

Greens target key seats on final day of campaigning

Green party co-leaders Carla Denyer (Bristol Central) and Adrian Ramsay (Waveney Valley) will spend the final full day of campaigning in their tight marginals before a massive get out the vote action on Thursday led by hundreds of volunteers.

Denyer said:

“Our aim is to win at least four Green MPs and are within touching distance of doing just that. We have brought real hope to this campaign, the hope that a group of Green MPs can bring by pushing an incoming Labour government to be bolder and braver in delivering the real change our country needs.

“We have broken through the conspiracy of silence from the other parties around the need to invest in our NHS and public services, and voters are responding.

“We have made the most powerful case of all the parties for the massive investment needed in our NHS and social care, paid for through a fairer tax system that asks multi-millionaires and billionaires to pay a little more.

“Our manifesto also pledges to invest in the next generation through a focus on quality housing, education and transport.”

Ramsay said:

“We have stood in a record number of constituencies across England and Wales. That is because we want to give everyone the chance to vote Green so that they can send the clearest possible message to the incoming government that we need real change to tackle the climate crisis, restore nature and end the cost-of-living crisis for millions of people.

“For instance, our Green Economic Transformation will deliver an unprecedented insulation programme for homes to make them warmer and cheaper to run.

“Broadcasters and the media have had to include Greens in their coverage and voters have responded to seeing and hearing Green candidates talk honestly about the need for investment in our public services and to clean up our dirty rivers and coastlines.

“More Green MPs – and every vote cast for a Green candidate tomorrow – tells the new government to be more ambitious and deliver what our country really needs to undo the damage of this reckless Conservative government. We need a group of Green MPs inside Parliament to press for action to restore our public services and defend our environment.”

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The Green Party is targeting:

- Brighton Pavilion – Sian Berry
- Bristol Central – Carla Denyer
- North Herefordshire – Ellie Chowns
- Waveney Valley – Adrian Ramsay

2. *What they're saying about the Green Party Manifesto*

National Education Union

"The Green Party manifesto offers a refreshing chance to change the education system that educators, parents and our children and young people have had to put up with for the last 14 years."

British Dental Association chair, Eddie Crouch

"Thanks to The Green Party's Adrian Ramsay and Carla Denyer for showing real leadership on NHS dentistry. This crisis is now a major doorstep issue. It will only be solved with real reform and fair funding."

Independent newspaper editorial

"The two main parties would do well to follow more of the Greens' example – not only in their clarity about the climate crisis, but also their fiscal frankness."

The Mirror's Environment editor, Nada Farhoud

"No one expects the Greens to form the new government but we do need them to hold Labour to account to ensure the climate crisis is dealt with the urgency it requires."

University of Warwick economics expert Professor Arun Advani on the Green wealth tax proposal

"Economically credible."

Patriotic Millionaires' Julia Davies

"A small tax on those with more than £10m is a good start in making our tax system fairer and more sustainable."

Friends of the Earth

"Hats off to the Green Party for having the honesty to say that we can't fix our broken energy system, ailing public services and protect our planet without spending much more money. And we must ensure the burden doesn't fall on ordinary working families."

Writer, George Monbiot

“Our best hope lies with the Green Party.”

Right to Roam campaign

“This is a level of ambition on access befitting national government ... we have the ingredients here for the deeper ecological shift we need to undergo as a society: towards a culture of connection and care for the natural world which is available to all and nurtured by everybody.”

National Union of Students

“We welcome the Green Party’s 2024 manifesto which is aspirational and progressive, contains measures which would tackle the many crises the country faces, and would make a meaningful difference to student lives.”

The Care Workers’ Charity

“We are pleased to see care front and centre of this manifesto and the clear acknowledgement of the needs of the care workforce. It is encouraging to see conversations starting about real investment in social care, with a proposal to invest £20 billion annually and speaking openly about how support for the care sector and the NHS must go hand in hand.”

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