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Manifesto 2024

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Millions of people in our country are feeling insecure and deeply worried about the future.

We live in one of the richest countries on the planet, yet nurses are using food banks, our children's schools are crumbling, a roof over our heads is all too often unaffordable, and hospital and dentist appointments are like gold dust.

Meanwhile, the climate emergency continues to accelerate. Scientists warn that we are currently on track for global temperatures to rise by at least 2.5°C, far beyond levels at which humanity can safely survive.

Our promise to you is that all this can change. We can create a greener, fairer country together – one in which we are all safer, happier and more fulfilled.

It will take MPs prepared to make brave, principled choices on your behalf. And it will take the kinds of policies set out in this manifesto, for which elected Green MPs will fight hard every single day for you.

Voting Green on 4<sup>th</sup> July is your way of showing you believe a fairer, greener world is possible – and is worth fighting for.

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You can find more detail on these and our other policies in our full manifesto.

This manifesto is about the UK general election 2024, so references to 'country' refer to the UK as a whole, as do data cited, except when specifically stated as referring to England. However, where policy areas are devolved to the Scottish Parliament, Senedd Cymru, and the Northern Irish Assembly, we recognise the democratic right for these bodies to set their own policy agendas, and that these are decided upon at devolved elections. Wales Green Party will be publishing its own manifesto with more detail about its proposals in these areas. The Scottish Green Party is a distinct political party and its general election manifesto will reflect the devolved settlement.

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# PROVIDING FAIRER, GREENER HOMES FOR ALL

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Everyone needs a warm, secure and affordable home. Yet millions of people don't have this most basic building-block for a happy and successful life. Over a million households are on council waiting lists and more than 130,000 children are growing up in temporary accommodation.

## Our Right Homes, Right Place, Right Price Charter

Local authorities and national government need to work together to deliver homes people can afford to rent or buy, where people need them. Our Right Homes, Right Place, Right Price Charter will simultaneously protect valuable green space for communities, reduce climate emissions, tackle fuel poverty and provide genuinely affordable housing. It would:

- Require local authorities to spread small developments across their areas.

- Require all new developments to be accompanied by the extra investment needed in local health, transport and other services.
- Ensure that all new homes meet Passivhaus or equivalent standards and house builders include solar panels and heat pumps on all new homes, where appropriate.

## Our Fairer, Greener Homes Guarantee

Our energy bills are far too high because we have the worst-insulated homes in Europe. We would bring down bills by reducing the loss of heat from homes, because the cheapest bill is the one you don't have to pay.

Elected Greens will push for a local-authority-led, street-by-street retrofit programme to insulate our homes, provide clean heat and start to adapt our buildings to more extreme climate conditions. This would mean investment of:

- £29bn over the next five years to insulate homes to an EPC B standard or above as part of a ten-year programme.
- £4bn over the next five years to insulate other buildings to a high standard.

- £9bn over the next five years for low-carbon heating systems (e.g. heat pumps) for homes and other buildings.

## **150,000 new social homes each year**

We pledge to provide 150,000 new social homes every year through:

- New build and the purchase/ refurbishment of older housing stock.
- A community right to buy for local authorities for several categories of property.
- Ending the individual 'right to buy', to keep social homes for local communities in perpetuity.

## **Our Fair Deal for Renters**

Millions of private renters face unaffordable rents and constant insecurity.

Green MPs will push for:

- **Rent controls** so local authorities can control rents if the rental market is unaffordable for many local people.
- **A new stable rental tenancy and an end to no-fault evictions** so tenants are secure in their homes and don't have their lives turned upside down on the whim of their landlords. We will also introduce a tenants' right to demand energy efficiency improvements.
- **Private residential tenancy boards** to provide an informal, cheap and speedy forum for resolving disputes before they reach a tribunal.



# CREATING MORE AFFORDABLE SOCIAL HOUSING IN STROUD

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Greens have been in administration in Stroud for the past decade and have ensured that residents now have many more high-quality social homes. Council house building has been a key plank of their programme since 2014, with nearly 300 council homes built since then, all to the highest environmental standards. The Green-led Council plans to further increase social housing by over 100 homes over the next five years by redeveloping older sites, building new homes and requiring developers to provide more affordable homes. It is also implementing a multi-million-pound investment to bring all council houses up to modern standards of efficiency and comfort.

Stroud's ambition has been undermined by 'right to buy', something Green MPs will be fighting to change in Parliament.

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# BUILDING A FAIRER, HEALTHIER COUNTRY

The NHS faces the worst crisis in its 80-year history. This is the result of deliberate Conservative under-funding that's seen the NHS undermined and at risk of collapse, paving the way for further privatisation.

The Green Party is committed to a **fully public, properly funded health and social care system**, and to keeping the profit motive well away from the NHS.

Green MPs will push for:

- A year-on-year reduction in waiting lists.
- Guaranteed access to an NHS dentist.
- Guaranteed rapid access to a GP and same day access in case of urgent need.
- An immediate boost to the pay of NHS staff, including the restoration of junior doctors' pay, to help with staff retention.

To meet these aims, we estimate that the NHS in England will require additional annual expenditure of £8bn in the first full year of the next Parliament, rising to £28bn in total

by 2030. Additional capital spending of at least £20bn is needed over the next five years for hospital building and repair.

Investing in GPs and public health is key to prevention, early diagnosis and improving our quality of life, while also reducing the burden on the NHS.

Green MPs will push for:

- Increasing the allocation of funding to primary medical care, with additional annual spending reaching £1.5bn by 2030.
- Restoring public health budgets to 2015/16 levels with an immediate annual increase of £1.5bn. Smoking cessation, drug and alcohol treatment and sexual health services all need to be properly funded.
- A National Commission to agree an evidenced-based approach to reform of the UK's counter-productive drugs laws.

## NHS dentistry

Green MPs will end the systematic underfunding of dentistry and the scandal of dental treatment deserts by pushing for:

- A new NHS dentists' contract so that dentists are properly

rewarded for taking on NHS patients.

- Additional investment in NHS dentistry reaching £3bn a year by 2030.
- Funding for community hubs and primary care to roll-out free dental nursing for children and those on low incomes.

## **Mental health and neurodiversity**

There's been a dramatic rise in mental health problems in recent years, particularly among young people, with far too many unable to access help when they need it.

Elected Greens will press for:

- A legal framework that supports the rights of those struggling with their mental health to be respected and to live fulfilling lives.
- Increased funding for mental health care, putting it on an equal footing with physical health care and enabling people to access evidence-based mental health therapies within 28 days.

- A trained and paid counsellor in every school and sixth-form college.
- Readily available tailored provision to meet the needs of communities of colour, children and adolescents, older people and LGBTIQ+ communities.
- Adequate support in the school system for neurodivergent children and children with special educational needs.

## **Assisted dying**

Elected Greens will support a change in the law to legalise assisted dying for people suffering from terminal disease who wish to avoid prolonged unnecessary suffering, if this is their clear and settled will. Proper safeguards would be put in place.

## **End new cases of HIV by 2030**

Green MPs will work towards no more HIV transmissions by 2030, advocating for a joined-up evidence based approach, including access to the HIV prevention pill online, in pharmacies and from GP services, and renewing successful opt-out HIV testing programmes in A&Es in all areas with a high prevalence of HIV.

# CAROLINE LUCAS AND THE NHS REINSTATEMENT BILL

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In 2015, Green MP Caroline Lucas was the first to champion the cross-party NHS Reinstatement Bill to protect our NHS from creeping marketisation and privatisation, and ensure that NHS services are both publicly paid for and publicly provided. Caroline brought campaigners, grassroots organisations, health experts and other MPs together in Westminster to make the case for an NHS in public hands.

The NHS Bill was a vital blueprint to roll back NHS privatisation and reinstate founding NHS principles – truly public, fully protected, always free at point of delivery. Caroline gave a voice to all those who want to protect the NHS we love from being dismantled and undermined by bidding wars and market structures that take billions away from patient care. The Bill showed the strength of cross-party and public support for the NHS to be run with patients, not profit, at its heart, and for a comprehensive rescue package to fully protect it from the private sector.

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# CARING WITH FAIRNESS, COMPASSION AND DIGNITY

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Over 400,000 people are awaiting care reviews, payments or assessments, and there are 150,000 staff vacancies in the care sector. In England, there are estimated to be 4.7 million unpaid carers.

To address this crisis and help take pressure off the NHS, Green MPs will push for investment of £20bn to:

- Introduce free personal care along the lines successfully brought in by the Scottish Government, to ensure dignity in old age and for the disabled.
- Increase pay rates and introduce a career structure for carers to rebuild the care workforce.

For those still living at home, this will enable earlier access to help maintain independence and wellbeing. For those living in residential settings, the personal care elements will be fully funded, alongside a tapered approach to other costs based on the level of income. For those struggling to afford the accommodation element of residential care, including because their spouse is still in the family home, local authorities need to be properly funded to provide the right level of financial support.

Elected Greens will also push for:

- An additional £3bn to enable local authorities to provide high-quality children's social care.

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# CREATING A FAIRER, GREENER ECONOMY

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Green MPs will fight for an economy that delivers security, wellbeing and a better quality of life for everyone, as well protecting our environment and enabling us to tackle the climate crisis with the ambition and speed it demands.

Privatisation has failed. Dividends are paid to shareholders while infrastructure is run into the ground. The Green Party is committed to the public ownership of public services, so they are run to serve us all, rather than to increase the wealth of shareholders.

Elected Greens would push for a Green Economic Transformation to include:

- A £40bn investment per year in the shift to a green economy over the course of the next Parliament.
- A carbon tax to drive fossil fuels out of our economy and raise money to invest in the green transition.
- Bringing the railways, water companies and the Big 5 retail energy companies into public ownership.

We need to build the sustainability of our communities through the transition.

Green MPs will push for:

- A £12.4bn investment in skills and training, equipping workers to play a full role in the green economy.
- A share of community ownership in local sustainable energy infrastructure such as wind farms.

## Taxing wealth fairly and borrowing to invest

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While our public services are crying out for investment, the number of billionaires in the UK has risen from 29 to 171 since 2010. Elected Greens will push for major changes to the tax system to simplify and align the rates of tax paid on income and investment gains, whatever their source, and to fairly tax excessive concentrations of wealth. These measures should include:

- A Wealth Tax of 1% annually on assets above £10 million and of 2% on assets above £1bn. Only a tiny minority of people would pay this tax.
- Reform of Capital Gains Tax (CGT) to align the rates paid

by taxpayers on income and taxable gains. This would affect less than 2% of all income taxpayers.

- Aligning the tax rates on investment income with the tax and National Insurance Contribution rates on employment income.
- Removing the Upper Earnings Limit that restricts the amount of National Insurance paid by high earners.

We estimate that by the end of the next Parliament these changes could raise additional revenue of between £50 and £70bn per year in 2024 prices. A carbon tax set initially at £120 per tonne of carbon emitted and rising over ten years to a maximum of £500 per tonne, would raise up to an additional £80bn.

We are prepared to borrow to invest. Allowing ourselves to be trapped in a self-imposed fiscal straitjacket is a false economy. Investing in protecting our climate now will save vast costs in the future, and spending on decent public services and fit-for-purpose infrastructure is essential for a flourishing future for us all.

## **SME and community sector support**

Small and medium-sized business are the lifeblood of our economy and our communities.

Green MPs will press for:

- Regional mutual banks to be set up to drive investment in decarbonisation and local economic sustainability.
- £2bn per year in grant funding for local authorities to help businesses decarbonise.
- Community ownership to be encouraged through greater access to government funding in the transition to a zero-carbon economy.

# SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE: GREENS GOOD WITH MONEY

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In 2019, Greens formed a coalition administration in South Oxfordshire. They inherited an annual deficit of £3m, caused by insufficient attention on the Council's income by the previous Conservative administration. Green Councillors suspected that not all business rates were being collected, so directed officers to appoint external consultants to identify uncollected back taxes. As a result, £2.6 million in back taxes was collected.

# POWERING UP FAIRER, GREENER ENERGY

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## Accelerating clean energy investment and delivery

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The UK's current climate targets do not reflect the urgency of the climate crisis. We would push the Government to transition to a zero-carbon society as soon as possible, and more than a decade ahead of 2050.

This ambition will deliver a zero-carbon electricity supply and security of supply over short and long periods of low generation, with sufficient electricity for all cars and vans to be electric, for all homes and buildings to stop using fossil fuels, and for most industry to transition to clean energy.

Elected Greens will push for:

- Wind to provide around 70% of the UK's electricity by 2030.
- Delivery of 80GW of offshore wind, 53 GW of onshore wind, and 100 GW of solar by 2035.
- Investment in energy storage capacity and more efficient

electricity distribution.

- Communities to own their own energy sources, ensuring they can use any profit from selling excess energy to reduce their bills or benefit their communities.

## Phasing out fossil fuels

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- Cancel recent fossil fuel licences such as for Rosebank and stop all new fossil fuel extraction projects in the UK.
- Remove all oil and gas subsidies.
- Introduce a carbon tax on all fossil fuel imports and domestic extraction, based on greenhouse gas emissions produced when fuel is burned.

## Nuclear power

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We want to see the phase-out of nuclear energy, which is unsafe and much more expensive than renewables. The development of nuclear power stations is too slow given the pace of action we need on climate. They also create unmanageable quantities of radioactive waste and are inextricably linked with the production of nuclear weapons.

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## **GREENS ACTING TO REDUCE ENERGY BILLS**

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Greens on South Oxfordshire Council have linked grant funding for new affordable housing to the provision of homes that are cheap to run because they don't rely on fossil fuels. They've also committed to putting the Council's own house in order by targeting Council operations to be net-zero by 2025 and moving its pension fund away from investments in fossil fuels.

When Council officers in Somerset West and Taunton said it would be unaffordable to upgrade 5,700 council homes, Green councillors set up a working party to put together a plan for cheaper energy bills. The three-stage process is ensuring that all these homes will see basics like ventilation and insulation fixed by 2030, with a complete switch away from fossil fuels by 2050.

# MAKING WORK FAIR

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Millions of people have seen their pay seriously eroded by inflation for well over a decade, including many who work in vital public services. Green MPs will defend and extend workers' rights to organise in the workplace, pushing for:

- Repeal of current anti-union legislation and its replacement with a positive Charter of Workers' Rights, with the right to strike at its heart along with a legal obligation for all employers to recognise trade unions.
- A maximum 10:1 pay ratio for all private- and public-sector organisations.
- An increase in the minimum wage to £15 an hour, no matter your age, with the costs to small businesses offset by reducing their National Insurance payments.
- Equal employment rights for all workers from their first day of employment, including those working in the 'gig economy' and on zero-hours contracts. Gig employers that repeatedly break employment, data protection or tax law will be denied licences to operate.
- A move to a four-day working week.



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# FAIRER, GREENER SOCIAL SUPPORT

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Most of us want to live in a country where everyone is treated with dignity, not one where record numbers of children are in poverty, older people can't keep warm and disabled people are badly let down. We can do so much better, lifting everyone up and making sure all of us can access extra help when we need it.

To tackle the cost-of-living crisis for the poorest in our society and make the social security system fairer and less punitive, elected Greens will campaign to:

- Increase Universal Credit and legacy benefits by £40 a week.
- Abolish the two-child benefit cap, lifting 250,000 children out of poverty.
- End the 'bedroom tax'.
- In the long term, introduce a universal basic income to give everybody the security to start a business, study, train and live their life in dignity.

## Disabled people

Disabled people have as much right to lead full, meaningful lives as everyone else.

Green MPs will push to:

- Restore the value of disability benefits, with an immediate uplift of 5%.
- Reform intrusive eligibility tests like PIP and the unfair targeting of carers and disabled people on benefits.
- Make it mandatory for councils to provide free transport for 16-18 year old pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.

# BRINGING NATURE BACK TO LIFE

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We are part of nature and unless it flourishes, we cannot flourish either, but the UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world.

To protect and restore nature, Elected Greens will campaign to:

- Introduce a new Rights of Nature Act, giving rights to nature itself.
- End the scandal of sewage pouring into our rivers and seas by taking the water companies back into public ownership.

- Extend people's access to green space and waterways close to where they live with a new English Right to Roam Act.
- Set aside 30% of our land and seas by 2030 in which nature will receive the highest priority and protection.

Green MPs will also press for:

- An immediate end to the emergency authorisation of bee-killing pesticides.
- A new Clean Air (Human Rights) Act, giving everyone the right to breathe clean air.



## **LEWES: GIVING RIGHTS TO NATURE TO PROTECT OUR RIVERS**

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Green-led Lewes District Council acted to protect the River Ouse from pollution by making it the first river in England to be granted legal rights, as part of a growing movement to bolster protection for nature through the law. Our waterways are being used as a free dumping ground for pollution from agriculture, new housing developments and water company spillages. Like the Green councillors in Lewes, Green MPs will always fight to protect the health of our rivers and the many people who enjoy them. Nature can't vote, but you can!

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## **JENNY JONES: FIGHTING FOR CLEAN WATER — AND WINNING**

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Green Party Baroness Jenny Jones led the rebellion in the House of Lords that stopped the government scrapping 'nutrient neutrality' rules thereby protecting some of our most precious water systems from pollution. The Labour Party initially backed Conservative plans to scrap these and leave taxpayers with the clean-up bills, but Jenny successfully pushed them to support her 'fatal motion' to stop this move.

Jenny has used her profile in Parliament to make public ownership of water one of the key asks of the next government. Private water companies have taken our money for over thirty years and paid it out to shareholders rather than investing in a sewage system that's fit for purpose. Only public ownership will fix this problem for good.



## PROTECTING ANIMALS

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To better protect animals and their habitats

Green MPs will push for:

- The creation a new Commission on Animal Protection.
- A ban on all blood sports, including trail hunting.
- All UK domestic and overseas territorial waters to offer the highest level of protection to marine life.
- An end to badger culling.
- An end to factory farming, enforcement of maximum stocking densities, and no routine use of antibiotics in farm animals.
- A complete ban on close confinement in cages and the deliberate and unnecessary mutilation of farm animals.



## FAIRER, GREENER FOOD AND FARMING

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Our food system is failing us all. Poor diets are estimated to cost our NHS £6.5bn a year yet successive governments have failed to take on the unhealthy food lobby. Meanwhile, the way we produce our food is damaging our natural world and our climate. Our food system accounts for a third of all greenhouse gas emissions and is the greatest driver of nature loss and pollution in our rivers.

Green MPs will work with farmers and other stakeholders to transform our food and farming system, so we are producing healthy, nutritious food at fair prices for consumers and with fair wages for growers. We will also aim to increase the amount of food

grown and traded in the UK, and as locally as possible.

Elected Greens will push for:

- Financial support for farmers to be almost tripled to support their transition to nature-friendly farming.
- Biodiversity and soil health to be conserved and improved, leading to cleaner rivers.
- Farm payments to be linked to reduced use of pesticides and other agro-chemicals.
- All children to have a free school meal each day and free breakfast clubs for children to Year 6.
- Schools to involve children in growing, preparing and cooking food, as part of the core curriculum.
- Policies that ensure that good quality surplus food is not wasted.

# FAIRER, GREENER TRANSPORT

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Our transport choices account for around a quarter of carbon emissions, so it's vital to make it easier to opt for greener choices. Yet public transport provision continues to decline, often leaving those on low incomes with no affordable options.

Greens MPs will champion better, cheaper public transport, so that every community is connected and can thrive.

We will push to:

- Increase annual public subsidies for rail and bus travel to £10bn by the end of the next Parliament, with free bus travel for under-18s.
- Invest in an additional £19bn over five years to improve public transport, support electrification and create new cycleways and footpaths.
- Bring the railways back into public ownership.
- Give local authorities control over and funding for improved bus services.

## Safe streets and active travel

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Walking, wheeling and cycling don't just help reduce carbon emissions and air pollution – they can make us all happier and healthier too.

Elected Greens will push for:

- Investment of £2.5bn a year in new cycleways and footpaths.
- Reimagining how we use streets in residential areas to reduce traffic and open them up for community use.
- Adopting Active Travel England's objective of 50% of trips in England's towns and cities to be walked, wheeled or cycled by 2030.

## Aviation

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Aviation is the fastest-growing source of CO2 emissions, and it's the wealthiest driving this trend.

Green MPs will push for:

- A frequent-flyer levy.
- A ban on domestic flights for journeys that would take less than three hours by train.
- A halt to the expansion of new airport capacity.

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# HEREFORDSHIRE: CHEAPER BUSES SUPPORTING LOCAL PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES

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Green-led Herefordshire Council acted to revive the local economy and help small businesses after the Covid pandemic, by making all buses within the county free at the weekend and putting on extra weekend services. This popular change helped bring people into town centres, giving businesses a boost. The scheme lasted nearly a year and used £1 million of Covid recovery funding. Nearly 170,000 journeys were taken and 12 new Sunday services laid on, giving great value for money.

Council officers had suggested that the money be used to make car parking free, but the Green cabinet member for economy shifted the focus to buses to help meet the Council's climate emergency commitments and support the many poorer households with no access to a car. After the scheme ended, the five most popular services have continued seven days a week, with most users now happy to pay for tickets.

That's the difference a Green in power can make!

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# A FAIRER, GREENER EDUCATION SYSTEM

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Education should be about inspiring a love of learning and ensuring that every young person can reach their potential. Yet too many children are failing to thrive in an education system that operates like a production line rather than valuing their individual qualities. An investment in the next generation is the most important investment we can make.

Green MPs will champion:

- An increase in school funding of £8bn, to include £2bn for a pay uplift for teachers.
- Supporting every higher education student, with the restoration of grants and the end of tuition fees.
- Ending high-stakes testing at primary and secondary schools and abolishing OFSTED.

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# ARTS, SPORTS AND CULTURE FOR ALL

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Arts, culture and sports are central to people's mental and physical wellbeing, and to thriving communities. They also make a huge contribution to the UK economy.

Green MPs will push for:

- A £5bn investment to support community sports, arts and culture.
- Keeping local sports facilities, museums, theatres, libraries and art galleries open and thriving.
- An end to VAT on cultural activities, lowering the prices of everything from museum tickets to gigs in local pubs and making these more accessible.

## Media

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Our media landscape is skewed by the dominance of billionaire and big-tech ownership, intent on maximising profits by irresponsible practices that undermine democracy and promote harmful online content.

Elected Greens will push for:

- A change in the law so that no single individual or company can own more than 20% of any media market.
- All the reforms proposed in the second part of the 2012 Leveson Report.

# DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE

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Green MPs will always defend our democratic and human rights, uphold the rule of law and tackle political corruption. We will also push for the UK to become a modern, functional and more representative democracy.

We will defend the Human Rights Act, the UK's membership of the European Convention on Human Rights and continued direct access to Convention rights in the domestic courts.

Elected Greens will also push for:

- Replacing the first past the post system for parliamentary elections with a fair and proportional voting system.
- Replacing the House of Lords with an elected second chamber.
- Votes for 16-year-olds and residence-based voting rights.

Green MPs will always stand up against hate crime, misogyny and violence against women and girls, Islamophobia and antisemitism.



# TACKLING KNIFE CRIME IN BRISTOL

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Our commitment to human rights encompasses equalities, justice and civil liberties too. So we will:

- Campaign to end violence against women and girls.
- Scrap the Police, Crime Sentencing and Courts Act, the Public Order Act and other legislation that erodes the right to protest and free expression.
- Campaign for the right of self-identification for trans and non-binary people.
- Scrap the Prevent programme and tackle hate crime, misogyny, Islamophobia and antisemitism. Seek to restore trust and confidence in the police.
- Repair and renew our crumbling court system with a £2.5bn investment.

Greens believe in national self-determination. Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland should be free to make their own decisions about their relationship with the rest of the United Kingdom.



In 2023, Green councillor Mohamed Makawi, whose friend had been fatally stabbed in Castle Park, proposed a motion to bring down knife crime in Bristol that was passed by full Council. Rather than simply calling for more policing, the Green motion outlined practical solutions and addressed the social factors underlying knife violence. It introduced simple but vital steps to save lives, such as providing emergency bleed kits and staff training for night-time venues, and providing more lighting and CCTV to fix 'blind spots' in areas of high knife crime.

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# A FAIRER, GREENER WORLD

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In a world threatened by war, climate breakdown and the rise of authoritarian regimes, the Green Party believes that the UK's foreign policy should be based on shared commitments to democracy, peace, global solidarity and the protection of human rights.

Green MPs will work for the UK to:

- Take the lead in upholding the right to self-determination and the enforcement of international law.
- Continue to support Ukraine as it resists Russian invasion.
- Re-join the EU as soon as the political conditions are right.

## Israel and Palestine

We condemned the appalling murder of hundreds of Israeli civilians by Hamas, and since then have watched in horror as Israeli forces have committed war crimes that have caused the deaths of tens of thousands of Palestinian civilians.

Green MPs will push for:

- An immediate bilateral ceasefire.
- An end to arms sales to Israel.
- Redoubled efforts to secure the release of hostages taken on 7th October 2023.
- An urgent international effort to end the illegal occupation of Palestinian land.
- A durable political solution that ensures security and equal rights for Israelis and Palestinians
- The reinstatement of funding for UNRWA and support for South Africa's submission to the International Court of Justice.

## Nuclear weapons and NATO

Most of the world's countries do not possess weapons of mass destruction and are safer as a result. Elected Greens will:

- Push for the UK to sign the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and following this to immediately begin the process of dismantling our nuclear

weapons, cancelling the Trident programme and removing all foreign nuclear weapons from UK soil.

- Work with international partners to enlarge membership of the TPNW and ensure that all states meet their commitments under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The Green Party recognises that NATO has an important role in ensuring the ability of its member states to respond to threats to their security. We would work within NATO to achieve:

- A greater focus on global peacebuilding.
- A commitment to a 'No First Use' of nuclear weapons.

## Climate diplomacy and overseas aid

In recognition of the importance of supporting countries in the Global South to decarbonise their economies and build resilience to increasingly severe storms, floods and extreme heat, Green MPs would push for the UK to:

- Increase international aid to 1% of gross national income (GNI) by 2033.
- Increase climate finance for the Global South to 1.5% of GNI by 2033, with an additional contribution to a newly established Loss and Damage Fund.

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# A FAIRER, GREENER WELCOME

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We welcome the contributions that migrants and refugees make to British society. We want to be welcoming, promote social cohesion and support migrants to put down roots.

Green MPs will push for:

- An end to the hostile environment.
- An end to the minimum income requirements for spouses of those holding work visas.
- Safe routes to sanctuary for those fleeing persecution.
- The dysfunctional Home Office to be replaced with a new Department of Migration, separating this function from the criminal justice system.
- An end to immigration detention for all migrants unless they are a danger to public safety.
- Abolition of the 'no recourse to public funds' condition that exacerbates social, economic, and racial inequalities.
- Those seeking asylum and protection to be permitted to work while their application is being decided.

# VOTE HOPE. VOTE CHANGE. VOTE GREEN.

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The Green Party has been going from strength to strength. When we tell the truth, aim high and offer hope, voters respond.

We've increased our number of local authority councillors fivefold in the past five years and are now represented on 170 councils and part of the administration on 42.

Elected Green councillors use the power given to them by your votes to build fairer, greener communities. And that's what elected Green MPs will do too.

In this election we are aiming high. We urgently need more Green MPs to put the climate emergency high on the national agenda, to resist and roll back the privatisation of public services, and to fight for the investment that's desperately needed to mend so much that is broken and begin to create a fairer, greener country.

Now, it's over to you. You can choose a fairer future for us all. Vote for real hope and real change. Vote Green.





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