

# People serving their country deserve better treatment, says Green co-leader on Armed Forces Day



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Marking Armed Forces Day, Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the Green Party said:

“Today’s focus very much should be on the people who make up our armed forces, both those now serving and those who have contributed in the past.

“My father served on D-Day. My uncle was a Spitfire pilot in the Battle of Britain.

“I think they’d both be horrified by yesterday’s report from the Public Accounts Committee saying that still a third of service personnel are not happy with the quality of their housing, and by the statistics showing that at least 50,000 former servicepeople are coping with mental health conditions and 6,000 have no permanent address.

“It is also disappointing that in provision of accommodation there is still discrimination between those who are married or in civil partnerships and those in long-term relationships.

“People serving their country deserve better treatment.”

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