

# Record high for Green Party after County Council elections

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After this year's County Council elections in England, the Green Party has made a **net gain of 43 seats**, taking their tally to **859 seats on 181 councils**. The party **held 38 seats, gained 48** and lost just 5.

The Greens gained from both the Conservatives and Labour and lost no seats to either. 24 seats were gained from the Conservatives, while 17 were gained from Labour. There were also 6 gains from the Lib Dems, with just one loss, and 3 gains from Independents. Only four seats were lost to Reform, compared to hundreds of losses suffered by the Conservatives and Labour.

The Green Party has made **breakthroughs in Leicestershire, Staffordshire and Cambridgeshire**.

Commenting on the record-breaking results, Green Party co-Leader Carla Denyer MP said:

“The Green Party has broken new records by increasing our number of councillors for the eighth year running. While Labour and the Conservatives have buckled under the Reform insurgency, Greens just keep growing.

“We have taken seats off the Tories and Labour and have shown we can be the positive and progressive antidote to Reform, holding their vote back in some places while breaking through onto other councils where Reform dominated.”

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## Trump's tariffs: We must “oppose Trump's divide-and-rule tactics” say Greens

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Responding to [US President Donald Trump's sweeping set of tariffs](#), Green Party Co-Leader, Carla Denyer MP, said,

"We need to work together to oppose Trump's divide-and-rule tactics. In the first instance, that means standing with partners like the EU and Canada who share our commitment to trade agreements rather than trade coercion. It's a fantasy to believe that our long-term economic prosperity can be left in the hands of whether or not we are in Trump's favour on any one given day. As such, we must prioritise securing a Customs Union agreement with the EU so that we regain the strength of being part of a larger bloc."

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## **"A legacy offering real hope for Scotland" – Carla Denyer reflects on Patrick Harvie's tenure as longest serving political leader in the UK**

2 April 2025 / 2 April 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to the news that [Patrick Harvie is stepping down as Co-Leader of the Scottish Green Party](#), Carla Denyer MP, Co-Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales, said,

"Patrick's legacy goes well beyond being the longest-serving political leader in the UK, or even being the leader who took Greens into government for the first time in the UK. His legacy will be marked every time a young person gets on public transport free of charge; with every renter who is able to keep a roof over their heads because of protections that Patrick secured; and with every kilowatt of clean renewable power that Scotland produces because of Green policies. These are real achievements to be proud of. A legacy offering real hope for Scotland."

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## **Greens condemn latest brutal**

# displacement of Palestinians

Responding to Israel defence minister Israel Katz's statement that the country aimed to seize large areas of the Palestinian territory and incorporate them into "security zones", (1) Ellie Chowns, MP for North Herefordshire and Green Party Foreign Affairs spokesperson, said:

"The Green Party condemns in the strongest possible terms the Israeli government's brutal decision to expand its military operations in Gaza. Seizing large areas of territory and forcibly displacing countless Gazans to create so-called "security zones" would be a further violation of international law against a population already devastated by 18 months of conflict.

"This is not security; it is domination and erasure. It would constitute ethnic cleansing and further collective punishment on a mass scale, and it would only deepen the unimaginable suffering already endured by the people of Gaza.

"More than 50,000 Palestinians have been killed since October 2023, and the humanitarian crisis could not be more dire. Israeli forces have maintained a total blockade of aid since early March, cutting off food, water, and medical supplies while bombs continue to fall. Last month, Israeli forces killed yet more medics, first responders, and a UN staff member, forcing the UN to reduce its operations.

"The UK government cannot remain silent while genocide is carried out in plain sight. We cannot be complicit in this horror by continuing to arm and support the Israeli government. There is no justification—legal, moral, or political—for aiding a state that systematically targets civilians, destroys homes and hospitals, and plans to occupy yet more Palestinian land.

"The Green Party has consistently called for the release of the hostages, an immediate ceasefire, a complete halt to arms sales to Israel, and recognition of the State of Palestine. We also urgently push for humanitarian corridors to be opened so that aid can reach those who are starving and injured. We owe it to the Palestinian people, to international justice, and to our own humanity to demand an end to this bloodshed and to take a stand against genocide.

"Our thoughts are with the civilians of Gaza, whose courage and resilience in the face of such horror move us to keep fighting for justice, peace, and accountability. We will not look away."

(1) [Deadly strikes in Gaza as Israel says it will seize 'large areas' – BBC News](#)

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## **“Labour’s recent leaflet boasting about deporting more people than the Tories is sickening”**

1 April 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to [Labour’s recent leaflet about how they’ve delivered “the four biggest deportation flights in UK history”](#) Green Party Co-Leader, Carla Denyer said,

“Labour’s recent leaflet boasting about deporting more people than the Tories is sickening.

“Labour are failing to provide safe and legal routes into the UK while seemingly revelling in turning people’s lives upside down.

“Any claim the Labour Party may have once had to be a party of compassion or principle has well and truly gone.”

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