["A legacy offering real hope for Scotland" – Carla Denyer reflects on Patrick Harvie's tenure as longest serving political leader in the UK](#)

2 April 2025 / 2 April 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to the news that [Patrick Harvie is stepping down as Co-Leader of the Scottish Green Party](#), Carla Denyer MP, Co-Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales, said,

"Patrick's legacy goes well beyond being the longest-serving political leader in the UK, or even being the leader who took Greens into government for the first time in the UK. His legacy will be marked every time a young person gets on public transport free of charge; with every renter who is able to keep a roof over their heads because of protections that Patrick secured; and with every kilowatt of clean renewable power that Scotland produces because of Green policies. These are real achievements to be proud of. A legacy offering real hope for Scotland."

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[Greens condemn latest brutal displacement of Palestinians](#)

Responding to Israel defence minister Israel Katz's statement that the country aimed to seize large areas of the Palestinian territory and incorporate them into "security zones", (1) Ellie Chowns, MP for North Herefordshire and Green Party Foreign Affairs spokesperson, said:

"The Green Party condemns in the strongest possible terms the Israeli government's brutal decision to expand its military operations in Gaza. Seizing large areas of territory and forcibly displacing countless Gazans to create so-called "security zones" would be a further violation of international law against a population already devastated by 18 months of conflict.

"This is not security; it is domination and erasure. It would constitute ethnic cleansing and further collective punishment on a mass scale, and it

would only deepen the unimaginable suffering already endured by the people of Gaza.

"More than 50,000 Palestinians have been killed since October 2023, and the humanitarian crisis could not be more dire. Israeli forces have maintained a total blockade of aid since early March, cutting off food, water, and medical supplies while bombs continue to fall. Last month, Israeli forces killed yet more medics, first responders, and a UN staff member, forcing the UN to reduce its operations.

"The UK government cannot remain silent while genocide is carried out in plain sight. We cannot be complicit in this horror by continuing to arm and support the Israeli government. There is no justification—legal, moral, or political—for aiding a state that systematically targets civilians, destroys homes and hospitals, and plans to occupy yet more Palestinian land.

"The Green Party has consistently called for the release of the hostages, an immediate ceasefire, a complete halt to arms sales to Israel, and recognition of the State of Palestine. We also urgently push for humanitarian corridors to be opened so that aid can reach those who are starving and injured. We owe it to the Palestinian people, to international justice, and to our own humanity to demand an end to this bloodshed and to take a stand against genocide.

"Our thoughts are with the civilians of Gaza, whose courage and resilience in the face of such horror move us to keep fighting for justice, peace, and accountability. We will not look away."

(1) [Deadly strikes in Gaza as Israel says it will seize 'large areas' – BBC News](#)

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["Labour's recent leaflet boasting about deporting more people than the Tories is sickening"](#)

1 April 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to [Labour's recent leaflet about how they've delivered "the four biggest deportation flights in UK history"](#) Green Party Co-Leader, Carla Denyer said,

"Labour's recent leaflet boasting about deporting more people than the Tories

is sickening.

"Labour are failing to provide safe and legal routes into the UK while seemingly revelling in turning people's lives upside down.

"Any claim the Labour Party may have once had to be a party of compassion or principle has well and truly gone."

[Greens react to 'Awful April' price hikes](#)

1 April 2025 / 1 April 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Reacting to large price hikes that kick in today at the start of what has been dubbed 'awful April', **co-leader of the Green party, Carla Denyer**, said:

"Energy bills up to nearly £2000 a year. Water bills up by 31% in some areas. Basic food prices keep rising – the list goes on. People aren't fooling around when they say today is the start of "Awful April". Especially awful for single parents who we know [will be hit hardest by these price hikes](#).

"These spiralling costs come on the back of axing winter fuel payments for pensioners, refusing to remove the two-child benefit cap and cutting benefits for the sick and disabled.

"These are political choices. Rather than making the poorest and most vulnerable in society bear the brunt of the cost of living crisis, Labour could have chosen instead to tax a tiny percentage of the wealth of multi-millionaires and billionaires. They've made a choice, to take money off the old, ill and disabled.

"Labour have again and again made the wrong choices, which has left many of the poorest households at breaking point."

[Greens offer democratic alternative to dead end of Reform](#)

28 March 2025 / 28 March 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to Reform's local elections campaign event, Green Party co-leader Adrian Ramsay MP said:

"We know people are struggling after 14 years of Conservative austerity, now followed by the crushing disappointment of a new Labour government making more cuts to front line services. But Reform will never be the answer to the decline of the two old parties.

"Reform is a party designed to benefit the very richest and has no track record of delivering for people. Green councillors up and down the country are delivering real hope and real change in their communities every day.

"We are offering a hard-working and democratic alternative to the dead end, divisive choice of Reform and their impossible promises."