

# **“We need a sporting and cultural boycott of all Israeli teams”**

17 October 2025 / 17 October 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to [the news](#) that Maccabi Tel Aviv fans being banned from attending a football game against Aston Villa next month Green Party Deputy Leader, Mothin Ali, said,

“Everyone should be able to feel safe when they attend a football match, that’s non-negotiable. It’s irresponsible for Keir Starmer to question a safety decision of a local authority, especially when he is responsible for their chronic underfunding.

“Under normal circumstances, supporters from across the fanbase should be allowed to attend and provision taken to ban violent elements such as The Ultras. But these are not normal circumstances: these games are taking place in the context of thousands of civilians being killed in Gaza, the illegal occupation of Palestinian land, and the upholding of a system of apartheid.

“This raises serious moral questions for the UK, UEFA, and the wider football community. We need a sporting and cultural boycott of all Israeli teams, like we saw for South African teams under apartheid. International sporting bodies can and must take a stand when basic human rights are being violated.

“Football should be a force for peace and justice, not a tool to sportwash atrocities.”

[Adblock test \(Why?\)](#)

---

## **Greens and Labour level pegging in latest poll**

16 October 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to [the latest poll that puts The Green Party level pegging with Labour on 15%](#), Green Party Leader Zack Polanski said,

“When I was elected, I said we weren’t here to be disappointed in Labour, we’re here to replace them. And I meant it. Our membership is surging – already over 115,000, up 70% from when I was elected last month. We’re about

to overtake the Conservatives in membership size and watch this space, we are about to overtake Labour in the polls. British politics is changing, Greens are giving Britain hope again.”

[Adblock test \(Why?\)](#)

---

## Green Party membership surges past 100,000 as polls show record support

The Green Party of England and Wales has today announced that its membership has surged past 100,000 members, the highest in the Party’s history. This marks over a 45% increase since Zack Polanski was elected Leader of the party last month.

The news comes as the [recent polling shows](#) Greens on 15% nationally, their highest-ever figure, and just two points behind both Labour and the Conservatives.

The announcement comes just one week after the [Greens announced they had a bigger membership than the Liberal Democrats](#). Since then, it has been shown that the Liberal Democrats’ membership is actually [just 60,000](#), and the Greens have grown an additional 17,000 in a week.

Green Party Leader **Zack Polanski** said:

“More than 100,000 people have now joined the Green movement, that’s 100,000 people who believe politics can be honest, fair and hopeful again.

When I was elected Leader last month, I said that we’re not here to be disappointed with Labour but that we’re here to replace them. I was serious. Because while Labour talks about change, people can see in their weekly shop, their utility bills and crumbling services, Labour are offering more of the same.

The Greens are the only real opposition left in British politics. Standing up for fair taxes, a liveable planet, and a future where compassion and courage matter more than corporate interests. People are understandably disillusioned, but we are here to make hope normal again.”

Under Polanski’s leadership, the Party has seen a wave of new members, driven, in part, by growing frustration with the other parties’ failure to tackle the cost-of-living crisis, the climate emergency, and the collapse in trust in politics.

The record-breaking membership figures follow the Greens’ recent electoral success in local and parliamentary elections, alongside growing national

visibility from high-profile media appearances, including Polanski's [BBC Question Time performance](#), which sparked widespread praise online.

Polanski added:

"This milestone shows that people are ready for something new. The old two-party system is broken. The Green Party is growing because we speak to the real challenges of this moment. Because we still believe that politics can be a force for good. The message is simple: if you want courage, integrity and hope, come join us."

The Green Party is now preparing for major autumn campaigns focused on fair taxation, and the cost-of-living crisis, as Labour scramble to present another austerity budget.

[Adblock test \(Why?\)](#)

---

## Green Party reaction to Gaza peace deal

Reacting to reports that Israel and Hamas have agreed to the first phase of a Gaza peace deal, Dr Ellie Chowns, MP for North Herefordshire and Parliamentary Green Party Foreign Affairs Spokesperson, said:

"The announcement of an agreed deal for peace in Gaza is an urgent and welcome lifeline for people who have endured horrendous suffering. For months, Gaza's children have known only rubble, hunger, and terror; hospitals lie in dust, neighbourhoods are shattered, and people have starved behind blockades. Families in Israel and abroad too have known no peace while desperately wishing for the release of loved ones still being held hostage.

"A ceasefire is hugely welcome – and it is only the first step. All parties must use this moment to foster peace, rebuild lives, and tackle root injustice. The ceasefire must be accompanied by clear guarantees: release of all hostages, unfettered aid access to Gaza's starving people, and a plan for full withdrawal of occupying forces from Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. The UK must use every diplomatic, legal, and economic lever to support the delivery of aid and drive independent and impartial investigations into war crimes and genocide, as well as the establishment of justice mechanisms for victims.

"We understand reports that the ceasefire negotiations may follow the outline of President Trump's 20-point proposal, which envisages a temporary technocratic authority for Gaza supervised by an international 'Board of Peace' chaired by President Trump and involving former prime minister Tony Blair. While we welcome an end to the bloodshed, the Green Party is clear

that decisions about Gaza's future must be driven by Palestinians themselves, not by foreign powers. Anything that sidelines Palestinian voices will not command the legitimacy needed for lasting peace.

"The Green Party have been calling for an end to this slaughter for two years, and we could not be more relieved that a deal for peace has been secured. Relief, however, must be channelled into resolve: to secure humanitarian aid, to insist on Palestinian self-determination, and to pursue truth and justice for victims of war crimes. True peace means more than stopping the killing: it means confronting the root causes of the violence and supporting the fundamental rights of both Palestinians and Israelis. This ceasefire must mark the end of destruction and the first step on a path to justice, dignity, and hope in the region."

[Adblock test \(Why?\)](#)

---

## **"It's as if she hasn't spoken to the millions of people who are working full-time but are unable to pay their bills"**

8 October 2025 / 8 October 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to the Leader of the Conservative Party, Kemi Badenoch's keynote conference speech, Green Party Leader Zack Polanski said,

"Kemi, whilst struggling for any last semblance of relevance, feels like she's talking in a completely different time and place. She was speaking to the room, not listening to the nation. While she got rounds of applause from men in suits sitting in front of her, she still sounds painfully out of touch with those dressed and ready to work for this country.

"You can't preach about a 'strong economy' while protecting the wealth of billionaires and underfunding the nurses, teachers and carers who keep this country going. When she says "work is the best way out of poverty", she shows her ignorance of the millions of Brits who are earning poverty wages, not enough to live on, let alone thrive. She has shown herself to be completely ignorant of the crumbling frontline services that millions rely on. It's as if she hasn't spoken to the millions of people who are working full-time but are unable to pay their bills.

The Conservatives would instead have you believe it's the borders that are causing people to be unable to pay their bills. This is a lie. And the truth

is simple. Our borders are being used as a distraction. If the government taxed the super-rich and the extreme wealth properly, we could rebuild our NHS, invest in green jobs and give everyone the security they deserve. Britain doesn't need another lecture from the out-of-touch rich. It needs leadership with courage and compassion. That's how we can give Britain hope again."

[Adblock test \(Why?\)](#)