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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 26 November 2020

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### New EDMs

#### 1199 **Agricultural payments in Wales**

Tabled: **26/11/20** Signatories: **1**

**Jonathan Edwards**

This House notes that the 2019 Conservative Party Manifesto stated that the Government would guarantee the current annual budget to farmers in every year of the next parliament; notes that the pro Leave campaign during the EU Referendum promised that Wales would not lose a penny as a result of leaving the EU; recognises that direct payments account for 80 per cent of Welsh farm income; expresses deep concern that the Chancellor's Comprehensive Spending Review appears to show a shortfall of up to a third of Welsh farmers' current funding levels; calls on the Chancellor to urgently clarify the funding which will be available to Welsh farmers; and views the announcement as a Brexit betrayal of Welsh agriculture.

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#### 1200 **Jobs at the Rolls Royce Barnoldswick site**

Tabled: **26/11/20** Signatories: **7**

**Grahame Morris**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Navendu Mishra**

Ian Lavery

That this House is angered by the decision by Rolls-Royce to cut 350 highly skilled jobs at its site in Barnoldswick, Lancashire, and offshore this work to Singapore; condemns the company's decision to lock workers out of the site until after Christmas without any meaningful consultation or negotiation over these plans; notes that the company has received substantial Government support as part of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme; believes that Rolls-Royce therefore has a duty to

do everything in its power to retain jobs here in Britain; calls on company management to keep the site open pending talks to resolve the current industrial dispute and secure the future of work at the site; urges Ministers to ensure that taxpayer support for businesses based in the UK should be conditional on binding undertakings not to transfer work from the UK offshore; calls on the Government to hold urgent discussions with Rolls-Royce management and Unite the Union in order to save the jobs at Barnoldswick; and expresses its full support for and solidarity with the Rolls-Royce Barnoldswick workers in their struggle to save these jobs, not just for themselves but for future generations.

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## 1201 Closure of BBC Sinhala Radio Service

Tabled: 26/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Grahame Morris**

That this House notes with concern the decision of BBC World Service to close the Sinhala radio broadcast service, which serves the Sinhalese majority in Sri Lanka who constitute around three-quarters of the population; notes that Sri Lanka has experienced much unrest in the last several decades, and is currently the subject of warnings from human rights organisations regarding the deteriorating situation, resulting in its inclusion in the FCO's top 30 Human Rights Priority Countries; further notes the potential security implications posed by the country's developing relationship with the People's Republic of China; understands the long term strategy of investing in building digital audiences, but observes that currently 7% of the Sinhalese population listen to the radio service each week, compared to just 0.6% who use digital services; and therefore calls on BBC management to reverse the closure announcement and continue to invest in this valuable news service.

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## 1202 The work of Kim McLachlan

Tabled: 26/11/20 Signatories: 2

**Chris Stephens**  
**Carol Monaghan**

That this House recognises the life and work of Kim McLachlan a UNISON activist throughout her 37 year career in housing, who died on 16 November 2020; recognises her work as a steward in Glasgow City Branch and her work at the heart of the trade union and community campaign to oppose the Glasgow Housing Stock Transfer in 2003, which sadly was narrowly lost, following which Kim became a leading and integral member of the new Glasgow Housing Branch of UNISON; and sends deepest condolences to her family and loved ones at this time; further recognises that under her leadership as Branch Secretary the branch underwent a name change to UNISON Housing and Care Scotland to reflect the expansion of the Wheatley Group, with than came trade union recognition in Dunedin Canmore Housing Association, who previously did not recognise trade unions; recognises Kim McLachlan's contribution to UNISON Scotland and nationally as well as her role as Chair of the Community Housing Association Committee of UNISON's Community Service Group Executive; further recognises the high regard in which she was held by her many comrades, friends and colleagues; and offers condolences to those who knew her at this time.

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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.

### 1130 Ryan Christie scores qualifying goal

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 15

**Drew Hendry**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Alan Brown**  
**Ian Blackford**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jim Shannon**

Alison Thewliss

That this house congratulates former Inverness Millburn Academy pupil and former Caledonian Thistle Football Club academy graduate, Ryan Christie, on scoring the qualifying goal to take the Scotland National men's football team to a successful penalty shoot out, and to qualification for the European Championships in 2021; and finally, wishes Ryan and the rest of the Scotland team all the best of luck for that tournament.

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### 1131 Scottish Youth Parliament elects Josh Kennedy as chair

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 5

**Gavin Newlands**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Alison Thewliss**

That this House congratulates the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) on their recent election of a chair; notes that the Parliament elected Josh Kennedy to chair the 160 elected members who sit as the Parliament; notes that Josh is another product of the outstanding education at Trinity High School, Renfrew; believes that the Scottish Youth Parliament provides a unique forum across Scotland that ensures the issues affecting young people are heard at the highest levels of government; congratulates the SYP on the 21 years of fine work since their formation; and looks forward to many more years of it working on behalf of the young people of Scotland.

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### 1136 Health and safety protections for gig economy workers

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 15

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Jim Shannon**

Alison Thewliss

That this House welcomes the finding of the High Court that the UK Government has failed to properly implement EU health and safety directives and has failed to transpose important EU health and safety protections into UK law; notes that the case was taken to court by the Independent

Workers' Union of Great Britain (IWGB) because workers not classed as employees have to date been denied the right to refuse unsafe work and the right to personal protective equipment (PPE), putting them in serious danger throughout the pandemic; further notes that the judgment means that workers in the gig economy are entitled to the same EU-derived health and safety rights as employees; congratulates the IWGB for securing this ruling on the back of a public crowdfunding initiative; reminds the Government of its undertakings that it has no intention of lowering the standards of workers' rights after the UK leaves the EU; and calls on the Government to act now to provide a clear statutory extension of health and safety protections to gig economy and other precarious workers.

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### 1137 White Ribbon Day 2020

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 21

**Drew Hendry**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**

Alison Thewliss

That this House recognises White Ribbon Day 2020 which takes place on Wednesday 25 November; notes that this is a day for people to stand up, speak out and say no to violence against women; further recognises the significance of this day during a year which has seen an increase in violence, harassment and abuse towards women during the coronavirus pandemic; and finally urges everyone to work together to prevent violence and make sure people's homes and communities are safe for everyone.

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### 1138 Potential merits of statutory bereavement leave

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 14

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**

Alison Thewliss

That this House supports the introduction of statutory bereavement leave for those who suffer the loss of an immediate family member; recognises that bereavement has a tremendous impact on physical and mental health; acknowledges that while many employers voluntarily offer compassionate leave for staff who have lost a close relative, this decision remains entirely at the discretion of employers; notes that concerns about the introduction of statutory bereavement leave on economic grounds are unfounded, with new research commissioned by Sue Ryder revealing that the cost of bereavement to the UK economy is an estimated £22.9bn a year, due to presenteeism, absenteeism and reduced employment; understands that if just a fraction of the costs associated with bereavement could be mitigated through better support by employers it would provide a considerable boost to the economy; agrees that although statutory bereavement leave will incur some short term costs, ultimately it would lead to significant savings for the UK economy through reduced staff absence, higher employee productivity and less reliance on health and welfare support post-bereavement; welcomes the UK Government's recent introduction of two weeks statutory bereavement leave for parents who have lost a child under the age of 18 years old

which recognises the impact of grief and the need for statutory protections; and calls on the UK Government to build on this progress and introduce statutory paid bereavement leave of two weeks for those who have suffered the loss of an immediate family member.

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#### 1144 A National Resilience Programme

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 6

**Stephen Metcalfe**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Beth Winter**

That this House notes the importance of physical activity to keeping older people healthy and resilient; further notes that one in three older people did less physical activity during the first lockdown in March 2020 and that within three days of not using muscles people can experience significant decreases in muscle mass and quality which might be the difference of an older person being able to get out of a chair by themselves or not; highlights the proposal by The Physiological Society and Centre for Ageing Better for the introduction of a National Resilience Programme to bring together a package of measures to support older people through covid-19 restrictions, keeping them healthy and resilient over winter 2020; and notes that an effective programme should incorporate a tailored exercise package focused on older people with key covid-19 risk factors, clear guidance on a healthy balanced diet, support to build communities to counter loneliness in order to improve mental health, and a plan to enlist help of relatives, care workers and other professionals to re-build older adults' confidence and support them to stay active and keep well.

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#### 1145 Contribution of John Hays to the North East

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 14

**Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck**  
**Julie Elliott**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Catherine McKinnell**

Ian Lavery

That this House recognises the sad passing of John Hays, the founder of the UK's largest independent travel agent, Hays Travel; notes that he was not only a successful businessman but a hugely popular, highly respected and well-loved figure in the North East, being recognised not only for his business acumen but his philanthropy supporting many local charities and community organisations; further notes that when Mr Hays learnt of the Thomas Cook collapse last year, he bravely took on 2,000 of their staff to protect their livelihoods and that of their families leading many to name him a high street hero; and offers its deepest sympathies to his wife Irene and their family at this difficult time.

**1146 World Children's Day: Support for children in conflict zones during covid-19**

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 16

**Layla Moran**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Munira Wilson**  
**Sarah Olney**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

Alison Thewliss

That this House recognises that 20 November 2020 is World Children's Day; notes with deep concern the plight of the 149 million children caught up in high-intensity conflict zones who now face the additional threat of the covid-19 pandemic; recognises that no-one is safe from covid-19 until everyone is, and that the collective response to the global pandemic will only be as strong as the protection for the most vulnerable; urges the Government to work together with international partners to ensure humanitarian assistance responding to the covid-19 crisis reaches the most vulnerable in conflict zones; calls upon the Government to lead in providing support to ensure refugee settlements are provided with the necessary sanitation and medical services they need to respond to covid-19; and further calls upon the Government to work together with international partners to ensure children in fragile states are able to continue their education.

**1150 Let LIVE Thrive campaign**

Tabled: 17/11/20 Signatories: 17

**Jamie Stone**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Munira Wilson**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**

Alison Thewliss

That this House recognises the existential crisis facing the live events industry in the UK as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; notes the significant contribution that music, theatre, sport and other live events make to the economy; recognises the potentially dire consequences for industry organisations and professionals if the necessary insurance cover cannot be obtained soon; and calls on the Government to work with the insurance sector to underwrite contingency insurance for the live events industry, as proposed by the Let LIVE Thrive campaign.

**1153 Care-Experienced bursary**

Tabled: 17/11/20 Signatories: 15

**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Chris Law**  
**Douglas Chapman**

Alison Thewliss

That this House understands that Care Experienced people's education is often interrupted in childhood as a result of being removed from home; recognises that statistically, Care Experienced

people are less likely than their peers to attend further and higher education; appreciates that many Care Experienced people re-engage with education later in life, often when they have families of their own to support; notes that Care Experienced people are entitled to a Care Experienced Bursary when in further or higher education; is concerned that the Bursary is considered as an income by the Universal Credit system, leaving many Care Experienced people financially worse off in education than they were on Universal Credit; and calls on the Government to ensure that the Care Experienced Bursary is discounted as income under the Universal Credit System, thereby allowing the bursary to fulfil its ethos as a payment intended as additional to other benefits.

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### 1155 Virtual participation in debates

Tabled: 17/11/20 Signatories: 59

**Dawn Butler**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

Ian Lavery

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes with deep concern that some Members have not been able to take part virtually in debates, which means that those Members have been disenfranchised; further notes that this, in effect, disenfranchises those constituents who are left without a voice in House of Commons debates; recognises that several Members are shielding from coronavirus or are clinically vulnerable; believes in the equal right of all Members to participate in Commons proceedings; and calls on the Government to ensure that the remote participation motion is open to debate for all Members and held as a free vote.

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### 1156 Dementia and the covid-19 pandemic

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 15

**Sir George Howarth**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Olivia Blake**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Sir Mike Penning**

Ian Lavery

That this House notes the profound and disproportionate impact of covid-19 pandemic on people with dementia and their carers; appreciates the heroic efforts made by family members and friends to care for their loved ones during the pandemic; acknowledges the challenges faced by those with dementia and their carers, including irregular opportunities to visit loved ones in care homes, a lack of personal protective equipment and insufficient testing for care home staff, and inadequate pay, terms and conditions for many frontline care staff; welcomes the Government's trial of visitor testing in care homes; calls on the Government to consider the recommendations in the Alzheimer's Society's report entitled Worst Hit: dementia during coronavirus, including ensuring that family carers are given key worker status and; urges the Government to use the upcoming Spending Review to ensure that dementia services, including research organisations, are adequately funded.

**1157 Deacon Jim Hamilton's 20 years of service at Maryhill Parish Church**

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 5

**Patrick Grady**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Alison Thewliss**

That this House congratulates Jim Hamilton, Deacon at Maryhill Parish Church of Scotland, on his 20 years of service to the community; notes that Jim took up his post on 20 November 2000, having previously served as a Deacon at Garthamlock and Craigend Parish Church; thanks Jim for his incredible contribution not just to the parish but to the wider community of Maryhill, including his organisation of many events, fetes and galas in the area over the years; notes in particular his co-ordination of the Maryhill Activity Directory since 2001, which has now reached its eight edition of which 32,000 copies were published and distributed, providing a comprehensive guide to the many activities and services, often volunteer-led, in and around Maryhill; acknowledges the role played by Jim in developing the People Make Maryhill awards evening where members of the local community are recognised for the contribution they make to the local area; notes that a virtual celebration to mark Jim's anniversary will be held on 19 November 2020, and looks forward to a suitable opportunity when circumstances allow for friends, family and the wider community to gather in person to thank Jim for all his service and wish him all the best for the future.

**1160 National Consumer Week 2020**

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 12

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Alison Thewliss

That this House commends National Consumer Week 2020 which runs from the 16 to 22 November; pays tribute to the excellent work undertaken by Advice Direct Scotland which runs Scotland's national consumer advice service, consumeradvice.scot, Trading Standards Scotland and Citizens' Advice Scotland to protect and support consumers; understands that this year's campaign will focus on Online Shopping and Deliveries; notes the increasing numbers of consumers shopping online due to the covid-19 outbreak and applauds efforts to encourage consumers to shop online safely, know their rights, be wary of unfair delivery charges and be on guard against counterfeit goods; and acknowledges the importance of helping consumers recognise and avoid online shopping scams while supporting legitimate businesses, as well as providing advice and support if something does go wrong.



**1161 Electrical Fire Safety Week**

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 17

**Yvonne Fovargue**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Olivia Blake**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Sir Mike Penning**

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes that the 23rd to the 29th of November is Electrical Fire Safety Week (EFSW) which is run by the charity Electrical Safety First in co-operation with the Home Office's Fire Kills campaign; commends the Charity's work to reduce fires caused by electricity of which there are more than 14,000 each year; and notes that this year's theme for EFSW is harms caused by the sale of unsafe electrical goods on online marketplaces; recognises that online marketplaces are not subject to the same regulations as the high street with online marketplaces viewing themselves as virtual landlords; further notes the important work of Electrical Safety First in raising awareness of this issue; further recognises that more consumers will be shopping online this Christmas due to restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus outbreak; notes that a Censuswide survey conducted for Electrical Safety First shows that 58 per cent of consumers will use online marketplaces for their Christmas shopping, with 59 per cent of these respondents viewing them as safer than the high street; and recognises that now, more than ever, it is important to ensure consumer safety when shopping online; and urges the Government to improve the legislation relating to online marketplaces to ensure that consumers are protected from the sale of unsafe electrical goods on these platforms; and urges the Government to broaden the scope of the expected Online Harms Bill to include the sale of unsafe electrical goods on online marketplaces.

**1162 Safeguarding the small brewers relief scheme**

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 31

**Geraint Davies**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Olivia Blake**  
**John McDonnell**

Alison Thewliss

Deidre Brock

That this House notes the positive impact that the small brewers relief scheme has had on the survival and growth of the UK's small independent breweries; notes that this could be undermined by the Treasury's proposed changes to the scheme to reduce the 50 per cent rate from 5,000hl to 2,100hl and to put it on a cash basis; further notes that this is threatening small breweries at a time when they are struggling through the covid-19 crisis and they have not received the same level of support as the wider hospitality sector including the business rates holiday; and calls on the Government not to change the small brewers relief scheme or to introduce the cash basis but to instead initiate support for small brewers in line with the wider hospitality sector.

**1167 In-person immigration bail reporting**Tabled: **19/11/20** Signatories: **14**

**Olivia Blake**  
**Rachel Hopkins**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Paula Barker**

Alison Thewliss

Kenny MacAskill

That this House notes that immigration bail reporting was suspended for the duration of the first covid-19 lockdown in the interest of public health and that individuals were permitted to, and did successfully, report safely from home via phone or text for the duration of the lockdown; further notes that despite the global pandemic, in-person reporting has resumed for the second national lockdown; and calls on the Government to immediately suspend all physical immigration bail reporting until the end of the second national lockdown, and to continue this beyond the national lockdown for any regions with additional covid-19 public health restrictions.

**1168 Dangers of pavement parking**Tabled: **19/11/20** Signatories: **6**

**Mr Barry Sheerman**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

That this House recognises the problems caused by pavement parking in communities across the UK; is concerned about the impact of pavement parking on the most vulnerable members of our society, particularly the elderly, those living with sight loss and people with wheelchairs and buggies; notes that pavement parking is already banned across the 32 London boroughs; further notes that the Scottish Parliament passed legislation to ban pavement parking in 2019 which will come into effect in 2021; welcomes Living Streets' campaign to ban pavement parking in England; is aware that the current rules against obstruction are not fit for purpose and the Department for Transport is consulting on proposals to change them, including a ban on pavement parking; and calls on the Government to act swiftly to put an end to this dangerous practice.

**1170 Obashi Falkirk**Tabled: **23/11/20** Signatories: **4**

**John McNally**  
**Martyn Day**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Alison Thewliss**

That this House recognises that Obashi, a Falkirk-based start-up has joined an elite world organisation - the World Economic Forum's Global Innovators Community and its centre for the Fourth industrial revolution; recognises that Obashi is the first start-up in Scotland to be invited to that community; notes that the global innovators community is a select, by invitation-only group of the world's most promising start-ups and scale-ups that are the forefront of technology and business model innovation; asserts that, as part of that global innovators community, Obashi will help define the global agenda on key issues with a particular focus on shaping the future of

technology governance-artificial intelligence and machine learning; and congratulates the company and its founders, Fergus Cloughley and Paul Wallis, on joining that global innovators community.

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**1171 Book Week Scotland 2020**

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 5

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**  
**Amy Callaghan**  
**Alison Thewliss**

That this House welcomes Book Week Scotland 2020, an annual celebration of books and reading across Scotland, from 16th to 22nd November 2020; recognises that this event, which is now in its ninth year, is organised by the Scottish Book Trust with support from partners, and represents Scotland's biggest celebration of reading and writing; understands that, due to the covid-19 pandemic, the week cannot go ahead as normal, however thanks to the tireless work of organisers, libraries and various community groups throughout Scotland, notes that the celebration will go ahead in a digital format instead, continuing to provide a diverse and engaging programme of activities to celebrate books and reading; notes that this year's theme is the Future, and that the annual writing project has created a free book, with 50,000 copies distributed to libraries, schools and other community venues across the country, as well as being available to download online; understands that during the covid-19 pandemic, many people have turned to books as a welcome escape, and even in the digital age books remain as relevant and popular as ever; further recognises Scotland's rich literary heritage and welcomes this event as it seeks to inspire the next generation of Scottish writers, poets and authors; and wishes the event every success in its goal to celebrate the joy of reading.

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**1173 VisitScotland first national tourist organisation to join Tourism Declares Initiative**

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 9

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**David Linden**  
**Alan Brown**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Gavin Newlands**  
**Allan Dorans**

Alison Thewliss

That this House welcomes VisitScotland's commitment to playing a leading role in the development of Scotland as a globally-recognised responsible destination by becoming the first national tourism organisation in the world to join the Tourism Declares Initiative; congratulates partners comprising one hundred travel groups, businesses and individuals including Wild Scotland and Sail Scotland who have declared under the banner Tourism Declares a Climate Emergency; commends the formation of that Initiative which recognises the importance of balancing business survival with a sustainable and responsible recovery from the covid-19 outbreak; and notes that that Initiative encourages positive contributions towards addressing climate change ahead of COP26 including reducing emissions, working with communities and focusing on responsible, green tourism, in line with Scottish Government's targets to become net-zero by 2045, and the national tourism

strategy, Scotland Outlook 2030, as well as a long-term commitment to increase promotion of public transport and active travel.

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## 1176 VAT Retail Export Scheme

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 5

**Tracey Crouch**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Bob Blackman**  
**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Sir Desmond Swayne**

That this House expresses its concern at the Government's decision to abolish the VAT Retail Export Scheme, otherwise known as tax-free shopping, from 1 January 2021 with inaccurate determinations having been made of the impact of that decision; acknowledges that since that decision was announced, businesses have been facing the challenges posed by new covid-19 restrictions and that that decision will worsen that situation; believes that by implementing that decision thousands of job losses could be caused around the UK; recognises that since that announcement, France has lowered its threshold for international shoppers to claim back VAT and Ireland has extended its scheme to include the UK, making the UK the least competitive market in Europe for international shoppers; notes that no businesses have spoken up publicly in favour of that move but many have warned of its consequences; calls on the Government to avoid causing significant damage to the retail and hospitality sector in the UK and to not bring forward the required legislation to implement that decision; and further calls on hon. Members to vote to annul any Statutory Instrument on that matter if it is laid before this House.

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## 1177 Short respite breaks for terminally ill children and their families

Tabled: 24/11/20 Signatories: 7

**Steve McCabe**  
**Catherine McKinnell**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Sir George Howarth**  
**Stephen Timms**

Paula Barker

That this House recognises that short breaks for respite are a lifeline for terminally ill children and their families; notes new evidence by Pro Bono Economics which estimates that parents of children who need respite delivered by children's palliative care providers experience significantly less stress as a result of receiving breaks; further highlights that these short breaks result in better physical and mental health for parents, a reduction in families needing NHS primary care and mental health services, and in parents needing to take fewer days off work as a result of sickness; understands that many families who need short breaks are currently unable to access them; and urges the Government to fill the £434 million gap in annual funding for social care services for all disabled children in England and their families by creating an annual ring-fenced grant as part of the 2020 Spending Review.

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**1178 Share Alike in East Kilbride**

Tabled: 24/11/20 Signatories: 2

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House recognises the selfless efforts of Annmarie Campbell and Share Alike in East Kilbride; commends the dedication of the Share Alike team for providing of over 24,600 meals, 860 period poverty packs, 21 new baby and mother packs, 226 mental health packs and 42 new home starter packs during the covid-19 restrictions; thanks the volunteers involved in the community food distribution program; commends the dedication of everyone involved in providing essential food parcels to those most in need throughout the constituency; acknowledges the selfless commitment to alleviating food poverty and loneliness by maintaining vital links between Share Alike and the most vulnerable in the community; praises the action taken by Share Alike and partner volunteer organisations towards reducing waste and encouraging local supply of food produce; applauds the dynamic approach of Annmarie and Share Alike to improve existing services, developing and pioneering new ways of delivering key, essential support to those in need through extending the wellbeing operations in the community; respects the commitment to the community support programme provided by Share Alike who recently secured a three year lease in a prime town centre location for a wellbeing cafe under a new charity umbrella organisation called Take Five; and shows respect to the overwhelming work co-ordinated and inspired by Annmarie Campbell and everyone at Share Alike for their efforts to provide a sense of belonging, safety and wellness throughout the community by promoting mental health awareness and making sure anyone who needs help receives it.

**1181 Conflict in Ethiopia**

Tabled: 24/11/20 Signatories: 7

**Layla Moran**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Ed Davey**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Daisy Cooper**  
**Sarah Olney**

Alison Thewliss

That this House is deeply concerned about the escalation of conflict in Ethiopia; condemns the deliberate killing of innocent civilians; sends its sincerest condolences to all those who have tragically lost loved ones as a result; notes the estimated 4,000 refugees per day fleeing Ethiopia; further notes the UNHRC's warning of a full-scale humanitarian crisis if the conflict continues without imminent de-escalation; calls on the Government to use all diplomatic means it can to assist de-escalating the violence and resolving the underlying conflict; and therefore also urges the Government to ensure the Official Development Assistance budget is maintained to ensure Ethiopian civilians receive adequate support and aid.

**1183 German teacher of the Year**

Tabled: 24/11/20 Signatories: 3

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House congratulates Suzanne Ritchie, a Modern Languages teacher from North Berwick High School on winning the German Teacher of the Year award from the German Embassy;

acknowledges the embassy's recognition of her outstanding dedication and tireless support of the teach of the German language; notes her desire to give her pupils a sense of wonder in the teaching of languages; and echoes deputy head of culture and education at the German Embassy Dr Susanne Frane's recognition of Miss Ritchie's impressive commitment inside and outside of [her] classroom every day.

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#### 1184 Winner of The Booker Prize 2020

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 6

**Chris Stephens**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**

That this House congratulates Scottish-American author Douglas Stuart on winning the Booker Prize 2020 for his debut novel, Shuggie Bain, a raw and beautifully tender story based on his own experiences growing up in poverty in 1980s Glasgow with a mother battling addiction; further congratulations him on being only the second Scottish author that has won this prestigious prize for literature; hopes this achievement will inspire other young authors in the UK and abroad to produce world class literature; and wishes Douglas Stuart continued success with his second book Loch Awe and all other future endeavours.

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#### 1186 Paid helpline for gas and electricity suppliers

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 5

**John Nicolson**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House draws attention to the issue of paid helplines for gas and electricity suppliers; highlights that the use of 03 numbers in this context can cost up to £0.35p a minute; condemns this excessive price, as it excludes customers on a low income or universal credit from being able to address their issues; and recommends that these essential helplines are free to use for all customers.

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#### 1187 Covid-19 and fuel poverty

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 7

**Jon Trickett**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Allan Dorans**

Dan Carden

That this House notes with concern that 2.4 million households are living in fuel poverty, with research by National Energy Action finding that an average of 9,700 deaths a year in the UK are caused by living in a cold house; further notes with concern that thousands of household are

facing increased financial hardship this winter due to the impact of covid-19; believes that current financial support available to customers in vulnerable circumstances is insufficient; and calls on the Government to increase targeted financial support to those at risk of fuel poverty and the energy sector to proactively offer additional support to vulnerable customers to ensure they are receiving the cheapest energy tariff.

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**1188 Financial support for self employed people during the covid-19 outbreak**

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 8

**Jon Trickett**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Paula Barker**

Allan Dorans

Dan Carden

That this House notes with concern research from the National Audit Office which has found that 2.9 million freelancers, contractors and newly self-employed are excluded from the Government's Self-Employment Income Support Scheme and analysis from the Institute for Fiscal Studies, which estimates that 38 per cent of individuals with self-employment income are ineligible for the support scheme; expresses disappointment that whilst the latest version of the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme expands levels of financial support available, an expansion of eligibility for the scheme has not been forthcoming from the Government; believes that the continued suspension of the minimum income floor of Universal Credit is inadequate to meet the needs of all those locked out of the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme; and calls on the Government to urgently expand the eligibility criteria of its provision for Self-Employment income support in order to prevent millions of people facing financial hardship.

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**1189 £20 weekly increase to universal credit**

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 8

**Jon Trickett**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Paula Barker**

Allan Dorans

Dan Carden

That this House acknowledges that the £20 a week uplift in Universal Credit has provided much-needed, vital support to millions of people during the covid-19 outbreak; expresses disappointment that there was no commitment to making this increase permanent in Spending Review 2020; notes with concern analysis by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation which found that ending the £20 increase in April 2021 will leave roughly 16 million people in families facing an overnight loss of £1,040 a year; further notes that the £20 uplift has not applied to legacy benefits during this crisis; and calls on the Government to make the £20 uplift in Universal Credit permanent and also applying this increase in payment to all legacy benefits.

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**1190 Endometriosis and access to statutory support**

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 3

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House congratulates the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Endometriosis and Endometriosis UK for their important inquiry into the challenges faced by those with the condition and the publication of their report entitled Endometriosis in the UK: Time for Change; notes that endometriosis is a chronic and sometimes debilitating condition which can have a significant impact on a person's life; further notes that the inquiry found that for those whom the condition is so debilitating that they are prevented from working, it is often difficult to access support such as Personal Independent Payments and Universal Credit; acknowledges that the current definition of Statutory Sick Pay fails to properly recognise long-term conditions like endometriosis; calls on the Government to ensure that those with endometriosis have access to Statutory Sick Pay; and urges the Department of Work and Pensions to review their guidelines and training for assessors to ensure that they understand the impact of endometriosis so that those who are severely affected by the condition are able to access the benefits they need.

**1192 Girlguiding Scotland's Media Mindful campaign**

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 3

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House congratulates Girlguiding Scotland on the launch of its Media Mindful campaign to support girls and young women to challenge sexism in the media; understands this campaign has been created by the charity's Speak Out champions, a group of young women age 14-25; notes the campaign stems from Girlguiding Scotland's forthcoming Girls in Scotland research, which found 68% of girls aged 11-21 feel newspapers, magazines and influencers on social media need to do more to stop reinforcing gender stereotypes; further notes the group has worked with the University of Strathclyde and Gender Equal Media Scotland to create the Media Mindful challenge pack with activities to develop media literacy skills; expresses concern that gender stereotypes and sexism in the media are having a negative impact on the happiness and mental health of many girls and young women; recognises the calls by the Speak Out champions on media outlets to commit to taking a gender sensitive approach when creating content, to promote a diverse range of women, and to treat women equally as content creators, contributors, employees and subjects; notes the organisation is encouraging everyone to take part in a week of action between 23-29 November 2020 in the ChangeTheHeadline challenge on Twitter, to correct sexist news headlines; and encourages politicians to support the campaign by taking part in the week of action, calling out gender stereotyping in the media when they see it, and by sharing the Media Mindful supporter sign on their social media channels.

**1193 Belle Vue Greyhound Stadium**

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 2

**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Ian Lavery**

That this House recognises the historic Belle Vue Greyhound Stadium in Manchester was the first purpose-built dog track in the United Kingdom when it opened in 1926; notes that it has also been used for speedway and stock car racing; understands that it is now subject to closure due to the current covid-19 outbreak having a particularly negative effect on it being able to operate;



recognises the important role this stadium has played for the sporting life of Manchester for nearly a century now; and calls on the Government to explore every avenue available which might save Belle Vue Greyhound Stadium from closing forever.

## 1194 The 0.7 per cent overseas aid commitment

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 49

Chris Law  
Steven Bonnar  
Dave Doogan  
Stuart C McDonald  
Owen Thompson  
Patrick Grady

Deidre Brock  
John Nicolson  
Peter Grant  
Anne McLaughlin  
Kirsten Oswald  
Gavin Newlands  
Martyn Day  
Hannah Bardell  
Kirsty Blackman  
Douglas Chapman  
Martin Docherty-Hughes  
Stephen Flynn  
Stewart Hosie  
John McNally  
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Alyn Smith  
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Jonathan Edwards  
Brendan O'Hara  
Amy Callaghan  
Kenny MacAskill  
Mhairi Black  
Alan Brown  
Joanna Cherry  
Marion Fellows  
Patricia Gibson  
David Linden  
Chris Stephens

Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
Tommy Sheppard  
Ronnie Cowan  
Richard Thomson  
Carol Monaghan  
Allan Dorans  
Neil Gray  
Ian Blackford  
Dr Lisa Cameron  
Angela Crawley  
Margaret Ferrier  
Drew Hendry  
Angus Brendan MacNeil  
Dr Philippa Whitford

That this House expresses concern and condemnation of any attempt by the Government to reduce aid spending by ending the UK's commitment to spend 0.7 per cent of Gross National Income (GNI) on Overseas Development Assistance; notes that the 0.7 per cent target was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1970, was first achieved by the UK in 2013, has been met every year since, and is currently enshrined in law through the International Development Act 2015; recognises that maintaining the commitment was part of the Conservative Party manifesto the Government was elected on in December 2019; acknowledges the significant cross-party support for the commitment with a further six parties supporting spending 0.7 per cent of GNI on aid at the last general election; notes that the Independent Commission for Aid Impact has found that the Government's approach to managing the target has become increasingly effective and well-coordinated; understands that UK aid spending makes a significant contribution to the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals, tackling global challenges such as eradicating poverty, promoting gender inequality, and taking action on climate change; is deeply worried that the UK aid budget is already experiencing drastic reductions due to the fall in GNI which will be compounded by the end of the 0.7 per cent commitment; believes that it is unacceptable to turn to neglect the world's poorest and most vulnerable people, particularly while the covid-19 pandemic drives more people into poverty; and calls on the Government to live up to its international responsibilities and maintain the 0.7 per cent aid commitment.

**1195 Logan Street Tenants and Resident's Association**

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 2

**Margaret Ferrier  
Allan Dorans**

That this House congratulates the Logan Street Tenants and Residents Association in Blantyre on their hard work this year working together with local agencies and South Lanarkshire Council to improve living conditions in and around Logan Street in Blantyre; notes the vital support the Association has provided to local tenants and their children during the time of the covid-19 outbreak; recognises their achievements over this year, such as a reduction in cars accessing Logan Street illegally and working together with the housing services to provide better lighting for the street; highlights the particular work they have done with local children, including providing sweets bags for children for Halloween and graduations and arranging free internet access and tablets; and therefore thanks Logan Street Tenants and Residents Association and all such local resident support groups for the vital role they play in our local communities.

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**1196 Carers Rights Day 2020**

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 4

**Dr Lisa Cameron  
John McNally  
Claudia Webbe  
Allan Dorans**

That this House acknowledges the estimated 13.6 million people across the UK who are providing unpaid care; recognises the importance of Carers Rights Day 2020, taking place on 26 November 2020, in raising awareness of the work of unpaid carers and ensuring they are informed about their rights and entitlements; notes the very difficult challenges that unpaid carers continue to face as a result of the covid-19 outbreak, and the increased levels of care they are currently having to provide; and stresses the urgent need for more support to be given to unpaid carers, ahead of the 2020 Winter and beyond.

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**1197 Fife's universal basic income pilot readiness**

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 4

**Neale Hanvey  
Ronnie Cowan  
Alison Thewliss  
Allan Dorans**

That this House recognises Fife's readiness to participate in a Universal Basic Income (UBI) trial; asserts that such a pilot would be desirable, particularly for its potential impact on poverty and employment; notes that the Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government has thanked Fife Council for its continuing interest in piloting such a scheme; and understands the constitutional barriers preventing progress on the issue in Scotland as the Scottish Government are currently denied the necessary range of social security or tax powers to legislate for the introduction of a UBI, as the current devolved powers are inadequate to implement any sustainable variation of it, including payments at local authority level.

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**1198 Ending period poverty in Scotland**

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 6

**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Ronnie Cowan**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House congratulates the Scottish Parliament on its continued cross party work to tackle period poverty; recognises that from the first action to back Women for Independence's campaign to have maternity towels included in baby boxes through to becoming the first country in the world to make period products freely available to all who need them, the Scottish Parliament's work on period poverty is world leading; applauds the important role played by many organisations and individuals who have campaigned tirelessly on period poverty for many years such as Girlguiding Scotland, Scottish Women's Aid, Women for Independence, Engender, On The Baw and many more; understands the need to break down the barriers to education and work for women and girls; and recognises that ending period poverty is a key way to allow women and girls to fulfil their potential.