

Greens on track to win parliamentary seats following record local election results



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- Green Party wins every council seat available inside their target parliamentary constituency of Bristol Central
- With 34 councillors Greens are now by far the largest party on Bristol City Council, and the largest group of Green Party councillors anywhere in the UK ever
- Greens have become the largest party on Hastings and Stroud councils
- New record of 809 Green Councillors on 174 Councils

The Green Party is celebrating an historic electoral victory after it emerged as the largest party on Bristol City Council and won every available seat in their target parliamentary constituency of Bristol Central.

Across the city, the Green Party won 34 seats, becoming by far the largest party in the city and the largest group of Green councillors ever elected to a council in the UK.

Co-leader, Carla Denyer, who is standing as parliamentary candidate in Bristol Central, said:

“Bristol Central has turned totally Green. We’ve won all 14 council seats in the new parliamentary constituency, paving the way for the city to get its first ever Green MP at the forthcoming general election. As MP candidate for Bristol Central, I look forward to giving Bristolians another opportunity to make history. After these resounding local election results, the people of Bristol know that we don’t have to accept politics as usual – something better is possible if we vote for it.”

Greens also became the largest group on Stroud and Hastings Councils with 22 and 12 councillors respectively. And the Party won a by-election in Bunwell ward in South Norfolk, forcing the Conservatives to lose their majority on South Norfolk Council. The ward is in the new Waveney Valley constituency where co-leader Adrian Ramsay hopes to become the next MP. He said:

“Over the last five local elections in England we have seen an almost five-fold increase in the number of Green councillors. The victories and the places where we have won means we are on course to see a similar increase in the number of MPs at the next general election.

“But this isn’t just about what it means for the General Election, it’s also what it means for those people who live in areas where Greens have power.

“We’re now the largest party on key English councils including Hastings, Stroud, East Hertfordshire, Babergh, East Suffolk, Mid Suffolk, Lewes, Folkestone and Hythe, the Forest of Dean, as well as Bristol of course.”

“Voters are increasingly turning to the Greens because we offer a real alternative, with sensible and practical policies to tackle local and national issues such as the cost of living, the housing crisis, underfunded and run-down public services and the terrible state of our rivers.”

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Greens win every council seat in target Bristol Central constituency and cement role as largest party on Council amid “record breaking”

[election campaign](#)



In a historic electoral victory, amid a record-breaking local election campaign, the Green Party has this evening not only emerged as the largest party on Bristol City Council, but has also won every available seat in their target parliamentary constituency of Bristol Central.

Across the city, the Green Party has won 34 seats in the city's local elections, strengthening their position as the largest party in the city and supporting the polls' suggestion that Bristol could elect its first ever Green MP. Today's gains also see them become the largest group of Green councillors to ever be elected at a local election in the UK.

Carla Denyer, the Green Party Co-Leader and parliamentary candidate for Bristol Central, commented on the success in the city:

"At this election the people of Bristol have turned to the Green Party to deliver the change that this city needs.

"The people of this city know that we don't have to accept politics as usual – something better is possible if we vote for it."

The Green Party dominance at the city's local elections is another sign that the Greens are on track to win their top General Election target of Bristol Central where party co-leader, Carla Denyer, is the candidate. Greens won all 14 council seats in the new Bristol Central constituency.

Denyer continued:

"As MP candidate for Bristol Central at the coming General Election, I'm looking forward to giving Bristolians another opportunity to demonstrate their values by voting for real change and hope at the national level."

The victories come alongside what pollster Sir John Curtice described as "spectacular gains" in seats across the UK from Newcastle to Exeter. The Party is now setting its sights on securing 4 Members of Parliament including in the new seat of Bristol Central where Greens now hold 14 of the 14

councillors.

Co-leader Adrian Ramsay welcomed the record results across England, including earlier becoming [the largest party on Hastings Borough Council](#). He said:

“We went into these elections with a record number of Green councillors.

“We’re emerging with a new, even higher record.

“I know Carla will be a great MP for Bristol if elected at the next election.

“But this isn’t just about what it means for the General Election, it’s also what it means for those people who live in areas where Greens have power.

“We’re now the largest party on key English councils including not just Bristol but also Hastings, East Hertfordshire, Babergh, East Suffolk, Mid Suffolk, Lewes, Folkestone and Hythe and the Forest of Dean.”

He continued:

“These record results represent a seismic shift in English politics.

“Voters are increasingly turning to the Greens because we offer a real alternative, with sensible and practical policies to tackle local and national issues such as the cost of living, the housing crisis, underfunded and run-down public services and the terrible state of our rivers.”

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[Greens move from fourth to first place in Hastings](#)



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The Green Party has gone from the fourth largest party on Hastings Borough Council to the largest party. Greens won 9 of 16 seats up for election (56%), up from just 1 seat the last time these were contested (2021). This leaves Greens with 12 councillors (+8), Labour 8 (-2), Indy 7 (=) and Conservative 5 (-6).

Responding, Green Party Co-Leader Carla Denyer said,

“This is an absolutely spectacular result for Hastings going from the 4th largest party on the council to the largest.

“We’ve gone from 4 to 12 seats and it stands as a tribute to the fact that when people elect Greens, and see how hard we work for them, they want to elect more.

“Green Councillors are already in power in Hastings and will now be able to deliver more with a stronger and bigger Green group. As with dozens of other councils where Greens are in administration they can deliver real change for their residents.”

At the time of writing (18:30) Greens have gained 38 councillors and are on track for a record number of councillors by the end of the weekend of around 800 on over 170 councils. Greens have also made breakthroughs onto new councils including: Newcastle, Sefton in Merseyside, Redditch in Worcestershire, Bolton and in South Norfolk where the Green gain toppled the Council control from Conservative to No Overall Control.

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Great night for the Greens with more to come



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Reflecting on early local election results, Green Party co-leader Adrian Ramsay said:

“Green councilors are being elected in ever higher numbers across the country and are ready to deliver for their communities.

“We have won our first councilors on Newcastle Council, and our first councilors on Sefton and Redditch, taking seats from Labour and the Conservatives

“We won two new seats on South Tyneside from the Conservatives and Labour.

“And we gained seats in Exeter, Peterborough and Colchester with many of our target seats only set to declare later today.

“North and South, East and West, Greens are winning the trust of voters fed up with the chaos of the Conservatives and the U-turns of Labour.

“We are winning because our message of hope is being heard by new groups of voters. In these elections we have argued for practical solutions to the cost of living crisis, the climate crisis and the cuts to public services, that are clearly resonating with voters.

“More results like this later today and over the weekend and we can be confident that we have the firmest of foundations for our General Election campaign when we are going to do everything we can to get at least four Green MPs elected to Parliament.

“We’ve worked hard for these early breakthroughs and we’ve also been working hard to emerge as largest party in Bristol, Worcester, Stroud and Hastings – the results of which we will see over the next two days.

“We could achieve a record number of seats in Bristol and emerge as the largest party to lead the next administration as the Elected Mayor post is coming to an end following a city-wide referendum – but it is going to be close.”

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[Greens set for record number of](#)

councillors after first breakthroughs



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Green Party co-leader Carla Denyer responded to the first council elections results:

“I’m delighted to see the first ever Green Party councillors elected to Newcastle City Council which show that voters are increasingly putting their trust in Greens to deliver a fairer, greener country.

“In Byker ward in Newcastle, the Green candidate, Nick Hartley, won over 50 per cent of the vote. And in Elswick ward, Khaled Musharraf was elected with notable movement of Muslim voters from Labour to Green.

“The Newcastle gains from Labour come alongside two stunning gains in South Tyneside – one from Labour and one from the Conservatives.

“These results show us reaching new areas of the country – and we are achieving that because our message of hope is being heard by new groups of voters.

“In these elections we have argued for practical solutions to the cost of living crisis, the climate crisis and the cuts to public services, that are clearly resonating with voters.

“We have some big results to look forward to in elections being counted throughout the weekend, including in Bristol, where we have a Green target seat for the General Election, but already this is proving a very positive night for the Greens.

“More results like this and we can be confident that we have put down the firmest of foundations for our General Election campaign when we are going to do everything we can to get at least four Green MPs elected to Parliament.”

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