

[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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[“Rehash of an old BNP policy” – Greens slam Labour immigration reforms](#)

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Responding to today's [announcements by the Home Secretary](#), Green Party Deputy Leader Rachel Millward said:

“Migrants and refugees have always been, and always will be, part of who we are as a country. Migration is a story as old as time. People coming here to live is part of the patchwork that makes Britain great.

In contrast, today we've seen a Labour Home Secretary rehash an [old BNP policy](#) of paying people to leave the country. We've seen rights becoming conditional on those with language skills. Policies that risk leaving people on the streets, as the rights of those seeking safety from war and persecution are eroded. The impacts will be real both on individuals and our communities.

Labour clearly have not learnt the lessons of Gorton and Denton. Voters showed Labour that they are not persuaded by their attempts to copy Reform's rhetoric or to blame migrants for the real challenges facing our country. Voters are looking for honesty, practical solutions and hope that things can get better.

That's why we support a fair and well-managed migration system alongside serious action on the cost-of-living crisis. This is what people want to see – strong communities and affordable weekly shops. That Labour don't understand this still is striking.

While Labour continue to dismiss or caricature Green supporters, we will continue to stand up for the many people who have chosen to make their lives here and contribute to our communities every day. Proudly, we say not only that Britain's problems were not caused by migrants or those seeking asylum, but that those who come to live, work and love here play a really important role in making us who we are.”

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a chairperson and up to 18 members to the Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside (CNCC)

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is seeking to appoint a chair and up to 18 members to the Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside (CNCC).

Suspect case of notifiable Avian Flu found in commercial poultry premises, Co Tyrone 05/03/26

Disease control measures have been initiated by DAERA following a suspect case of notifiable highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) at a commercial poultry premises near Omagh.

DAERA and DAFM announce reciprocal Bluetongue derogations to ease trade

Agriculture Ministers on both sides of the border have today moved to lift animal movement restrictions for breeding and production which were introduced following the Bluetongue outbreaks in both jurisdictions.