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New EDMs

866 **Hebburn Town FC**

Tabled: 9/09/20 Signatories: 5

Kate Osborne
Ian Mearns
Ian Lavery
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Grahame Morris

That this House warmly congratulates Hebburn Town Football Club from the Northern League on the outstanding achievement of reaching the final of the FA Vase which is to be held at Wembley Stadium on Sunday 27 September 2020; notes that this success is the culmination of many years of hard work and commitment both on and off the pitch and much praise should go to the owners, players, coaches, officials, management committee and supporters; acknowledges the club have made history by booking their place in an all North East FA Vase Final for the first time in its 108-year history; believes that the club will receive tremendous support at the final from people living in the town of Hebburn and the wider South Tyneside area; and wishes the club, its supporters, and everyone connected to Hebburn Town FC an enjoyable and successful day at Wembley.

867 **Polish LGBT+ rights**

Tabled: 9/09/20 Signatories: 1

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House condemns President Duda of Poland for his recent re-election campaign; notes that his campaign was run on the basis of discriminatory anti-semitic and homophobic tropes; further notes that this has led to a rise in attacks on the LGBTQ+ community, with several municipalities in Poland declaring themselves LGBTQ+ free zones; points out that President Duda has claimed he plans to ban any mention of LGBTQ+ people in schools; further points out that similarly he plans to undermine the rights of same-sex couples by banning same-sex couples from adopting and same-

sex marriage; notes that LGBTQ+ activists have been arrested in Poland simply for defending their rights; and calls for international solidarity with LGBT and Jewish Polish citizens around the world in their struggle for freedom from oppression.

868 10th anniversary of the papal visit

Tabled: 9/09/20 Signatories: 1

Mike Kane [R]

That this House warmly recalls the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the UK between 16 and 19 September 2010; notes his address to parliamentarians in Westminster Hall where he reminded us that religion is not a problem for legislators to solve, but a vital contributor to the national conversation; recognises the important contribution of Catholic parishes, charities and schools to our communities; and sends its best wishes to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Pope Francis and the Catholic community across the entire UK on this important anniversary.

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.

681 Enforcement

Tabled: 6/07/20 Signatories: 17

Keir Starmer
Mr David Lammy
Thangam Debbonaire
Karl Turner
Ms Lyn Brown
Mr Nicholas Brown

Mick Whitley

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Taking Control of Goods and Certification of Enforcement Agents (Amendment) (No. 2) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (S.I., 2020, No. 614), dated 19 June 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19 June 2020, be annulled.

739 Disabled students and access to higher education

Tabled: 20/07/20 Signatories: 14

Dr Lisa Cameron
John McDonnell
Neale Hanvey
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Richard Burgon

That this House is concerned that students with disabilities face a financial barrier when accessing assistive technology and other miscellaneous equipment as a result of the £200 minimum

contribution required from the Disabled Students Allowance; notes that the implication of that cost is likely to be magnified as a result of the transition to e-learning following the covid-19 outbreak; calls on the Government to acknowledge the effect of that barrier on accessing higher education and on social mobility, and further calls on the Government to implement alternative mechanisms to ensure that a lack of finance is no longer a significant barrier to inclusive education opportunities for students with disabilities.

743 Funding for universities

Tabled: 20/07/20 Signatories: 25

John McDonnell
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Mick Whitley
Richard Burgon

Ian Lavery

Colum Eastwood

Tony Lloyd

That this House calls on the Government to provide vital funding for universities that are under mass financial strain; notes this is not an unexpected side effect from the covid-19 outbreak, but that the outbreak has worsened pre-existing problems resulting from a lack of financial Government support of higher education and the marketisation of education; further notes that thirteen universities, as found by the ISF, will face bankruptcy without a Government bail-out; recognises that SOAS University, the only higher education institution in the UK specialising in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, is currently facing a mass restructuring as a result of long term financial strain that has worsened with the covid-19 outbreak; and calls on the Government to take action to provide essential support for those institutions.

746 Successful result of Oxford covid-19 vaccine Phase I/II trials

Tabled: 20/07/20 Signatories: 8

Layla Moran
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Stephen Farry
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams

Paul Girvan

That this House congratulates Oxford University's Jenner Institute and the Oxford Vaccine Group for the successful completion of the Phase I/II trial of its covid-19 vaccine; notes that no early safety concerns were indicated and that strong immune responses in both parts of the immune system were induced; acknowledges that the team behind the Oxford vaccine have worked urgently since January 2020 to achieve this; thanks the scientists, trial volunteers and others involved for the service they have done for the UK and global effort to tackle covid-19; further notes that there are further stages to follow before the vaccine can be administered to the general public; and calls on the Prime Minister and the Government to ensure those leading the Oxford vaccine project receive the honours they deserve.

766 21st Anniversary of the suppression of the Falun Gong

Tabled: 21/07/20 Signatories: 7

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan
Patricia Gibson

Paul Girvan

That this House notes with great sadness the 21st Anniversary of the suppression of the Falun Gong; further notes the horrific organ harvesting that continues to take place with the knowledge of the Chinese Government; expresses our condemnation of this persecution and support for the Falun Gong and their right to practise their faith without fear; and urges the Government to raise this issue again with the Chinese Government and consider sanctions to impose travel bans and asset freezes against those involved in serious human rights violations in China against the Falun Gong.

770 Protections for workers in UK garment factories

Tabled: 21/07/20 Signatories: 16

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Clive Lewis
John McDonnell
Jonathan Edwards
Caroline Lucas

Paul Girvan

That this House recognises that workers in some UK garment factories are suffering under exploitative labour practices, underpayment of legal minimum wages and unsafe working conditions; acknowledges the need to take urgent action to protect such workers from exploitation and ensure that factory owners are meeting all legal obligations; notes that taking action would prevent rogue factories from undercutting compliant businesses and would encourage retailers to source more clothing from the UK, supporting the development of an ethical, world-leading UK fashion industry; and therefore calls on the Government to implement the British Retail Consortium's proposal for a Fit to Trade licensing scheme for all garment factories in the UK.

780 Delivery charges

Tabled: 22/07/20 Signatories: 10

Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Allan Dorans
Patricia Gibson
Ben Lake

Paul Girvan

That this House notes that the delivery charges to people in remote locations are disproportionately high despite people paying the same taxes as the rest of the UK; further notes the effect of those high charges on SMEs and the economy in remote areas; acknowledges that the solution to the problem is not simply clearer advertising of the charges but a cap on delivery charges to remote

areas; recognises the great work of the Citizens Advice Bureau Caithness in drawing attention to the issue; and calls on the Government to give the Competition and Markets Authority the power to authorise the cap on delivery charges to all areas of the UK.

782 Corstorphine Hill walled garden beehive

Tabled: 22/07/20 Signatories: 4

Christine Jardine
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Jamie Stone

That this House is deeply shocked by the recent act of vandals destroying the new beehive in Corstorphine Hill walled garden; notes the incredible initiative by local beekeepers in donating the hive to allow for a growing bee colony; recognises the importance of beekeeping as bees face possible extension due to loss of natural habitats; values the importance of community beekeeping in building belonging and inclusion; appreciates the leadership of Natural Heritage Officer, David Kyles, in setting up the beehive; regrets the damage to the hive and the loss of biodiversity in the garden; condemns continuing acts of destruction of park property and the natural environment; and calls on the UK and Scottish Governments to support local organisations such as the Friends of Corstorphine Hill in protecting parks and community spaces.

783 Town and Country Planning

Tabled: 22/07/20 Signatories: 16

Keir Starmer
Mike Amesbury
Steve Reed
Thangam Debbonaire
Kate Hollern
Mr Nicholas Brown

Jamie Stone

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2020 (S.I., 2020, No. 755), dated 20 July 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21 July 2020, be annulled.

784 Town and Country PlanningTabled: **22/07/20** Signatories: **18**

Keir Starmer
Mike Amesbury
Steve Reed
Thangam Debbonaire
Kate Hollern
Mr Nicholas Brown

Jamie Stone

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2020 (S.I., 2020, No. 756), dated 20 July 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21 July 2020, be annulled.

785 Sarah Chapman's graveTabled: **22/07/20** Signatories: **13**

Apsana Begum
Rushanara Ali
John Cryer
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Ian Lavery

Richard Burgon

That this House is alarmed at the imminent plans to mound the grave of Sarah Dearman (nee Chapman), a key organiser of the matchgirl's strike in 1888 in Manor Park Cemetery, East London; notes that Sarah Chapman played a leading role in the historic strike and that the matchgirls as pioneers of gender equality and fairness at work who through their strike action and formation of the Union of Women Match Makers left a lasting legacy on the trade union movement; believes that Sarah Chapman's grave is of special historic interest and illustrates important aspects of social, economic and political history; calls on the Government to intervene to stop the imminent loss of an important piece of London's rich and diverse history; and further calls on the Government to inspect the mounding process to ensure that there is no disturbance of early burials when new graves are dug.

787 Trophy hunting importsTabled: **22/07/20** Signatories: **25**

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Andy Slaughter
Alison Thewliss
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards

Andrew Gwynne

Paul Girvan

That this House notes the strong cross-party support for EDM 50, 2019-20 welcoming the public consultation on the controls on the import and export of hunting trophies; further notes that the consultation on banning trophy hunting imports ended in February 2020; supports the view of the coalition of animal charities and organisations; including Animal Defenders International, Born Free Foundation, Campaign to Ban Trophy Hunting, Four Paws, Humane Society International,

International Wildlife Bond, OneKind, Protecting African Lions, RSPCA, Voice4Lions, World Animal Protection, Zimbabwe Elephant Foundation, Lion Aid on the need to implement a comprehensive ban; notes that every measure of public opinion taken shows that British citizens overwhelmingly want a complete ban on all trophy hunting imports; and calls on the Government to make an announcement without further delay and uphold the previously stated desire to see an end to the importation of all animal parts derived from trophy hunting into the UK.

797 Reinstatement of IKEA shop steward Richie Venton

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 39

Chris Stephens
Patrick Grady
Gavin Newlands
Ronnie Cowan
Paula Barker
Grahame Morris

Angela Crawley

That this House condemns the sacking of IKEA Glasgow USDAW Shop Steward and convenor Richie Venton for carrying out his duties as an elected workers' representative who sought to prevent hardship, while protecting workers' health during the ongoing covid-19 pandemic; notes Mr Venton opposed IKEA's plans to remove wages from workers self-isolating as a result of covid-19; further notes employees excluded from IKEA's sick benefit had to live on £95 statutory sick pay; is concerned that Mr Venton's efforts to raise with management his concerns that financial hardship could force employees to make the incorrect decision to come into workplace while unwell, potentially spreading the virus, were ignored; opposes any attempts by IKEA to change the terms in conditions in employees' contracts which would reduce worker's rights, including efforts to limit sick benefit entitlement; urges IKEA to give consideration to the suggestion of an average wage; and demands that IKEA immediately reinstate life-long trade unionist, and campaigner for worker's rights, Richie Venton to his role within their organisation and his elected union position.

802 Roadchef Employee Benefit Trust

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 14

Neil Gray
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Alison Thewliss
Chris Stephens
Chris Law

David Mundell

That this House deplores the failure to date of HMRC to propose a resolution to the dispute with the Roadchef Employee Benefits Trust; notes that Honourable Members and Ministers have been informed by HMRC that they are seeking a resolution but regrets HMRC's considerable delay in proposing a resolution, further notes that the scandal affecting over 4000 mainly low paid catering and cleaning staff working at Roadchef Motorway Services including Norton Cranes, Taunton Dene, Tibshelf, Sandbach, Clacket Lane, Strensham, Rownhams, Killington Lake, Pont Abraham, Annandale Water and Harthill has been ongoing for over 30 years; is saddened to note the recent death of Tim Warwick the Company Secretary who exposed the Roadchef share scandal perpetrated by former Chief Executive Tim Ingram Hill; notes that other beneficiaries have also died waiting for HMRC to decide what tax, if any, they and the Trust should be liable for despite Parliament's intention that such employee benefits schemes should be tax free; calls on the Chief Executive of HMRC to

meet with the Trust with proposals to resolve this matter urgently; and calls on the Government to propose legislation to protect participants of employee benefit schemes from the unscrupulous actions of trustees as occurred in the Roadchef case.

811 Remembering veteran Jack Connor

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 8

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Dr Julian Lewis

Jamie Stone

That this House notes that August 2020 marks 75 years since the end of World War II and VJ Day; understands that many people from Rutherglen and Hamilton West served during the final phase of the war against Japan, including Ruglonian Jack Connor who served as a gunner in the 17th Indian Division; further understands that Jack was awarded the Burma Star, the 1939-1945 Star and the Defence Medal for his heroic efforts in fighting Japanese forces in Burma and for protecting India; and pays tribute to Jack and his comrades in the so-called Forgotten Army for their service and for their bravery in fighting and defeating fascism.

816 VAT on sunscreen

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 18

Patricia Gibson
Stephen Farry
Paula Barker
Ronnie Cowan
Jim Shannon
Liz Saville Roberts

Joanna Cherry

Paul Girvan

That this House calls for sunscreen to be reclassified as an essential healthcare item and therefore be exempted from VAT, given the important role it plays in preventing serious health conditions like skin cancer; understands that sunscreen is currently classified as a cosmetic product in the UK and is therefore subject to 20 per cent VAT, which adds around £1.50 to the cost of each bottle; recognises that Cancer Research UK has concluded that being sunburnt once every two years can triple the risk of melanoma skin cancer, and that melanoma skin cancer incidence rates have more than doubled in the UK since the early 1990s; and calls on the UK Government to therefore take action to remove VAT on this essential product to make it more affordable and to encourage people to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

818 Supporting grieving families through a bereavement standard

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 43

Grahame Morris
 Rebecca Long Bailey
 Andrew Gwynne
 Apsana Begum
 Jon Cruddas
 Kate Hollern

Richard Burgon
 Sammy Wilson

Paul Girvan

Andy Slaughter

That this House calls on the Government to introduce a Bereavement Standard to simplify and streamline the process for grieving families to close accounts with service providers following the death of a loved one; believes the lack of such a standard has created a complex array of arrangements with each service provider requiring different levels of information to close accounts; notes that it can often take weeks, months, and in the worst cases years to close down accounts prolonging the pain and suffering for a family in mourning; further notes that the four simple campaign aims would support families as well as streamlining the process and providing a level playing field for business by introducing standardised paperwork to close an account, accepting digital death certificates, wills and proof of beneficiary status where possible, dedicated bereavement customer care channels (email, chat, webforms) to avoid long call waiting times, an agreed timeframe for companies to respond and settle accounts, and agreed bereavement customer service behaviours supported by adequate training; and urges the Government to work immediately with industry to introduce a Bereavement Standard to support grieving families, many of whom have been impacted recently by COVID-19, through one of the most difficult times in their lives.

819 Chris Brannigan: the Barefoot Soldier

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson
 Jim Shannon
 Gavin Robinson
 Chris Stephens
 Chris Law
 Allan Dorans

Paul Girvan

That this House congratulates Chris Brannigan (also known as the Barefoot Soldier) on his upcoming completion of a barefoot walk from Land's End to Edinburgh to raise funds for the research and development of a ground breaking gene therapy treatment for the rare genetic condition, Cornelia de Lange syndrome (CdLS); notes that Chris' daughter, Hasti, suffers from CdLS and has inspired his quest to fundraise for treatment; notes that in March 2020 Chris set up a charity, CdLS Hope for Hasti, with the aim of funding the research and development of a ground-breaking gene therapy treatment for CdLS; further notes that, to this end, since Monday 6th July Chris has been walking the 700 miles from Land's End to Edinburgh while wearing heavy equipment, carrying 25kg of kit on his back, and - most importantly - completely barefoot; understands that on 12th August 2020 Chris walked through Midlothian on his way to his end point at Edinburgh Castle; congratulates Chris on beating his target fundraising amount of £300,000; points out that one in three of all children with a rare disease never live to celebrate their fifth birthday and 95 per cent of all rare diseases have no treatment; and applauds all those who work to treat rare diseases and undertake research and development in this field.

824 Support LocalTabled: **2/09/20** Signatories: **7**

Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens
David Linden

Jamie Stone

That this House welcomes the news that businesses in Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey are adapting a new normal following one of the toughest trading periods they've ever had to face; recognises that progress made is fragile and in doing so thanks communities across Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey for their continued vigilance in following the guidelines and for supporting local businesses through these difficult times; and finally, encourages everyone to continue supporting local where they can.

826 Liz MacMillan's face masks for the communityTabled: **2/09/20** Signatories: **8**

Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Dr Julian Lewis
Chris Stephens

Alison Thewliss

That this House thanks all those who gave their time and energy to make protective face masks for their community during the ongoing pandemic; highlights that Liz MacMillan of Kiltarlity made over 600 face masks to give away to neighbours; and finally, thanks Liz, and the many others, for their generosity and community spirit.

827 Incredible Edible InvernessTabled: **2/09/20** Signatories: **8**

Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Neale Hanvey
Chris Stephens

Alison Thewliss

That this House welcomes Incredible Edible Inverness and their initiative to grow vegetables and herbs in some of Inverness's public planters and unloved plots of land; notes that they launched in order to meet demand for locally grown foods and to improve otherwise often overlooked areas; and finally, wishes them continued success for the future.

828 Interest and the economyTabled: **2/09/20** Signatories: **4**

Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Gavin Robinson

That this House notes recent reports from the Bank of England that banks and financial institutions in the UK currently have more than £170 billion in personal accounts which pay zero interest; further notes that the public purse was used to rescue banks in 2008 and many of the same institutions have social responsibilities which they espouse; and calls upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer to begin discussions immediately with a view to financial institutions making a pre-Christmas 1 per cent interest payment on these accounts via a coupon or voucher redeemable on the High Street, not online, thus providing a boost to local retailers of up to £1.7 billion, boosting consumer confidence at no cost to the public purse.

830 Ban on sample sachetsTabled: **2/09/20** Signatories: **8**

Ben Lake
Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Neale Hanvey

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes that globally personal care companies produce some 120 billion plastic sachets each year; recognises these samples of shampoo, moisturiser and fragrance placed end-to-end would stretch to the moon 27 times over; recognises that these sachets are completely non-recyclable and will almost always end up in the environment; notes a raft of reusable and more environmentally friendly alternatives are available; is concerned the Environment Bill fails to address pollution caused by plastic sachets; believes the Government must act urgently to stamp out the impact of plastic sachets on the environment; and backs campaign group A Plastic Planet's calls for a ban on all non-food plastic sachets across the UK.

831 Protecting and valuing whistleblowersTabled: **2/09/20** Signatories: **14**

Dr Philippa Whitford
Jim Shannon
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Allan Dorans
Caroline Lucas
Jonathan Edwards

Joanna Cherry

Paul Girvan

Alison Thewliss

That this House recognises that the Public Interest Disclosure Act (1998) does not provide a sufficient degree of protection for employees who 'whistleblow' or raise concerns with their employers, whether in public service or private business, when they identify a risk to personal safety, the environment or of fraud, particularly when this results from a failure to observe pertinent, guidance, regulations or laws; believes that a replacement of the Act is necessary to ensure that employees are sufficiently protected so they have confidence to disclose their concerns; and further

believes that an Independent Whistleblower Commission should be established, to set standards so that such concerns are thoroughly investigated and the findings acted on, whilst protecting 'whistleblowers' from recrimination or mistreatment.

832 Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

Tabled: **2/09/20** Signatories: **53**

Caroline Lucas
Clive Lewis
Alan Brown
Wera Hobhouse
Liz Saville Roberts
Claire Hanna

Richard Burgon

John McNally

That this House expresses profound alarm at the climate and ecological emergency, with wildfires raging in California, and ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica melting in line with worst case scenario predictions for sea level rise according to a study by the University of Leeds and the Danish Meteorological Institute; acknowledges that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change states "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society" are needed in order to limit global warming to 1.5°C; is concerned that the target of achieving net zero emissions by 2050 in the 2008 Climate Change Act has been overtaken by the accelerating crisis; welcomes the presentation of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill, formally known as the Climate and Ecology Bill; notes that it would ensure that the UK plays its fair and proper role in limiting global temperatures to 1.5°C, by taking account of the UK's entire carbon footprint, including consumption emissions released overseas as a result of goods manufactured abroad for use in the UK; further notes that it would actively improve the natural world by protecting and restoring the UK's ecosystems, and ending the damage to nature caused by supply chains; highlights that the Bill establishes a Citizens' Assembly to recommend measures for inclusion in a new Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy; and calls on the Government to support the Bill to increase the ambition of the UK's climate legislation and demonstrate real climate leadership ahead of co-hosting the 26th UN Climate Change Conference in 2021.

833 Remembering Featherstone Massacre 1893

Tabled: **3/09/20** Signatories: **13**

Jon Trickett
Paula Barker
Allan Dorans
Mick Whitley
Clive Lewis
Ian Lavery

Claudia Webbe

That this House remembers the atrocities which took place in Featherstone, West Yorkshire on 7th September 1893; notes with sadness the 6 injured and two killed, named James Gibb, 22, and James Duggan, 25, after the army was ordered to fire shots into a crowd of miners and their families, who were fighting against a 25% cut in pay which would have plunged so many into poverty, whilst the coal owners tried to squeeze out more profits; highlights that the historic struggle for workers' rights and fair pay is part of the rich tapestry of British working class history; and this House seeks to

continue to learn the lessons of imposing poverty pay, unfair working conditions and even violence on working communities, especially in light of the recent covid-19 pandemic.

834 Protection of retail workers

Tabled: 3/09/20 Signatories: 13

Robert Halfon
Allan Dorans
Caroline Lucas
Jonathan Edwards
Dr Julian Lewis
Chris Stephens

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Paul Girvan

That this House recognises the need to protect our retail workers; further recognises that retail workers are too often subjected to abuse, threat and assault; acknowledges the difficulties of hardworking retail employees such as residents in the constituency of Harlow, who have faced this behaviour; notes that retail workers have faced significant health risks during the coronavirus pandemic; praises the service that retail workers have provided throughout the current crisis; and calls upon the Government to introduce legislation that makes it a punishable offence to abuse, threaten or assault a retail worker.

836 Merchant Navy Day 2020

Tabled: 3/09/20 Signatories: 16

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Mick Whitley
Allan Dorans
Grahame Morris
Ben Lake
Sir Edward Davey

Paul Girvan

Jamie Stone

That this House recognises Merchant Navy Day 2020; honours the men and women who support UK supply lines, responsible for more than 90% of the UK's imports, including almost half the food we eat, much of the fuel we use, and virtually all the products and goods we tend to take for granted; notes that in 2019 an estimated 22,440 UK seafarers were active at sea; highlights the merchant navy's longstanding and proud connection to island and coastal communities; notes that merchant navy sailors and officers play a vital role in our economy which has been amplified during the current crisis; further notes that the global economy and the financial recovery after the pandemic relies on maritime trade, for food, fuel, medicines and other essential goods; and calls on the government to do all it can to support seafarers who have had to face extended hardship this year separated from their families, and for the UK to lead the way in international cooperation for seafarer welfare.

837 Poland anti-LGBTQ+ legislation

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 7

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Paula Barker
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Mick Whitley
Richard Burgon

Jamie Stone

That this House condemns the anti-LGBTQ+ ideology promoted by Poland's recently re-elected President, Andrzej Duda; decries the rhetoric used by President Duda during his election campaign, and his first term of Presidency, which demonstrates homophobia promoted by the highest levels of government in Poland; is concerned that this anti-LGBTQ+ attitude is also being reflected by the governments of Hungary and Russia, both of whom have recently passed legislation to suppress LGBTQ+ rights; and urgently calls on the Government to publicly condemn the Polish Government and their anti-LGBTQ+ attitudes, and other nations seen to display similar attitudes.

839 Funding for charity medical research

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 9

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jim Shannon
Tahir Ali
Paula Barker
Claudia Webbe
Kate Osborne

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes that charities play a vital role in funding medical research for many chronic conditions and life-threatening illnesses; further notes that the covid-19 outbreak has placed a financial strain on the charity sector which has seen a reduction in donations during the outbreak; acknowledges the importance of the Government's April 2020 announcement to increase funding for charities by £750 million to help save the charity sector; notes that this is not enough to sustain funding for vital research projects; recognises that it would be a great loss to the scientific community and to society if medical research must be postponed or cancelled due to insufficient funds; and urgently calls on the Government to introduce further financial support for the charity sector to protect medical research funded by charities.

844 Springburn rises to the challenge of covid-19

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 3

Anne McLaughlin
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates Springburn Community Council who, in conjunction with Springburn Parish Church and the Salvation Army made tremendous efforts to support the Springburn community during the covid-19 outbreak; understands that those organisations have worked in unison and around the clock to provide whatever support was required by vulnerable people during lockdown; appreciates that their Food Hub has so far delivered thousands of food packages to people in need, alongside toiletries, prescription medicine, sanitary products and other essential

items; appreciates that the church has been used as a hub for the welfare of people in the area since the end of March; and thanks all volunteers for their tireless efforts.

845 CCRC review of Oliver Campbell's case

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 3

Mr Barry Sheerman
Jim Shannon
John Cryer

That this House welcomes the decision of the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) to reconsider objectively, independently and professionally the case of Oliver Campbell, who has severe learning difficulties and whose conviction in 1990 for murder was based on a confession extracted in an oppressive manner at a trial where the jury did not know that his co-defendant had exonerated him in an interview with police; encourages the CCRC to refer the case to the Court of Appeal to enable Oliver's conviction to be quashed and wishes to give special thanks to Oliver Campbell's former MP, Sandy Martin, who brought the House's attention to the case of Oliver Campbell through a Westminster Hall debate in the summer of 2019.

846 Brain tumour awareness and research

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 12

Kirsten Oswald
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Tahir Ali
Alyn Smith

Carol Monaghan
 Paul Girvan

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Alison Thewliss

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House calls for an increase in both awareness of and research into brain tumours; notes that this type of cancer presently receives less than 3 per cent of the UK's cancer research budget despite being the biggest cancer killer of children and adults under 40; specifically recognises the need to raise awareness of diffuse midline glioma, commonly known as DIPG, the second most common type of primary high-grade brain tumour found in British children; expresses concern that treatment for DIPG has been unchanged for almost 40 years, with only 10 per cent of children with DIPG surviving for more than 2 years following their diagnosis; understands that symptoms of DIPG include difficulty in speaking and walking, weakness of facial muscles, problems with eye movement, headaches, and nausea; welcomes the fantastic effort of Fiona Govan, whose e-petition to this parliament to generate more publicity for DIPG and to achieve further funding for a disease that presently has no cure has gained over 100,000 signatures; commends the valuable research and efforts of organisations such as the Brain Tumour Charity that is currently leading new drugs research to target, prevent, and treat DIPG; and urges the Government to increase funding dedicated to research into DIPG and to expand recognition and treatment of this distressing disease.

847 Local government reorganisation

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 5

Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
Wendy Chamberlain
Sir Edward Davey
Jamie Stone

That this House notes that as part of the Devolution and Recovery white paper and in the midst of the biggest crisis since the second world war, this Government wants to plunge councils into the wasteful distraction of top down reorganisations at exactly the time when local authorities should be concentrating all of their efforts on covid recovery; expresses concerns that the impact of redirecting council expenditure away from supporting the most vulnerable people, on local economic recovery and business support will increase poverty and inequalities as further jobs are lost, homeless people are once more put out on the streets and local economic recovery stalls; recognises the significant successes of local government, especially District Councils, in stepping in to manage the local response to covid when central government failed to do so; recognises that every referendum on unitarization has failed to show support; and calls on the Government to recognise that now is not the time to do other than support local councils to continue the work of recovery including moving homeless people into permanent homes, saving jobs and eradicating covid.

850 Political situation in Belarus

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 7

John McDonnell
Jim Shannon
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Kate Osborne
Kenny MacAskill

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House notes that the elections in Belarus on 9 August were neither free nor fair, that millions of Belarusians have defied the regime of Alexander Lukashenko, condemns the violence and repression against peaceful protesters, notes that the strikes and protests taking place across Belarus are an inspiration to workers and progressives across Europe and the world, welcomes the role of trade unions in the protests and extends our solidarity to them in the face of persecution and strike-breaking by the regime, rejects the idea that democratisation need be a move towards neo-liberal economic reforms, and welcomes the demands raised by the trade union movement to declare the presidential elections void, dismiss President Lukashenko, freedom and compensation for all political prisoners, end all proceedings against opponents of the regime, removal of Police officials and judges responsible for violence and repression, end the draconian system of fixed-term contracts affecting 90 per cent of workers in Belarus; and calls for international solidarity with the people of Belarus in their struggle for freedom and democracy, and opposes the introduction of repressive forces from outside Belarus.

851 Honk for Hope campaign to protect jobs and business

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 14

Grahame Morris
 Jim Shannon
 Paula Barker
 Claudia Webbe
 Jonathan Edwards
 Kate Osborne

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Dave Doogan

Ben Lake
 Alison Thewliss

Andrew Gwynne

That this House recognises the Honk for Hope campaign to protect jobs and business in the coach industry; notes the sector's critical role as the backbone of the British Tourism Industry, connecting people to leisure, cultural and retail centres; expresses concern that many small, medium and family-run coach businesses are on the brink of closure due to covid-19; welcomes the grassroots Honk for Hope campaign organised by coach operators working to safeguard the 42,000 people employed within the industry that contributes over £14 billion to the economy; backs the call for sector-specific support for an industry hit first, hit hardest and will be the last to recover from covid-19; and praises the campaign for organising peaceful protests to highlight their concerns and is worried about heavy-handed tactics adopted to limit the exercise of their democratic right to demonstrate through the police use of Section 12 of the Public Order Act 1986.

852 Funding for Hammersmith Bridge

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 5

Sarah Olney
 Jim Shannon
 Andy Slaughter
 Sir Edward Davey
 Jamie Stone

This House acknowledges that Hammersmith Bridge has been closed to motor traffic since April 2019 and was suddenly closed to all pedestrians and cyclists on 13th August; expresses concern that many residents on both sides of the river have been cut off from their workplaces, schools and health services and notes that there is a critical lack of alternative routes; further recognises that as a result of the devastating impact that covid-19 has had on Transport for London and local authority budgets, neither Hammersmith and Fulham Council nor TfL have sufficient resources to repair the bridge; and therefore calls on the Department for Transport to urgently provide the funds for the repairs.

853 Covid-19 inspired literature

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 3

Owen Thompson
 Jim Shannon
 Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates Bonnyrigg library assistant Ryan Sturrock on self-publishing his debut novel entitled *Death's Whisper*; understands that *Death's Whisper* features eerie similarities to the current covid-19 pandemic due to being split between 1645 Edinburgh and a present-day plague; notes that Ryan began writing the book two years ago, before the coronavirus pandemic, and that the advent of covid-19 and living through a real-life pandemic has given him both the time and

inspiration he needed to finish it; and recognises the importance of literature in revitalising the cultural sector to both enrich lives and assist economic recovery.

854 World Suicide Prevention Day

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 32

Owen Thompson
 Jim Shannon
 Margaret Ferrier
 Jonathan Edwards
 Richard Thomson
 Kirsty Blackman

Wendy Chamberlain
 Allan Dorans
 John Nicolson
 Jamie Stone

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Douglas Chapman

Joanna Cherry
 Andrew Gwynne
 Alison Thewliss

That this House marks Thursday the 10th of September 2020 as World Suicide Prevention Day; notes with worry that suicide rates in the UK are increasing; further notes with extreme concern that suicide is the leading cause of death in young people in the UK, with young men and LGBT+ people being particularly affected; recognises that we all have a part to play in tackling the stigma that still exists around mental health by having open and honest conversations with our friends and family, by reminding others that they are not alone, and ultimately by looking out for each other; and commends all those who work in suicide prevention, including mental health services, third sector organisations, and individual citizens in communities.

855 Rebuilding of Fair Isle Bird Observatory

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 5

Mr Alistair Carmichael
 Jim Shannon
 Layla Moran
 Wendy Chamberlain
 Jamie Stone

That this House recognises the crowdfunding rebuild appeal for the Fair Isle Bird Observatory; notes that the Fair Isle Bird Observatory was tragically destroyed by a fire in March 2019; honours the brave emergency services who tackled the blaze and the work of the Fair Isle Bird Observatory Trust and wider community to organise the rebuild effort; recognises Fair Isle as a thriving island community, regarded as being one of the best places in Europe to see rare birds stopping off along their migration routes; notes that a £7.4 million revamped bird observatory has been granted planning permission and will be a world-class facility for ornithological and marine biological research; further notes the new building will have improved accommodation facilities for students and visitors which will be a significant boost to the tourist offer of the island; thanks those who have already donated towards over £94,000 raised so far since the appeal launched; and calls on the UK Government to back up their indication to offer support, made by Prime Minister May in 2019, and on all parties to do all they can to support this important cause to ensure that a new Fair Isle Bird Observatory can be back up and running as soon as possible to help the future prosperity of Fair Isle.

856 Remembering the MPs killed during the Troubles by Republican terrorists

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Gavin Robinson

That this House remembers again with deep sorrow the lives of those MPs who were murdered by terrorists during the Troubles including Airey Neave, Rev Robert Bradford, Sir Anthony Berry and Ian Gow; extends sincere sympathy also to the families of those Conservative Party members killed in the Brighton bomb; and renews our determination to continue to honour their memory and stand against terrorism in all forms.

857 150th Anniversary of the Belfast Telegraph

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Gavin Robinson
Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates one of Northern Ireland's national papers the Belfast Telegraph on reaching the milestone of 150 years in print; thanks them for some of the sterling investigative work that they have carried out; and encourages this wonderful paper to continue to impartially report the good and bad news with integrity as has been their history.

858 Food from Fife success

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 3

Wendy Chamberlain
Jim Shannon
Jamie Stone

That this House celebrates the nomination of three North East Fife members of Food From Fife in the Great British Food magazine's Reader Awards; notes that Ardross Farm Shop and Balgove Larder are finalists in the Best Farm Shop and Deli category; further notes that the Bowhouse market is a finalist in the Best Food Market category; thanks these businesses for their contribution to the local economy and their excellent produce; and wishes them the best in the final of the competition.

859 Fife Voluntary Action and Covid-19

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 3

Wendy Chamberlain
Jim Shannon
Jamie Stone

That this House expresses its thanks for the work of Fife Voluntary Action throughout the covid-19 outbreak; recognises that during the covid-19 lockdown, Fife Voluntary Action operated multiple services in the community including Helping Hand, which co-ordinates community responses to covid by linking those in need of help with Fife Council services and neighbourhood volunteers, Prescription Delivery Service and Shopping Delivery Service; notes that these services provided a huge source of support to many people in Fife, including those shielding; further notes that over 5,000 prescriptions were delivered to shielding and vulnerable people during lockdown; and

expresses its thanks to the team at Fife Voluntary Action and all the volunteers for helping the community during the pandemic.

860 Employment practices on redundancy and rehiring

Tabled: 8/09/20 Signatories: 21

Gavin Newlands
Grahame Morris
Chris Stephens
Sam Tarry
Drew Hendry
Kirsten Oswald

Claudia Webbe
 Kate Osborne
 Apsana Begum
 Paul Girvan
 Zarah Sultana

Jim Shannon
 Kenny MacAskill
 Claire Hanna
 Alison Thewliss
 Mike Hill

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Jonathan Edwards
 Richard Burgon
 Paula Barker
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes with alarm the growing number of employers, especially in the retail, hospitality and aviation sectors, who are making employees redundant before re-employing them on less-favourable terms and conditions; believes that these employers are cynically using the covid-19 crisis as cover to reduce staff costs at a time when they should instead be focused on supporting their employees through this pandemic; agrees with Unite the union and others that this fire-and-rehire practice makes a mockery of workers' rights and goes against the spirit, if not the letter, of UK employment legislation; and calls on the Government to close this legal loophole as a matter of urgency, for example by amending the Employment Rights Act 1996 to specify that such redundancies should automatically be regarded as unfair dismissals.

861 Universal Service Obligation

Tabled: 8/09/20 Signatories: 21

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Zarah Sultana
Ms Diane Abbott
Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe
Ian Lavery

Alan Brown
 Kate Osborne
 Stephen Farry
 Claire Hanna
 John Cryer

Clive Lewis
 Ian Mearns
 Ben Lake
 Richard Burgon
 Jamie Stone

Jim Shannon
 Kenny MacAskill
 Mick Whitley
 Paula Barker
 Colum Eastwood

That this House recognises that the ongoing covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the severity of the digital divide prevalent in the UK; notes that part of the problem that exasperates the digital divide is slow or poor broadband connection; further notes that part of the solution to improving broadband is to upgrade or build a new network; notes with concern that the costs of building a new network is often high and furthers the digital divide as better network connection becomes reliant on available income; recognises that the Government's Universal Service Obligation offers an attempt to bridge the digital divide by upgrading broadband connection for legible households and providing £3,400 worth of funding for upgrading infrastructure; notes that this funding is inadequate and that the costs of building a new network often far exceeds £3,400; calls on this

Government to recognise the severity of the digital divide in the UK and provide further funding for households to build a new network to improve broadband speeds.

863 Post-Covid-19 support

Tabled: 8/09/20 Signatories: 16

Carol Monaghan
Andrew Gwynne
Clive Lewis
Jim Shannon
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Margaret Ferrier

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Deidre Brock
 Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Jamie Stone

Kenny MacAskill
 Jonathan Edwards
 Paul Girvan

Ben Lake
 Angus Brendan MacNeil
 Alison Thewliss

That this House is concerned that many individuals who contracted covid-19 are continuing to be affected by the virus many months after their initial infection; notes that these post-viral symptoms can include: extreme fatigue, dizziness, severe headaches and muscular pain, inability to concentrate and post-exertional malaise; further notes that exercise can amplify these symptoms; recognises that many of these symptoms are familiar to those suffering from post-viral conditions, such as myalgic encephalomyelitis; calls on the Government to make a clear statement that increasing levels of exercise may have adverse long-term health effects for those recovering from covid-19; and urges the Government to make a statement on the financial support that will be made available for people who are currently unable to return to work as a result of post-Covid-19 symptoms.

864 Researching and supporting people with long Covid-19 symptoms

Tabled: 8/09/20 Signatories: 45

Andrew Gwynne
Layla Moran
Caroline Lucas
Tony Lloyd
Clive Lewis
Rosie Duffield

Wendy Chamberlain
 Debbie Abrahams
 Kate Osborne
 Kenny MacAskill
 Ben Lake
 Apsana Begum
 Richard Burgon
 Dan Jarvis
 Rushanara Ali
 Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Hilary Benn
 Jamie Stone

Ian Lavery
 Carol Monaghan
 Ian Mearns
 Mick Whitley
 Jonathan Edwards
 Allan Dorans
 Gavin Robinson
 Wera Hobhouse
 Paula Barker
 Colum Eastwood
 Stuart C McDonald
 Andy Slaughter

Alison Thewliss
 Jim Shannon
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Stephen Farry
 Claudia Webbe
 Steve McCabe
 Mr Virendra Sharma
 Sir George Howarth
 Yvonne Fovargue
 John Nicolson
 Chris Stephens
 Catherine McKinnell

That this House recognises that around 10 per cent of people experience prolonged illness after covid-19 and calls upon the Government to urgently collect and regularly report on the number of those living with long covid by following up on those with confirmed or clinical diagnoses of

covid-19; notes that research into the disease should encompass both those who were and were not hospitalised to understand the true scale of the morbidity of the virus; and calls on the Government to swiftly consider and implement measures to support those living with long covid, including offering information and incentives to employers to retain their recovering staff who may or may not have confirmed cases due to limitations in testing, and ensuring that the NHS can support patients in their longer term recovery.