

# [Greens respond to election of Labour Party Deputy Leader](#)

25 October 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to the election of Lucy Powell as Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, Green Party Leader Zack Polanski said:

“Labour members are clearly deeply disappointed with Keir Starmer’s performance and have elected the candidate he sacked from government just a few weeks ago.

“The truth is, the country too is deeply disappointed by a government that has failed to tackle the cost of living crisis and pushed up bills for food, water and energy.

“It’s a change of direction that is needed not this political soap drama. I want next month’s Budget to tackle the cost of living crisis by taxing wealth, rewarding work and protecting public services. Let’s see if Lucy Powell will join us in delivering that change.”

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## [Green Party membership surges past Conservatives, making the Greens third-largest political party in the UK](#)

The Green Party of England and Wales’ membership has surged past the Conservative Party, making the Greens the third largest party in the UK [1]. From this position, and with Labour’s clear shift to the right, it’s clear that the Greens are now the Party of choice to counter Reform and their brand of divisive politics.

In just over two hours, the Green Party saw 1,000 new members join on Sunday morning after Zack Polanski announced the news on BBC One’s Laura Kuenssberg show. The Green Party membership now stands at over 126,000. This latest milestone marks an 80% increase since Zack Polanski was elected Leader of the party last month. The Greens now have more than double the [reported members of the Liberal Democrats](#).

Green Party Leader Zack Polanski said:

“More than 126,000 people have now joined the Green movement, showing that British politics is changing and support for old-style parties built on privilege and power is shrinking. Increasing numbers of people are walking away from the politics of austerity, inequality and division and choosing a new kind of politics that offers a bold, hopeful vision of prosperity,

equality and unity”.

“Our membership boom reflects growing public frustration with the political status quo and a hunger for genuine alternatives”.

Since Polanski was elected leader, the Greens have become a clear voice on the cost-of-living crisis, climate breakdown, and the collapse in political trust.

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, and it’s clear that with our message, people can see that politics can be a force for good”.

The Green Party is now preparing to launch a series of autumn campaigns on fair taxation and tackling the cost-of-living crisis, as the Labour Party prepares what is likely to be another austerity-driven budget.

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[1] The last publicly available membership figure for The Conservatives is 123,000, although it is widely assumed to be now considerably lower. <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2025/07/23/tory-membership-falls-under-badenoch/>

The Green Party’s membership is based on the membership of the Green Party of England and Wales. The Scottish Green Party and Northern Irish Greens are separate political parties. The Scottish Green Party recently [announced](#) its own membership had grown to over 8,000 members.

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# [“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.”

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