

## **Guidance published for nurses & midwives to help identify domestic abuse**

Regionally consistent guidance has been published to assist midwives, health visitors, school nurses and family nurses to identify and respond to incidents of domestic abuse.

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## **February 26 stocking of Departmental waters**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has stocked the following waters with takeable fish in February 2026:

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## **Kimmins announces £650,000.00 resurfacing scheme for B122 Ecclesville Road, Fintona**

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has announced that a £650,000 carriageway resurfacing scheme on the Ecclesville Road, Murley Mountain, Fintona will commence on Monday 9 March 2026.

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## **Economy Minister announces 54% increase to Postgraduate loan support**

Postgraduate students will have access to significantly higher tuition fee loans of up to £10,000, Economy Minister Dr Caoimhe Archibald has announced

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# [Green Party gains 15,000 new members in a week after historic by-election victory – while Labour double down on migrant bashing](#)

The Green Party of England and Wales has today announced that their membership has grown by more than 2,000 a day, over 15,000 in a week, since their historic by-election victory in Gorton and Denton going from 200,000 members to over 215,000.

This milestone caps off a good week for the Greens after the weekly [Sky News YouGov](#) poll put the Green Party on 21% of the national vote, its highest level ever recorded by and ahead of both Labour and the Conservatives who were tied on 16% each. Crucially the poll put the Greens within touching distance of Reform on 23%.

Hannah Spencer, the newly elected MP for Gorton and Denton, said:

“I heard in Gorton and Denton time and time again, this was the first time that people had felt included in politics, and a genuine sense of hope. That hope was reflected in the ballot box last week, in the polls we’ve seen this week and in the huge surge of new party members. People like that we’re clear on not just pointing out the problems, but offering real world, practical solutions.”

As the party heads toward the local elections in England and the Senedd elections in Wales this May, Greens are looking to turn these recent polling, membership and by-election victories into substantial gains at the ballot box.

“Across the country we’re hearing the same message: people are ready for bold action on cost of living, on housing, on the NHS, and on real democratic reform,” said Hannah. We’re breaking records left, right and centre and we’re ready to win across the country this May. And believe me when I say we’re only just getting started!”

“Labour clearly hasn’t learnt the lessons of the Gorton and Denton by-election. What we heard on the doorstep is that people don’t like Labour aping Reform’s grubby practice of blaming migrants for everything. These policies only divide our communities whereas we believe everyone should be treated with dignity, and respect – wherever you are from.”

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