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## Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 29 November 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 698 The release of former Ambassador Craig Murray on St. Andrew's Day

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House welcomes the St. Andrews day release of former Ambassador and journalist, Craig Murray from his incarceration in a Scottish prison; recognises that legend suggests that Pictish King Óengus venerated Saint Andrew as the Patron Saint of Scotland after white clouds formed a saltire cross in the sky prior to his victorious battle at Athelstaneford in the face of a more powerful foe; notes this legend serves as a poignant reminder that might and power does not always prevail; recognises that Craig Murray is the first journalist in Scotland to be jailed for 70 years and the first in the world to be convicted of jigsaw identification; acknowledges the developing plans for Craig Murray's case to be pursued through the European Court of Human Rights; and gives thanks to Craig's lawyers and international campaigners for their determined and ongoing support, and recognises their view that these matters have tarnished Scotland's international egalitarian reputation.

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#### 699 Turnbull High School Learning For Sustainability Community Award

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 1

Amy Callaghan

That this House congratulates Turnbull High School on winning the Learning For Sustainability Community Award presented by Education Scotland; understands this award recognises the achievements of schools which enable learners, educators, and wider communities to build a socially-just, sustainable and equitable society in the face of the climate emergency; notes Turnbull High School's efforts in creating an effective approach to learning for sustainability which encourages sustainable development education and creates rewarding learning experiences; thanks Turnbull High School and its pupils for setting such a positive example for schools and the wider

community across East Dunbartonshire; and looks forward to seeing what more they will achieve in the collective fight against climate change.

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**700 BetterBriggs outstanding It's Your Neighbourhood report rating**

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 1

**Amy Callaghan**

That this House congratulates local East Dunbartonshire charity, BetterBriggs, on achieving an outstanding rating in the It's Your Neighbourhood writeup from the Keep Scotland Beautiful charity; understands BetterBriggs is a local community group consisting of residents who carry out community activities and events to make Bishopbriggs a happier and healthier place to live; notes that the group carry out a number of community projects and are working in partnership with local stakeholders to ensure everyone is involved in the regeneration of the town centre; recognises that their efforts in the community and promoting environmental responsibility contributed to their level 5 score in the It's Your Neighbourhood writeup; thanks BetterBriggs for all the work they have done over the past year; and looks forward to seeing what more they will achieve for the community.

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**701 Girvan and District Great War Project and Wildflower Memorial Garden**

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 1

**Allan Dorans**

That this House recognises and congratulates Lorna and Ritchie Conaghan of the Girvan and District Great War Project established in 2013, which has researched, identified and recorded details of at least 600 servicemen from the local area who lost their lives during World War One and subsequent conflicts including a number who have previously not been commemorated on local war memorials, and those local men who lost their lives in the armed service of Commonwealth countries, including Australia and Canada; and further congratulates them on the creation and planting of the Wildflower Memorial Garden located at Hamilton Park in Girvan earlier this year, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Poppy, which has been chosen by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Foundation as the winners of this year's prestigious national Best In Bloom Wildflower Competition from a great number of entries across the United Kingdom.

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**702 Retirement of Alastair MacGregor, Chief Executive of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA)**

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 1

**Brendan O'Hara**

That this House conveys its most sincere thanks to Alastair MacGregor on his retirement following thirty one years of working in public sector housing, particularly his last seventeen years in which he served as Chief Executive of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA); acknowledges the enormous contribution Alastair has made throughout his career to the community-based housing movement in Argyll and across Scotland as a whole, particularly in respect of community and tenancy empowerment; hugely appreciates the close working relationship that Alastair and his team at ACHA have nurtured over the years with all of Argyll & Bute's elected members to help improve the lives of thousands of families throughout Argyll & Bute; and wishes Alastair many peaceful, relaxing and happy year tending his croft, or whatever he chooses to do.

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**703 Portugal labour laws**Tabled: **29/11/21** Signatories: **1****Jonathan Edwards**

That this House welcomes new labour laws introduced in Portugal which prohibit employers (defined as companies of more than 10 workers) from contacting employees electronically outside working hours; notes that the new laws also ensure employees have a legal entitlement to remuneration for utility costs associated with home working; supports the protections and rights Portugal have introduced for those working remotely and its promotion of home working; further notes similar measures in other EU countries such as France, Italy, Slovakia and Spain in relation to a 'right to disconnect'; and calls on the UK Government to introduce similar protections and rights in order to promote remote working and improve work-life balances.

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**704 Scottish Comic Book Day 27 November 2021**Tabled: **29/11/21** Signatories: **1****Richard Thomson**

This House notes that Scottish Comic Book Day was marked on 27 November 2021 celebrating comics, comic artwork and related media with a link to Scotland; understands that people from Scotland continue to be involved in the comic and graphic novel industry, including the film and televisual adaptations of those genres that are made by independent film producers and studios, such as Marvel Studios, DC Studios, Disney and Netflix; believes that the master of design course on Comics and Graphic novels that is offered by the University of Dundee is the only one of its type in the world; recognises this year is the 70th anniversary of the character, Dennis the Menace, in The Beano, which is the UK's longest running comic; acknowledges the importance of the creative sector to Scotland's economy and the contribution of comics and graphic novels towards that; and congratulates #scottishcomicbookday and its organisers on a successful inaugural event.

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**705 Safer ageing**Tabled: **29/11/21** Signatories: **2****Carla Lockhart****Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises the importance of Safer Ageing Week for promoting discussion about safer ageing; notes that in the UK there are an estimated 2.7 million people that have been a victim of abuse as an older person; further notes that safer ageing charity Hourglass receives 8000 calls to its helpline every year about older people suffering abuse and neglect; is concerned about the scale of the abuse and neglect of older people; and believes that more attention should be given to addressing these challenges and calls for safer ageing to be better embedded in policy making.

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**706 Recognition of the life of Bertie Auld**Tabled: **29/11/21** Signatories: **1****Patrick Grady**

That this House celebrates the life of Celtic Football Club legend, and member of the European Cup winning 'Lisbon Lions' side, Bertie Auld, who sadly passed away on 14 November 2021; recalls that he spoke fondly of growing up in Glasgow's Panmure Street where he played for local club Maryhill Harp, before signing for Celtic in 1955; notes that, after a loan spell at Dumbarton and four years at Birmingham City, where he won the English League Cup in 1963, he returned to Celtic in 1965 where he enjoyed incredible success, winning five League Championships, four League Cups, three

Scottish Cups and two Glasgow Cups; recognises that the pinnacle of his achievements was winning the European Cup with Celtic in 1967 at the Estadio Nacional, where he famously led the team in a rendition of The Celtic Song in the tunnel before kick-off; acknowledges that, after finishing his playing career at Hibernian, he entered management in 1974, leading his boyhood favourites Partick Thistle, and latterly Hibernian, to Scottish First Division titles and promotion, alongside spells in charge of Hamilton Academical and Dumbarton; appreciates that, in his later years, he embraced his role as an ambassador for Celtic Football Club and, with great humour, storytelling and friendliness, became a beloved figure not just at Celtic but across Scottish football, and was inducted into the Scottish Football Hall of Fame in 2009; and conveys sincere sympathy to Bertie's family, his former teammates and all of the clubs with which he was associated.

## 707 Appointment of the Scottish Government Permanent Secretary

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 1

### Kenny MacAskill

That this House notes with grave concern the appointment by the First Minister of Scotland of the Director General, Work and Health Services, Department for Work and Pensions as the next Permanent Secretary and principal accountable officer for the Scottish Government; notes that United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights highlighted analysis that described universal credit sanctions as inhuman and cruel; believes that this is a wholly inappropriate appointment at variance with the values of social justice as well as the Scottish Government's professed support for a social security system with dignity, fairness and respect at its heart; commends the Daily Record newspaper for reporting on the additional bonus payments of up to £30,000 in addition to a substantial six figure salary received by the Director General, Work and Health Services, Department for Work and Pensions and at the same time notes that families across the UK have been plunged into financial hardship through the removal of the £20 uplift to universal credit; and believes that all senior civil servant appointments including in the Scottish civil service must command the confidence and trust of the public and that this appointment fails that essential test.

## 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.

## 647 Pension treatment of women born in the 1950s

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 11

Neale Hanvey  
 Jim Shannon  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Jeremy Corbyn  
 Kenny MacAskill  
 Christine Jardine

Wera Hobhouse

That this House notes with concern the continuing unfair pension treatment of 1950s-born WASPI women; further notes many WASPI women within the Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath constituency received no prior notice that their pensionable age and eligibility was to be altered in such a significant manner; draws attention to the ongoing injustice of a situation which has pushed many

hard working women into poverty, despite taking all reasonable steps to plan and prepare for their retirement; recognises the heroic efforts of WASPI women across Scotland to draw attention to this injustice; calls on the Government to put right this injustice and to provide comprehensive compensation for WASPI women; recognises the mental, physical and emotional toll of the unexpected additional years of work on their wellbeing; and urges hon. Members to support WASPI women at every available opportunity.

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**654 Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund investment in the fossil fuel industry**

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 22

Zarah Sultana  
Caroline Lucas  
Daisy Cooper  
Patricia Gibson  
Dan Carden  
Clive Lewis

Wera Hobhouse

That this House notes that the UK hosted COP26, the United Nations Climate Change Conference; further notes that in May 2019 this House declared a climate emergency; notes that approximately £700 million is invested in the UK and global economy through the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund; notes that while the Pension Fund has increased its investments in renewable energy, it still invests funds in the fossil fuel industry; notes the International Energy Agency has stated there can be no more new investments in fossil fuel supply beyond that already committed as of 2021 to keep below 1.5°C; notes that all fossil fuel companies are investing in new fossil fuel supply beyond 2021 and that no fossil fuel company net zero pledge is in line with the 1.5°C commitment; believes that to avert climate catastrophe, temperatures must not exceed the 1.5°C target mandated by the 2015 Paris Agreement; believes that Parliament and MPs have a responsibility to show leadership on the climate emergency; and therefore calls on the trustees of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund to stop funding the fossil fuel industry and to invest in climate solutions instead.

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**655 Debt cancellation and climate change**

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 27

Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
Ian Mearns  
Jonathan Edwards  
Ian Lavery  
Caroline Lucas  
Claudia Webbe

Wera Hobhouse

Navendu Mishra

That this House recognises that countries in the global South are being forced to confront the climate emergency with both hands tied behind their back; notes that low-income countries are responsible for less than 1 per cent of the world's historic carbon emissions but now face some of the most devastating impacts of climate breakdown; further notes a recent analysis from the Jubilee Debt Campaign which found that 34 of the world's poorest countries are spending £21.4 billion on debt payments a year compared with £3.9 billion on measures to tackle the climate emergency; notes a peer-reviewed study published by Springer which estimates that the cost of climate-related loss and damage in the global South alone will be between \$290 billion and \$580 billion annually by 2030; regrets that COP26 did not recognise, or take action to address, the link between global debt

and the climate emergency; calls on the Government to push for an expansion of the G20 Common Framework to consider middle-income, climate-vulnerable countries for debt relief treatment and ensure private sector participation; and further calls on the Government to support calls for automatic debt payment suspension and relief for countries that experience natural disasters.

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## 657 Town and Country Planning

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 16

**Keir Starmer**  
**Nick Thomas-Symonds**  
**Bambos Charalambous**  
**Holly Lynch**  
**Sarah Jones**  
**Sir Alan Campbell**

Wera Hobhouse

Caroline Lucas

Navendu Mishra

That the Town and Country Planning (Napier Barracks) Special Development Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 962), dated 26 August 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27 August 2021, be revoked.

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## 662 Mental health of spinal cord injured people

Tabled: 17/11/21 Signatories: 13

**Margaret Greenwood**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Ian Byrne**

Wera Hobhouse

That this House acknowledges recent research into the mental health requirements and difficulties for people with a spinal cord injury that shows 40 per cent had depression and 28 per cent had experienced suicidal thoughts; notes that it is important for newly injured spinal cord injured people to be able to access timely and appropriate mental health support; further notes that NHS health professionals who care for spinal cord injured people must understand the mental health aspects of a spinal cord injury; and calls on the Government to increase funding and capacity to meet the lifelong mental health needs of the spinal cord injured community in the UK.

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**664 Carers Rights Day**

Tabled: 17/11/21 Signatories: 19

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Douglas Chapman**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Allan Dorans**

Wera Hobhouse

Caroline Lucas

That this House acknowledges the estimated 13.6 million people who are providing unpaid care to family and friends across the UK; recognises the importance of Carers Rights Day 2021, taking place on 25 November 2021, in raising awareness of unpaid carers and ensuring they are informed about their rights and entitlements; notes the very difficult challenges that unpaid carers continue to face, and the increased levels of care they are currently having to provide, in the wake of the covid-19 pandemic; stresses the urgent need for more support to be given to unpaid carers who are juggling their caring responsibilities alongside paid work; and calls on the Government to implement its plans to introduce Carer's Leave at the earliest opportunity, as well as providing all employees a day one right to request flexible working.

**668 Isle of Kerrera Development Trust's work on developing and improving community life and island infrastructure**

Tabled: 18/11/21 Signatories: 5

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**David Linden**

That this House congratulates the Isle of Kerrera Development Trust (IKDT), including islander project team Martin and Aideen Shields and the residents of Kerrera, on the opening of a link road connecting the communities in the North and South of the island; notes the tireless efforts and success of the IKDT in securing funding from Argyll & Bute Council and the Scottish Government Islands Team and the precedence this sets for other island communities wishing to develop and improve their communities infrastructure; further notes the dedicated hard work of Alistair McCrae and his team from Barrachander Quarry in getting the road built in a timely and affordable manner; recognises the huge economic and social benefits that this project will bring to the residents of and visitors to Kerrera who can now access vital services much more readily; commends the IKDT for all of their hard work on other projects and partnerships, including, the purchase and renovation of the Old School into a community hub, the acquisition of the breakwater and slipway as the IKDT's first income generating community asset and the island e-bikes project; and wishes all those on Kerrera every success with future plans.

**669 Rosneath Primary School winner of Tree Council national competition**

Tabled: 18/11/21 Signatories: 5

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**David Linden**

That this House congratulates the primary six class of Rosneath Primary School and their teacher Mrs Hazlett on their outstanding success in the Tree Council national competition, taking first place among 800 entrants and being involved in the initiative, which included the planting of over 30,000 trees and fruiting hedgerow whips across the UK with the aim of creating a healthier future for young people and the planet by unlocking the power of trees; welcomes the school's involvement in the Tree Council's Force for Nature climate event; recognises the pledges made by pupils to reduce carbon emissions; marks the work undertaken by primary seven children at the school to carry out a village litter survey followed by a litter pick resulting in 11kg of litter being collected; and commends all of these efforts by the school to improve the local environment as well as engaging young people in the aims of the COP26 event while it was taking place in Glasgow.

**670 Heartstart Projects Argyll and Clyde team win volunteer of the year at Scottish Health Awards**

Tabled: 18/11/21 Signatories: 5

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**David Linden**

That this House congratulates the Heartstart Projects in Argyll and Clyde team for winning the volunteer of the year award at the Scottish Health Awards ceremony held in Edinburgh; marks 25 years of that group saving the lives of people across Helensburgh and Lomond and the wider Argyll and Clyde area; recognises the value of training provided to members of the public including basic emergency life support in schools, workplaces and community settings as well as training in the use of more than 220 publicly accessible defibrillators; commends NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership for providing financial support for the project; and thanks Heartstart co-ordinator, Sheenah Nelson, trainer, Frances Parkinson, and staff, including Angela McNeil and Bernadette Walker, for their dedication to the project's success.

**671 First Bus and Together for our Planet Event**

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 9

**Alison Thewliss**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Ms Anum Qaisar**  
**Chris Stephens**

Wera Hobhouse

That this House congratulates First Bus on its successful hosting of the official COP26 electric vehicle charging site at its Caledonia Depot, the largest charging station for electric vehicles in the UK; notes that international and delegates from across the UK visited throughout COP26 to discuss



the future of sustainable energy and transport; recognises that the event was held in partnership with Hitachi and Octopus Energy, who partner with First Bus on sustainable transport, energy and infrastructure; welcomes First Bus's contribution of electric bus shuttle services, which carried thousands of delegates to and from the COP26 campus throughout the two weeks of the event; acknowledges that, in addition to the investment and ongoing delivery of 150 electric buses built by Alexander Dennis, First Bus are also running the UK's first hydrogen-powered bus services in Aberdeen; and wishes First Bus continued success in its efforts to decarbonise its bus fleets across Scotland's transport network.

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**672 Property managers appointed by the First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber)**

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 2

**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

That this House questions whether the First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) has effective power to investigate the actions and conduct of the court appointed property manager Richard Davidoff; recognises the need for urgent action to implement statutory regulation of the leasehold property management sector outlined in Regulation of Property Agents: working group report, chaired by Lord Best, published on 18 July 2019; seeks an effective Government response to the recommendations; and calls on the Government to listen to the former employees of Mr Davidoff raising whistleblowing details of his business practices.

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**674 Animals in Scientific Research and transition to new approach methodologies**

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 16

**Martyn Day**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Andrew Gwynne**

Wera Hobhouse  
Caroline Lucas

Jonathan Edwards

Chris Law

That this House regrets 2.88 million animal experiments were carried out in Great Britain in 2020; notes there can be better options than using animals in scientific research; further notes the Animal Free Research UK report Modernising Medical Research recommendation to establish a role focussed on replacing animals with human relevant techniques, which could accelerate the transition to New Approach Methodologies (NAMs); and urges the Government to show global leadership and seize the scientific and economic opportunities that the NAMs sector provides.

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**678 Protections for shop workers**

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 15

Robert Halfon  
 Jim Shannon  
 Carla Lockhart  
 Mohammad Yasin  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Chris Stephens

Wera Hobhouse

That this House recognises the need to protect shop workers; further recognises that shop workers are too often subjected to abuse, threat and assault; acknowledges the difficulties experienced by hardworking employees such as residents in the constituency of Harlow, who have faced such behaviour; praises the incredibly important service that shop workers provide; and calls upon the Government to go further to raise awareness of this significant issue.

**680 Charity lottery £50 million annual sales limit**

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 14

John Nicolson  
 Jim Shannon  
 Marion Fellows  
 Allan Dorans  
 Scott Benton  
 Ms Anum Qaisar

Wera Hobhouse

That this House acknowledges the success of the charity lottery annual sales limit being raised to £50 million and the per draw limit being raised to £5 million; notes these important reforms have freed up millions of pounds of funding for good causes across the country, which has proven especially valuable during the pandemic; notes charity lotteries still face a heavy administrative and bureaucratic burden, hindering their ability to raise as much as possible for good causes; further notes that further reform introducing a £100 million annual sales limit was the recommendation of the Gambling Commission and was the Government's preferred option during consultation on charity lottery reform; notes that raising the annual sales limit to £100 million would help free up even more funding for good causes; and calls on the Government to proceed with this next stage of reform as soon as possible to futureproof the fundraising capability of the sector.

**683 Disability inclusive employment strategy**

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 11

Wera Hobhouse  
 Jim Shannon  
 Andrew Gwynne  
 Carla Lockhart  
 Paula Barker  
 Hywel Williams

Caroline Lucas

Kim Johnson

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House expresses concern that the covid-19 pandemic is still disproportionately affecting the financial security and working status of disabled people across the UK; highlights the recent report by the charity Leonard Cheshire, which found that 69 per cent of disabled people have

had their work impacted by the pandemic, rising to 89 per cent among disabled 18-24 year olds; expresses further concern at Leonard Cheshire's findings about employer attitudes, which show that 1 in 5 employers are less likely to hire a disabled person; believes that disabled people must not be left behind as the UK rebuilds from the pandemic; and calls on the Government to increase efforts to support disabled people by adopting Leonard Cheshire's recommendations, including dedicated employment support for disabled jobseekers, promotion of Access to Work to employers and employees and introducing mandatory reporting for large employers on their performance in employing disabled people.

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#### 684 Family Business Week 2021

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 14

**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Margaret Ferrier**

Layla Moran

Wera Hobhouse

Tim Farron

That this House supports Family Business Week 2021, a week-long celebration of family businesses and local communities across the UK; notes that family-owned and -run business are often some of the most vital to communities both rural and urban, providing both economic growth and social support; calls on the Government to ensure that small family businesses have the best possible chance to recover following the pandemic; and recognises the role of the Institute for Family Business in organising and amplifying this event.

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#### 687 Anti-Bullying Week

Tabled: 23/11/21 Signatories: 7

**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Sammy Wilson**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Gavin Robinson**

Wera Hobhouse

That this House notes the end of Anti-Bullying week and highlights the need for hon Members of this House to lead the way in exemplifying respectful discourse; further notes that sometimes we allow passion to overcome manners and appropriate language; and notes Mr Speaker's comments that the House will only gain respect when individuals show respect for each other, Official Report, 17 November 2021, col 573, as something for all hon. Members to observe.

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**691 Conduct of councillors towards town and parish council clerks**

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 4

**Dr Julian Lewis**  
**Sammy Wilson**  
**Graham Stringer**  
**Sarah Green**

That this House notes with deep concern convincing evidence collected by the Association of Local Council Clerks showing that, far from being untypical, the toxic behaviour by Parish Councillors in Cheshire exposed online in December 2020, is endemic in a significant minority of Town and Parish Councils; deplores the departure from their roles of dozens of part-time and full-time Clerks, as a result of bullying by Councillors who face negligible sanctions for such misbehaviour; regrets the anguish thus generated and the substantial cost to the public purse arising from settlements following breakdown in employer and employee relations; and calls on the Government to establish an appropriate and effective sanctions mechanism, including financial penalties, to deal with local Councillors found guilty of such misconduct.

**692 Glenburn Centre wins Frontline Leaders Award**

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 2

**David Linden**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House congratulates the Glenburn Centre in Easthall in the Easterhouse area of Glasgow East constituency on being awarded the Frontline Leaders Award at the Great British Care Awards 2021; commends the dedicated Glenburn Centre team for achieving this award in recognition of the incredible work that they have done and continue to do every day; understands that contenders for this award not only operate across Scotland but the North East of England also; thanks all those who volunteer and work at the Glenburn Centre as well as Easthall Residents Association for ensuring the continued success of the centre and for providing an invaluable community resource for the people of Easthall; acknowledges that the Great British Care Awards aims to be a celebration of excellence across the care sector and pays tribute to individuals and organisations demonstrating outstanding excellence within their field of work; and wishes the Glenburn Centre team every success as they move on to the final awards which cover all of Britain.

**694 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence 2021**

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 8

**Owen Thompson [R]**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

Stewart Malcolm McDonald      Allan Dorans

That this House notes that 25 November 2021 marks the first day of 2021's 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence; further notes that 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign beginning on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, that was started by activists at the inaugural Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 and continues to be coordinated each year by the Centre for Women's Global Leadership; acknowledges that this year's global campaign theme Orange the World: end violence against women now!, which will advocate for long-term strategies, amplify

success stories, and promote the leadership of women and girls; supports those organisations and individuals around the world who use the campaign as an organising strategy to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls; recognises the stellar work done in Scotland towards this same goal by White Ribbon Scotland engaging with men and boys to end violence against women, particularly in seeking to prevent violence before it happens; calls on all men to take White Ribbon's promise to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women; praises groups such as Women's Aid East and Midlothian, as well as others across the country, who are doing a wealth of work to support women who are affected by violence against women; and notes that nearly 1 in 3 women aged 15 years and older around the world have been subjected to physical or sexual violence by an intimate

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**695 60 years of St Columba's Scottish country dancing class**

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 4

**Peter Grant**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Douglas Chapman**

That this House congratulates the participants, past and present, of St Columba's Scottish Country Dancing class in Glenrothes on their 60th year serving the local community through the hosting of Scottish Country Dancing classes; recognises the leadership of RSCDS qualified teachers Lesley Shand and Lorna Sim and previously Nancy Duncan and thanks them for their contributions; notes that Lesley had a passion for teaching young people and combined this by leading one adult and two children's Scottish Country Dancing classes for over 30 years; further notes that Lesley inspired her daughter, Lorna Sim, to teach also; recognises that the class has been indebted throughout the years to the support of those attending and participating in the running of the class and that their thanks is highlighted to St Columba's Church, Glenrothes and the Kirk Session, Ministers and volunteers who have accommodated them over the years; and congratulates all involved for the goodwill and positive collective approach within the class, and by those leading, which has helped to realise the vision that Scottish Country Dancing ought to be accessible for all, in order for it to remain a popular and sociable past time.

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**696 Red Wednesday campaign**

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 3

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House marks Red Wednesday, an annual day when persecution against Christians and other religious minorities is highlighted; supports the launch of Hear Her Cries, a report by Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need that investigates the abduction, rape, forced conversion and forced marriage of Christian women and girls; implores the Government and the UN to take more effective steps to tackle this issue in line with the petition organised by ACN; highlights to the Home Office the case of Maira Shahbaz, a Pakistan Christian who was raped and forcibly converted aged 14; expresses sympathy for all those victims of religiously-motivated sexual violence; and supports a future whereby no-one is persecuted because of their religious beliefs.

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**697 Football Index collapse**

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 6

**Sir George Howarth**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Dr Rupa Huq**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Kim Johnson**

That this House remains deeply concerned about the collapse of the betting firm Football Index in March 2021, following the suspension of the company's licence by the Gambling Commission and its entry into administration; notes with concern that customers collectively have over £90 million in open stakes trapped in the platform, with average losses of around £3,000 per customer; further notes that shortly after the site's management announced a cut in dividends of approximately 80 per cent, it suspended trading a few days afterwards, leading to a virtual market crash which caused significant losses for customers; notes with further concern that warnings about the firm operating like a pyramid scheme went unheeded; recognises the recommendations made by Michael Sheehan QC as part of his independent review; calls on the Government to implement his recommendations, specifically those that identified areas for improvement for the Gambling Commission and Financial Conduct Authority, including how they worked together, without delay, to ensure that a similar scandal does not happen again and; and further calls on the Government to do all that it can to ensure that those owed money receive full reimbursement.