

Greens expecting record number of council seats



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- **Gained representation on nine new councils for the first time with most of the results still to come**

The Green Party is on course to celebrate another set of record results with more Green councillors on more councils across the country than ever before, extending the party's record gains two years ago.

The Greens have already won a total of 71 seats, including 56 new seats, and gained representation on nine new councils for the first time in this year's local elections so far [1].

The party has so far seen their first councillors elected to seats such as Stockport, Hastings and Derbyshire County Council, while also making significant gains in more established areas such as Sheffield, which has now been taken in to no overall control.

Elsewhere, the party has won its first seat on Manchester City Council for the first time since 2004, gained six new seats on Suffolk County Council, taking the total to nine, and a further three seats so far in Burnley, taking the total to five. [2]

Green Party co-leader Jonathan Bartley said: "It has already become clear that we are in a new era and there are no no-go areas for Green politics anymore.

"Whether that's in Burnley or Brighton and Hove, people are turning to the Greens as they know we will not take their vote for granted.

"It is clear the world has changed and people know that a new Green politics is what is needed. It is the Greens that are offering hope and the promise of a better future as we begin to recover from this terrible pandemic.

"Our members, supporters and councillors are bringing change from the bottom to create a Green recovery for all.

"These results show clearly that people want an alternative to the broken and fragmenting two party system which has dominated for so long and caused so much mistrust and damage.

"Greens are now representing communities up and down the country and people can see the impact they make."

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Notes

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The new councils on which Greens are represented:

Stockport

Northumberland County Council

Hastings

Derbyshire County Council

East Sussex County Council

County Durham Unitary

Halton Borough Council

Northamptonshire North Unitary

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Full results are available here:

https://campaigns.greenparty.org.uk/local-election-results-2021/?utm_source=vote&utm_medium=nav&utm_campaign=results

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