

Record temperatures in 2019 show UK government must take action on climate, Green Party warns



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The Met Office has today issued new figures which show that four new temperature records were set in 2019, including the highest winter and summer temperatures.

Amelia Womack, deputy leader of the Green Party, said: “The climate crisis is at our doorstep yet all we have seen so far from political leaders is inaction and empty pledges.

“The world has been horrified by the fires in Australia and floods in Indonesia which have killed dozens of people and caused untold damage. Today’s Met Office figures show that nowhere is immune to the impact of climate change.

“The 2020s will be a critical decade in the fight to prevent runaway climate change, the effects of which will have a major impact on us all.

“The UK government has a responsibility to its own people and the rest of the world to step up and lead the way in taking action on the climate emergency.

“It is not too late for the government to adopt a net-zero carbon emissions target of 2030 and bring forward a transformative Green New Deal as has already been set out by the Green Party.”

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Green Party celebrates re-election of Caroline Lucas in Brighton Pavilion



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Caroline Lucas has been re-elected as MP for Brighton Pavilion for a third time. Lucas received 33,151 votes, a majority of 57.2%, up 4.9%.

The former Green Party Leader was first elected to Parliament in 2010 and has played a vital role in raising climate change up the agenda and holding other parties to account.

Green Party Co-Leader Jonathan Bartley said:

“We are so proud of everything that Caroline has achieved in Parliament over the last nine years. She will now continue to lead the fight against climate chaos.”

Caroline Lucas MP said:

“I feel incredibly proud that my majority has increased because it demonstrates that Brighton Pavilion continues to believe in compassion, justice and a bigger future.

“That matters so much when the status quo in this country is intolerable – and when we are now on course for it to become even more so.

“As well as proud I feel deeply angry too that our political system is so badly broken and is still letting individuals and our country down so badly. It has been doing so for decades.

“It has locked out millions and ignored their voices for years. And it’s our children and the climate that will pay the highest price of all.

“This may well have been a Brexit election but it was also the Climate Election and I am determined to make this the Climate Parliament.”

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[Green Party piles on more votes than any other party in climate election](#)



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Greens have increased their vote numbers by over 60% this election, which no other party has achieved.

More than 850,000 voters backed the Greens, beating the Brexit Party by at least 200,000 votes.

Green candidates in nearly 500 constituencies persuaded people to vote based on their Green New Deal promise to tackle the climate crisis, transform the economy and build a better country by putting citizens' wellbeing at the heart of Government.

Welcoming the Green surge, Sian Berry, Green candidate for Mayor of London and party co-leader, said:

"This fantastic result is all down to the hard work of our amazing Green Party members.

"We all knew a December election was going to be hard work, but they have excelled themselves, stuffing envelopes, knocking doors and pounding pavements despite the weather to make sure we reached as many voters as we could.

"Their tireless efforts have paid off, with more than 850,000 votes.

"It's just a shame that our broken first past the post system will not recognise the true political will of the people and I look forward to the day we win proportional representation so we can see our votes fully reflected in the number of Green MPs."

Caroline Lucas, Green MP for Brighton Pavilion, was one of the big winners of the night, increasing her share of the vote by 4.9% to a total of 57.2%.

Other highlights included Carla Denyer taking second place in Bristol West with a 12% increase in vote share to 25%.

Jonathan Bartley also came second in Dulwich and West Norwood, with a 14% hike in vote share up to 16.5%.

Greens also saw an 11.5% increase in Bury St Edmunds and won 15.2% of the vote on the Isle of Wight.

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[Green Party launches Commitment to People of Colour](#)



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On migration, the Commitment says:

“Britain has a rich and diverse history of migration and has long been a place where migrants can call home. People of colour have contributed to the fabric of British culture and it’s existence both while living here and abroad.

“We will put fairness back into our migration system. We need a migration system that embraces dignity, justice and common sense, and which ensures those fleeing war, persecution and the climate crisis can find safety and security in the UK. We will ensure all migrants feel welcome.”

Azzees Minott, Chair of Greens of Colour, said:

“People of Colour represent the global majority but policies that are made in this country are disproportionately affecting our communities. We’re proud of the policies in the Green Party Manifesto which will rebalance the inequality within society. The Manifesto sets out how and why things need to change for People of Colour in Britain today.

“I would encourage all undecided voters and those who are used to voting for certain parties to read our Commitment document and understand how Green values support our communities both here and abroad. Fighting for social justice is what the Green Party is all about, and so it’s time to vote Green.”

Councillor Cleo Lake, former Lord Mayor of Bristol, said:

“It is important that we commit to being vocal within the party and that we stay focused on the wide range of issues that are of concern to us that impact upon the quality of life for global south heritage communities here in the UK and subsequently abroad too.

“Our communities are impacted by many emergencies. From the air quality emergency that continues to affect health and life expectancy, to the housing emergency that sees too many families in inadequate temporary accommodation. There is also a serious educational needs emergency and a resource shortage. The hostile environment continues and we witness many versions of discrimination.”

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[Green Party launches Commitment to LGBTIQ+ people](#)



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On Education, the Commitment says:

“Combatting discrimination against LGBTIQ+ people needs to start in school. Children need to be taught that tolerance and acceptance are a vital part of

our society.

“The protests against inclusive education have been heartbreaking. Young LGBTIQ+ people deserve to learn what healthy relationships look like, that being who they are is okay and that families come in all sizes.

“Without inclusive education we won’t be able to tackle bullying in schools or poor mental health for LGBTIQ+ people.”

Benali Hamdache, Co-Chair of LGBTIQ+ Greens, said:

“Back in 2018 Theresa May launched a bold promise to make LGBTIQ+ lives better. Since the launch of her LGBT+ Action Plan the government has totally failed to deliver any meaningful change. We are worried that, under Boris Johnson’s right-wing culture war, things will actually get much, much worse.

“This is all against a backdrop of an increasingly toxic culture, with certain commentators becoming increasingly hostile to trans people.

“LGBTIQ+ Greens have been at the forefront of resisting. From protesting to lobbying decision makers, we’ve been fighting for the rights of LGBTIQ+ people. We’re proud of the progressive and inclusive values in the Green Party Manifesto. With your support and your vote we can champion these values and elect Greens committed to protecting and furthering all our rights.”

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