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Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 17 March 2021

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New EDMs

1655 **Sandra Stewart, 40 years' commitment to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

Tabled: 17/03/21 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates Sandra Stewart on her 40 year anniversary as a member of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; understands that the Admin Team Leader joined the Strathclyde Fire Brigade immediately upon leaving school, and now provides admin support to more than forty fire stations across Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway from the area HQ in Ardrossan, North Ayrshire; and thanks her for the dedication and commitment she has shown to the communities she has served throughout her years in her vital work, and hugely appreciates her ongoing service.

1656 **Undercover Policing Inquiry**

Tabled: 17/03/21 Signatories: 5

Richard Burgon
Ms Diane Abbott
Liz Saville Roberts
Chris Stephens
Caroline Lucas

That this House notes the ongoing independent public Undercover Policing Inquiry, set up to investigate undercover policing in England and Wales since 1968; recognises the concerns raised by Non State Non Police Core Participants (NSNPCPs) and interested campaign groups (including the Campaign Opposing Police Surveillance and Police Spies Out of Lives) that the inquiry is not currently properly accessible to Core Participants or to the public; supports the principle of open justice including that public inquiries should be open and accessible to the public; believes that all Core Participants should be able to fully access and participate in the Inquiry; is concerned that the decision not to have audio and visual live streaming of the inquiry prevents full engagement

from participants and prevents public and press access to proceedings; and Supports the calls from the NSNPCPs for full audio and visual live streaming, for the Inquiry to sit with a diverse panel of experts alongside the Chair throughout, for the names of groups subjected to undercover police surveillance to be disclosed publicly alongside the 'cover' names of undercover officers to allow those who were subjected to undercover police surveillance to assist the inquiry, for NSNPCPs to receive disclosure of their registry files in full and as a matter of urgency, for the terms of reference to be extended to include Scotland and Northern Ireland, and for trade unions, alongside all participating NSNPCPs to be given funding for legal costs so they are able to fully participate in the inquiry.

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.

1600 Uprating of state pensions

Tabled: **8/03/21** Signatories: **27**

Andrew Rosindell
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Alison Thewliss
Peter Dowd

Kirsten Oswald

That this House regrets that over half a million UK pensioners continue to have their pensions frozen as a result of where they live and notes that 90 per cent of those people live in Commonwealth countries with which the UK has strong cultural and historical ties; is further concerned that this leaves UK citizens without the financial support needed to maintain livelihoods and dignity in retirement and believes all pensioners should be paid the full state pension wherever they live; welcomes the Canadian Government's request for a reciprocal social security agreement with the UK to cover the uprating of pension payments; and urges the Government to respond positively to this request as a first step to end this injustice for UK pensioners everywhere.

1602 EU Settlement Scheme documentation for married women

Tabled: **8/03/21** Signatories: **18**

Angela Crawley
Steven Bonnar
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Alyn Smith

Marion Fellows

That this House is aware EU Settlement Scheme paperwork has been issued to married women showing names they do not currently use; understands that when processing EU Settlement Scheme documentation the Home Office takes information only from the machine readable zone of an applicant's passport; notes that passports from many EU countries list both the maiden and married name for married women, and that only the former shows up in the machine readable

zone; recognises that discord in the names shown on different forms of documentation may cause complications for affected women when proving their right to live and work in the UK, causing unnecessary barriers when applying for jobs, renting, setting up bank accounts or applying for social security; deplores the cultural insensitivity shown to European women who retain their maiden names on their passports after marriage; and calls on the Home Office to amend married women's settled status documentation to allow information to match the name used on other forms of identification and in their day to day lives.

1603 Violence in Tigray Province, Ethiopia

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 12

Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Marion Fellows
Claire Hanna
Liz Saville Roberts

Jim Shannon

That this House strongly condemns the violence unfolding in Ethiopia's Tigray Region; notes that fighting between Ethiopian Forces and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) has claimed many civilian lives; acknowledges reports that Eritrean fighters have participated in the conflict on Ethiopian terrain; notes the findings of the United Nations Security Council Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide that extrajudicial killings, sexual violence, mass executions and property looting are prevalent in Tigray; recognises United Nations allegations that possible crimes against humanity have been committed in Tigray; is alarmed by reports that humanitarian organisations' access to the Region is being restricted; is concerned that an estimated 60,000 refugees have fled Tigray into neighbouring Sudan to escape the violence since November 2020; is appalled by recent reports of massacres carried out by Eritrean personnel against civilians, including at Maryam Dengelat church and the holy city of Aksum; calls for an end to violence committed by all parties in the conflict; fully supports the United Nations in its mission to facilitate peace, transparency, and emergency relief; and calls on the UK Government to exercise all its diplomatic capabilities to bring an end to this conflict.

1606 Reorganisation of the NHS and social care

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 16

Margaret Greenwood
Paula Barker
Peter Dowd
Mike Hill
Ian Byrne
Kim Johnson

Mick Whitley

That this House notes the Government has published a White Paper setting out proposals for a major reorganisation of the delivery of health and social care in England; further notes that the Government plans to divide the NHS into local statutory Integrated Care Systems creating the potential for organisations which are not publicly accountable to take key roles in developing plans to address the health, social care and public health needs of local systems; is concerned that such organisations will then be in a position to influence decisions about the deployment of public resources and that this presents the possibility for conflicts of interest; recognises there is concern that local plans will differ and lead to a postcode lottery; notes that NHS England and

NHS Improvement carried out a consultation, Integrating care - Next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems over Christmas and New Year which proposed fundamental changes to the NHS; is further concerned that the consultation was held over such a short period during the covid-19 outbreak, particularly given that the NHS and social care workers who would be affected had been working incredibly hard under immense stress and many would have been unlikely to engage with that consultation; is concerned it was not possible for people to attend public meetings during this time; and calls on the Government to pause the whole process until all covid-19 restrictions are lifted and then carry out a public consultation setting out clearly what those proposals would mean for patients and staff.

1607 **European Day of Remembrance of Victims of Terrorism on 11 March 2021**

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 4

Mr Gregory Campbell
Sir Mike Penning
Paul Girvan
Jim Shannon

That this House notes that March 11th 2021 is European Day of Remembrance of Victims of Terrorism; expresses the hope that the Nations of Europe will recognise the many innocent victims of terror there have been over recent decades, re-dedicate themselves to defend democracy, and to stand with those Internationally who confront those responsible for acts of terror wherever it has occurred; and also expresses the hope that Towns and Cities across the United Kingdom can hold appropriate ceremonies and events to mark the day.

1608 **Midlothian trainees and Lantra Scotland's ALBAS awards**

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson
Douglas Chapman
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Peter Grant
Jim Shannon

Marion Fellows

That this House recognises the achievement of Midlothian Equine trainees, Morag Williams from Pathhead and Lucy Philip from Bonnyrigg who both won awards at the recent Lantra Scotland's ALBAS awards; notes that at the Land-based and Aquaculture Skills awards, from their categories Morag won Equine Learner of the Year and Lucy won the SCQF Level 7-8 and a CARAS award; recognises the great work that Lantra Scotland do to help individuals access the training, qualifications and skills needed in order to succeed in the land-based, aquaculture and environmental sector; and wishes them every congratulation on their success.

1610 Roy Greenslade, the IRA and the Guardian

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 3

Sir Peter Bottomley
Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon

That this House notes the explanation by Guardian columnist Roy Greenslade of the Provisional IRA's armed campaign, wishes he had recognised the realities of reform, increasing Anglo-Irish co-operation, and the persistent efforts of Irish and British campaigners to challenge terrorism; welcomes the Guardian's reflection on allowing a senior journalist to use the columnist position on media ethics to advance such views while writing an anonymous column for the Sinn Fein paper, An Phoblacht/Republican News; notes that Katharine Viner has apologised to Mairia Cahill, victim of an IRA member, for an article by Greenslade; invites the Guardian to say sorry to others found to have suffered poor treatment by Greenslade; and to publish a comprehensive review of letting down readers in breach of the paper's guidelines that it is necessary for journalists to declare interests in writing about something with which they have a significant connection including all active outside interests which, should they remain undeclared and become known, would cause a fair-minded reader to question the value of their contribution; and suggests that the Guardian's reputation would be enhanced by such a root and branch review.

1611 St Johnstone FC and the 2021 Scottish League Cup

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 15

Pete Wishart
Jonathan Edwards
Steven Bonnar
Douglas Chapman
Gavin Newlands
Alyn Smith

Jim Shannon

That this House warmly congratulates St Johnstone Football Club on winning the 2021 Scottish League Cup in a stunning victory against Livingston Football Club at Hampden Park; notes that this is the first time the League Cup has been won by the Perth club; commends club manager Callum Davidson on leading the team to victory in his first season in charge of the club; commends Shaun Rooney for his goal in the 32nd Minute; congratulates the fact that St Johnstone are now the second most successful club in Scotland over the past 10 years; and wishes St Johnstone well for the future.

1612 STEM for Britain Engineering Award

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 12

Carol Monaghan
Patrick Grady
Steven Bonnar
Douglas Chapman
Alyn Smith
Allan Dorans

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Bernard Cooper on winning the Gold Award in the Engineering section of the STEM For Britain annual poster competition; notes Mr Cooper's outstanding work on the development of a microscale cooling system for nanoscale quantum detectors; recognises the

world-leading expertise within Professor Robert Hadfield's quantum sensor group at the University of Glasgow; thanks Mr Cooper for his contribution to science in his role as researcher and doctoral student; and recognises the importance of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee's promotion of ground-breaking scientific research during British Science Week.

1613 North Lanarkshire Nursery Grant

Tabled: 10/03/21 Signatories: 5

Steven Bonnar
Carol Monaghan
Peter Grant
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows

That this House praises North Lanarkshire on becoming the first council in the UK to introduce a clothing and footwear grant for nursery children; recognises the positive impact this will have in providing extra support to the most vulnerable; and commends the efforts taken in tackling the scourge of child poverty.

1616 Mental Health Awareness Week

Tabled: 10/03/21 Signatories: 12

Dr Lisa Cameron
Claudia Webbe
Drew Hendry
Steven Bonnar
Jonathan Edwards
Hywel Williams

Jim Shannon

Marion Fellows

That this House recognises 10-16 May 2021 as Mental Health Awareness Week and congratulates the Mental Health Foundation for its 21st Mental Health Awareness Week, this year focused on nature and the environment; notes with concern the obstacles that have hindered people's access to nature especially during the pandemic; further notes with concern the 2017 Mental Health Foundation study that found that 65% have experienced a mental health problem recently recognising that this issue has been exacerbated by the pandemic with a study by the Office of National Statistics finding that the number of UK adults with symptoms of depression had doubled; recognises the importance of Mental Health Awareness Week in bringing mental health and wellbeing to the fore and applauds the efforts of all the volunteers and staff working in this sector.

1617 World Glaucoma Week

Tabled: 10/03/21 Signatories: 9

Steven Bonnar
Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards
Dr Lisa Cameron
Carol Monaghan
Neale Hanvey

Jim Shannon

Marion Fellows

That this House notes that March 7 to 13 March is World Glaucoma Week, a global initiative which raises awareness of glaucoma; commends the work of Optometry Scotland members in delivering essential community eyecare services in the detection of glaucoma and other eye diseases; and highlights the positive impact that optometry has had on patient care throughout the course of the covid-19 pandemic.

1618 Glenboig Development Trust

Tabled: 10/03/21 Signatories: 5

Steven Bonnar
Peter Grant
Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows

That this House recognises the ongoing hard work and endeavours of Glenboig Development Trust; commends its work with local school pupils in growing fresh fruit and vegetables; and highlights its efforts in helping to tackle the serious issue of food poverty.

1619 21st anniversary of the East Kilbride Youth Disability Sports Club

Tabled: 10/03/21 Signatories: 5

Dr Lisa Cameron
John McDonnell
Peter Grant
Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the 21st anniversary of the East Kilbride Youth Disability Sports Club, which since its founding in 1999 has helped countless young people, families, and carers get involved in sport through providing a service for those with disabilities that would otherwise not exist; highlights the fact that, since its founding the Club has been entirely volunteer-run and has won over 20 awards from official bodies in recognition of its work to encourage volunteering and participation in disability-inclusive sport, as well as for its enduring contribution to the community in and around East Kilbride; and draws attention to its unique multi-sports model and the tireless efforts of all its volunteers, and its chair Len Richardson in particular, to encourage and widen grassroots participation in sport and recreational activities for those with special needs and disabilities.

1620 S Collins & Son Butchers and the Scottish Butchers Shop of the Year award

Tabled: 10/03/21 Signatories: 5

Steven Bonnar
Peter Grant
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows

That the House warmly congratulates S Collins & Son Butchers of Muirhead on winning Scottish Butchers Shop of the Year for an unprecedented third time in the last decade; and notes that this achievement is a testament to the innovation, craft skills and quality of this independent family run butchers

1622 Clydebank Blitz 80th Anniversary

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 20

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Amy Callaghan
Ronnie Cowan
Carol Monaghan
Gavin Newlands
Mhairi Black

Jim Shannon

Marion Fellows

That this House remembers with respect and sadness the Clydebank Blitz, which commenced on the 13th March 1941, proportionally the worst blitzkrieg inflicted on the UK during world War II; recognises the official record of deaths caused by the two nights of bombing and the many more who died as a result of their injuries in the days, weeks and months that followed; salutes the courage of those in the fire, ambulance, military and other public services who acted so bravely including the miners of Scotland who travelled from far and wide to dig for survivors; and acknowledges the work of the citizens of Clydebank who through 80 yearly acts of remembrance have sought to remind the world of the horrors of war, the devastation of aerial bombardment and the need for peace and reconciliation between nations.

1623 Tanveer Ahmed Rafique

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 4

Sarah Owen
John McDonnell
Rachel Hopkins
Jim Shannon

This House expresses deep regret at reports of the worsening health of Kashmiri prisoner Tanveer Ahmed Rafique who is currently in a Pakistan-operated jail, and is a constituent of the member for Luton North; calls on Government ministers to provide an update on progress with his case; further requests that the UK government takes action to secure Tanveer's safety; and will continue to highlight the importance of this case until Tanveer's safety is secure and Government ministers have provided Tanveer's family with the reassurances about his safety and the information that they seek.

1624 UK's annual blossom season

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 9

Tracey Crouch
Catherine McKinnell
Wera Hobhouse
Sir Mike Penning
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates Britain's annual blossom season as one of the most beautiful in the world; recognises blossom's significance as a national symbol of spring, renewal and hope that all communities can enjoy, made all the important in the midst of the nation's effort to tackle coronavirus; notes the importance of trees and nature for tackling climate change and supporting physical and mental wellbeing; further notes that Hanami, the Japanese blossom season boosted its economy by about \$2.7 billion in 2018 and provides annual opportunities for connection with nature and tourism; and therefore welcomes the National Trust's #BlossomWatch campaign to celebrate and raise awareness of the arrival of spring and blossom nationwide

1625 East Renfrewshire Larder initiative

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 6

Kirsten Oswald
Steven Bonnar
Peter Grant
Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows

That this House acknowledges the tremendous work done by volunteers and community groups across East Renfrewshire and other areas throughout the pandemic; welcomes in particular the East Renfrewshire Larder (ERL) initiative, founded by Rachel Fishlock and Jennifer Lawrie, who were supported by Ceri Dodd, Rachel's colleague at Scottish Fire and Rescue; notes that ERL provides a confidential delivery service offering breakfast, lunch and dinner packages, as well as household goods and sanitary products, all of which are packed by volunteers operating from premises provided by Whitecraigs Rugby Club, which also provides financial support; endorses sentiments expressed by Rachel, herself a mother of four, when she said that many parents who need help would simply struggle on and go without to feed their kids, and that many people on their own simply have nowhere to turn; welcomes the fact that the ethos of ERL is that if someone is brave enough to ask for help then they need it; and recognises the vital role played by the wider community and the volunteers, without whose generous donations and time commitment the vital work done by ERL and other groups would not be possible.

1626 Auditory Verbal UK charity

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 5

Dr Lisa Cameron
John McDonnell
Peter Grant
Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the charity, Auditory Verbal UK and the vital work they do to transform the lives of deaf babies and young children across the UK; draws particular attention their highly specialised programme of Auditory Verbal therapy which is proven to be highly effective in delivering spoken language outcomes for young deaf children, with 80 per cent of children who spend two or more years on this programme achieving the same spoken language as typically hearing children; highlights how this success comes through a family centred, early intervention approach which could boost academic achievement and employment outcomes for deaf young people across the UK; and calls on the Government to expand the number of speech and language therapists and teachers of the deaf working in health and education services trained in Auditory Verbal practice with a view to families of deaf children having the opportunity to access such a programme through public funded services, as is the case in other countries worldwide

1627 Presidential elections in Ecuador

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 17

Richard Burgon
Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe

Jim Shannon

That this House notes that Ecuador is set to hold its presidential election run-off on 11 April 2021; further notes that Andrés Arauz, the progressive candidate for the Union for Hope movement comfortably won the first round in February and is favourite to win the run-off against Guillermo Lasso, a bank owner and candidate pursuing a neoliberal agenda; expresses concerns that some people, both inside and outside the country, are intervening in the process in what appears to be an attempt to prevent the elections from going ahead to thwart an Andrés Arauz victory; notes the concerns raised by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges on interference in the election process; condemns recent calls for the military to intervene in the electoral process; and believes the right of the Ecuadorian people to determine their future through free and fair elections on 11 April without any external intervention must be respected.

1628 GP surgeries and the private sector

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 12

Apsana Begum
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Wera Hobhouse
Zarah Sultana
Claudia Webbe
John McDonnell

Jim Shannon

That this House expresses alarm that Operose, a subsidiary of US health company Centene, has taken over AT Medics which has a large number of APMS contracts, including 49 GP practices; is concerned that the prioritisation of profit in the provision of NHS services will lead to a loss of more GP surgeries, will hurt the quality of care patients receive, and will further undermine the pay and conditions of those who work in GP surgeries and in the NHS; and calls for all outsourcing to the profit-driven private health sector to end and for the NHS to be returned to a publicly funded, publicly provided, comprehensive health care service, available to all that is free at the point of delivery.

1629 Young Carers Action Day

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 19

Ed Davey
Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards
Paul Blomfield
Daisy Cooper
Jamie Stone

Jim Shannon

Mohammad Yasin

That this House supports Young Carers Action Day, led by Carers Trust, which takes place on 16 March 2021; recognises the invaluable contribution more than 800,000 young carers make to their families and local communities across the UK; notes the Day's theme of Protect Young Carers' Futures, and the importance of employers and higher education recognising the incredible skills young people develop through being a carer; highlights the challenges young carers face and that the covid-19 outbreak has exacerbated many of these challenges; and calls on the Government to ensure that young carers get the support and services they need.

1631 Fundraising for healthy options

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 3

Brendan O'Hara
Peter Grant
Jim Shannon

That this House commends Argyll and Bute constituent Elizabeth Mason for her fundraising efforts for Healthy Options, a charity which supports the health journeys of people who have or are at risk of developing lifelong health conditions; congratulates Elizabeth on a successful recovery after her accident in 2018 and wishes her well on her continued physiotherapy; highlights that despite her injuries, Elizabeth has walked an average of 18,000 steps daily to raise funds for Healthy Options,

reaching a total of 496,145 in February, raising £1000 for the charity; and encourages anyone who can do so to donate to Elizabeth's local giving fundraising page.

1632 Retirement of Achahoish postmistress after 58 years of service

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 4

Brendan O'Hara
Peter Grant
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the career of Winifred Ryan, who ran the Achahoish Post Office from her home for almost 58 years; notes that on March 1st Winifred turned eighty-one and decided to retire as postmistress after 58 years in the role; thanks Winifred for her dedication to the postal service and to her local community; and wishes Winifred a restful and well-earned retirement after years of loyal service.

1633 Campbeltown police officers and International Women's Day honours

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 4

Brendan O'Hara
Steven Bonnar
Peter Grant
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates police officers in Campbeltown for receiving awards on International Women's Day, in recognition of their work keeping the local community safe; highlights Detective Constable Lindsay Wallace, who won police officer of the year and Police Constable Karen Cairns, who won the community service award at the Scottish Women's Development Forum on 8 March 2021; notes that the awards, held virtually due to the covid-19 outbreak, honour the contributions and achievements of police staff, officers and those who volunteer with Police Scotland; and recognises the hard work and dedication of Lindsay and Karen, alongside all women who work within Police Scotland.

1634 Death of Colin Reed, Station Master at Markinch Railway Station

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 5

Peter Grant
Neale Hanvey
Steven Bonnar
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows

That this House records its sadness at the sudden death of Colin Reed, well-kent face of Markinch Railway Station; expresses its appreciation of the wonderful customer service Colin provided to residents and visitors to Markinch during his many years served there as station master; highlights the way in which he went about his role with kindness and offering a friendly word for anyone who needed it including giving his personal telephone number to those who needed assistance and calling the elderly or those living in isolation for a friendly chat during the pandemic; notes the many tributes that have poured in for Colin over recent days from the hundreds of local people and those further afield who will remember him fondly and appreciated his daily efforts to put smiles on the faces of those travelling to and from Markinch; sends its condolences to his surviving family including his wife Effie of 33 years, and children Michael, Alex, Tracey, Karen and Claire

at this exceptionally difficult time; and remembers with affection the exceptional way that Colin carried out his role by going over and above for everyone he came across, and always with a smile on his face.

1635 Public Social Partnership for the Disability Employment Gap

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 8

Marion Fellows
Kirsten Oswald
Steven Bonnar
Peter Grant
Neale Hanvey
Kirsty Blackman

Jim Shannon

That this House commends the work of the Public Social Partnership for the Disability Employment Gap led by the Scottish Union of Supported Employment as lead partner; recognises it aims to increase employers' confidence, awareness and capacity to recruit and retain disabled people in their workforce; notes the innovative ways of working the partnership is undertaking to achieve these aims; endorses the importance of employing disabled people in the workforce and reducing the unacceptable employment gap; and notes that they will contribute to the Scottish Government's Fairer Scotland for Disabled People – Employment Action Plan's ambition to halve the Disability Employment Gap by 2038.

1636 Sarah Everard and women's safety

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 18

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ms Diane Abbott
Florence Eshalomi
Helen Hayes
Ms Harriet Harman
Christine Jardine

Jim Shannon

Mohammad Yasin

Ian Lavery

That this House expresses deep concern for the disappearance of Sarah Everard, a young woman who went missing in Clapham as she was walking home on the 3rd March; extends thoughts and prayers to Sarah's family and friends at this difficult time; notes with great sadness that women's safety remains a serious issue; and believes that in 2021, women should not have to fear that harm may come to them if they are walking by themselves; is appalled by the results of a recent YouGov poll which found that 97 per cent of women aged 18-24 have been sexually harassed and 80 per cent of women of all ages have experienced sexual harassment in a public space; stands in solidarity with all women who have survived harassment, assault and violence; believes that more resources should be dedicated to violence against women and girls; is disgusted by the victim shaming heard since Sarah Everard's disappearance; and strongly refutes any suggestions that the onus should fall on women to change their behaviour to prevent becoming victims of an attack.

1637 Local Government funding (No. 2)

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 9

Jon Trickett
John McDonnell
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Rachel Hopkins [R]
Navendu Mishra

Jim Shannon

Mohammad Yasin

Ian Lavery

That this House notes with concern research by the National Audit Office which states that 25 Local Councils are on the brink of bankruptcy; notes with further concern research from the NAO which found that 94 per cent of English councils expect to cut spending next year to meet budget requirements; notes that a decade of austerity has reduced the spending power of councils by a third, leaving local government ill-prepared to cope during a health pandemic which has seen demand for local services rise; expresses disappointment that no announcement was forthcoming in the Budget regarding councils' public health grant, nor to address the need for a further £2.6 billion in funding the Local Government Association have estimated will be required to cover cost pressures faced by Councils due to Covid-19; believes local authorities have a vital role to play in rebuilding community resilience as part of a post Covid-19 recovery; and therefore calls on the Government provide the necessary funding to ensure Local Councils are able to meet all extra cost pressures and income losses and rebuild their communities without making further cuts to services.

1638 Rail fares

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 9

Jon Trickett
John McDonnell
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Rachel Hopkins
Navendu Mishra

Jim Shannon

Mohammad Yasin

Ian Lavery

That this House notes the recent rise in rail fares in England and Wales of 2.6 per cent; notes with concern that this rise means rail fares have risen above RPI inflation for the first time since 2013; condemns increasing the price of train travel at a time when millions of people are suffering financially; notes that since 2010 the price of a regional season ticket has risen by 38 per cent; believes that a better way to encourage passengers back to using the railway post lockdown would be by reducing prices rather than raising them; and calls on the Government to freeze the price of rail fares whilst offering discounts to entice customers back onto trains.

1639 Kashmir

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 5

Layla Moran
John McDonnell
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Mohammad Yasin

That this House affirms that UK foreign policy should promote the values of human rights and equality internationally; expresses concern regarding the long-standing conflict between India and

Pakistan over Kashmir; states that the June 2018 Report by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and its update in July 2019, the revocation in August 2019 of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, and continuing reports of human rights abuses, are a cause for alarm; and therefore urges both the Indian and Pakistani governments to enter into a process of peace and reconciliation; and calls upon the Government to support UN inspection and engagement to assist cooperation between India and Pakistan to secure a peaceful and sustainable solution to the conflict.

1640 Peace and accountability in Libya

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 4

Margaret Ferrier
Jonathan Edwards
Steven Bonnar
Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the UN-sponsored intra-Libyan political talks to agree a unified governance framework and ensure a lasting peace; notes with deep concern the serious war crimes and human rights violations that have been committed by the warring parties in the protracted conflict in Libya since 2011; stresses the importance of justice for the many victims of these widespread violations, by ensuring there are effective investigations and prosecutions of the alleged perpetrators, believed to include British nationals who were former Royal Marine commandos and involved in mercenary operations for the Libyan National Army led by Khalifa Haftar; further notes the reports of drone strikes and attacks on civilians in Libya and other violations committed by foreign countries which should also be investigated; supports the work of the Fact-finding Mission on Libya established by the UN Human Rights Council, and other initiatives to ensure meaningful accountability; further supports the call by the UN Mission in Libya for the immediate closure of migrant detention centres in that country, further to reports of arbitrary detention, torture, extrajudicial killings and sexual violence; and urges the Government to work with others in the international community to secure accountability for these violations and for countries and mercenaries, including British nationals, who have supported the warring parties.

1641 Covid-19 deaths in Fife

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 3

Douglas Chapman
Jim Shannon
Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House acknowledges the first deaths officially linked to covid-19 in Fife occurred a year ago in the week of 14 March 2020; recognises hundreds of other Fife residents have tragically lost their life due to covid-19 in the year since; and pays tribute to all those who have passed, all those who are mourning a friend or a loved one and the teams of people across NHS Fife and other public services who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve our citizens.

1642 Carr's Flour in Kirkcaldy

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 2

Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Carr's Flour in Kirkcaldy for their recent success at the Food Manufacture Excellence Awards where they were crowned Ingredients Manufacturing Company of the Year; recognises the Kirkcaldy mill's long history of flour production dating back to 1826; and

commends Carr's staff who, when the covid-19 pandemic hit and demand for retail flour exploded, worked to dramatically increase production while maintaining social distancing and additional hygiene requirements.

1643 Bravery of PC Callum Forbes

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 5

Neale Hanvey
Sir Mike Penning
Steven Bonnar
Jim Shannon
Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House recognises the bravery shown by Cowdenbeath police officer, PC Callum Forbes, during a violent confrontation where a victim had been attacked last year; and congratulates PC Forbes on being honoured at the prestigious Chief Constable's Bravery and Excellence Awards for 2020 which were held virtually on 2 March 2021.

1644 Nicole Wallace, Apprentice Ambassador of the Year finalist

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 4

Neale Hanvey
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House congratulates Nicole Wallace from Lochgelly on being named as a finalist in the Apprentice Ambassador of the Year category at the Scottish Apprenticeship Awards; recognises that Nicole used her own training as a modern apprentice to help her employer adapt to the challenges of the covid-19 pandemic and was involved in a project to develop learning materials for new apprentices to be able to join the business virtually; applauds Nicole for this well-deserved recognition; and wishes her every success in her future career.

1645 Celebration of St Patrick's Day

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 7

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Paul Girvan
Carla Lockhart
Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House notes the celebration of St Patrick's Day; highlights that the gospel message St Patrick left his home to spread to those in Ireland remains true for each of us throughout the world today; and urges people to emulate Patrick's love for God and for each other as we remember St Patrick's Day in a socially distanced and safe way this year.

1647 Reduction of free plastic toys

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Liz Saville Roberts
 Hywel Williams
 Ben Lake
 Jonathan Edwards
 Kirsty Blackman
 Jim Shannon

Dr Lisa Cameron

Mohammad Yasin

That this House recognises the efforts of ten-year-old Skye Neville from Fairbourne, Gwynedd for her campaign encouraging magazine and comic publishers to stop giving away plastic toys with their publications; further recognises that nearly three thousand people have so far signed her online petition drawing attention to the devastating impact discarded plastic is having on our oceans and natural environment; applauds Skye for her passionate advocacy of environmental issues, her involvement in local litter picks and her family's commitment to recycling; welcomes steps by fast food giant McDonalds to stop putting plastic toys in their Happy Meals; and calls on the Government to encourage publishers to make their magazines more environmentally friendly and reduce their carbon footprint.

1648 Anniversary of the death of John Chadwick

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 4

Andrew Rosindell
 Margaret Ferrier
 Jim Shannon
 Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House marks the anniversary of the death of John Chadwick, who took his life on 16 March 2017, after he was forced to give up his pets to move into temporary accommodation; reflects on his life and the happiness he brought to those around him; acknowledges the joy that pets can provide to all, especially to the vulnerable; applauds the tireless campaigning by Dee Bonett to raise awareness of this issue; laments the fact that 200 pets are abandoned every year to Battersea Dogs & Cats Home due to accommodation no pets clauses; and calls on councils nationwide to adopt more humane pets policies when offering temporary accommodation to those at risk of homelessness and rough sleeping.

1649 Celebrating the work of Townhead Village Hall during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 3

Alison Thewliss
 Jim Shannon
 Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House celebrates the fantastic work and dedication of the team at Townhead Village Hall in going above and beyond to support their local community during the covid-19 outbreak; appreciates that they have been vital in providing residents with free weekly food deliveries, including making deliveries on Christmas and New Years Day; recognises the success of their collaboration with Glasgow City Centre Salvation Army to deliver ready meals to the most vulnerable; further recognises the successful partnership with Human Appeal which saw them redistribute warm coats and jackets as part of the Warm-Up Glasgow campaign; and thanks the

whole team for keeping spirits up with their home visits, food deliveries and online competitions, and for being a source of comfort and camaraderie during these difficult times.

1650 Support for the travel industry

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 4

Christine Jardine
Steven Bonnar
Jim Shannon
Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House acknowledges the struggle of the travel industry as one of the hardest hit sectors by the covid-19 pandemic; appreciates the estimated value of both outbound travel, £37 billion, and inbound travel, £28 billion, to the economy; expresses its concern over the lack of specific support for the thousands of businesses in the travel sector; recognises the unique status of many businesses which only receive payments from guests at the point of departure not at the point of sale; further recognises the considerable economic and personal cost of businesses having healthy savings, pre-pandemic, to having now incurred considerable debt at no fault of their own; realises that many businesses will not survive another summer of restrictions without specific support; acknowledges that businesses need clarity and time to prepare for the imposition of quarantine restrictions on international travel; notes the impact of erratic changes to Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office travel advice on consumer confidence and insurance coverage; further notes calls from the travel industry on the importance of a four nations approach when imposing restrictions; and calls on the Government to make funding available to address the specific needs of the travel sector.

1651 Four day working week

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 4

Jonathan Edwards
Steven Bonnar
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon

That this House notes that the aftermath of the covid-19 pandemic and the automation revolution will transform working practices in the UK and across the world; believes that economic and social models need to adapt to meet the challenges of the future, as opposed to reasserting the old normal; further notes with interest the trialling of a four day, 32 hour, working week in Spain; considers that a four day working week could help increase productivity, improve the mental wellbeing of workers, and help meet climate emission targets; and calls on the Government to publish a Green Paper to set out how future working practices, including flexible working and a four day working week, could form part of the wider Government strategy to level up the economy and address the imbalances between capital and labour.

1652 Impact of allowing gene-editing and divergence from EU food standards

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Ian Mearns
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Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker

Kate Osborne
 Rebecca Long Bailey
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Mick Whitley
 Ian Lavery
 Kim Johnson

Rachel Hopkins
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That this House has grave concerns over the Government's proposal to authorise in England the use of gene-editing technologies in agriculture and food and drink manufacturing; notes that, since Brexit, any substantial regulatory divergence between the UK and EU poses a major threat to UK exports into European markets, and also for the export of goods from mainland UK ports into Northern Ireland; shares the concern of Unite the Union that such divergence from the approach of EU regulation over gene-editing would have yet more catastrophic impacts including the loss of thousands of jobs and undermining of the Northern Ireland protocol; observes that agriculture is a devolved issue within the UK context, but that, in the event of gene-editing being allowed in England, Scottish and Welsh products without gene-edited ingredients could still be denied access to EU markets; fears the impact that the aggressive commercial exploitation of gene-editing technologies would have on poor farmers in the global south, and on distracting Western governments from addressing the structural causes of climate change; and therefore believes that the Government's approach to this issue must continue to be subject to the precautionary principle, must not be made in the absence of a robust scientific evidence-base on the long-term impacts of such technologies, must not allow multinational corporations to exert undue influence via proprietary rights, and must not pre-empt decision-making by the devolved nations or the UK's European partners.

1653 Celebrating fifty years of the Campaign for Real Ale

Tabled: 16/03/21 Signatories: 4

Daisy Cooper
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Mike Penning

That this House congratulates the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), headquartered in St Albans, on their 50th anniversary; commends the organisation and its members for their tireless campaigning in support of the unique heritage of real ale, cider and perry found in the British Isles; further congratulates them for their successes over the last half century in protecting our brewing traditions and striving for greater quality and variety of cask ales; recognises their role in lobbying producers and government on behalf of consumers; celebrates their longstanding campaign to protect and enhance pubs and clubs; commends their ongoing work to provide information, education and training to all those with an interest in pubs, beer, cider and perry; extends thanks for CAMRA's advocacy on behalf of the pub and brewing sectors, especially during the Covid-19 crisis that continues to endanger our unique pub and brewing heritage; and wishes them every success for the next fifty years.

1654 Neurodiversity celebration week

Tabled: 16/03/21 Signatories: 4

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Rachel Hopkins

That this House recognizes Neurodiversity Celebration week which commences on March 15th; understands 720,000 children celebrate Neurodiversity week worldwide; acknowledges that at least 15% of children in the U.K have a learning difference; notes that a lot of neurodiverse children have negative school experiences; further recognizes it's important to change the narrative surrounding developmental difficulties, including ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia and Dyspraxia; understands that neurodiversity is a strength and applauds the creativity and innovation of our neurodiverse children; celebrates the work of the founder and campaigner Siena Castellon of neurodiversity celebration week who recently won the Commonwealth Youth Award; and further notes the importance of championing neurodiversity and challenging stigma associated with developmental difficulty.