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Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 21 October 2021

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New EDMs

554 The Imprisonment of Craig Murray

Tabled: 21/10/21 Signatories: 2

Neale Hanvey
Kenny MacAskill

That this House notes with deep concern that Craig Murray is the first journalist in 70 years to have been imprisoned in Scotland for media contempt of court and the first and only person to be imprisoned for jigsaw identification; further notes the inequality in Scots law which sees him treated more punitively as a civil prisoner than if he were to have been convicted of a criminal offence; regrets the failure of the Scottish Government to bring forward secondary legislation to address this inequality and further regrets that the request by the Craig Murray Justice Committee, the international whistleblowing community and the award winning human rights journalist and documentary maker John Pilger, for the release of Craig Murray on compassionate grounds, has not been considered by the relevant authorities.

555 The Mochrie brothers of Kilbirnie

Tabled: 21/10/21 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House commemorates on 11 November 2021 the 103rd anniversary of the 1918 armistice, which ended the First World War; acknowledges the heavy sacrifice in that appalling conflict; recognises that every community across the UK and countless families suffered grievously; believes that few families endured as much as the Mochrie family of Kilbirnie, Ayrshire, which had five brothers serving in the British Army, three of whom, 19 year-old Private Robert Mochrie of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, 21-year-old Private Matthew Mochrie of the Cameronians, and 28 year-old Corporal James Mochrie of the Gordon Highlanders, were all tragically killed on the first day of the Battle of Loos on 25 September 1915, along with thousands of their compatriots; further notes that 36 year-old Private Andrew Mochrie, also of the Cameronians, was killed at the Battle of Arras on 9

June 1917; is aware that John Mochrie, of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment, survived the conflict as did his sister, Euphemia, a nurse with Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps, whose son, William McKim, was killed serving on HMS Hood in the Second World War; understands that many of us are the descendants or relatives of those who have bravely fought and died for their country and/or those lucky enough to return home, often maimed and traumatised, to an uncertain future; and recognises that it is the country's solemn duty both to remember them and to commemorate their sacrifices.

556 Government response to the recommendations of the First Do No Harm report

Tabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **1**

Emma Hardy

That this House notes the Government's response to the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review, First Do No Harm; notes with disappointment its failure to implement all nine recommendations in full; further notes that the creation of a new independent Redress Agency for people harmed by medicines and medical devices has been refused outright and that, despite the clear findings of the Report, there is no offer of compensation for any of the victims or their families; notes that the recommended mandatory reporting of all financial and non-pecuniary interests and relevant payments involving healthcare professionals is proposed not on a single database as recommended, but dispersed on individual employer's websites; notes with concern calls from the pharmaceutical industry for the Secretary of State to use the Medicines and Medical Devices Act 2021 to mandate rapid timelines for regulatory approvals in the face of the Report's findings of the suppression of negative research and outcomes, and the silencing of patient voices; notes the lack of commitment to mandatory reporting, underpinned by legislation, of all payments made to teaching hospitals, research institutions and individual clinicians by the pharmaceutical and medical device industries; and calls on the Government to reconsider its response and to implement all nine recommendations in their entirety and to ensure patient safety remains paramount in any changes to regulatory approval frameworks.

557 Paul McNeill awarded for Outstanding Contribution to Education for Dyslexia

Tabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **1**

Amy Callaghan

That this House congratulates East Dunbartonshire resident, Paul McNeill, on winning the prestigious award of Outstanding Contribution to Education for Dyslexia at the Potential Unlock Awards 2021; understands that Mr McNeill, his wife, Julie McNeill, and author/illustrator Rossie Stone recently published the book Mission Dyslexia which aims to provide a fun, interactive way for families and children to develop their own strategies for learning; recognises that Mr McNeill draws on his own experiences growing up with dyslexia to help make a difference and serves as an inspiration to many; notes that Mission Dyslexia has been received as a high quality SEN resource by families and educational practitioners across the UK; thanks all those who have supported Mr and Mrs McNeill's efforts with this project; and looks forward to seeing what they will continue to achieve through their activism and future publications.

558 Commemoration of John BatemanTabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **1****Amy Callaghan**

That this House commemorates the work of engineer John Bateman who revolutionised the Greater Glasgow Area's water supply, ridding the city of typhoid and cholera in the 1850s; notes the campaign from East Dunbartonshire group Friends of Milngavie Reservoir and the Institution of Civil Engineers to have Mr Bateman commemorated; understands that a new plaque has been unveiled at Mugdock Reservoir in Milngavie to commemorate Mr Bateman; and thanks all those who continue to pay tribute to John Bateman and the significant contribution he made to the water industry and Greater Glasgow.

559 Scottish Space StrategyTabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **1****Douglas Chapman**

That this House welcomes the Scottish Space Strategy announcement made by the Scottish Government at Expo 2020 in Dubai to position Scotland as a global leader for commercial space developments and its intention to collaborate with enterprise agencies, industry group Space Scotland and the Scottish Space Academic Forum to create an ambitious space industry ecosystem in Scotland; and further welcomes support for space-related exports, to create the largest launch capability in Europe and the intention to develop a world-leading environmental strategy for Scotland's space industry, from reducing emissions to supporting the use of satellite data for environmental monitoring.

560 Crown Estate (Devolution to Wales) BillTabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **3****Liz Saville Roberts****Ben Lake****Hywel Williams**

That this House welcomes the presentation of the Crown Estate (Devolution to Wales) Bill, laid on 21 June 2021, that would devolve management of the Crown Estate and its assets in Wales to the Welsh Government; recognises that since 2017, management of the Crown Estate and its assets in Scotland have been devolved to the Scottish Government; further recognises that the First Minister of Wales, Mark Drakeford, has outlined the potential benefits of gaining control of the Crown Estate, describing it as a direct tool the Scottish Government are able to deploy in their efforts to tackle the climate emergency; notes that the value of the Crown Estate's renewable assets in Wales grew from £49.2m in 2020 to £549.1m in 2021; believes that Wales' offshore renewable energy assets offer a historic opportunity for the Welsh economy and that devolving management of the Crown Estate would ensure that the people of Wales benefit directly from the green transition; further believes that devolving these powers would be consistent with existing Welsh Government responsibilities including achieving net-zero and overall economic development; and therefore calls on the Government to support the Crown Estate (Devolution to Wales) Bill.

561 Cambuslang COP26 Campaign

Tabled: 21/10/21 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House recognises both Cambuslang and Halfway Community Councils for their joint initiative, the Cambuslang COP26 Campaign; commends their work to clean up the local environment, collecting 26 bags of litter for 26 days in the run up to COP26; notes the importance of this work in protecting natural habitats and keeping Cambuslang and Halfway clean; and gives particular recognition to the staff and students at Cathkin High School, Trinity High School, West Coats Primary School, James Aiton Primary School, St Bride's Primary School, St Cadoc's Primary School, Cairns Primary School, Park View Primary School, Hallside Primary School, St Charles Primary School and Newton Farm Primary School.

562 John Ystumllun

Tabled: 21/10/21 Signatories: 1

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House remembers the life and legacy of John Ystumllun, the first recorded black person in North Wales following his abduction as a child from western Africa in the 18th century; also remembers his marriage to Margaret Gruffydd as the first recorded mixed marriage in Wales; celebrates the launch of a dedicated rose in his honour by Harkness Roses and We Too Built Britain; notes that this is the first rose to be dedicated to an ethnic minority person in the UK; encourages gardeners everywhere to plant the John Ystumllun rose as a symbol of friendship and love, kindness and community; and further celebrates this fresh approach in sharing John Ystumllun's story to a global audience as part of Black History Month.

563 Holmhills Wood Community Park

Tabled: 21/10/21 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House recognises the award of Local Nature Reserve status to Holmhills Wood Community Park in Cambuslang; further recognises the beauty of the park and its extensive habitats, flora and fauna; notes its listing as a potential Local Nature Conservation site; congratulates the members of Cambuslang Community Council, Friends of Holmhills Community Group and local schools and residents on this excellent achievement; and commends their sustained and continued effort towards this goal and to improve the local environment through activities such as litter picking.

564 Rutherglen's Old Oak Inn

Tabled: 21/10/21 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates the Old Oak Inn in Rutherglen on its success at the National Pub and Bar Awards, earning the titles of best establishment in South Lanarkshire; recognises the contribution of their excellent retail experience, customer service, best practice and individual entrepreneurship in this success; further recognises the hard work of boss Craig Speirs, bar manager Danielle Boyle and all the staff in maintaining the businesses high standards; and wishes them all the best in their future endeavours.

565 Carbon Capture and Storage at St Fergus, Aberdeenshire

Tabled: 21/10/21 Signatories: 2

Neale Hanvey
Kenny MacAskill

That this House condemns the decision by the UK Government not to proceed with the Acorn carbon capture and storage facility at St Fergus in Aberdeenshire which proposed taking and storing carbon dioxide from the Goldeneye field in the North Sea and the refinery in Grangemouth to be stored in the north east of Scotland; believes that St Fergus was best placed of all of the locations in the UK to deliver carbon capture, utilisation and storage given the existing infrastructure, the skills and expertise available and the capacity for CO2 storage in the North Sea; laments the failure to grasp the opportunity for oil and gas companies, domestic supply chain businesses and the wider economy to utilise the considerable skills and expertise of those currently employed in the oil and gas sector to create thousands of green jobs in the future; views this decision as the third deeply cynical and politically motivated betrayal of the communities of the north east of Scotland to have taken place, including by a Conservative Government in 2015 and a Labour Prime Minister and Chancellor in 2007; believes these decisions to be the price of the Union which has seen Scotland send £350 billion since the 1980s to the UK Treasury in oil and gas revenues with zero return rather than making a significant contribution to achieving the ambition of net zero.

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.

481 Campaign to secure the future of the Covid Memorial Wall

Tabled: 23/09/21 Signatories: 70

Afzal Khan
Jack Dromey
Paula Barker
Allan Dorans
Mr Virendra Sharma
Alison Thewliss

Debbie Abrahams
Ed Davey
Jonathan Edwards
Mary Kelly Foy
Stephen Doughty
Marsha De Cordova
Paul Girvan

Peter Dowd
Ms Diane Abbott
Sir George Howarth
Charlotte Nichols
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Kate Green

Daniel Zeichner
Lilian Greenwood
Martyn Day
Kate Hollern
Grahame Morris
Vicky Foxcroft

That this House welcomes the creation of the Covid Memorial Wall on Albert Embankment by Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice; notes that this memorial now includes over 150,000 hand-painted hearts to symbolise all those who lost their lives during the coronavirus pandemic; praises the work of Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice for supporting bereaved families during this time and extends its sympathies to all those grieving the loss of a loved one; thanks all the volunteers who have been working to restore the Covid Memorial Wall which has now begun to fade due to

weather exposure; supports the calls for the Covid Memorial Wall to remain a permanent site of remembrance for all those died as a result of Covid-19; and hopes the Government will facilitate the continuation of the memorial site and secure its future.

483 **Mandatory labelling system for plastic present in clothing and accessories**

Tabled: **23/09/21** Signatories: **16**

Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Alison Thewliss
Sir Peter Bottomley
Wera Hobhouse
Liz Saville Roberts

Patricia Gibson

That this House notes the fashion industry's significant contribution to global plastic pollution; recognises that some 60 per cent of material made into clothing is plastic, with more than a third of all microplastics released into the ocean deriving from these synthetic fibres; further notes that some 70 million barrels of oil are used each year to make polyester; further recognises that a single clothes wash flushes an average of nine million microfibrils into our oceans; is concerned at a recent survey which found that 72 per cent of the UK public were not aware of the amount of plastic used to make clothing, and 66 per cent were not aware of clothing's impact on plastic pollution; backs campaign group A Plastic Planet's calls for transparency in the fashion industry on its use of plastic; believes that clear labelling is necessary to empower the public to make informed choices on whether to buy clothing based on its environmental impact; recognises that some 81 per cent of the UK public would like the Government to make it mandatory for brands to introduce a label that clearly shows if plastic is present in clothing and accessories; and calls on the Government to introduce this labelling system.

485 **East Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau 50th anniversary**

Tabled: **23/09/21** Signatories: **9**

Kirsten Oswald
Patrick Grady
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
John Nicolson

Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates East Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau on reaching its 50th Anniversary; acknowledges that the charity, which offers free, confidential and independent advice to local people on any problem, has been serving East Renfrewshire since opening its doors on 1 November 1971; echoes the words of Rory Mair, chair of Citizens Advice Scotland, who described this as an extraordinary milestone for East Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau and truly humbling to think of all the people in the area who have been helped by the efforts of current staff and volunteers, and their predecessors; recognises that East Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau is a valued member of the Citizens Advice family in Scotland and respected by local elected members and other stakeholders; and extends best wishes to Citizens Advice Bureau manager Teresa O'Hara and all concerned with the Bureau, who remain focused on the job of helping people in East Renfrewshire.

490 Ban on trophy hunting imports (No. 2)Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **30**

Andrew Rosindell
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Hywel Williams
Christina Rees
Dr Lisa Cameron

Mr Clive Betts

Kate Osborne

Paul Girvan

That this House express its great sadness at the tragic death of Sir David Amess MP while serving his constituents; pays tribute to his many years of tireless service to the people of Basildon and Southend and to the many causes of which he was a powerful champion, including the welfare of animals; recalls that Sir David was most recently campaigning for a ban on trophy hunting imports into the UK, including the tabling of EDM86 entitled Ban on trophy hunting imports; notes that the Government first set out its plans to introduce such a ban in the Queen's Speech of October 2019; calls on the Government to now implement that ban as quickly as possible as a fitting tribute to Sir David; notes the strong support for such a ban among the general public, with opinion polls showing 85 per cent of voters wish to see a total ban on all trophy hunting imports; reiterates Sir David's call in EDM86 for the Government to ensure that legislation covers all species whose trophies are imported into the UK; and urges the Government to ensure that the legislation includes an effective enforcement regime with tough punitive measures for offenders including custodial sentences.

492 Baby Loss Awareness Week 2021Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **43**

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Hannah Bardell
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Neale Hanvey

Tony Lloyd
 Ian Blackford

Richard Thomson

Martyn Day

That this House recognises that Baby Loss Awareness Week took place from 9 to 15 October 2021; offers sincere sympathy to those families who have lost precious babies; acknowledges that stillbirth, miscarriage, and infant loss is a tragedy which governments across the UK must work to prevent; pays tribute to all the charities and organisations which support parents and families through the ordeal of losing a baby; and calls on the Government to ensure that greater support is offered to parents before, during and after the loss of their child.

494 Aviation noiseTabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **5**

Sarah Olney
Jim Shannon
Layla Moran
John McDonnell
Douglas Chapman

That this House acknowledges the winding down of (Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise) ICCAN, the body established by the Department for Transport to provide independent representation for overflown communities; laments the lack of representation overflown communities will now have on aviation noise issues; accepts the importance of the public having both confidence in the noise data being published and trust in the impartiality of the airspace change process; recognises that it is not clear how the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) can now be both the regulator responsible for approving airspace change and provide independent analysis of the impacts on local communities; and calls on the Department for Transport to commit to establishing a new independent voice on aviation noise, provide clarity about which of ICCAN's functions are being transferred to the CAA and strengthen the CAA's statutory duties on noise to ensure it can deliver reductions in noise pollution.

497 Abolishing VAT on energy billsTabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **8**

Robert Halfon
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
John McDonnell
Patricia Gibson
Kenny MacAskill

Neale Hanvey

Kate Hollern

That this House recognises the need to take back control of the UK's taxes following the UK's departure from the EU and abolish VAT on energy bills; notes that cutting VAT on energy bills to zero could save households up to £65 on their energy bills; further notes that during the 2016 EU referendum campaign both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster stressed that energy bills would be lower after the UK left the EU; and calls on the Government to abolish VAT on energy bills and cut the cost of living for hard-pressed families across the UK.

499 White Ribbon Scotland funding from the Delivering Equally Safe FundTabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **9**

Owen Thompson [R]
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows
Chris Law

Patricia Gibson

Ian Blackford

That this House congratulates White Ribbon Scotland on its most recent funding award from the Scottish Government; celebrates that White Ribbon Scotland has been awarded £75,000 per year over the next two years from the Scottish Government's Delivering Equally Safe Fund; notes that this fund, which is running from 1st October 2021 to 30 September 2023, seeks to support third

sector organisations and public bodies contribute to the objectives, priorities, and outcomes of the Equally Safe strategy to tackle violence against women and girls; recognises the stellar work done by White Ribbon Scotland engaging with men and boys to end violence against women, particularly in seeking to prevent violence before it happens; and calls on all men to take White Ribbon's promise to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.

502 **Bombay Spice award for best takeaway in Scotland**

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **6**

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Chris Stephens
Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates Bonnyrigg-based Indian and Bangladeshi takeaway Bombay Spice on being awarded Best Takeaway in Scotland at the Currylife Awards in London on 10 October 2021; understands that the awards seek to reward and recognise the very best of the UK's curry industry and those who show innovation and inspiration in their work; notes that Bombay Spice is part of an established group of award winning Indian Restaurants serving Midlothian and Edinburgh for a generation; sends congratulations to owner Ruhul Amin and his son and general manager Jamil Amin, who collected the award on his behalf; and expresses best wishes for the business' future to Bombay Spice and its staff.

508 **South Western Railway timetable**

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **6**

Marsha De Cordova
Ian Mearns
Jim Shannon
Grahame Morris
John McDonnell
Andy McDonald

That this House notes the timetable proposed by South Western Railway, due to be implemented in December 2022, would cut hundreds of peak and off-peak suburban and mainline services; further notes that the passenger surveys on which the reduced timetable is based were conducted at the beginning of the covid-19 pandemic and during national lockdowns, when passengers were warned against using the railway; expresses concern that the consultation fails to reference Network Rail's South West Mainline Study in sufficient detail, which provided detailed scenario planning for the South West Mainline alongside detailed projection of passenger demand and which in every scenario proposed to increase service levels and the number of trains per hour; acknowledges that this country is facing a climate crisis, is hosting COP26 climate talks, and that railways are vital in reducing climate emissions; recognises the need for a massive investment in public transport; and calls upon the Government to intervene to protect, maintain and enhance rail services.

510 Work of the roadside rescue and recovery industry

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 4

Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon
Tim Farron
Paul Girvan

That this House recognises the vital work of the roadside rescue and recovery industry which ensures roads are kept safe and clear; notes that part of the industry's work involves carrying out recovery and storage under the direction of the Police or highways authorities; notes that fees charged for this type of work are controlled by Government regulations and are known as Statutory Fees and that these were last reviewed in 2008; further notes that an increasing proportion of these fees are being taken by the police and highways authorities, notes it is common for the recovery operator undertaking the recovery work to receive a fraction of the actual Statutory Fee resulting in a situation where operators receive less payment for a job than in 2008 despite Government guidance that these fees should not be a revenue generator for the police and highways authorities; recognises that the industry's ability to undertake work covered by Statutory Fees is at breaking point and that spiralling maintenance and other costs since 2008 combined with other issues such as the increasing popularity and costs of recovering Electric Vehicles are adding to the pressure; and urges Government to address these issues and ensure a fair system of Statutory Fees that defines the role and income of both authorities and operators, accounts for the costs and risks of recovering and storing electric vehicles and the costs of operating sophisticated SOCO compliant facilities required by the police.

511 Greyhound Retirement Scheme

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 6

Andrew Rosindell
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Patricia Gibson
Douglas Chapman
Mohammad Yasin

That this House notes the success in its first year, of the Greyhound Board of Great Britain's (GBGB) Greyhound Retirement Scheme (GRS); celebrates that, in the last 12 months, nearly 9,000 greyhounds have been enrolled in the scheme and benefitted from their owners and GBGB providing financial support so that they can be successfully retired and rehomed; congratulates the 126 rehoming centres from across the animal welfare charity sector that have partnered the scheme in its first year and benefitted from the financial support and investment available through the GRS; notes that the GBGB has contributed over £1 million to the scheme funded primarily by the bookmaking industry; urges all UK bookmakers to build on their existing commitment to greyhound welfare by contributing at least 1.5 per cent of turnover to the British Greyhound Racing Fund; and congratulates families and dog lovers across the country on their choice of retired racing greyhounds as pets, giving these amazing, athletic dogs a forever home.

512 Suppression of democratic opposition in Turkey

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 8

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Jim Shannon
Navendu Mishra
Kim Johnson
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Stephens

Mohammad Yasin

That this House calls on Turkey to end its attacks on democracy and democratically elected politicians, trade unions, human rights advocates, journalists, academics, and lawyers; notes the intensifying suppression and criminalisation of democratic opposition in Turkey by the AKP Government under President Erdogan; further notes that opposition MPs, particularly HDP representatives, trade unionists, and advocates for democracy are being imprisoned through dismantling the rule of law, removal of parliamentary protections and active intervention in the judicial decisions, the attacks on women's rights and the violence used against women protestors; notes that former co-leader HDP Selahattin Demirtas and activist Osman Kavala remain in prison despite lack of evidence and successfully appealing the prosecution's allegations; and further notes that the significant dismantling of democratic processes, freedom of speech and fundamental human rights must cease immediately.

513 Delays in the administration of the State Pension

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 11

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows
Chris Law

Douglas Chapman

Kate Hollern

That this House is deeply concerned about the delays being experienced by new pensioners in receiving State Pension payments to which they are entitled, with many still to receive their payments over a month after reaching State Pension age; notes that pensioner poverty has recently risen to a 15-year high of 18 per cent, meaning that around 2.1 million pensioners across the UK are now living in poverty; further notes that the State Pension is a lifeline for many and any delays in receiving payments have the potential to cause severe hardship; recognises that delays are particularly upsetting for women born in the 1950s who, after being forced to wait six years for their pension, finally reach State Pension age, only to find they face unacceptable delays due to poor service from the Department for Work and Pensions; and therefore calls on the Government to urgently investigate and address the ongoing delays in State Pension payments for new pensioners.

519 Regulation of the online pornography industryTabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **5**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Patricia Gibson
Kate Hollern

That this House is concerned by the lack of regulation of online pornography websites, which enable illegal and non-consensual videos to be uploaded as user-generated content and allows easy viewing access to children; notes that a recent representative survey by the Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation (CEASE) found that more than 80 per cent of the public want strict laws to ensure people featured in pornography have given their consent before videos can be uploaded; further notes that 86 per cent of the public would support laws to stop children viewing pornographic content online; is concerned that simulated abuse in pornography videos normalises sexual violence and misogyny; and calls for the Government to introduce age verification for accessing pornography websites, and to use the Online Safety Bill to introduce regulation to ensure that pornography sites stop hosting legal but harmful and extreme pornography, and ensure that anyone featured in an online pornography video has given their express permission.

520 Automated external defibrillators and VATTabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **8**

John Nicolson
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows
Chris Law

Patricia Gibson

That this House believes all automated external defibrillators should be exempt from VAT; acknowledges that this was not previously possible under EU laws; recognises that many local groups do not qualify for current exemptions, which puts further pressure on fundraising efforts; and requests that the Government reconsider their policy on this issue.

522 £15 an hour minimum wage campaignTabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **23**

Jon Trickett
Andy McDonald
Ian Lavery
Rebecca Long Bailey
Jeremy Corbyn
Ms Diane Abbott

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House congratulates Labour Party conference delegates for committing to support the policy of a £15 an hour minimum wage; notes that 14.5 million people in the country are living in poverty, the vast majority of whom are in working households; further notes that 5.5 million workers in the country are paid below the living wage including a third of key workers; believes that it is not possible to level up across the country without a significant increase in the pay, terms and conditions of workers; further believes that increasing the minimum wage to £15 an hour

will lift huge numbers of working people out of poverty and create an environment for small businesses to thrive; and calls on the House to implement the Labour Party policy of a £15 an hour minimum wage.

523 Kinlochshiel Shinty Club Camanachd Cup winners

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **5**

Ian Blackford
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Patricia Gibson

That this House warmly congratulates Kinlochshiel Shinty Club on its historic victory at this year's Camanachd Cup Final, where players lifted the title for the first time in the club's 63-year history after an impressive 3-1 triumph against 2015 cup winners Lovat; commends the performances of team members, particularly captain Keith MacRae who scored an outstanding hat-trick and defender Conor Cormack who was awarded the Albert Smith Medal for Man of the Match; notes that the Cup Final match at Mossfield Park in Oban attracted the largest crowd for many years, including a huge contingent of Kinlochshiel supporters who made a five-hour round trip to attend; recognises that this is a tremendous achievement for the Ross-shire club, managed by Johnston Gill and based in the small village of Balmacara near Kyle of Lochalsh; and wishes the club well in the forthcoming MacTavish Cup.

525 VAT rate in the hospitality sector

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **7**

Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Paul Girvan
John McDonnell
Patricia Gibson

Kate Hollern

That this House recognises the ongoing impact of the covid-19 pandemic on the hospitality industry; acknowledges that the VAT reduction to 5% was a lifeline for the sector and is disappointed that this rate cannot be maintained beyond 30 September 2021; appreciates that a 12.5% rate is of real benefit in supporting the industry; recognises the industry is also experiencing unparalleled rises in the cost of doing business with utility costs having risen by over a third, food inflation running well beyond the reported 4% level, and with additional transport costs driving up the overall cost of consumables; and therefore calls on the Government to extend the 12.5% rate of VAT beyond March 2022, to at least September 2022, to enable the sector to continue to recover from the impact of covid-19.

532 West Lothian Council opens new Calderwood Primary School and early years nursery

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 6

Hannah Bardell
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Patricia Gibson

That this House notes the opening of the new Calderwood Primary School and early years nursery by West Lothian Council; recognises that this facility will enhance the education provision in the area which is one of West Lothian's top three core development areas with a significant number of new homes being built over the next 10 years; further notes that the new facility will provide a non-denominational primary school with initial capacity of 462 pupil places, and an early years nursery with an initial capacity of 128 child places; congratulates them in completing this project on time; and wishes them every success in the future.

533 Work of the Samaritans' local branch in Hamilton

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 5

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
John McDonnell
Patricia Gibson

That this House recognises the essential and emotionally sensitive work undertaken by volunteers at the Hamilton branch of the charity Samaritans; further recognises the significant contribution of volunteers over the last 18 months, which have sadly seen an increase in demand for their services, which they have worked hard to ensure continues to be provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week; notes the success of their many workstreams, which see them work with the local prison, with cross-disciplinary teams to identify areas of local concern so that services can provide targeted support, and provide extensive educational programmes and support across the community; celebrates the commitment of their many volunteers, particularly those that have committed over 40 years of their lives to the cause; and wishes the branch every success in their future works.

537 Local community champion Andrew Dunlop

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 6

Peter Grant
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
John McDonnell
Patricia Gibson

That this House recognises the exceptional efforts of Andrew Dunlop, local man from Cardenden, in maintaining the area of Cardenden following the unprecedented flooding in August 2020 by clearing rivers of debris and rubbish; notes that he removed 85 tyres and 11 bikes from the River Ore following the flooding which has helped to significantly improve the state of the river and surrounding areas; further recognises his regular hard work both in the local area and further afield and gives thanks on behalf of the communities he has helped to benefit as well as local wildlife and

the environment; congratulates Andrew on his nomination for Kingdom FM's Local Hero Awards for the category of Unsung Hero award; thanks Andrew for being an inspirational figure in the local community and for bringing recognition to his work as well as the thousands of volunteers across Fife who are members of the Fife Street Champions group in litter picking and keeping our communities clean and tidy; and wishes Andrew all the best with his future endeavours.

540 Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 14

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sammy Wilson
Clive Lewis
Layla Moran
Sir Mike Penning

Patricia Gibson
 Kate Hollern

Douglas Chapman
 Navendu Mishra

Mohammad Yasin

That this House notes Breast Cancer Awareness Month; further notes the symptoms and signs of breast cancer which everyone should be aware of; highlights the fact that breast cancer is also found in men and the first sign is usually a lump on the chest; highlights that early diagnosis is the key to successful treatment; and encourages men and women who have any concerns to make a face to face appointment with their GP to be checked out as a matter of urgency;

541 Diane Braid

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 5

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
Patricia Gibson

That this House recognises the 28 years of dedicated service by Diane Braid to the learning community of Kilpatrick School, a specialist establishment providing education from birth to 18 years of age for 158 children and young people with additional support needs and Kilpatrick Early Years Service which offers sessions for babies and children from 0-3 years of age; thanks Diane for her hard work and commitment to the children and young people of Kilpatrick School who come from all over West Dunbartonshire; and wishes her a very happy retirement.

542 Vivid Roots Collective

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 5

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
Patricia Gibson

That this House recognises the important goal of the Vivid Roots Collective which aims to stem the flow of emerging artists from the Highlands and Islands; congratulates the Inverness College UHI alumni's theatre Collective for successfully raising £1,100 to support new artists and the creation

of original works which tackle social and women's issues; appreciates the importance of keeping homegrown talent in the Highlands and Islands; and wishes creators Laura Walker, Keira Smith, Sophie Bender and Sophie Wink success in the future.

543 Black History Month 2021

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 14

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Caroline Lucas
Clive Lewis
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake

Kim Johnson

Mohammad Yasin

That this House notes that this month we celebrate Black History Month 2021 and welcomes the many events and initiatives across the UK that highlight the successes and contributions of Black British people to British history; gives special thanks to all teachers and education staff who are taking steps to put Black history on the curriculum this month and all-year round; notes the theme of this year's Black History Month, Proud to Be; recognises the significance of such a theme and the importance of ensuring that Black and Brown people are made to feel proud of their ethnic heritage, cultural history and the language of their ancestors; and further notes that teaching about Black history is integral to this; and calls on the Government to take steps to ensure that Black history is acknowledged, taught and celebrated all year round and not restricted to just one month in the year.

544 Green New Deal Bill

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 12

Caroline Lucas
Clive Lewis
Zarah Sultana
Wera Hobhouse
Claire Hanna
Stephen Farry

Mohammad Yasin

That this House notes the lack of a sufficient and comprehensive Government plan to decarbonise the UK economy in response to the climate and nature emergencies; recognises public support for bolder and faster action; and calls on the Government to support the Green New Deal Bill, formally known as the Decarbonisation and Economic Strategy Bill, which will introduce legally binding targets in line with the UK's commitment to stay within 1.5 degrees of global heating, reverse inequality, protect and restore nature and the environment, implement new measures of progress that prioritise human and ecological wellbeing in line with the recommendations of the Treasury-commissioned Dasgupta Review, change the way Government manages the economy to enable unprecedented investment in the Green New Deal, end investment in fossil fuels and establish a comprehensive action plan to transform the UK's energy supply, transport system, farming, land management, homes, buildings, green spaces and the way of working, creating millions of good green jobs across the UK, involve communities, trade unions and workers in the development of the plan, ensuring a just transition by prioritising investment in communities excluded from full participation in the economy and those working in today's high-emissions sectors, enhance the democratic power and resources of devolved governments, local authorities and elected mayors, increase democratic ownership in key sectors including energy, water, transport and mail and

advance global justice by ensuring finance and technology for the global South and by promoting the Green New Deal globally.

545 DVLA waiting times

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 9

Sarah Olney
Layla Moran
Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Kenny MacAskill

Mohammad Yasin

Kate Hollern

Ronnie Cowan

That this House is dismayed by the growing backlog of licence applications at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency; recognises that the ability to drive is vital to many people's capacity to work and pursue the life of their choice; understands that the pandemic has caused unprecedented disruptions to the work of the DVLA; notes that over 125,000 paper licence applications are waiting to be processed, while 1.4 million items of correspondence by post remain unopened; further notes the sharp increase in the size of the backlog since the beginning of the pandemic; acknowledges that licence and licence renewal applicants are currently facing processing delays of up to 10 weeks; highlights with concern the unique burden placed on those with medical conditions who require their medical forms to be physically processed, whose processing times are up to six months; calls upon the Government to mobilise the resources necessary to clear the backlog at the DVLA, and supports the return of reliable, efficient, and covid-safe services to all British drivers.

546 The Shetland Bus

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 5

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Layla Moran
Jim Shannon
Alan Brown
Douglas Chapman

That this House recognises the passing of Jakob Strandheim, the last surviving crew member of the Shetland Bus operations during the Second World War; notes that the Shetland Bus operations comprised almost 200 missions, transporting hundreds of refugees out of occupied Norway to Shetland and moving agents, supplies and equipment into Norway to support resistance actions; further acknowledges that such resistance operations may have kept as many as 350,000 Axis troops diverted during the War, providing invaluable benefit to the Allied cause; and further recognises that with Jakob's passing, there is a still-greater need to commemorate and learn from the events of the War as it passes from living memory.

548 Motherland Spice, SaltcoatsTabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **3****Patricia Gibson**
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Mr and Mrs Madhav and Radha Bhandari and family on the official opening of their beautifully refurbished Motherland Spice Indian-Nepalese restaurant in Bradshaw Street in Saltcoats; applauds the fact that this award winning restaurant is a proven local favourite which has built up a loyal clientele in Saltcoats and across North Ayrshire since it was first established in 2012; appreciates that Madhav Bhandari's business success is inspirational given his humble beginnings in Nepal, the son of a Gurkha soldier injured in the line of duty, who has through his hard work, diligence and determination earned the custom and respect of his clientele in his adopted home in Saltcoats; and wishes Motherland Spice, the Bhandari family and the dedicated restaurant staff continued success in providing delicious food for the people of Saltcoats, the Three Towns and beyond for many years to come.

549 Broadcasting of Wales' rugby Autumn InternationalsTabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **2****Ben Lake**
Douglas Chapman

That this House expresses its concern following the announcement that live coverage of Wales' rugby Autumn International fixtures will not be available on terrestrial television for the first time ever; notes that sport should belong to everyone, not just those who can afford it; further notes the significant role that Welsh language broadcasting of live sport plays in promoting the language and in particular as a gateway for learners; and calls on the Government to address the disappearance of culturally significant live sporting events from free to air television by granting the Autumn Internationals, Six Nations Championship and international football matches Category A status, under the Broadcasting Act 1996.

550 Attack on ISKCON templeTabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **2****Bob Blackman**
Patricia Gibson

That this House condemns the recent attacks and murders against religious minorities in Bangladesh, in particular the attack carried out on ISKCON temple in Noakhali; urges the Government of Bangladesh to take strong steps to tackle the increasing levels of violence against minority Hindu communities in that region and ensure their safety and security; and further urges the Government to call on the Government of Bangladesh to put perpetrators of violence against religious minorities in that region on trial as soon as possible.

551 Categorising misogyny as a hate crimeTabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **13**

Wera Hobhouse
Christine Jardine
Kim Johnson
Claire Hanna
Mohammad Yasin
Layla Moran

Sarah Olney
 Jamie Stone
 Navendu Mishra

Jeremy Corbyn
 Munira Wilson

Ed Davey
 Hannah Bardell

That this House expresses deep concern about the prevalence of violence against women and girls in our society; notes that, according to the 2021 UN Women UK YouGov survey, 71 per cent of women have experienced some form of sexual harassment in a public space and that this figure rises to 86 per cent among women aged 18 to 24; further notes that, although 59,000 women reported being raped to the police last year, only 1,439 rapists were convicted; deeply regrets that, on average, a woman is killed by a man every three days, according to data from the Femicide Census; recognises that preventing violence against women and girls requires a culture change within the police, the criminal justice service and society as a whole; believes that recording misogyny as a hate crime would help identify trends in crimes motivated by gender, and support survivors to report incidents of rape and sexual assault; and calls on the Government to send a strong message that it is taking violence against women and girls seriously, by making misogyny a hate crime.

552 Protection of religious minorities in BangladeshTabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **2**

Bob Blackman
Patricia Gibson

That this House condemns the recent attacks on religious minorities in Bangladesh; urges the Government of Bangladesh to take strong steps to tackle the increasing levels of violence against minority Hindu communities in that region and ensure their safety and security; and further urges the Government to encourage the Government of Bangladesh to put perpetrators of violence against religious minorities in that region on trial as soon as possible.

553 Violence in BangladeshTabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **3**

Mr Virendra Sharma
Mohammad Yasin
Navendu Mishra

That this House notes the concerning rise in attacks on Hindus and other religious minorities in Bangladesh during the festival of Durga puja; is concerned by the violence that has left at least seven dead of Muslim and Hindu faith; observes the deployment of paramilitary forces to 22 districts in Bangladesh; urges the Government of Bangladesh to act to ensure religious minorities can worship safely and in peace; and calls on the Government to support the safety of religious minorities and to work with regional allies and partners to support freedom of religion for all in South Asia and the world.