

South Lanarkshire Council
Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name Ward 20 - Larkhall

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 20 - Larkhall. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 15,010 and the number of ballot papers received was 6,339 giving a percentage turnout of 42.2%. There were 146 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,239.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Jackie BURNS	Independent	639
Andy CARMICHAEL	Scottish Labour Party	1,580
Ross CLARK	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,389
David LAIRD	Scottish Libertarian Party	36
Donald Murdo MACKAY	UKIP	21
Lesley MCDONALD	Scottish Labour Party	463
Richard NELSON	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,518
Jake STEVENSON	Scottish Liberal Democrats	148
George SUTHERLAND	Scottish National Party (SNP)	399
	Total	6,193

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 20 - Larkhall:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Andy CARMICHAEL	Scottish Labour Party	1
Ross CLARK	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
Lesley MCDONALD	Scottish Labour Party	9
Richard NELSON	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1

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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	12
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	117
(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	17
	Total	146