

Green Party already celebrating 'biggest election night in our history'



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Representation already on 16 new councils

42 new seats won by Greens

The Green Party is this morning celebrating the biggest election night in its history, and looking forward to a day of further big advances across the country.

The Greens are represented on 16 new councils, and representation has grown significantly in many areas where we were already represented.

As of 9.30am, Greens had won 42 new seats, a fivefold increase in the final gains in the comparable elections four years ago with the majority of results still to come in.

Jonathan Bartley, Green Party co-leader, said: "This is the biggest election night in our history. Greens are winning right across the country, and taking seats from a wide range of other parties.

"The Green message is clearly taking hold and can win anywhere.

"This is the product of a huge amount of hard work by many brilliant members and supporters around the country, but also many voters are converting themselves to be Greens.

"Voters see that we need a new kind of politics, one that recognises the huge imperative of acting on climate change, but also the social emergency that is creating misery and suffering in communities across the country.

"They want clear, consistent politics, principles and values."

Jonathan added: “It is also clear that Brexit has played a significant role in these elections. Greens have been clear in standing up for the UK’s membership of the European Union and will continue to do so.

“We were the largest Remain party in the last European Parliament, with three great English MEPs, and are ready to carry the Remain banner into the European election campaign.

“Voters know what they are getting with the Greens, and they clearly want more of it.”

The new councils on which Greens are represented: Braintree, Colchester, Cotswold, Derbyshire Dales, East Hertfordshire, Folkestone and Hythe, Melton, North West Leicestershire, Somerset West and Taunton, South Lakeland, South Oxfordshire, South Tyneside, St Helens, Sunderland, Tameside, Vale of White Horse.

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