

Greens making gains across the country as voters see party as the positive alternative



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- **Green Party's diverse range of local election gains show it has become credible alternative to the Conservatives and Labour up and down the country**
- **"No safe seats" as Greens take positions from Conservatives and Labour**
- **Green gains all over England, from South Tyneside to Worcester, and from Exeter to the Wirral**
- **Co-leader Adrian Ramsay: "People are looking for a positive alternative to the establishment parties, and finding it in the Greens"**

The Green Party is celebrating another year of breakthrough results in the local council elections, with gains made from Labour and the Conservatives all across the country.

Green gains saw the party emerge as the credible alternative to the other major English parties, with voters desperate for trustworthy, hard-working representatives with a common sense approach to supporting people through the cost of living crisis.

As of this morning, the Greens have won 32 seats with a net gain of 20 seats and made unprecedented breakthroughs on formerly Conservative and Labour "safe seats".

Early on, results in South Tyneside showed the Greens doubling their seats to become the second largest party on the council and the main opposition party to Labour. In Worcester, the Green campaign pushed the Conservative-dominated council into No Overall Control, leaving the Greens with greater ability to influence council decision making to benefit residents.

Greens also broke through with victories on new councils, including gaining

their first ever councillor in Plymouth and on the newly-created Cumberland Council.

With more councils due to declare today, the Greens are predicting even more gains across the country.

Green Party co-leader Adrian Ramsay said: "The phenomenal results for the Green Party so far demonstrate that people up and down the country are looking for a credible alternative to the establishment parties, and finding it in us.

"Whether that's former Conservative voters put off by poor handling of the Covid pandemic or the constant leadership lies, or former Labour voters who just see weak opposition at a national and local level.

"Greens are putting forward the practical solutions to the cost of living crisis and the climate emergency that will make a difference to people's lives, from insulating homes to bringing down energy bills and creating jobs, to providing additional financial support for those on the lowest incomes.

"The Green Party has now made breakthrough gains three elections running and we are expecting that trajectory to continue as people increasingly vote for candidates who listen, work hard on local issues, and are serious about the climate emergency."

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