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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 28 October 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 595 **#MyBitYourBit campaign**

Tabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **2**

**John McNally [R]**  
**Douglas Chapman**

That this House urges the Government to support the APPG on Youth Action Against Climate Change and the new campaign, led by the Hedgerley Wood Trust, called #MyBitYourBit, an initiative to elevate the voices of youth ahead of the vital COP26 summit in Glasgow; further urges the Government to support open dialogue for action on climate change between those youth campaigning organisations and politicians; that the Government recognises the importance of bringing together young people from across the country to share the action they are taking on climate change and biodiversity loss; and calls on the Government to listen and respond to these challenges to our political leaders on what they hope to achieve at COP26.

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#### 596 **Closing of Amnesty International's offices in Hong Kong**

Tabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **1**

**Andrew Rosindell**

That this House expresses its concern at the announcement that Amnesty International will close its two offices in Hong Kong by the end of the year; highlights that Amnesty International cites the impact of the national security law as the key factor behind the decision; acknowledges Amnesty International's statement that said that the regime is attempting to rid the city of all dissenting voices; praises Amnesty International for 40 years of determined campaigning for better human rights in Hong Kong and the region; notes that as well as Amnesty International, at least 35 civil society groups and unions have been forced to disband since the National Security Law was imposed; further notes that over 150 people have been arrested under the National Security Law; condemns the Hong Kong government for implementing the National Security Law; and calls on the Foreign Secretary to make a statement on the UK's response to the situation in Hong Kong.

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**597 Ministerial responses to hon. Members' correspondence on Afghanistan**Tabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **1****Helen Hayes**

That this House is extremely concerned by the extensive delays in hon. Members receiving responses on the resettlement of Afghan nationals to the UK; notes the Minister for Safeguarding and Afghan Resettlement's statement of 13 September 2021 on the Government's progress in providing specific updates on people within Afghanistan and is concerned that that contradicts advice given to hon. Members that they should contact the Home Office, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Ministry of Defence on any cases their constituents raise which may be eligible for support; is concerned that the Minister's statement also contradicts the Prime Minister's response of 6 September 2021 pledging that every single email from colleagues is being responded to by close of play today; and calls on the Government to ensure that substantive responses are provided to all cases raised by hon. Members in correspondence.

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**598 Community Sponsorship**Tabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **1****Helen Hayes**

That this House pays tribute to the hard work of over 100 community sponsorship groups who have welcomed more than 500 refugees to the UK; notes that community sponsorship has played an integral role in resettling Syrian refugees since 2016; further notes that research has found that community sponsorship creates a warmer welcome for refugees and contributes to more inclusive communities than other routes; recognises that communities across the country stand ready to support the resettlement of Afghan refugees and welcomes the Government's commitment to extend the Community Sponsorship scheme to include Afghan refugees; notes extensive delays in the processing of community sponsorship applications; and calls on the Government to provide the funding and resources to speed up the administration of that scheme.

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**599 Rett Syndrome Awareness Month**Tabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **1****Marion Fellows**

That this House recognises Rett Syndrome Awareness Month from 1-30 October; notes its importance for raising awareness of the rare genetic disorder as the second most common cause of severe disability in women and girls; commends the charitable organisation, Rett UK, for their outstanding work in providing information, support and advocacy services for people impacted by the condition across the UK; and recognises the importance of their campaign this Rett Syndrome Awareness Month to inform, educate and engage people who can help improve the lives of people living with Rett Syndrome and their families.

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**600 National Road Safety Week**Tabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **1****Mr Barry Sheerman**

That this House celebrates the tireless work of countless individuals and organisations, including community groups, schools, emergency services, businesses, fleet operators, road safety campaigners and charities, road victim support services and road safety professionals, to champion road safety and reduce deaths and serious injuries on roads; highlights the 23,529 people killed or seriously injured on roads in Great Britain in 2020, and 6,543 in Northern Ireland, despite the pandemic

reducing traffic, and the fact that no level of casualties is acceptable; welcomes Government plans to publish a Road Safety Strategic Framework; congratulates Brake, together with sponsors Arval, DHL and openreach on coordinating Road Safety Week from 15 to 21 November 2021, as a focus of community efforts to raise awareness; and notes that thousands of local groups, schools, emergency services, hospitals, voluntary sector organisations and leading companies will be holding events as part of the week to raise awareness about road safety and the steps we can take to stop these avoidable tragedies.

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## 601 30th anniversary of Garnethill Park

Tabled: 28/10/21 Signatories: 1

### Alison Thewliss

That this House notes that the 26th of October marks the 30th anniversary of the opening of Garnethill Park in Glasgow; appreciates that this was a Scottish-German project initiated by the City of Glasgow and the Goethe Institute as a lasting contribution to the Glasgow 1990 European Capital of Culture celebrations; understands that the park was formed around a tiled mural created in 1978 by local artists John Kraska, Irene Keenan and Tommy Lydon, which was part of the creative renewal of the Garnethill area; welcomes the addition in 2005 by the artist Ulrike Enslein of cast concrete slabs which immortalise the memories of members of the Garnethill community; further notes that the park features a community bread oven; appreciates the ongoing work of Garnethill Community Council to maintain and champion the park they helped to create; thanks local businesses for contributing to the raffle which is part of the 30th anniversary celebrations; and hopes the park will continue to be a well cared for and integral part of community life in Garnethill for many years to come.

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## 602 Pizza Express tips policy

Tabled: 28/10/21 Signatories: 17

Grahame Morris  
 Kate Osborne  
 Navendu Mishra  
 Marsha De Cordova  
 Mary Kelly Foy  
 Ian Lavery

Andrew Gwynne  
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle  
 Paula Barker  
 Ian Mearns

Barry Gardiner  
 Andy McDonald  
 Jeremy Corbyn  
 Beth Winter

Ian Byrne  
 John Cryer  
 Kate Hollern

This House is alarmed to hear that front-of-house staff at Pizza Express have seen a sizeable cut to their income since May 17 2021, the day restaurants reopened after lockdown; notes that the 30 per cent previously deducted from waiting staff tips for kitchen staff was increased to 50 per cent on this date; further notes that kitchen staff are on higher basic pay rates and get more guaranteed hours than waiting staff, while the back-of-house team is also significantly smaller than the front-of-house team at Pizza Express restaurants; believes this change has had a punitive effect on waiting staff – who are disproportionately female – as tips represent a significant proportion of their take-home pay; is concerned that this deduction is being used to boost the wages of kitchen staff by depriving minimum-wage waiting staff of their fair share of tips; is further concerned that staff were not properly consulted about this change; and calls on the Government to urge the company's management to negotiate in good faith with Unite the union to resolve the concerns of its members at Pizza Express.

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## Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

### 490 Ban on trophy hunting imports (No. 2)

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 48

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

Kirsten Oswald

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.

### 491 Human rights violations in Eswatini

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 5

**Neale Hanvey**  
**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Marion Fellows**

That this House is deeply concerned by the severe human rights violations in Eswatini, formerly Swaziland; notes that Amnesty International referred to the arrest in July 2021 of two pro-democracy MPs under the Suppression of Terrorism Act as vague and absolute fabrication and went on to observe they have committed no crime and have been targeted by the government solely for their political views; further notes that Freedom House have condemned the arrests as the latest instance of Eswatini's ongoing crackdown on political dissent and the rights to free expression and association; is aware that dozens of people are believed to have been killed by the security forces during the subsequent protests; notes that heavy-handed responses by security forces in recent years also include the use by police of tear gas and water cannons to disperse a crowd of striking civil servants, and the prohibition of a proposed peaceful gathering by members of the Swazi Democratic Party; further notes the recent ban on the holding of demonstrations and the delivering of petitions to government officials, the recent imposition of a dusk-to-dawn curfew, and recent restriction on access to the internet; further notes that Eswatini is a member of the Commonwealth; and urges the UK Government to engage with the Eswatini administration and calls on the Eswatini authorities to carry out an investigation into reports of the use of excessive

force and to ensure that the fundamental freedoms and basic human rights of all Eswatini citizens are fully respected.

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#### 492 **Baby Loss Awareness Week 2021**

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **57**

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

Paul Blomfield

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.

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#### 505 **Sewage pollution in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty**

Tabled: **18/10/21** Signatories: **12**

**Tim Farron**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Dan Carden**

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House notes the appalling levels of raw sewage contaminating the UK's inland waters; is particularly concerned that untreated sewage was pumped into Lake Windermere for 1,719 hours—or 71 days—in 2020; notes that approximately 19.8 million people visit the Lake District each year; urges the Government to categorise Windermere and the Rothay, Brathay, and Kent rivers as designated bathing sites; encourages the Government to introduce a registration scheme for septic tanks and to provide the new Office for Environmental Protection the power to regulate them; and asks the Government to confer power on the Environment Agency to ensure that water companies take all reasonable steps to avoid discharging untreated sewage into inland waters within National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

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**512 Suppression of democratic opposition in Turkey**

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 14

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

Marion Fellows

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.

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**528 Anniversary of the invasion of Famagusta**

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 4

**Bob Blackman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Marion Fellows**

That this House supports the comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem based on a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation with political equality, as set out in the relevant Security Council Resolutions and the High Level Agreements; endorses the Declaration of the European Parliament of 14 February 2012 on the return of Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants; notes that the city of Famagusta in the Republic of Cyprus was captured by the invading Turkish forces in August 1974, that a section of Famagusta was then sealed off and remains uninhabited, under the direct control of the Turkish military, and that the return of Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants would facilitate efforts toward a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem; further notes the 1979 High Level Agreement and UN Security Council Resolutions 550 (1984) and 789 (1992) and the 2008 Report of the Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament on Petition 733/2004; calls on the Government of Turkey to act according to those UN Security Council Resolutions and Report Recommendations and return Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants, who must resettle under conditions of security and peace; calls on the Government to bring this motion to the attention of President Nicos Anastasiades, Mr Mustafa Akinci, the UN Secretary General and the Government of Turkey; and urges the Government, as a guarantor power of Cyprus, to call for Turkey's cooperation.

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**550 Attack on ISKCON temple**Tabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **7**

**Bob Blackman**  
**Patricia Gibson**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Dawn Butler**

Marion Fellows

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.

**552 Protection of religious minorities in Bangladesh**Tabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **4**

**Bob Blackman**  
**Patricia Gibson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**

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 Bangladesh**Tabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **20**

**Mr Virendra Sharma**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Stephen Timms**  
**Bob Blackman**

John Cryer

Marion Fellows

Paul Blomfield

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.

**555 The Mochrie brothers of Kilbirnie**Tabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **5**

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Law**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Marion Fellows**

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.

**566 Covid-19 plan B measures**Tabled: **22/10/21** Signatories: **10**

**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Apsana Begum**

Ian Lavery

That this House notes that there is once more a surge in new covid-19 cases and that both hospitalisations and deaths are rising; further notes that the UK's data is currently far in excess of comparable countries in Western Europe; believes that a failure to respond to this situation is reckless and unsustainable; notes that the increase in cases presents severe challenges to the NHS even before the winter flu season has begun; notes that the Government has developed a Plan B to put in place some preventative measures but has taken no new action in response to the current upsurge; and calls on the Government to introduce Plan B immediately.



**567 Forced conversions and forced marriages of minor Christian and Hindu girls in Pakistan**Tabled: **22/10/21** Signatories: **8**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Bob Blackman**  
**Carol Monaghan**

Marion Fellows

That this House recalls that on 13 October 2021 a Pakistani parliamentary committee formed to consider the forced conversions and forced marriages of minor Christian and Hindu girls in Pakistan rejected a draft Bill to protect the victims of such crimes, regrets that the concerns and evidence of such crimes were ignored; notes that the forced conversion is not allowed in Islam and the proposed Bill would have been a tool to enforce that ban; is seriously alarmed that despite signing several human rights treaties to protect the rights of girls and children the Pakistani Government is failing to protect Hindu and Christian girls from that crime; and calls on the UK Government to raise that specific issue at the UN Human Rights Council and other UN forums to ensure justice for the victims and their families.

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**571 Forced Conversions and Forced Marriages**Tabled: **25/10/21** Signatories: **5**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Sammy Wilson**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Marion Fellows**

That this House recalls that on 13 October 2021, a Pakistani parliamentary committee formed to consider the forced conversions and forced marriages of minor Christian and Hindu girls in Pakistan rejected a draft Bill to protect the victims of such crimes, regrets that the concerns and evidence of such crimes were ignored; notes that forced conversion is not allowed in Islam and the proposed Bill would have been a tool to enforce that ban; is seriously alarmed that despite signing several human rights treaties to protect the rights of girls and children the Pakistani Government is failing to protect Hindu and Christian girls from the this crime; and calls on the Government to raise this specific issue at the UN Human Rights Council and other UN forums, to ensure justice for the victims and their families.

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**572 Clean air action**Tabled: **25/10/21** Signatories: **18**

**Mr Barry Sheerman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Richard Burgon**

Tim Farron  
 Paul Blomfield

Helen Hayes

Tony Lloyd

That this House recognises the health impacts of poor road air quality; notes that long-term exposure to air pollution can cause chronic conditions, a reduced life expectancy and contributes to 40,000 early deaths in the UK each year; further notes that nine out of ten adults and children now breathe polluted air; believes that urgent action is required to reduce the proportion of particulate matter in the air due to vehicle emissions; and calls upon the Government to invest greater resources into improving road air quality and to consider making reference to the inalienable right to breathe clean air in future legislative proposals.

**573 Scottish Interfaith Week 2021 and COP26 vigil**Tabled: **25/10/21** Signatories: **18**

**Patrick Grady**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Ian Blackford**  
**Chris Law**  
**Jim Shannon**

Dr Philippa Whitford

Marion Fellows

That this House welcomes the range of events and activities planned to mark Scottish Interfaith Week 2021, which takes place between 31 October and 7 November 2021; notes the decision to dedicate the week, under the theme of Together for Our Planet, during the COP26 Conference being held in Glasgow, as a significant moment for people of all faiths and none in Scotland to come together to take action to protect the planet; further notes that a key event in the week's activities will be the COP26 vigil in the city's George Square, organised by Interfaith Glasgow and Interfaith Scotland with the support of the Scottish Religious Leaders Forum; notes that the vigil aims to bring together people of all backgrounds in Glasgow, and via a livestream from around the world, in a powerful, symbolic act of unity and solidarity for the planet, and that the event will be attended by religious leaders and faith community members determined to demonstrate their common commitment to climate justice; and wishes the organisers and all who take part in the vigil and the week's activities every success.

**574 Aviemore Ice Rink**

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 5

**Drew Hendry**  
**Chris Law**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Marion Fellows**

That this House congratulates the Aviemore and Glenmore Community Trust (AGCT) on their considerable efforts to re-open the Aviemore ice rink after 20 years; recognises the dedication and hard work of the community who have raised funds and assisted with the build of the 20x12 metre real ice rink; and looks forward to seeing the Aviemore Ice Rink grow in success, preserving Aviemore's reputation as a first-class winter sports destination.

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**575 Inverness Taxis providing a safe place for women**

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 5

**Drew Hendry**  
**Chris Law**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Marion Fellows**

That this House recognises the team at Inverness Taxis for their ongoing commitment to the community they serve, in doing so congratulates them on their recent initiative to provide a safe place for women to wait while making their way home, welcomes this fantastic initiative which will no doubt be welcomed by women and all of those who need a safe place to wait.

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**576 Inverness Creative Academy**

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 6

**Drew Hendry**  
**Chris Law**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ian Blackford**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Marion Fellows**

That this House recognises the Inverness Creative Academy on their recent receipt of Digital Support Funding from Highlands and Islands Enterprise; notes that the grant will help advance the digital capabilities of the Inverness Creative Academy which is currently being developed by the charity Wasps; and in doing so recognises the importance of connectivity and creativity across Inverness and the Highlands.

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**577 Gordon Reid and Alfie Hewett**Tabled: **25/10/21** Signatories: **8**

**Alison Thewliss**  
**Chris Law**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Anum Qaisar-Javed**  
**Peter Grant**

Marion Fellows

That this House extends its congratulations to Great Britain's most successful ever tennis doubles partnership Gordon Reid and Alfie Hewett, from Alexandria and Cantley, for becoming the first ever wheelchair tennis pair to complete the calendar Grand Slam in men's doubles; acknowledges how Reid and Hewett's commitment, athleticism and teamwork will have inspired so many people across the UK to pick up a racket and play tennis; and wishes both players all the best for the future.

**578 Over 100 days of Dr AlSingace's hunger strike in Bahrain**Tabled: **25/10/21** Signatories: **13**

**Paula Barker**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**Charlotte Nichols**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Mick Whitley**

Marion Fellows

That this House is deeply concerned by the ongoing hunger strike of 59-year-old human rights defender and academic Dr Abduljalil AlSingace, in Bahrain; raises alarm that his hunger strike began on 8 July 2021 and has exceeded 100 days; expresses concern that Dr AlSingace has been hospitalised since 18 July 2021 and has lost at least 20kg; notes that AlSingace is protesting Jau Prison authorities' ill-treatment and confiscation of four years' worth of his apolitical research; decries Dr AlSingace's life sentence for his peaceful leading role in Bahrain's 2011 pro-democracy uprising; unreservedly condemns Dr AlSingace's torture in 2011 by Bahraini officials, as documented by the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry; further condemns that Dr AlSingace has spent over a decade unjustly imprisoned, throughout which mistreatment and medical negligence against him has been reported by UN experts; further recalls the Government's 2012 expression of deep dismay at Dr AlSingace's conviction; echoes calls from UN experts, the EU Parliament, 101 academics and 77 cross-party UK parliamentarians, trade unions, lawyers and rights groups for Dr AlSingace's release; calls upon the Government to urgently secure the return of Dr AlSingace's research, impose Magnitsky Act Sanctions on those responsible for his unlawful imprisonment; and to call for his immediate and unconditional release; and further calls upon the Government to urge for the release of all political prisoners in Bahrain, including Hassan Mushaima, Sheikh Ali Salman, Abdulhadi Alkhawaja and Ali Alhajee.

**582 Persecution of religious minorities in Bangladesh**

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 5

**Bob Blackman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Marion Fellows**

That this House condemns the deeply concerning rise in attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh during the festival of Durga puja; is concerned by the violence that has seen at least seven Hindus killed by religious fundamentalists; urges the Government of Bangladesh to act to ensure religious minorities can live and worship safely and in peace; further condemns the desecration of Hindu temples and the torching of hundreds of houses and businesses of the Hindu minority; and 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.

**583 Proscribing of Palestinian human rights organisations**

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 29

**Tommy Sheppard**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Alan Brown**  
**Paul Blomfield**  
**Julie Elliott**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**

Layla Moran [R]

That this House condemns the declaration of 22 October 2021 made by Israeli Minister of Defence, Benny Gantz, which designated six Palestinian civil society groups as terrorist organisations; notes that the Israeli authorities have not provided any evidence to substantiate their claims about the organisations; further notes that the targeted groups Al-Haq, Addameer, Bisan Center, Defence for Children International Palestine, the Union of Agricultural Work Committees, and the Union of Palestinian Women's Committees are organisations deeply committed to protecting the human rights of Palestinian communities, highlighting Israel's illegal policies and also those of the Palestinian Authority and Hamas; further notes the statement of 22 Israeli civil society groups based in Israel in support of the six NGOs; views this as a further direct assault on Palestinian civil society in an effort to isolate and suffocate Palestinian human rights defenders; recognises the significant impact this assault has on some of the most prominent Palestinian civil society organisations including on the local and international public's right to information about the reality of human rights violations in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories; calls on the Government to demand that the Israeli Government reveal any evidence against those organisations; and further calls on the Government to reaffirm its support for Palestinian and Israeli civil society and human rights organisations as a key foundation in building a just peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

**585 Equality Impact Assessment for Autumn Spending Review and future budgets**

Tabled: 26/10/21 Signatories: 25

**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Zarah Sultana**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Kirsten Oswald**

Ian Lavery  
 Anne McLaughlin

Mary Kelly Foy  
 Charlotte Nichols

Chris Stephens  
 Tony Lloyd

That this House notes that welfare cuts, benefit changes and reductions in public services disproportionately affect women, disabled people and Black, Asian and ethnic minorities (BAME); recognises a joint consultation response from the UK Women's Budget Group, Maternity Action and the End Violence Against Women Coalition (EVAW) which has called on the Government to commit to increase long-term public spending, which is the most effective way to level up; echoes the calls of the Women's Budget Group and others for the Government to carry out and publish equality impact assessments which should consider cumulative impact, intersectional impact, the impact on individuals as well as households, impact over a lifetime and the impact on unpaid care; therefore calls on the Government to undertake and publish a comprehensive equality impact assessment of all the Spending Review and Budget which includes an analysis of the impact of all measures, and a cumulative assessment, by gender, race, age, disability, income and region; and urges the Government to take urgent action to address structural inequalities, including structural racism.

**586 Creature Comforts and Independent Pet Retailer of the Year**

Tabled: 26/10/21 Signatories: 7

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Anum Qaisar-Javed**  
**Peter Grant**  
**Amy Callaghan**  
**Chris Stephens**

Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Graeme and Ann Wilson, whose business, Creature Comforts, was awarded the UK Independent Retailer of the Year for 2021 at the Pet Industry Federation Awards; notes that Creature Comforts' first shop opened in Clarkston, East Renfrewshire, in 1997 and that the company has since grown to be Scotland's largest independent pet retailer; further notes that Creature Comforts is going into its 25th year as a family owned independent business, which now operates four pet shops, having opened a second shop in Milngavie in 2002, one in Shawlands, Glasgow, in 2011, and another in Burnside, Rutherglen, in 2017; welcomes the support provided by Creature Comforts and its many loyal customers to the Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, supported by Bearsden Dog Training Club; and records its appreciation for the contribution such quality independent retailers make to local communities.

**587 National Care Practitioner of the Year**

Tabled: 26/10/21 Signatories: 6

**Owen Thompson**  
**Anum Qaisar-Javed**  
**Peter Grant**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Marion Fellows**

That this House congratulates Paul Black on being recognised as National Care Practitioner of the Year at the Barchester Care Awards 2021; recognises Paul's stellar work at Drummond Grange Care Home in Lasswade, Midlothian; notes that the Barchester Care Awards celebrate the staff who go the extra mile for the benefit of the 12,000 residents living in Barchester's 248 care homes and private hospitals across the country; understands that more than 2,900 nominations were received from homes and hospitals across the UK; and sends its thanks to all workers across the care sector for the invaluable work they do, especially during such a difficult time.

**588 Occupation of the Channel Islands during the Second World War**

Tabled: 26/10/21 Signatories: 6

**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House remembers the generation of people who lived on the Channel Islands during their occupation by the Nazis from 1940 to 1945; recognises the importance of erecting a civilian memorial to the individuals that lived through this awful period in the history of the islands; thanks the Jersey Occupation Civilian Campaign for reporting the names of the 2000 Channel Islanders that were deported to Germany to be interned; remembers those Channel Islanders that died during this period due to the inhumane conditions in which they were kept; and believes that it is right that information regarding the occupation is accessible to the public so that the horrors of what was inflicted on the Channel Islanders is known by future generations.

**591 Scout District of Ross, Skye and Lochalsh**

Tabled: 27/10/21 Signatories: 3

**Ian Blackford**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Marion Fellows**

That this House thanks the work of volunteers within the Scout Association and in particular those in the Scout District of Ross, Skye and Lochalsh; acknowledges Scouting provides a fun and safe activity, open to all our young people regardless of background and that this has been especially important to Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers over the last 18 months, helping them keep in touch with friends, even if just virtually, while still taking part in scouting activities and learning vital skills for life; notes that all this would not be possible without the dedicated work of adult volunteers; and recognises Hilary Cameron, District Commissioner, and Samantha Blyth, Deputy District Commissioner, have been a huge support to leaders across the district and that their leadership has meant groups across the area are starting to meet face to face again while putting in place COVID measures, ensuring that Scouts are firmly part of this Highland Community.

**592 Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe**

Tabled: 27/10/21 Signatories: 2

**Mr Barry Sheerman  
Chris Stephens**

That this House believes that there should be an urgent national all-faith delegation to Tehran to petition for the immediate release of British citizen Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe and other political detainees currently being held in Iran; condemns the continued unjust detention of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and other dual citizens and political prisoners within the Islamic Republic and stands in solidarity with them and their loved ones; and urges the Government to renew its vigour in negotiating the release of Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe and to appraise all options available to ensure that she returns home as soon as possible.

**593 25 years of Green Flag Awards**

Tabled: 27/10/21 Signatories: 3

**Kirsten Oswald  
Chris Stephens  
Marion Fellows**

That this House applauds the success of the Green Flag Award scheme, which this year celebrates 25 years of recognising those who help create some of the best parks in the world and recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces; welcomes that the principal aims of the scheme are to ensure everybody has access to quality green and other open spaces, irrespective of where they live, and that these spaces are appropriately managed and meet community needs; welcomes news that 2,127 parks and green spaces received an award in 2021, including Rouken Glen Park in East Renfrewshire, which opened in 1906 and is one of the west of Scotland's most popular and best loved parks, which has achieved Green Flag Status in each of the last five years and was recently voted the second best free visitor attraction in Scotland; further welcomes news that the 2021 winners include Whitelee Windfarm, located on Eaglesham Moor and operated by ScottishPower Renewables, where the hugely popular visitor centre is enjoyed by families looking for fresh air on a day out, and where dog walkers can enjoy a slice of peace and quiet and cyclists and horse riders can explore the dedicated network of tracks and trails; and looks forward to the continued success of the Green Flag Scheme which is operated so successfully in Scotland by Keep Scotland Beautiful.

**594 Loanhead girl's skipping challenge for the National Deaf Children's Society**

Tabled: 27/10/21 Signatories: 3

**Owen Thompson  
Chris Stephens  
Marion Fellows**

That this House congratulates Charlotte Hinton on completing her challenge to skip 1000 times a day for 10 days to raise money for the National Deaf Children's Society; understands that Charlotte, 10 years old, is a member of 1st Loanhead Brownies and devised the challenge to earn her Charities Badge; notes that Charlotte chose to raise funds for the National Deaf Children's Society because her cousin Ellen was born deaf and her family has been receiving ongoing support from the charity; commends the work done by the National Deaf Children's Society to support the UK's 50,000 deaf children and their families; congratulates Charlotte on beating her £50 target, raising a total of £275 so far; and sends its best wishes that a bright and happy future for Charlotte is no more than a hop, skip and a jump away.