

Greens set sights on bigger parliamentary election wins after record-breaking locals results

Green Party Parliamentary leader Dr Ellie Chowns MP said: “New records have been broken across England and Wales and hope has arrived back in our communities.

“Today, our new councillors have started work to deliver on our campaign promises and we are redrawing our ambitions for the next Westminster parliamentary elections.

“From Norwich, Hastings, Hackney, Waltham Forest, and all across London, to Birmingham, Newcastle Norfolk, Manchester and East Sussex, there is a real demand for Green representation.

“Two party politics is finished, and voters are demanding bold policies to deliver real change.

“MPs return for a new session of Parliament this week and a King’s Speech setting out the government’s programme.

“Prime Minister Keir Starmer – if he is still Prime Minister – must get behind the Green Party’s demands for strong climate and nature action, alongside crucial measures to make life affordable for all, including rent controls, water nationalisation, and wealth taxes on multimillionaires and billionaires.

“If he doesn’t, our Green MPs will be holding him to account in Parliament and tabling an amendment to the government’s plans and calling on all Labour MPs who want to end the cost of living crisis to get behind it.

“And we now have the backing of record numbers of Green councillors, running a record number of Green councils because we have listened to our communities.

“In the coming weeks, we will be setting our sights on new parliamentary targets across the country. These local election results show there is a huge demand for the hope we offer.”

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Our 'Green objectives' will be the price of any support for new government say Wales Green Party – as they welcome the defeat of Reform

Wales Green Party will be looking to achieve the key manifesto pledges it promised to voters in any forthcoming arrangement with Plaid Cymru, their leader Anthony Slaughter announced today. At the same time, Slaughter welcomed the defeat of the 'divisive, Trumpian' Reform Party.

Anthony Slaughter said: "We welcome the defeat of Reform and congratulate Plaid Cymru on their result – this is a victory for everyone who wanted to keep out Reform's divisive, Trumpian politics out of Wales. We are a welcoming nation – and Wales needs to stay a place where everyone is treated with respect and dignity and can thrive.

"When it comes to the next government of Wales, we are open to having conversations, but no decisions have been made at this point. In any negotiations we will be looking to deliver on the Green objectives that people voted on in this election – including action to address the cost-of-living crisis, protecting our NHS, fixing the renting crisis, and restoring our natural environment."

The declaration comes after Wales Green Party celebrated its historic breakthrough onto the Senedd with the election of their first ever two MSs – Leader Anthony Slaughter in Caerdydd Penarth and environmentalist Paul Rock in Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf.

Wales Green Party's key manifesto pledges include:

- Replacing council tax with land value tax paid by landlords not tenants
- Freezing rents, building 60,000 social homes and ending no-fault evictions
- Ending corridor care, addressing the mental health pandemic and putting the NHS on a sustainable footing
- Free bus fares for the under 22s, £1 for adults, more bus routes
- Extending free childcare from nine months to four years
- Taking back control of water to clean up our rivers and bring down bills
- Making sure every government decision supports climate and nature recovery

Paul Rock was the second Green Party candidate to win a seat in the Senedd.

He will serve in the Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf constituency where he has lived for 30 years. Paul is committed to the sustainability and resilience of Welsh communities, serving as UCU branch Environmental Officer at Cardiff University, and helping create the Gabalfa Library of Things. He has a long history of activism, with interests in sustainable transport, renewable energy and public access to land.

Zack Polanski, Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales said:

“When myself and my deputies Rachel Milward and Mothin Ali were elected a year ago we were very clear that breaking through and gaining representation in the Senedd was our number one priority. If you asked us six months ago no one expected us to get more than one seat but we have doubled that.”

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[Wales Green Party leader Anthony Slaughter makes historic breakthrough to the Senedd](#)

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Wales Green Party has made an historic breakthrough winning its first ever seat in the Senedd with the election of Anthony Slaughter in Caerdydd Penarth.

Wales Green Party leader Anthony Slaughter said:

“I am honoured to be the first Wales Green Party candidate to be elected to the Senedd. This is an historic moment for the party. Welsh politics has changed forever today and Wales Green Party will now be playing a key role in that.

“Having a Green voice in the Senedd for the first time will make a huge difference to the political conversation in Wales and I look forward to working with others to achieve our campaign including the helping with the cost of living, fixing the housing crisis and protecting the natural environment of Wales.”

Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales, Zack Polanski, gave his reaction to the news:

“I’m so proud to see my friend Anthony play a central role in our historic breakthrough onto the Sennedd. I know he will work every day with determination, vision and integrity for a fairer, greener Wales.”

Slaughter gained the fourth seat in the constituency winning 14% of the vote ahead of Labour on 12%.

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Zack Polanski said: "Voters are creating these record Green results because we are the only party responding to their demands to take the cost-of-living crisis seriously. We are the only party with real plans to cut bills, reduce rents and provide genuinely affordable homes.

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