

Declaration of Results

This report is the Declaration of Results script for Returning Officer.

Contest Name

Ward 3 - Galashiels & District

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 3 - Galashiels & District. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 11,639 and the number of ballot papers received was 4,600 giving a percentage turnout of 39.5%. There were 43 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 912.

The number of first preference votes for each of the candidates was:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Michael BANKS	Vanguard Party championing Galashiels	36
James D W CLARK	Scottish Eco-Federalist Party (SEFP)	24
Duck FRATER	Independent	199
Euan JARDINE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,205
Neil MACKINNON	Scottish Green Party	412
Harry Redpath SCOTT	Independent	246
Fay SINCLAIR	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,637
Hannah STEEL	Scottish Liberal Democrats	483
Bill WHITE	Independent	315
Total		4,557

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 3 - Galashiels & District:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Euan JARDINE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1
Neil MACKINNON	Scottish Green Party	8
Fay SINCLAIR	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
Hannah STEEL	Scottish Liberal Democrats	8

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Of the total ballot papers, the following were rejected and not counted on account of:

2011 Order Rule 44(1)	Adjudication Rejection Reason	Number
(a)	Which does not bear a unique identifying mark in a form that is capable of being read by electronic means	0
(b)	On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	3
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	4
(d)	On which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified except the printed number and other unique identifying mark on the back	0
(e)	Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty	36
Total		43