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**TIME TO TURN GREEN**

Manifesto 2024

# WELCOME TO THE MANIFESTO FROM THE WALES GREEN PARTY LEADERSHIP TEAM

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What does this General Election mean for Wales? And what reasons can we give you to vote Green? We know that a Green vote will be effective in putting down a real marker for the kinds of changes that we need in our society. Greens have the policies that can really respond at scale to the challenges we all face. Being realistic about the scale of the changes needed is the foundation of hope that we offer in these policies.

If you like what you read, join us and help make Wales a better place to live!

This General Election is taking place during a very difficult time for many people in Wales. We have the highest levels of poverty and social exclusion

in the UK and the legacy of years of Tory austerity is continuing to make things worse. The fall-out from Brexit is also contributing to worse conditions for farming and other industries, alongside the continuing effects of the Covid pandemic on our health and wellbeing. The wider context is the continuing climate change and nature depletion emergencies causing catastrophic flooding, high winds, coastal erosion and higher food prices. The polluted state of our rivers and seas has become a potent symbol of a system that is failing people and nature.

In this context plans for Real Change have to respond by taking effective action and supporting people through necessary changes. This is what we mean by Just Transition in Wales. Our plans for a just and sustainable future will not only protect our environment but also provide new green jobs and strengthen public services, supporting those who have been left behind as traditional Welsh industries decline. Wellbeing and quality of life for current and future generations are at the heart of our message. We support progress that has been made on Wellbeing Goals through the Welsh Government and Senedd, including the Future Generations Act, but more effective action is needed.

Wales Green Party is committed to campaigning for an independent Wales with its own democratic constitution and independent Senedd as vital for a green future.

The Green Party of England and Wales works with us to support policies we decide for devolved areas. More than that, elected Greens in Westminster can help achieve change in Wales by supporting some measures that currently need to happen at the UK-wide level. Some other parties in Wales do recognise climate and biodiversity emergencies but we know that their response is not adequate to the scale of the problems. A vote for the Wales Green Party sends a strong message to the incoming government and helps us hold other parties to account and push for stronger measures.

Vote Green to make an impact!

Anthony Slaughter, Phil Davies and Linda Rogers

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This manifesto sets out what we think is achievable, given our starting point, but also looks ahead to lay the basis for ambitious and far-reaching change.

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# FOR A FAIRER GREENER COUNTRY



## **Anthony Slaughter**

Tired 'business as usual' politics is failing our communities. Westminster isn't working. Wales deserves better.

We have the radical, bold policies needed to create a fairer, greener future for all.

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## **Linda Rogers**

Westminster is putting us on a "prewar footing", with more spent on nuclear defences. but the major threats to our security, the catastrophic effects of climate change, food shortages and inequality, are made worse by their policies.

Invest in Green, Invest in the Future!

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## **Phil Davies**

The UK is one of the most unequal states in Europe. We cannot afford to continue down this path. We need real hope and real change! We need a party with the bold and transformational policies to make a better and more equal future for everyone in Wales.

We need Greens!

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# TIME TO TURN GREEN



## SUMMATIVE POLICY POINTS

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- Our future depends upon nature and a stable climate. Greens will prioritise action for climate and biodiversity recovery across every area, using a Just Transition approach, creating new green jobs and supporting people through change to a better system.
- A Green Economic Transformation to a Wellbeing Economy, supporting transition to net zero, front-loading new green industries, and scrapping nuclear power.
- Take urgent action to clean up and regenerate our rivers, seas and nature-depleted countryside through regulation, improved funding and research.
- Recognise the arts and sports as vital to wellbeing, keeping local sports facilities, museums, theatres, libraries and art galleries open and thriving.
- Take public services back under state control or change to a social business model with strong social and environmental requirements.
- Make social security system adequate with an increase of £40 per week to Universal Credit, and increase Pension Credit.
- Address child poverty, abolish the third child benefits cap and provide free nutritious school meals for all children including holidays.
- Restore the value of disability benefits and reform intrusive tests for benefits like PIP, end targeting of carers and disabled people on benefits.
- Protect and restore a fully public & properly funded linked NHS & social care system, with free personal care. In Wales we support the progress made in setting up of a National Care Service working alongside the NHS.

- Build at least 12, 000 new homes each year in Wales to solve the housing crisis. We need more high quality, energy efficient social housing. We propose a massive retrofit scheme to older housing to help reduce energy bills.
- Strengthen rent controls in Wales including rent caps and ending zero fault evictions, and ensure that housing is affordable to all. We support 'Right to Rent' for those struggling with mortgage payments.
- Work with farmers for a payments system to more nature-friendly farming, reducing pesticides, carbon emissions, bringing in nature-based solutions for flooding and addressing pollution from agricultural runoff.
- Communities to benefit from new jobs created but also local income from local renewable energy sources. Devolution of Crown Estate could ensure that benefits of offshore renewables benefit the people of Wales.
- An immediate ceasefire in Gaza, support for South Africa's submission to the International Court of Justice, release of all hostages, an end to arms sales to Israel and full recognition of Palestinian statehood.
- Push for the UK to join the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

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# CLIMATE, BIODIVERSITY AND POVERTY

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Green party policies call for urgent action and real change. The costs of decades of inaction on climate, biodiversity and poverty are becoming obvious. We urgently need to change to new ways of doing things in Wales, in the UK and in the world. Floods are already devastating people's homes and livelihoods across Wales. Storms are wrecking our transport systems.

Although people love and cherish nature and wildlife experiences, the UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world, with risks not only to the things we love, but our entire food chain as insect life declines by 78%.

It is not a coincidence that poverty in Wales is at crisis levels, 28% of all children in Wales live in poverty, destitution has risen dramatically UK-wide, many people do not have a secure home and debt is rising. At the same time, we have many corporations posting super-profits and a huge rise in the super rich.

These are not separate problems. They are all driven by our out-dated economic system – a system which exploits both communities and nature. The debate should not be about how much we can get given back to keep business-as-usual going, but how to move towards a new and better system. The policies we present below are a mix of the measures we believe essential to support people through change, but also lay groundwork for essential transitioning of our production, consumption, infrastructure, planning, transport systems and education systems.

This means working for a Just Transition, setting new economic frameworks, that further develops understanding of the value of our social and cultural diversity and protects everyone's rights, through reformed legal, policing and justice systems.

This means working for a Wellbeing economy with a better mix of business models, including nationalised utilities, social business and co-ownership, and new forms of banking and finance that can raise funds for change and support new business with strong social and environmental purposes.

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**OF ALL CHILDREN IN WALES  
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Action on climate, biodiversity and poverty has to include peace-building for global cooperation, reducing militarism, and taking more action on global justice. The disastrous effects of climate change are being felt more strongly in poorer countries in the Global South who largely depend on agriculture and ecosystems for their survival. As part of the developed North, Wales needs to play its part in supporting these countries through adaptation to climate change and low/zero carbon development. Real security locally and globally depends

on a fair standard of living for all and more participation in governance.

Wider involvement is needed for real hope and real change, including communities, civil society groups and trades unions, professional expertise, research and more. For this we need new forms of democracy that enable more opportunities for participation and gives more power to local communities.

Our more detailed policies below work towards these goals.



## A FAIRER, HEALTHIER COUNTRY

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The NHS UK-wide faces the worst crisis in its 80-year history, with patients dying in ambulances, record waiting lists for surgery, and cancer survival rates amongst the worst in the developed world. This is all the result of deliberate underfunding and a Westminster government intent on paving the way for privatisation of our precious NHS.

Wales Green Party is committed to fairer funding for Wales to ensure a fully public, properly funded health and social care system, and to keeping the profit motive well away from the NHS.

Green MPs at Westminster will push for:

- A steady reduction in waiting lists.
- Guaranteed access to an NHS dentist.
- Increased funding for primary care with the aim of providing same day access to a GP.



- An immediate boost to the pay of NHS staff, including the restoration of junior doctors' pay, including to help with staff retention.

To meet these aims, we estimate that the NHS in England and Wales will require additional annual expenditure on health and social care overall of £33.4 Bn rising to £56.5 Bn over the life of the next Parliament, up to 2030. Additional capital spending is calculated together with Education and an increase of £9.9 Bn is needed, levelling off at £7.1 Bn over the 5 years of the next Westminster Parliament.

Investing in GPs and public health is key to prevention, early diagnosis and improving our quality of life, while also reducing the burden on the NHS. Green MPs at Westminster will push for:

- Restoring public health budgets to 2015/16 levels with an immediate increase. Smoking cessation, drug and alcohol treatment and sexual health services all need to be properly funded.

- Wales to participate in a Commission to agree an evidenced-based approach to reform of the UK's counter-productive drugs laws.

## NHS dentistry

Systematic underfunding of dentistry has led to millions of people being unable to access the dental care they need.

Green MPs at Westminster will end the scandal of dental deserts by pushing for:

- A new NHS dentists' contract so everyone who needs an NHS dentist has access to one.
- Additional investment in NHS dentistry rising year-on-year by 2030.
- Funding for community hubs and primary care to roll-out free dental nursing for children and those on low incomes.

## Mental health and Neurodiversity

There's been a dramatic rise in mental health problems in recent years, particularly among young people, with too many people unable to access help when they need it.

Elected Greens at Westminster will press for:

- A legal framework that supports the rights of those struggling with their mental health to be respected and to live fulfilling lives.
- Increased funding for mental health care, putting it on an equal footing with physical health care and so evidence-based mental health therapies can be accessed within 28 days.
- A trained and paid counsellor in every school and sixth-form college.
- Readily available tailored provision to meet the particular increasing the allocation of funding to primary medical care, with additional annual spending by 2030 needs of communities of colour, children and adolescents, older people and LGBTIQ+ communities.

- Adequate support in the school system for neurodiverse children and those with special needs.

## Assisted dying

Elected Greens will support a change in the law to legalise assisted dying for people who have terminal disease who wish to avoid prolonged unnecessary suffering, if this is their clear and settled will. Proper safeguards would be put in place.

## End new cases of HIV by 2030

Green MPs at Westminster will work towards no more HIV transmissions by 2030, advocating for a joined-up evidence-based approach, including access to the HIV prevention pill online, in pharmacies and from GP services, and renewing successful opt-out HIV testing programmes in A&Es in all areas with a high prevalence of HIV. In Wales we support the existing HIV Action Plan for Wales.



## CARING WITH COMPASSION AND DIGNITY

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Wales is ahead in linking social care with the NHS with the proposed National Care Service to work alongside the NHS and in Wales personal care is already free for many recipients. However, currently in Wales thousands of older people are awaiting care reviews, payments or assessments, and there are 152,000 staff vacancies in the care sector. There are estimated to be 320,000 unpaid carers in Wales, 10.5% of the population.

To address this crisis, elected Greens would push to:

- Ensure free personal care for dignity in old age and for the disabled.
- Increase pay rates and a introduce a career structure for carers to rebuild the care workforce.
- Invest in social care to take pressure off the NHS.

For those still living at home, this will enable earlier access to help maintain independence and wellbeing. For those living in residential settings, the personal care elements will be fully funded, alongside a tapered approach to other costs based on the level of income. For those struggling to afford the accommodation element of residential care, including because their spouse is still in the family home, local authorities need to be properly funded to provide the right level of financial support.

Elected Greens would push for:

- Additional expenditure to enable local authorities to provide high-quality children's social care.



## FAIRER, GREENER HOMES

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Everyone needs a warm, secure and affordable home. Yet millions of people don't have this most basic building-block for a happy and successful life. UK-wide over a million households are on council waiting lists and in Wales more than 3,000 children are growing up in temporary accommodation, involving insecurity and frequent moves. Greens estimate that an addition £2.2 Bn rising to £18.1 Bn is needed to address the housing crisis over the life of the next Westminster Parliament.

### Our Right Homes, Right Place, Right Price Charter

Local authorities and governments need to work together to deliver homes people can afford to rent or buy, where people need them.

The Green Right Homes, Right Place, Right Price Charter will simultaneously protect valuable green space for communities, reduce climate emissions, tackle fuel poverty and provide genuinely affordable and social housing.

- In Wales we need at least 12,000 new homes a year and most will need to be social housing.
- In Wales there is no 'Right to Buy' and social homes are protected for local communities in perpetuity.

The Green Housing Charter would:

- Require local authorities to spread small developments across their areas, where appropriate, rather than building huge new estates.
- Require all new developments to be accompanied by the extra investment needed in local health, transport and other services.

- Ensure that all new homes meet Passivhaus or equivalent standards and house builders include solar panels and heat pumps on all new homes.
- Ensure that all planning for new homes considers climate impacts such as future flooding and infrastructure resilience.

## Our Fairer, Greener Homes Guarantee

In the UK our energy bills are far too high because we have the worst-insulated homes in Europe. We would bring down bills by reducing the loss of heat from homes: the cheapest bill is the one you don't have to pay.

Elected Greens will push for a local authority-led, street-by-street retrofit programme to insulate our homes, provide clean heat and start to adapt our buildings to more extreme climate conditions. In Wales this would mean major investment and job creation programme (Green Economic Transformation Fund) to:

- Insulate homes to an EPC B standard or above as part of a ten-year programme.
- insulate other buildings to a high standard.
- Investment over the next five years for heating systems (e.g. heat pumps) for homes and other buildings.

## Additional new social homes each year

Elected Greens pledge to provide additional new social homes every year by:

- Purchase/refurbishment of older housing stock.
- A community right to buy for local authorities for several categories of property.

## Our Fair Deal for Renters

Millions of private renters UK-wide face unaffordable rents and constant insecurity.

Elected Greens will push for:

- **Better Rent controls** to protect tenants and ensure that housing is treated as a basic human need that is affordable to all.
- Although there is some better regulation in Wales, we still need **a new stable rental tenancy and an end to no-fault evictions** so tenants are secure in their homes and can't have their lives turned upside down on the whim of their landlords. We will also introduce a right to demand energy efficiency improvements.

- **Private residential tenancy boards** to provide an informal, cheap and speedy forum for resolving disputes before they reach a tribunal.





## CREATING A FAIRER GREENER WELLBEING ECONOMY

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Elected Greens will fight for an economy that delivers security, well-being and a better quality of life for everyone, as well protecting our environment and enabling us to tackle the climate and biodiversity crisis with the ambition and speed it demands. We need to move from limited GDP measures of success to Wellbeing Economy priorities for health, happiness, more equality and prosperity with a thriving natural world.

Privatisation has failed. Dividends are paid to shareholders while infrastructure is run into the ground, waste floods our rivers and our air is increasingly polluted. Green MPs at Westminster will bring the privatised railways and water companies into public ownership, so they are run to serve us all, rather than to increase the wealth of shareholders.

Elected Greens would push for a Green Economic Transformation budget of £9.2 Bn rising to £72.6 Bn over 5 years to include:

- Targeted investment per year over the course of the next Parliament in the shift to a green economy.
- A carbon tax to drive fossil fuels out of our economy and raise money to invest in economic transformation.
- Bringing the Big 5 retail energy companies back into public ownership.

We need to build the sustainability of our communities through the transition.

Elected Greens will push for:

- Targeted investment in skills and training, enabling workers to play a central role in a green economy.

- A share of community ownership in local sustainable energy infrastructure such as wind farms.
- Devolution of Crown Estates to Wales, enabling funds from off-shore renewables development to support local sustainable economy.
- Wales Green Party, along with others in Wales, considers that the formula for devolved areas (Barnett Formula) is inadequate for the demographics and legacy of industrial damage of Wales. We push for parity with Scotland in funding for devolved areas.

- A Wealth Tax of 1% annually on assets above £10 million and of 2% on assets above £1 billion. The vast majority of taxpayers would not pay this tax.
- Reform of Capital Gains Tax (CGT) to align the rates paid by taxpayers on income and taxable gains. This would affect less than 2% of all income taxpayers.
- Aligning the tax rates on investment income with the tax and NIC rates on employment income.
- Removing the Upper Earnings Limit on VAT that unfairly reduces the amount of National Insurance paid by high earners.

We estimate that by the end of the next Westminster Parliament these changes could raise additional revenue of between £50 and £70 billion per year in 2024 prices. And that a carbon tax set initially at £120 per tonne of carbon emitted, and rising over ten years to a maximum of £500 per tonne, would raise up to an additional £70 billion.

We are prepared to borrow to invest. Allowing ourselves to be trapped in a self-imposed fiscal straitjacket is a false economy. Investing in protecting our climate now will save vast costs in the future, and spending on decent public services and fit-for-purpose infrastructure is essential for a flourishing future for us all.

## SME and community sector support

Small and medium-sized business are the lifeblood of our economy and our communities.

Green MPs at Westminster will press for:

- Regional mutual banks to be set up to drive investment in decarbonisation and local economic sustainability, and support for initiatives such as the proposed Banc Cambria in Wales.
- Increased grant funding for local authorities to help businesses decarbonise.
- Community ownership and social business to be encouraged through greater access to government funding in the transition to a zero-carbon economy, and devolution of the Crown Estates in Wales.

## Taxing wealth fairly and borrowing to invest

While our public services are crying out for investment, the number of billionaires in the UK has risen from 29 to 171 under the current government.

Elected Greens will push for major changes to the UK tax system to simplify and align the rates of tax paid on income and gains, whatever their source, and to fairly tax excessive concentrations of wealth. These measures would include:



# SWITCHING ON FAIRER GREENER ENERGY

## Accelerating clean energy investment and delivery

The UK's current climate targets do not reflect the urgency of the climate crisis or what is required by global justice. We would push the Westminster Government to transition to a zero-carbon society as soon as possible, and more than a decade ahead of 2050.

This ambition will deliver: a zero-carbon electricity supply; security of supply over short and long periods of low generation; sufficient electricity for all cars and vans to be electric, for all homes and buildings to stop using fossil fuels, and for most industry to transition to clean energy.

Elected Greens will push for:

- Wind to provide around 70% of the UK's electricity by 2030.

- Investment in energy storage capacity and more efficient electricity distribution
- Communities to own their own energy sources, ensuring they can use any profit from selling excess energy to reduce their bills or benefit their communities.

## Phasing out fossil fuels

- Cancel recent fossil fuel licences such as for Rosebank (Scotland) and stop all new fossil fuel extraction projects in the United Kingdom.
- Remove all oil and gas subsidies.
- Introduce a carbon tax on all fossil fuel imports and domestic extraction, based on greenhouse gas emissions produced when fuel is burned.



## Nuclear power

We want to see the phase-out of nuclear energy, which is unsafe and much more expensive than renewables. The development of nuclear power stations is too slow given the pace of action we need on climate.

They also create unmanageable quantities of radioactive waste and

are inextricably linked with the production of nuclear weapons.

Scrap new nuclear facilities such as that proposed at Wylfa on Ynys Mon. Spending the same money on renewables would create thousands more jobs and could assist with Just Transition for decarbonisation of polluting industries.



## FAIRER WORK, FAIRER PAY

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Millions of people have seen their pay seriously eroded by inflation for well over a decade, including many who work in vital public services.

Green MPs at Westminster will defend and extend workers' rights to organise in the workplace, pushing for:

- Repeal of current anti-union legislation and its replacement with a positive Charter of Workers' Rights, with the right to strike at its heart along with a legal obligation for all employers to recognise trade unions.
- A maximum 10:1 pay ratio for all private- and public-sector and social business organisations.
- An increase in the minimum wage to £15 an hour, no matter your age, with the costs to small businesses offset by reducing their National Insurance payments.
- Equal employment rights for all workers from their first day of employment, including those working in the 'gig economy' and on zero-hours contracts. Gig employers that repeatedly employ, data protection or tax law will be denied licences to operate.
- A move to a four-day week.





## FAIRER, GREENER SOCIAL SUPPORT

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Most of us want to live in a country where everyone is treated with dignity, not one where record numbers of children are in poverty, older people can't keep warm and disabled people are badly let down. We can do so much better, lifting everyone up and making sure all of us can access extra help when we need it. Greens propose an additional budget of £17.6 Bn rising to £29.4 Bn for Income Support, over the 5 years of the next Westminster Parliament.

To tackle the cost-of-living crisis for the poorest in our society and make the social security system fairer and less punitive, elected Greens will campaign to:

- Introduce a Universal Basic Income over the long term, to will give everybody the security to transition a business for new conditions, start a business, study, train or just live their life in dignity.
- Increase Universal Credit and legacy benefits by £40 a week.

- Abolish the third child benefit cap, lifting 250,000 children out of poverty.
- End the 'bedroom tax', which unfairly punishes a small group of people who want to stay in a longstanding home.

### Disabled people

Disabled people have as much of a right to lead full, meaningful lives and control their day to day lives as non-disabled people.

Elected Greens will push to:

- Restore the value of disability benefits with an immediate uplift of 5%
- Reform intrusive eligibility tests for benefits like PIP and the unfair targeting of carers and disabled people on benefits.
- Make it mandatory for councils to provide free transport for 16-18 year old pupils with SEND.

# BRINGING NATURE BACK TO LIFE

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We are part of nature and unless it flourishes, we cannot flourish either, but the UK is among the most nature-depleted areas in the world.

To protect and restore nature, Elected Greens will campaign to :

- Introduce a new Right to Nature Act, giving everyone the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, and extending rights to nature itself,
- End the scandal of sewage pouring into our rivers and seas by taking the water companies back into public ownership.
- Extend people's access green space and waterways close to where they live pushing for a Right to Roam Act across the whole of Wales (currently 20%).
- Give 30% of land and sea in the UK back to nature by 2030.

Green MPs will also press for:

- An immediate end to the emergency authorisation of bee-killing pesticides.
- A new Clean Air (Human Rights) Act.





## FAIRER, KINDER TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

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In order to better protect animals and their habitats

Green MPs at Westminster will push for:

- The creation a new UK-wide Commission on Animal Protection.
- A ban on all blood sports, including trail hunting.
- All UK territorial and overseas waters to be required to offer the highest level of protection to marine life.
- An end to badger culling as is already the case in Wales.
- An end to factory farming, enforcement of maximum stocking densities, and no routine use of antibiotics in farm animals.
- A complete ban on close confinement in cages and the deliberate and unnecessary mutilation of farm animals.

# FAIRER, GREENER FOOD AND FARMING

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Our food system is failing us all. Illnesses associated with poor diets are estimated to cost the NHS in Wales £586 million a year, yet successive Westminster governments have failed to take on the unhealthy food lobby. Meanwhile, the way we produce our food is damaging our natural world and our climate. Our food system in the UK accounts for a third of all greenhouse gas emissions and is the greatest driver of nature loss and pollution in our rivers. Greens propose an additional budget for nature, food and farming of £3.6 Bn rising to £4.5 Bn over the 5 years of the next Westminster Parliament.

Green MPs at Westminster will work with farmers and other stakeholders to transform our food and farming system, so we are producing healthy, nutritious food at fair prices for consumers and with fair wages for growers. We will also aim to increase the amount of food grown and traded in the UK, and as locally as possible.

Elected Greens will push for:

- Financial support for farmers in the UK to be almost tripled to support their transition to

nature-friendly farming.

- Biodiversity and soil health to be conserved and improved, leading to cleaner rivers, for example.
- Farm payments to be linked to reduced use of pesticides and other agro-chemicals.
- All children in Wales to have a free school meal each day, including holidays.
- Schools to involve children in growing, preparing and cooking food, as part of the core curriculum.
- Policies that ensure that good quality surplus food is not wasted.

# FAIRER, GREENER TRANSPORT

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Our transport choices account for around a quarter of carbon emissions so making it easier to opt for greener choices is key to tackling the climate emergency. Yet public transport provision continues to decline, often leaving those on low incomes with no affordable options.

Greens propose a budget increase of £5.7 Bn rising to 14.6 Bn for transport over the 5 years of the next Westminster Parliament.

Greens MPs at Westminster will champion better, cheaper public transport and so every community is connected has the opportunity to thrive.

We will push to:

- Increase annual public subsidies for rail and bus travel, with free bus travel for under-18s, ensuring every community is connected and can thrive.
- Invest in improving public transport, supporting electrification and creating new cycleways and footpaths, supporting safe streets and Active Travel.
- Bring the railways back into public ownership as an essential service, helping to decarbonise travel.
- Give local authorities control over and funding for improved bus services.

## Safe streets and active travel

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Walking, wheeling and cycling don't

just help reduce carbon emissions and air pollution – they help make us all happier and healthier too.

Elected Greens will push for:

- Major investment in new cycleways and footpaths.
- Reimagining how we use streets in residential areas to reduce traffic and open them up for community use
- Adopting the objective of 50% of trips in towns and cities in Wales to be walked, wheeled or cycled by 2030.

## Aviation

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Aviation is the fastest-growing source of CO2 emissions– and it's the wealthiest driving this trend. In the UK 70% of flights are made by a wealthy 15% of the population, with 57% not flying abroad at all.

Elected Greens will push for:

A frequent-flyer levy.

- A frequent flyer levy.
- A ban on domestic flights for journeys that would take less than three hours by train.
- A halt to the expansion of new airport capacity.



## A FAIRER, GREENER EDUCATION SYSTEM

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Education should be about inspiring a love of learning and ensuring that every young person can reach their potential. Yet too many children are failing to thrive in an education system that operates like a production line rather than valuing their individual qualities. An investment in the next generation is the most important investment we can make.

Greens propose a £14.9 Bn levelling to £14.7 Bn on education over the next 5 years of the Westminster Parliament. Capital expenditure on buildings is calculated together with the NHS and an increase of £9.9 Bn is needed, levelling off at £7.1 Bn over the 5 years of the next Westminster Parliament.

Green MPs at Westminster will champion:

- An increase in school funding including for a pay uplift for teachers.
- Supporting every higher education student, with the restoration of grants and the end of tuition fees.
- Ending high-stakes testing at primary and secondary schools and reforming the inspection system.
- Adequate support in the school system for neuro-diverse children and those with special needs.
- In Wales, support existing commitments to Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship (ESDGC). A lighter approach to testing would make such commitments easier to implement.

# ARTS, SPORTS AND CULTURE FOR ALL

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Arts, culture and sports are central to people's enjoyment of life, to their mental and physical wellbeing, and to thriving communities. They also make a huge contribution to the UK economy. Green MPs will push for:

- Investment to support community sports, arts and culture.
- Keeping local sports facilities, museums, theatres, libraries and art galleries open and thriving.
- An end to VAT being levied on cultural activities, lowering the prices of everything from museum tickets to gigs in local pubs to make them more accessible.

## Media

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Our media landscape is skewed by the dominance of billionaire and big-tech ownership, intent on maximising profits by irresponsible practices that undermine democracy and promote harmful online content.

Elected Greens will push for:

- A change in the law so no single individual or company can own more than 20% of any media market.
- All the reforms proposed in the second part of the 2012 Leveson Report



# DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE

Green MPs will always defend our democratic and human rights, uphold the rule of law and tackle political corruption. We will also push for the UK to become a modern, functional and more representative democracy.

We will defend the Human Rights Act, the UK's membership of the ECHR, and continued direct access to Convention rights in the domestic courts.

Elected Greens will also push for:

- Replacing the first past the post system for Westminster parliamentary elections with a fair and proportional voting system.
- Replacing the House of Lords with an elected second chamber

- Votes for 16-year-olds and residence-based voting rights
- Ending voter suppression tactics such as unnecessary ID for voting and political

Greens believe in national self-determination. Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland should be free to make their own decisions about how much or how little they are part of the United Kingdom.

- Wales Green Party campaigns for an independent Wales with its own democratic constitution and independent Senedd, as being vital for a green future in Wales.

- Campaign for self-ID for trans and non-binary people.
- Scrap Prevent and tackle racist hate crime, misogyny, islamophobia and antisemitism.
- Seek to restore trust and confidence in the police with independent and transparent scrutiny of problems of racism and misogyny in the force itself.
- Full devolution of Justice and Policing to Wales with major investment to renew the court system and address backlogs in justice.

Green commitments to human rights also encompass equalities, justice, civil liberties and personal freedom and security.

Green MPs will:

- Promote an Action Strategy to end violence against women and girls
- Seek to scrap the Police, Crime Sentencing and Courts Act, Public Order Act and other legislation that erodes the right to protest and free expression.





## A FAIRER, GREENER WORLD

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In a world threatened by war, climate breakdown and the rise of authoritarian regimes, the Green Party believes that the UK's foreign policy should be based on shared commitments to democracy, peace, global solidarity and the protection of human rights. An increase in budget of £8.3 Bn rising to £24 Bn is estimated over the life of the next Westminster Parliament.

Green MPs will work for the UK to:

- Take the lead in upholding the right to self-determination and the enforcement of international law, including the importance of the International Court of Justice.
- Continue to support Ukraine as it resists Russian invasion.
- Re-joining the EU as our major trading and political partner as soon as the time and political conditions are right.

## Israel and Palestine

We condemn the appalling murder of hundreds of Israeli civilians by Hamas, and since then the war crimes by Israeli forces that have caused the deaths of tens of thousands of Palestinian civilians.

Green MPs will push for:

- An immediate bilateral ceasefire.
- An end to arms sales to Israel.
- Redoubled efforts to secure the release of all hostages and political prisoners.
- An urgent international effort to end the illegal occupation of Palestinian land and grant full statehood to Palestine.
- The reinstatement of funding for UNRWA and support for South Africa's submission to the International Court of Justice



## Nuclear weapons and NATO

Most of the world's countries do not possess weapons of mass destruction and are safer as a result.

Elected Greens will:

- Push for the UK to sign the
- UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), and following this to immediately begin the process of dismantling our nuclear weapons, cancelling the Trident programme and removing all foreign nuclear weapons from UK soil.
- Work with international partners to enlarge membership of the TPNW and ensure that all states meet their commitments under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

We recognise that NATO has an important role in ensuring the ability of its member states to respond to threats to their security.

We would work within NATO to achieve:

- a greater focus on global peacebuilding
- a commitment to a 'No First Use' of nuclear weapons.

## Climate diplomacy and overseas aid

In recognition of the importance of supporting countries in the Global South to decarbonise their economies and build resilience to increasingly severe storms, floods and rising temperatures, Elected Greens would push for the UK to:

- Increase international aid to 1% of GNI by 2033.
- Increase climate finance for the Global South to 1.5% of GNI by 2033 with a further £21.6 billion a year provided to the newly established Loss and Damage Fund.





## A FAIRER, GREENER WELCOME

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Greens welcome the essential contributions that immigrants and refugees make to British society. We want to be welcoming, promote social cohesion and support migrants to lay down roots.

Green MPs will push for:

- An end to the hostile environment.
- An end to the minimum income requirements for spouses of those holding work visas.
- Safe routes to sanctuary for those fleeing persecution.
- The dysfunctional Home Office to be replaced with a new Department of Migration, separating this function from the criminal justice system.
- An end to immigration detention for all migrants unless they are a danger to public safety.
- Abolition of the 'no recourse to public funds' condition that exacerbates social, economic, and racial inequalities.
- Those seeking asylum and protection to be permitted to work while their application is being decided.

The Green Party has been going from strength to strength. When we tell the truth, aim high and offer hope, voters respond.

We've increased our number of local authority councillors fivefold across Wales and England in the past five years and are now represented on 170 councils and part of the administration in 42.

Elected Green councillors use the power given to them by your votes to build fairer, greener communities. And that's what elected Green MPs in Westminster will do too.

In this election we are aiming high. We urgently need more Green MPs to put the climate emergency high on the agenda, to resist and roll back the privatisation of public services, and to fight for the investment that's so essential if we are to mend so much that is broken and begin to create fairer, greener countries, in the UK and in the world.

Now, it's over to you.

**VOTE FOR REAL HOPE AND  
REAL CHANGE**

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# COSTINGS APPENDIX

The costings for this General Election are generally for the whole of the UK but also contain specific costings for England and Wales where some issues are devolved. Wales receives a proportion of English spend using the Barnett formula and this has been added into the amounts calculated for different areas.

The precise amounts of the total sent to Wales that would be spent on different devolved areas depends on decisions of the Welsh Government.

This appendix below explains the total extra spend that is calculated to be necessary for the Manifesto commitments, together with the total extra revenue that would be generated by tax and borrowing proposals.

## Appendix for Wales Green Party Manifesto

These are our best estimates of what needs to be added to total public expenditure in the next spending review to fund the policies set out in this Manifesto.

These estimates are for the five years starting on 1st April 2025.

The baseline for this forecast is the OBR March 2024 projection.

1. Includes debt interest

2. 2027 includes £10bn funding for regional banks

3. Includes savings from cancellation of Trident replacement and reduction in road building

4. These estimates are part of a 10-year programme. What is achievable in the first 5 years may be constrained by inflation risks and supply-side shortages

| Year ended 31 March  | 2026 | 2027  | 2028  | 2029  | 2030  |
|--|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | £bn  | £bn   | £bn   | £bn   | £bn   |
| <b>Revenue spending - UK total unless otherwise stated</b> |      |       |       |       |       |
| Health and social care (England and Wales)                 | 33.4 | 38.1  | 43.7  | 49.7  | 56.5  |
| Income support   | 17.6 | 23.0  | 25.1  | 27.2  | 29.4  |
| Nature, food and farming                                   | 3.6  | 4.2   | 4.5   | 4.5   | 4.5   |
| Education (England and Wales)                              | 14.9 | 14.5  | 14.0  | 14.3  | 14.7  |
| Transport  | 5.7  | 10.5  | 10.8  | 11.9  | 14.6  |
| Overseas aid   | 8.3  | 12.2  | 16.1  | 20.1  | 24.0  |
| Other (1)  | 15.7 | 17.4  | 17.2  | 17.3  | 17.9  |
|  | 99.2 | 119.8 | 131.4 | 145.1 | 161.6 |
| <b>Capital spending - UK total unless otherwise stated</b> |      |       |       |       |       |
| Health and education (England and Wales)                   | 9.9  | 7.1   | 7.1   | 7.1   | 7.1   |
| Green industrial strategy                                  | 9.9  | 19.1  | 46.7  | 56.7  | 72.6  |
| Social housing   | 2.2  | 4.6   | 5.8   | 10.5  | 18.1  |
| Other (2)  | 6.4  | 16.0  | 6.2   | 6.3   | 6.4   |
| Savings (3)  | -5.6 | -6.8  | -9.2  | -11.6 | -13.9 |
|  | 22.8 | 40.0  | 56.6  | 69.0  | 90.3  |
| <b>Taxation</b>  |      |       |       |       |       |
| Taxes on personal income and wealth                        | 28.5 | 65.3  | 68.9  | 71.9  | 72.9  |
| Business taxes   | 7.0  | 9.1   | 9.5   | 9.6   | 8.2   |
| Carbon taxes   | 1.2  | 40.6  | 57.0  | 69.7  | 91.3  |
|  | 36.7 | 115.1 | 135.4 | 151.2 | 172.4 |
|  |      |       |       |       |       |
| <b>Deficit - funded by additional debt</b>                 | 85.3 | 44.7  | 52.6  | 62.9  | 79.5  |

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