Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **1****Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the 80th anniversary of the Northern Ireland Cadet Force; notes that over 200 cadets and 50 adult volunteers from Northern Ireland gathered last week in Ballyclare to acknowledge the occasion; further notes that Ballyclare was the first location in Northern Ireland to establish an Army Cadet detachment in late 1943; highlights that the Cadets Organisation has grown to around 3,000 cadets across two battalions in Northern Ireland and at least 400 volunteers; underlines the Cadets Organisation encourage young people to be better citizens and go on to have careers in the armed forces, police or fire service; further highlights the skills and knowledge that young people will pick up in the cadets and carry through with them for the rest of their lives; thanks all Cadets leaders for their dedication to

supporting young people be the best they can be; and wishes the Cadets Force across Northern Ireland all the best for the future.

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324 **Ticket offices and station staff**

Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **16**

**Cat Eccles**

**Grahame Morris**

**John McDonnell**

**Rachael Maskell**

**Cat Smith**

**Mary Kelly Foy**

Andy McDonald

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Charlotte Nichols

Chris Webb

Richard Burgon

Kim Johnson

Rebecca Long Bailey

Ian Lavery

Apsana Begum

Jon Trickett

That this House notes that 31 October 2024 marks one year since the Conservative Government scrapped plans to close nearly 1,000 ticket offices and cut around 2,300 station staff jobs; commends the campaign led by the RMT union, alongside many groups including those representing disabled and older people, which resulted in an unprecedented response to the public consultation; notes with concern that research, which was commissioned by the previous Government and undertaken in early 2023, was suppressed despite showing clear support for ticket offices and station staff; welcomes the current Government's release of the research, which found that more than half of respondents said having a ticket office at the station they travel from is important and that 81% of respondents said staff presence was important for ensuring their safety; further notes that older respondents, who were also more likely to have no smartphone internet access, use only cash or have a health condition affecting their mobility, hearing or dexterity, had the highest preferences for buying tickets at ticket offices; understands that the rail industry's Passenger Demand Forecasting Handbook identifies staffed ticket offices as having a positive impact on passenger demand over Ticket Vending Machines alone; is concerned at reports that new stations already in development, including those with significant projected passenger footfall, are being built without ticket offices; and therefore calls on the Government to ensure that new stations are built with ticket offices and are staffed.

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325 **Scrutiny of Gulf Cooperation Council trade with Russia**

Tabled: **28/10/24** Signatories: **1**

**Clive Jones**

That this House welcomes the negotiation of new free trade agreements; is concerned that the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council have failed to support UK-led sanctions against Russia since its full-scale invasion of Ukraine; is further concerned that some of these countries have in fact increased trade with Russia during this period; notes that in the absence of a

comprehensive trade policy it is unclear the extent to which the Government plans to factor this into the UK's trade relations with these countries; and urges the Government to offer assurances that companies and entities from these countries involved in the circumvention of sanctions on Russia will not be given preferential access to UK market.

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326      **Reformation Day on 31 October**

Tabled: **28/10/24**      Signatories: **1**

**Mr Gregory Campbell**

That this House notes that 31 October is historically known as Reformation Day, recognising that on that day in 1517 Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-five Theses to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, drawing attention to a number of practices that had been prevalent in Roman Catholic doctrine for millions of people across much of Europe; and further notes that massive fundamental change religiously, commercially and politically can be traced back to Luther, a humble monk whose actions helped to galvanise freedom of religious expression, which then swept across much of northern and western Europe, and that many of those freedoms have spread across much of the globe in the 500 years since.

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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.

246      **Celebrating the life of Holocaust survivor Lily Ebert MBE BEM**

Tabled: **14/10/24**      Signatories: **16**

**Jim Shannon**

**Tristan Osborne**

**Mr Gregory Campbell**

**Adam Jogee**

**Christine Jardine**

**Andrew George**

Luke Myer

That this House notes with deep sadness the passing of Holocaust survivor Lily Ebert MBE BEM at the age of 100; acknowledges her extraordinary life of resilience, courage, and dedication to Holocaust education and remembrance; recognises that with the passing of each Holocaust survivor, it feels as though another thread of connection to those silenced voices is lost, and that while books, recordings, and historical research continue to preserve these stories, the irreplaceable value of personal interaction and living memory diminishes; further notes that the death of a survivor is a solemn reminder that we are approaching the end of an era in which direct witnesses to the atrocities of the Holocaust still walk among us; expresses concern that

as the Holocaust transitions from a living memory to a purely historical event, it risks becoming further removed from our collective consciousness, which is deeply unsettling; and calls on the Government and all educational institutions to redouble efforts to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust are never forgotten, and that future generations remain vigilant against intolerance, hate, and genocide in all its forms, continuing the vital legacy left by survivors like Lily Ebert.

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265 **Establishment of the Women's Caucus in Westminster**

Tabled: **17/10/24** Signatories: **48**

**Kirsty Blackman**

**Ellie Chowns**

**Dame Siobhain McDonagh**

**Christine Jardine**

**Liz Saville Roberts**

**Rachel Blake**

Natalie Fleet

Catherine Fookes

That this House agrees to establish a Women's Caucus in the UK Parliament, which is the women Members of Parliament working together to advance issues that disproportionately affect women; notes that there are women's caucuses in the devolved nations of Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland; further notes that now is the time to establish a Women's Caucus which focuses on issues affecting women across the UK and within Parliament, and aims to find cross party solutions to these problems; and notes that this Parliament has the biggest cohort of women MPs in its history and marks a significant moment to drive forward gender equality not just within the UK Parliament but across the entire country.

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272 **75th anniversary of Mill Hill Synagogue**

Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **4**

**David Pinto-Duschinsky**

**Jim Shannon**

**Mary Kelly Foy**

**Tristan Osborne**

That this House congratulates Mill Hill Synagogue on its 75th anniversary; recognises the essential role it has played in building a thriving and vibrant Jewish community in Mill Hill; applauds the impact it has had on Jewish life and learning; commends the immense contribution it makes to the local area; thanks its members for all they do; wishes it every success for the future; and looks forward to it continuing to go from strength to strength

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**277 FareShare's 30th anniversary**Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **19**

**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Claire Young**  
**Ian Sollom**  
**Jim Shannon**

Tristan Osborne

That this House congratulates FareShare, the UK's leading food redistribution charity, on its 30th anniversary; applauds FareShare for redistributing the equivalent of 135 million meals last year, equating to four meals per second, to over 8,000 frontline charities and community groups in almost every constituency across the UK; recognises the charity's significant social return on investment, delivering £13 in savings for every £1 spent through benefits to individuals and the state; and urges the Government to work with the charitable food redistribution sector to implement effective measures that further reduce food waste, increase surplus food redistribution to those in need, and strengthen communities throughout the United Kingdom, as the need for such collaboration is more pressing than ever.

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**278 Zoe's Place and funding for children's hospices**Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **31**

**Ian Byrne**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**Zarah Sultana**

Chris Webb

That this House notes its deep concern at the announcement that children's hospice Zoe's Place in Liverpool is at risk of imminent closure; applauds the phenomenal response to this shocking news in the city and thanks the huge charitable drive to raise £5 million by 9 November to save Zoe's Place; notes its alarm that children's hospices across the country are facing huge funding challenges; therefore calls on the Government to urgently put funding into children's hospices, allowing Zoe's Place and children's hospices across the country to continue to care for seriously ill children and their families into the future; specifically calls on the Government to maintain and increase the £25 million Children's Hospice Grant into the future and return it to being a centrally-distributed funding stream; and more broadly calls on the Government to review the funding of children's hospices to ensure all seriously ill children and their families receive high quality care when and where they need it.

**282 Prevention of cyber-crime**Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **12**

**Christine Jardine**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Ian Sollom**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ayoub Khan**

Liz Jarvis

That this House acknowledges the growth of cybercrime with the advent of new technologies; recognises the need for the UK Parliament to ensure that legislation keeps pace with evolving cyber threats, including the Computer Misuse Act 1990; notes the restrictions the Act places on the work of UK cyber security professionals by prohibiting all unauthorised access to computer systems, regardless of intent or motive; believes this inadvertently criminalises essential research into cyber threats; believes that modernising the Act could enhance the UK's national security, strengthen the criminal justice system, and unlock significant benefits to the UK economy with new opportunities in the cyber security industry; and calls on the Government to introduce an amendment to the Computer Misuse Act 1990 to better protect the public from emerging threats.

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**283 Frozen pensions for UK citizens overseas**Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **18**

**Christine Jardine**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Ian Sollom**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Claire Hanna**  
**Ayoub Khan**

Liz Jarvis

That this House notes the so-called frozen pensions policy; further notes this sees British overseas state pensioners living in certain countries denied access to index-linked uprating of the UK state pension; believes the level of the UK state pension paid should not be dependent on the pensioner's country of residence in later life; acknowledges the scale of the injustice which sees 453,000 British state pensioners impacted by the policy, many of whom reside in Commonwealth countries such as Canada and Australia; notes that the cost of indexing all overseas state pensions without a retrospective uprating is estimated at approximately £50 million in the first year; calls on the Government to index all overseas state pensions equally on a going-forward basis; and further calls on the Prime Minister to meet with affected pensioner and World War Two veteran Anne Puckridge, who is planning to travel from Canada to the UK this December, requesting a meeting on behalf of all those impacted by the policy.

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**284 Impact of austerity on the Fire and Rescue Service**Tabled: **21/10/24** Signatories: **13**

**Adam Dance**  
**Dr Roz Savage**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Claire Young**  
**Tom Morrison**  
**Andrew George**

Liz Jarvis

That this House expresses deep concern over the detrimental effects of austerity on the UK's fire and rescue services, particularly in rural areas like Yeovil, where funding, training, and recruitment have been significantly impacted; acknowledges that in recent years, one in five firefighter jobs has been lost and central government funding to fire services has been slashed by 30% resulting in fire services becoming increasingly reliant on the contributions of on-call officers who juggle other occupations; notes that due to severe staff shortages, around 4,000 firefighters are now working both full-time and part-time contracts, often within the same brigade or across different services; commends the tireless work of firefighters in engaging with their communities, supporting the fire safety of homes and businesses, and responding to emergencies under increasingly difficult conditions; further acknowledges the loss of essential control staff, fire engines, pumps, and other critical equipment due to funding cuts, which have hampered the ability of firefighters to carry out their vital roles effectively; recognises the immense pressure firefighters face in responding to the growing frequency of storms, flooding, and wildfires, challenges exacerbated by the climate emergency; underscores the essential role of a well-funded fire service in tackling these climate-related disasters, which are expected to become even more frequent; and calls on the Government to urgently provide adequate funding for fire services to rebuild staffing levels, equipment, and resources.

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**294 Outdoor education**Tabled: **22/10/24** Signatories: **12**

**Tim Farron**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew George**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Charlotte Cane**

Liz Jarvis

That this House notes the profound benefits of outdoor education for children's physical, mental, and emotional well-being; highlights the value of residential outdoor learning in developing essential life skills; urges the Government to make it a statutory part of the school curriculum; calls for inclusivity, ensuring all children can access outdoor learning regardless of background; further highlights the success of centres like Outward Bound at Ullswater, the

Bendrigg Trust, the Brathay Trust, and Patterdale Hall in providing an unparalleled backdrop for educational development; and urges the Government to prioritise investment in outdoor learning for the benefit of future generations.

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295 **Reductions in jobs and services at the BBC**

Tabled: **23/10/24** Signatories: **11**

**Rebecca Long Bailey**

**Grahame Morris**

**John McDonnell**

**Kim Johnson**

**Andy McDonald**

**Claire Hanna**

Jim Shannon

That this House greatly regrets the announcement of further new cuts to news and current affairs programming, resulting in a net loss of 130 employed posts; notes that, whilst the World Service itself is a valuable international service which needs secured funding, using it to replace domestic UK BBC radio listeners' overnight news risks displacing important domestic news from the cycle for minimal savings; further notes the loss of night shifts in the London newsroom, again impacting domestic news coverage; fears the impact of the BBC's decision to cut frontline journalistic posts at a time when impartial news and information from our trusted public service broadcaster is vital; recognises that harm arising from these proposals will see a reduction in relevant, creative and accessible content offering audiences choice; further regrets the plan to axe the popular Hard Talk news interview slot; supports the calls from the National Union of Journalists that are urging the Government to commit to restore the direct financing of the vital work of the BBC World Service through the Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office budget; and calls on the Government to further ensure that future BBC licence fee settlements provide sufficient revenues to maintain high quality services without frequent rounds of cuts.

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298 **Grangetown Netball Club's contribution to sport and the community in Redcar and Cleveland**

Tabled: **23/10/24** Signatories: **4**

**Anna Turley**

**Mary Kelly Foy**

**Luke Myer**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the outstanding achievements of Grangetown Netball Club, which, since its founding 40 years ago in one of the most deprived areas of Redcar and Cleveland, has grown from strength to strength, reaching the highest level of national netball competition in the Premier League; commends the dedication of volunteer coaches Ria Small, Faye Summerhill, and Jade Stainthorpe, who, while balancing full-time jobs and

family responsibilities, have been instrumental in developing players and nurturing talent; recognises the significant impact the club has had on its members, with numerous players from disadvantaged backgrounds progressing to successful careers as doctors, teachers, and business owners; acknowledges the leadership and passion of the club's founder and first team coach, Gel Williams, who has dedicated four decades to promoting sport and community engagement in Grangetown; further pays tribute to the late Margaret Seed for her profound influence on the club's success; and praises the club for its role in fostering essential life skills and promoting community cohesion which will benefit the young people of Redcar and Cleveland far beyond sport.

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**299 75th anniversary of Tayport Amateur Dramatic and Musical Society**

Tabled: **23/10/24** Signatories: **3**

**Wendy Chamberlain**

**Dr Scott Arthur**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the 75th anniversary of Tayport Amateur Dramatic and Musical Society (TADMS); recognises that the existing society was founded in 1949 by two local men, Bill Wedderspoon and Harry Clark, but has roots dating back to the 1870s; congratulates TADMS on having staged 117 productions to date and providing the people of Tayport the opportunity to enjoy musical theatre locally; looks forward to more productions; and wishes TADMS all the best for the future.

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**300 Stepping Hill Hospital repairs**

Tabled: **23/10/24** Signatories: **3**

**Tom Morrison**

**Lisa Smart**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises that Stepping Hill Hospital in Stockport is older than the NHS and has been treating patients across Stockport since 1905, employing thousands of staff and treating up to half a million patients each year; further recognises the dedication of staff working at Stepping Hill and the additional difficulties that staff and patients experience due to major repairs being required; notes that years of under-investment and the failure of the last Conservative Government to include Stepping Hill Hospital on the list of 40 new hospitals have resulted in a huge increase in the cost of repairs from £89 million in 2021 to more than £134 million this year and that a recent survey found that almost 70 percent of hospitals now require urgent repairs, making it increasingly difficult for services to operate and for hospitals to maintain their buildings to an acceptable standard; welcomes the commitment that a business case is being prepared to address the loss of the Outpatients B building, which was forced to close in November 2023, but is alarmed by the response from the Minister to the hon. Members for Cheadle and Hazel Grove, which did not include confirmation on how repairs would be funded; and also notes the confirmation by the Department of Health and Social Care

that funding will depend on the outcome of upcoming spending reviews, but is concerned that further delays to carrying out necessary repairs at Stepping Hill will result in spiralling costs, cancellations and longer waiting lists.

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301 **SEND provision at Kingsbury High**

Tabled: **23/10/24** Signatories: **4**

**Dawn Butler**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House commends the extraordinary education that Kingsbury High school provides for SEND children and young people; expresses concern about young people with special educational needs and disabilities; acknowledges these children have behaviour issues and struggle to socialise; further expresses concern that SEND children struggle with reading and writing, due to dyslexia, and that their concentration levels can be impacted by attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; recognises physical disability affects their ability to take part in traditional schooling; urges the Government to ensure all schools receive increased funding to help SEND students get access to the public school system; further acknowledges that around 40% of all home educated children in UK are children with SEND; and calls on the Government to ensure they get the same exposure to education in a safe space adapted to their needs.

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302 **Drug deaths**

Tabled: **23/10/24** Signatories: **9**

**Grahame Morris**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Andrew George**  
**Ayoub Khan**  
**Charlotte Nichols**  
**Steve Witherden**

Jim Shannon

That this House notes with alarm data released by the Office for National Statistics on 23 October 2024 showing that a record 5,448 deaths related to drug poisoning were registered in England and Wales in 2023; further notes that the highest death rates are again in areas suffering greatest deprivation; recognises that the influx of highly potent synthetic opioids such as Nitazenes risks a rapid rise in drug deaths; and calls on the Government to tackle the crisis by committing to long-term sustainable funding for drug treatment in the autumn budget and future spring spending review, continuing to implement the recommendations of Dame

Carol Black's independent review of drugs, and accelerating the availability of naloxone, the lifesaving antidote to opioid overdose.

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303 **Exiting the European Union**

Tabled: **23/10/24** Signatories: **7**

**Jim Allister**  
**Sammy Wilson**  
**Sir Desmond Swayne**  
**Alex Easton**  
**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Rupert Lowe**

Jim Shannon

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant and Animal Health) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2024 (S.I., 2024, No. 853), dated 8 August 2024, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9 August 2024, be annulled.

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304 **New coxswains at Porthdinllaen Lifeboat Station**

Tabled: **23/10/24** Signatories: **6**

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Llinos Medi**  
**Ann Davies**  
**Seamus Logan**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Caryl Parry Thomas and Adam Daniel Lewis for qualifying as coxswains for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in Porthdinllaen; notes that Caryl holds the distinction of being the first female coxswain in the station's 160-year history; acknowledges the hard work of both, who completed a simulated search for a casualty, safe passage and anchoring as part of their assessments; highlights that the Porthdinllaen Lifeboat Station is home to a Tamar class all-weather lifeboat, and its crews have been presented with five awards for gallantry; recognises the efforts of the entire team at the station; and thanks them for their invaluable work in patrolling the Llŷn Peninsula.

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**305 Retail movement scheme regulations**Tabled: **23/10/24** Signatories: **4**

**Jim Allister**  
**Sammy Wilson**  
**Alex Easton**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House calls on the Government to withdraw the Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant and Animal Health) Regulations 2024 (S.I., 2024, No. 853), because they use Northern Ireland's continued place in the EU Single Market, and subjection to EU law, to tie GB regulatory standards to those of the EU, thereby undermining hard won Brexit freedoms in GB, give effect to Regulation (EU) 2023/1231 through which the EU governs the movement of many goods from one part of the United Kingdom to the other through the imposition of an international border that divides the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland into two, while asserting its right to make laws the Northern Ireland side of the border in 300 areas, all in violation of the UN Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, which censures any action which would dismember or impair, totally or in part, the territorial integrity or political unity of sovereign and independent States, and could be rendered null and void at any time, along with all other Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme legislation, not because of a decision of Parliament, but because of a decision of the EU under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2023/1231 which would have the effect of removing keys aspects of the Government's UK Internal Market System.

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**306 Kilmarnock FC prize at the 2024 Best Kept War Memorial competition**Tabled: **23/10/24** Signatories: **10**

**Lillian Jones**  
**Elaine Stewart**  
**Kirsteen Sullivan**  
**Douglas McAllister**  
**Katrina Murray**  
**Patricia Ferguson**

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Kilmarnock FC on winning the Satellite Memorial with gardens prize at the 2024 Best Kept War Memorial competition; and thanks to Kilmarnock's branch of the British Royal Legion Scotland and club Ambassador Raymond Montgomerie for their contribution.

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**307 Glasgow's 850th birthday**Tabled: **23/10/24** Signatories: **4****Patricia Ferguson****Mary Kelly Foy****Dr Scott Arthur****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes that Glasgow will celebrate the city's 850th birthday in 2025; recognises that this is a significant milestone for the city which will mark the anniversary of Glasgow becoming a burgh; acknowledges the preparations that are underway to mark this special year and harness the opportunities it provides; welcomes plans to develop a year-long programme of inclusive events and activities across Glasgow to mark this anniversary, delivering memorable moments for all the city's communities and enhancing Glasgow's reputation across the country and world; encourages communities, individuals and businesses across the city to take the opportunity to participate in this important year for the city, whether through organising or participating in a community event, helping to deliver a successful programme of events as a Glasgow 850 volunteer, or using the anniversary year to showcase the products and services offered by local businesses; notes that the glasgow850.com website has been launched to provide more information on the celebrations and how people can get involved; and looks forward to an anniversary year that celebrates the city's rich history and success, particularly in the last fifty years, and inspires a better, sustainable future, for the next fifty years.

**308 Hazel Irvine and BAFTA Scotland's Lifetime Achievement Award**Tabled: **24/10/24** Signatories: **2****Christine Jardine****Jamie Stone**

That this House congratulates Hazel Irvine on receiving the BAFTA Scotland Lifetime Achievement Award; notes her extensive career in journalism began at Radio Clyde and STV, before moving to the BBC; further notes she became the youngest ever presenter of the BBC's sports programme, Grandstand in 1993; commends her range of experience as a prolific sporting presenter including coverage of golf, snooker and several Olympic and Commonwealth Games; celebrates her receiving an MBE in the 2024 New Year Honours for services to sport and charity; and wishes her further success in her career.