



Banffshire and Buchan Coast Liberal Democrats 2024 General Election eNewsletter

Record numbers of Liberal Democrats Elected



The General Elect on the 4th July returned a record number of Liberal Democrat MPs elected to Westminster. We now sit as the 3rd Party in Parliament.

It is a huge thanks to the candidates, agents, activists and volunteers who worked together to achieve this result.

It is also a big shout out to the voters who returned us in record numbers, helping to change the political landscape.

For us all the work starts now to bring about the change Sir Ed Davy, promoted through the campaign, be it bungee jumping, falling in lakes and going down waterslides, he raised the profile of the party and got voters looking at us as a serious party.

North-East candidates take the party forward

It's a well done to all the candidates who stood in the North-East of Scotland, all who increased the party's share of the vote, including our own Ian Bailey who stood in the new Aberdeen North and Moray East constituency.

In all seats the %age vote went up, some of the boundaries have changed.



- Aberdeenshire North and Moray East, Ian Bailey = 7.3% [2019 = 5.4%]
- Gordon and Buchan, Conrad Wood = 16.7% [2019 = 10.6%]
- Moray, Nairn and Strathspey, Neil Alexander = 8.1% [2019 = 4.6%]
- West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine, Michael Turvey = 13.0% [2019 = 11.7%]

Neil Alexander



Conrad Wood



Michael Turvey



Nationally the party secured an increase of 64 seats, from 8 to 72. Included in that number was the return to the Liberal Democrats of the Inverness, Skye and Wester Ross seat, with a win for Angus MacDonald. Angus brought the seat of former leader Charles Kennedy back to the Liberal Democrats.

In Scotland, the party won an additional 2 seats in Mid Dunbartonshire [Susan Murray] and the aforementioned Inverness, Skye and Wester Ross [Angus MacDonald].

Scottish MPs in Westminster



Wendy Chamberlain, MP for North-East Fife

Originally from Greenock, Wendy has lived in Fife since 2003 with her family.

Following her degree from Edinburgh University, Wendy joined Lothian and Borders Police in 1999, serving for 12 years as a Police officer. During this period she also worked part-time as a Communications Lecturer for the then Lauder College (now Fife College).

Wendy then worked at MoD Caledonia, Rosyth, as the Scottish Regional Employment and Training Manager on their military resettlement contract, supporting service veterans into positive employment outcomes before moving to work as a Capability Manager for Diageo. She became the first female Board Member of the Camanachd Association (the governing body for the amateur sport of shinty) in 2017.

Wendy was elected to Parliament for the constituency of North East Fife in 2019 and is running to keep the seat in the 2024 election. Wendy is the deputy leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats. Prior to the election being called she was the Liberal Democrat Chief Whip and spokesperson for Work and Pensions, and a member of the Scottish Affairs Select Committee.

During her time in Parliament Wendy passed the Carers Leave Act, and was highly involved in the campaign to End the Need for Foodbanks, standing up for Afghan Women and Girls, and promoting the golfing and Scotch Whisky industries. She has led cross party efforts to combat sleaze in Parliament and make it a safe and welcome working environment.

Christine Jardine, MP for Edinburgh West

Christine was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Edinburgh West in 2017 and is the Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Scotland, Women and Equalities and the Cabinet Office.



Before entering politics, Christine was a journalist and broadcaster.

Christine has written for the Scotsman, worked for the BBC and was editor of the Press Association in Scotland.

Christine taught both post and undergraduate students at the University of the West of Scotland, having previously run the postgraduate practical journalism course at the Scottish Centre for Journalism Studies.



Susan Murray MP for Mid-Dunbartonshire

Susan is the Liberal Democrat MP for Mid-Dunbartonshire. A current local councillor for Kirkintilloch East and North and Twechar,

Susan is a strong, local and hardworking campaigner and has the experience that will deliver the change we need.

Susan said of her candidacy, *'Too many MPs are career politicians with no understanding of life in the real world. She is a successful businesswoman who lives locally and will use her experience getting things done as an East Dunbartonshire councillor to deliver on the issues that matter most to residents.'*

For Susan, improving local healthcare is a personal priority. When her husband suffered a stroke, she became a carer. Her experience means Susan knows just how important it is to have good quality NHS facilities in our community, like the new Milngavie health and care centre she is campaigning for.

Susan Added, *'Having lived here with her family for over 30 years, Susan now wants to use her experience to get the best deal for local people.'*

Alistair Carmichael , MP for Orkney and Shetland

Alistair said, 'My home is in the Northern Isles. I am determined to ensure that we get the fair deal we deserve.

Orkney and Shetland are fantastic places to live, work and to raise a family. This is my home. My wife is a local vet in Orkney and our children attended local schools there.

Being part of the community has always mattered to us.

I understand that people here know best what can work here. If only the same could be said about our governments in Edinburgh or London.

It has been an enormous privilege to represent the Isles in parliament and I am asking local people to lend me their vote once more to carry on that work.'



Jamie Stone, MP for Caithness, Sutherland and Wester Ross

As a Tain local, Jamie has always been committed to speaking up for the place where he grew up. He joined the Liberal Democrats after meeting Charles Kennedy in the 1980s and being inspired by Charles' vision for the Highlands.

Before entering politics, Jamie worked in a wide range of industries and settings. From running his family's cheese business and teaching English in Sicily to gutting fish in the Faroes and building oil rigs .

Angus MacDonald, MP for Inverness, Skye and Wester Ross.

Angus lives near Fort William where he owns the 'best cinema in the UK' the Highland Cinema and Highland Bookshop. After a few years in the Queen's own Highlanders, he started his own business, leading to an excellent career building companies in publishing, renewables, recycling and online education.



Come and meet the Scottish Liberal Democrats - we're coming to a show near you soon

New Deer Show - 20th and 21st July 2024

Turriff Show - 4th and 5th August 2024

Craigieford Park, New Deer, Turriff,
Aberdeenshire AB53 6QB.

The Haughs Queen's Road Turriff
Aberdeenshire AB53 4EF

Come and meet the Scottish Liberal
Democrats at their stall.

We're here too so if you miss us at New
Deer head over to Turra.

Our Local Team of Councillors

Cllr. Anne Simpson



Ward 4: Central Buchan

Cllr. Ann Bell



**Ward 3: Fraserburgh and
District**

Cllr. Colin Simpson



**Ward 6: Peterhead South
and Cruden**

We also cover three other wards within Aberdeenshire Council, Troup, Banff and District and Peterhead North and Rattray. In the Moray Council area we also cover Keith and Cullen and Buckie.

We are looking for candidates. You would be fully supported by the local party in the Holyrood election in 2026 or local council elections of 2027. Interested? Get in contact for a chat, click the button below.

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