



# **2013 local elections: The TUSC results**

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# Overview

A TOTAL of 120 candidates, standing in 117 wards in 20 councils, contested the English local elections on May 2<sup>nd</sup> under the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) umbrella. In addition, TUSC stood a candidate in the Doncaster mayoral contest and two candidates in council by-elections that were held on the same day.

Elections took place in 35 English local authorities, to fill 2,362 seats. TUSC stood at least one candidate in twenty councils with elections (60%), contesting 5% of the seats. This contrasts markedly with when these particular seats were previously contested in the four-yearly local elections cycle in 2009, before the formation of TUSC. Then, a year after the financial crisis broke – and when Labour polled just 24% of the vote – there were literally just a handful of candidates presenting a working class alternative to the pro-austerity consensus.

The spread of candidates also compares with the situation in 2011 – the first local elections seriously contested by TUSC when we fielded a candidate in 18% of the councils where there were elections and contested 2% of the seats – and 2012 when TUSC stood in 25% of the councils with elections, in 4% of the seats.

It was mainly county councils up for election this year, overwhelmingly Conservative controlled – although Cumbria had been run by a Labour-Conservative coalition! – with the Tories holding 1,477 (62%) of the seats to Labour's 273 before the May 2nd poll. It would be totally wrong to caricature this year's elections as mostly rural contests, but they are not the same terrain as the metropolitan boroughs that will be up for election next year. It will be harder for Labour candidates, for example, to present themselves as 'anti-cuts' when nearly half of the councils up for election then are Labour controlled.

All our candidates this year bar one stood in the name of TUSC, typically appearing on the ballot paper in one of its registered variants, Trade Unionists and Socialists Against Cuts. In one county council division in Cambridgeshire, there was a Cambridge Socialists candidate who endorsed the TUSC local elections policy platform and stood under the TUSC umbrella, but who appeared on the ballot paper under the locally established electoral name.

## Summary points

Table One presents the TUSC results as ward or county council division totals, listed in percentage order. The full results for each seat are given in Table Two. Table Three compares the results achieved by TUSC candidates, aggregated into local authority-wide figures, with the votes won by Labour, Green and Liberal Democrat candidates in the seats TUSC contested. The final two tables present a comparison with the – very limited – number of wards which TUSC had previously contested; and a record of the votes achieved by parties that have been approached by TUSC over the past year but who up to now have chosen to remain outside the TUSC umbrella.

Significant features of the results include:

- The TUSC candidate for the mayor of Doncaster, Mary Jackson, polled 1,916 votes in Ed Miliband's 'backyard' (he is the MP for Doncaster North).
- Mary's 3.1% share of the vote put her in sixth place, ahead of the Liberal Democrats and not far short of the other 'party of government', the Tories, who polled 2,811 votes.
- The total vote for all TUSC candidates on May 2nd was 10,182.

■ In the local council seats that TUSC contested, the ratio of Labour voters to TUSC voters this year was fourteen. In other words, for every person who voted for TUSC (8,188 in the local council elections), there were 14 people who voted Labour (119,204).

■ This ratio has widened compared to that in the 2011 and 2012 local elections – although, in a metropolitan council comparator, the ratio narrowed in Bristol compared to the 2011 local elections in that city (the last council elections there) and last November’s Bristol Mayoral poll.

■ The Labour Party put up more candidates – 2,174, in 92% of the seats – than in recent previous local elections. In 2011, for example, Labour fielded candidates for just 72% of the seats available. We can anticipate that Labour will field more candidates from now until the next general election.

■ In 2011 eight TUSC candidates that year did not face a Labour opponent. Every TUSC candidate this year faced a Labour candidate, in a context where Labour controlled just one council before May 2nd.

■ The Greens also stood more candidates this year – 882, in 37% of the seats, up from 25% of the seats in last year’s local elections – with two-thirds of TUSC candidates facing a Green candidate.

■ There were 87 wards and county council divisions which TUSC candidates contested with Liberal Democrats. But in the others – one quarter of the seats we stood in – one of the ‘parties of government’ were unable to field a candidate.

■ Across the local council wards and county council divisions that TUSC contested, the ratio of Green voters (19,652) to TUSC voters (8,188) was two-and-a-half. The ratio of Liberal Democrat voters (43,521) to TUSC voters was five.

## **A note on statistical methods**

The results for TUSC candidates for each council where a seat was contested are given in the regional breakdown of results. A figure for the percentage of the vote won by TUSC is also given.

How this later figure is worked out is straightforward in a contest for one seat – the percentage figure for the TUSC candidate being the percentage of all the votes cast.

But what about multi-seat contests, where two or three councillors were elected from the same division? How to present such results, particularly where a party fields just one candidate in a two or three-seat contest, is a controversial question of psephology.

In an example from the 2011 elections, in Leicester’s Rushey Mead ward the single TUSC candidate polled 272 votes, outpolling one of the Liberal Democrat candidates. It is a fact that 4.9% of the 5,524 people who voted in Rushey Mead used one of their three votes for TUSC. But they actually cast 13,917 votes. So if all the ward’s candidates’ votes were recorded as a percentage of the 5,524 actual voters, the total number of votes would be 300%.

So the method we have used is to record the TUSC vote (or the highest TUSC vote in a multi-candidate ward) as a percentage of the aggregate of the highest votes of all the parties contesting the ward, the highest vote being taken as a maximum expression of a particular party’s support.

In the Rushey Mead example, this aggregated the highest Labour vote (2,789), the highest Independent (1,039), the Tories’ highest vote (861), the top Lib Dem vote (556), and TUSC’s 272 votes, a total of 5,517. On this calculation, TUSC polled 4.9% in the ward.

This method is neither a ‘correct’ nor ‘incorrect’ way of presenting the support there for TUSC. It is just another method, with its limitations openly acknowledged.



## 2013 Local Elections: TUSC council results ‘league table’

Below is a league table of the results achieved by TUSC candidates in Thursday’s local council elections in England. Listed by results in percentage order are the votes won by TUSC candidates in the ward or county council division indicated, with the percentage vote in parentheses (see Note on Statistical Methods on how this was calculated in multi-seat divisions).

	<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Vote</b>
1	<b>Derbyshire County Council</b>	Bolsover North	<b>247 (9.4%)</b>
2	<b>Bristol City Council</b>	Hillfields	<b>188 (9.1%)</b>
3	<b>Gloucestershire County Council</b>	Hesters Way & Springbank	<b>155 (8.1%)</b>
4	<b>Leicestershire County Council</b>	Loughborough East	<b>170 (7.0%)</b>
5	<b>Gloucestershire County Council</b>	Barton & Tredworth	<b>177 (6.7%)</b>
6	<b>Warwickshire County Council</b>	Bedworth West	<b>139 (6.6%)</b>
7	<b>Cumbria County Council</b>	Upperby	<b>84 (6.1%)</b>
8	<b>Warwickshire County Council</b>	Nuneaton Camp Hill	<b>67 (6.0%)</b>
9	<b>Lincolnshire County Council</b>	Lincoln East	<b>76 (5.3%)</b>
10	<b>Bristol City Council</b>	St George East	<b>110 (5.2%)</b>
11	<b>Hertfordshire County Council</b>	Shephall	<b>126 (5.1%)</b>
12	<b>Cambridgeshire County Council</b>	Romsey	<b>118 (5.0%)</b>
13	<b>Warwickshire County Council</b>	Nuneaton Abbey	<b>76 (5.0%)</b>
14	<b>Warwickshire County Council</b>	Nuneaton Galley Common	<b>69 (5.0%)</b>
15	<b>Warwickshire County Council</b>	Brownsover	<b>215 (4.8%)</b>
16	<b>Derbyshire County Council</b>	Bolsover South	<b>134 (4.8%)</b>
17	<b>Leicestershire County Council</b>	Burbage Castle	<b>248 (4.7%)</b>
18	<b>Lincolnshire County Council</b>	Lincoln West	<b>95 (4.3%)</b>
19	<b>Bristol City Council</b>	Southmead	<b>81 (4.1%)</b>
20	<b>Derbyshire County Council</b>	Shirebrook & Pleasley	<b>87 (4.0%)</b>
21	<b>Hertfordshire County Council</b>	Broadwater	<b>108 (3.9%)</b>
22	<b>Northamptonshire County Council</b>	Delapre & Rushmere	<b>92 (3.7%)</b>
23	<b>Warwickshire County Council</b>	Lawford & New Bilton	<b>77 (3.6%)</b>
24	<b>Warwickshire County Council</b>	Caldecott	<b>282 (3.5%)</b>
25	<b>Essex County Council</b>	Harlow West	<b>270 (3.5%)</b>
26	<b>Warwickshire County Council</b>	Eastlands & Hillmorton	<b>119 (3.2%)</b>
27	<b>Bristol City Council</b>	Eastville	<b>84 (3.2%)</b>
28	<b>Cumbria County Council</b>	Denton Holme	<b>40 (3.2%)</b>
29	<b>Cumbria County Council</b>	Currock	<b>33 (3.2%)</b>
30	<b>Kent County Council</b>	Gravesham East	<b>265 (3.1%)</b>
31	<b>Lincolnshire County Council</b>	Lincoln Moorland	<b>50 (3.1%)</b>
32	<b>Warwickshire County Council</b>	Arbury & Stockingford	<b>225 (2.9%)</b>
33	<b>Lancashire County Council</b>	Fleetwood East	<b>75 (2.9%)</b>
34	<b>Worcestershire County Council</b>	St John	<b>48 (2.9%)</b>
35	<b>Gloucestershire County Council</b>	Coney Hill & Matson	<b>60 (2.8%)</b>
36	<b>Isle of Wight council</b>	Ryde North East	<b>23 (2.8%)</b>

37	Warwickshire County Council	Admirals	43 (2.7%)
38	Bristol City Council	Lawrence Hill	66 (2.6%)
39	Northamptonshire County Council	Daventry East	54 (2.6%)
40	Nottinghamshire County Council	Mansfield North	147 (2.5%)
41	Kent County Council	Folkestone West	86 (2.5%)
42	Kent County Council	Sheppey	97 (2.4%)
43	Devon County Council	Teignmouth Town	78 (2.4%)
44	Lancashire County Council	Lancaster South East	59 (2.4%)
45	Bristol City Council	St George West	54 (2.4%)
46	Warwickshire County Council	Earl Craven	53 (2.4%)
47	Lincolnshire County Council	Lincoln North	48 (2.3%)
48	Warwickshire County Council	Nuneaton St Nicholas	55 (2.2%)
49	Cumbria County Council	Seaton	34 (2.2%)
50	Lincolnshire County Council	Lincoln Glebe	34 (2.2%)
51	Leicestershire County Council	Loughborough South	60 (2.1%)
52	Hertfordshire County Council	Ware North	59 (2.1%)
53	Lincolnshire County Council	Lincoln Park	20 (2.1%)
54	Essex County Council	Harlow North	88 (2.0%)
55	Cambridgeshire County Council	Godmanchester & Huntingdon East	148 (2.0%)
56	Staffordshire County Council	Stafford Central	63 (2.0%)
57	Staffordshire County Council	Bradwell, Porthill & Wolstanton	57 (2.0%)
58	Buckinghamshire County Council	Aylesbury South West	42 (2.0%)
59	Canterbury council (by-election)	Seasalter	41 (2.0%)
60	Worcestershire County Council	St Barnabas	44 (1.9%)
61	Nottinghamshire County Council	Hucknall	158 (1.8%)
62	Hertfordshire County Council	Hatfield North	71 (1.8%)
63	Lancashire County Council	Thornton Cleveleys Central	67 (1.8%)
64	Staffordshire County Council	Burton Town	53 (1.8%)
65	Staffordshire County Council	Bereton & Ravenhill	43 (1.8%)
66	Bristol City Council	Kingsweston	40 (1.8%)
67	Worcestershire County Council	Bedwardine	39 (1.8%)
68	Rugby council (by-election)	Bilton	37 (1.8%)
69	Cumbria County Council	Castle	20 (1.8%)
70	Northamptonshire County Council	Long Buckby	51 (1.7%)
71	Hertfordshire County Council	Central Watford & Oxhey	49 (1.7%)
72	Warwickshire County Council	Poplar	26 (1.7%)
73	Staffordshire County Council	May Bank & Cross Heath	49 (1.6%)
74	Devon County Council	Tiverton East	47 (1.6%)
75	Hertfordshire County Council	Bedwell	46 (1.6%)
76	Devon County Council	St Davids & St James	34 (1.6%)
77	Warwickshire County Council	Nuneaton Wembrook	29 (1.6%)
78	Staffordshire County Council	Stafford North	51 (1.5%)
79	Hertfordshire County Council	St Nicholas	49 (1.5%)
80	Warwickshire County Council	Dunchurch	41 (1.5%)
81	Northamptonshire County Council	Woodford & Weedon	39 (1.5%)
82	Bristol City Council	Cotham	34 (1.5%)
83	Warwickshire County Council	Bedworth North	26 (1.5%)
84	Bristol City Council	Ashley	49 (1.4%)
85	Bristol City Council	Frome Vale	36 (1.4%)
86	Bristol City Council	Horfield	35 (1.4%)
87	Warwickshire County Council	Leamington Brunswick	26 (1.4%)
88	Essex County Council	Laindon Park & Fryerns	73 (1.3%)
89	Gloucestershire County Council	Cinderford	28 (1.3%)
90	Nottinghamshire County Council	Carlton East	67 (1.2%)
91	Staffordshire County Council	Stafford West	42 (1.2%)
92	Staffordshire County Council	Talke & Red Street	35 (1.2%)
93	Gloucestershire County Council	Stonehouse	30 (1.2%)

94	Devon County Council	Newtown & Polsloe	29 (1.2%)
95	Lancashire County Council	Lancaster Central	47 (1.1%)
96	Hertfordshire County Council	Haldens	33 (1.1%)
97	Buckinghamshire County Council	Aylesbury East	31 (1.1%)
98	Bristol City Council	Redland	30 (1.1%)
99	Hertfordshire County Council	Welwyn Garden City South	29 (1.1%)
100	Derbyshire County Council	South Normanton & Pinxton	27 (1.1%)
101	Worcestershire County Council	Rainbow Hill	23 (1.1%)
102	Hampshire County Council	Fordingbridge	38 (1.0%)
103	Bristol City Council	Avonmouth	28 (1.0%)
104	Hertfordshire County Council	Old Stevenage	39 (0.9%)
105	Bristol City Council	Bishopston	32 (0.9%)
106	Worcestershire County Council	Riverside	23 (0.9%)
107	Warwickshire County Council	Fosse	20 (0.9%)
108	Hertfordshire County Council	Handside & Peartree	28 (0.8%)
109	Warwickshire County Council	Bede	17 (0.8%)
110	Staffordshire County Council	Stafford South East	33 (0.8%)
111	Staffordshire County Council	Leek Rural	31 (0.8%)
112	Hertfordshire County Council	Hemel Hempstead Town	27 (0.8%)
113	Staffordshire County Council	Burton Trent	21 (0.8%)
114	Cumbria County Council	Kendal Strickland & Fell	15 (0.8%)
115	Hampshire County Council	Winchester East	32 (0.6%)
116	Hampshire County Council	Winchester Westgate	25 (0.5%)
117	Hampshire County Council	Eastleigh West	22 (0.5%)
118	Hertfordshire County Council	Chells	15 (0.4%)
119	Warwickshire County Council	Nuneaton Weddington	8 (0.3%)
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>119 wards and divisions</b>	<b>8,266 (2.5%)</b>







# 2013 Local Elections: Regional breakdown of TUSC results

Below is a regional breakdown of the results achieved by TUSC candidates in the local elections in England. Listed are the votes received by every candidate in the ward or county council division contested, with a percentage of the vote figure also given for the TUSC candidate (see Note on Statistical Methods on how this was calculated in multi-seat divisions).

## Doncaster Mayoral election

TUSC candidate: Mary Jackson  
 Labour 21,996 (35.4%); Independent (Peter Davies) 21,406 (34.4%); English Democrats 4,615 (7.4%); Independent (Michael Maye) 4,557 (7.3%); Conservative 2,811 (4.5%); **TUSC 1,916 (3.1%)**; Liberal Democrat 1,122 (1.8%); Independent 1,110 (1.8%); National Front 1,086 (1.7%); Save Services 786 (1.3%)

Notes: Peter Davies won the 2009 Mayoral election standing for the English Democrats. Independent candidate Michael Maye, who stood again this year, came second then, after transfers, having polled 17,150 first preference votes.

## Eastern

Three councils contested with nineteen candidates in eighteen divisions, in three of which there were two councillors to be elected.

### Cambridgeshire County Council

**NB** The TUSC candidate in Romsey division is a member of Cambridge Socialists and appeared on the ballot paper under that established electoral name.

Romsey	Tom Woodcock	LD 1,118; Lab 741; Green 138; <b>CS 118 (5.0%)</b> ; UKIP 118; Con 103
Godmanchester & Huntingdon East (two-seat division)	Tony Staples and Bob Cossey-Mowle	LD 1,226; LD 1,195; UKIP 1,171; UKIP 1,080; Con 1,026; Con 1,024; Lab 331; Lab 330; <b>TUSC 76 (2%)</b> ; <b>TUSC 72</b>

### Essex County Council

Harlow North	Paul Lenihan	Lab 1,637; Con 1,229; UKIP 1,147; LD 205; Green 115; <b>TUSC 88 (2%)</b>
Harlow West (two-seat division)	David Brown	Lab 2,794; Lab 2,775; UKIP 2,207; UKIP 2,139; Con 1,887; Con 1,756; Green 291; LD 276; <b>TUSC 270 (3.5%)</b> ; LD 241; Green 197
Laindon Park & Fryerns (two seat division)	Dave Murray	Lab 2,277; UKIP 2,175; Lab 1,980; UKIP 1,684; Con 958; Con 784; LD 215; LD

187; NF 171; Green 138;  
Ind Lab cllr 119; Green 116;  
**TUSC 73 (1.3%)**

## Hertfordshire County Council

Ware North	Mark Wright	Con 1,186; UKIP 689; LD 472; Lab 419; <b>TUSC 59 (2.1%)</b>
Hatfield North	Richard Shattock	Lab 1,432; Con 1,213; UKIP 825; LD 204; Green 161; <b>TUSC 71 (1.8%)</b>
Welwyn Garden City South	Cameron Bransom	Lab 982; Con 808; UKIP 585; Green 150; LD 60; <b>TUSC 29 (1.1%)</b>
Haldens	David James	Con 1,072; Lab 966; UKIP 596; Green 142; LD 122; <b>TUSC 33 (1.1%)</b>
Hemel Hempstead Town	Firasul F Noorul Fouz	Con 1,441; Lab 702; UKIP 648; LD 291; Green 281; <b>TUSC 27 (0.8%)</b>
Shephall	Amanda Dilley	Lab 1,321; Con 717; Green 159; LD 156; <b>TUSC 126 (5.1%)</b>
Chells	Mark Pickersgill	LD 1,368; Lab 893; UKIP 767; Con 482; Green 67; <b>TUSC 15 (0.4%)</b>
Old Stevenage	Trevor Palmer	Lab 1,559; Con 1,322; UKIP 909; LD 171; Green 159; <b>TUSC 39 (0.9%)</b>
Broadwater	Helen Kerr	Lab 1,233; Con 977; Green 244; LD 177; <b>TUSC 108 (3.9%)</b>
Bedwell	Steve Glennon	Lab 1,436; UKIP 696; Con 526; LD 114; Green 100; <b>TUSC 46 (1.6%)</b>
St Nicholas	Mark Gentleman	Lab 1,343; UKIP 822; Con 781; LD 189; Green 110; <b>TUSC 49 (1.5%)</b>
Central Watford & Oxhey	Mark O'Connor	LD 1,387; Lab 638; UKIP 398; Con 312; Green 128; <b>TUSC 49 (1.7%)</b>
Handside & Peartree	Bryan Clare	LD 1,380; Con 875; Lab 600; UKIP 426; Green 132; <b>TUSC 28 (0.8%)</b>

## East Midlands

Five councils contested with twenty candidates in twenty divisions, in three of which there were two councillors to be elected and one three-seat division.

### Derbyshire County Council

Bolsover North	Peter Neeve	Lab 1,503; UKIP 647; <b>TUSC 247 (9.4%)</b> ; Con 236
Bolsover South	Jon Dale	Lab 1,690; UKIP 763; Con 218; <b>TUSC 134 (4.8%)</b>
Shirebrook & Pleasley	Dean Eggleston	Lab 1,314; UKIP 583; Con 167; <b>TUSC 87 (4%)</b>
South Normanton & Pinxton	Brian Loader	Lab 1,300; UKIP 651; Con 348; Ind 83; <b>TUSC 27 (1.1%)</b>

## Leicestershire County Council

Loughborough South	Anthony Onions	Lab 1,449; Con 921; BD 206; LD 162; <b>TUSC 60 (2.1%)</b>
Loughborough East	Lauren Foster	Lab 1,634; Con 496; <b>TUSC 170 (7%)</b> ; LD 128
Burbage Castle (two-seat division)	Michael Clifford	LD 2,338; LD 2,338; Con 2,152; Con 2,113; Lab 536; Lab 441; <b>TUSC 248 (4.7%)</b>

## Lincolnshire County Council

Lincoln North	Emma Woodhall	Lab 964; Con 506; UKIP 467; LD 82; <b>TUSC 48 (2.3%)</b>
Lincoln East	Nick Parker	Lab 634; Con 332; UKIP 292; LD 96; <b>TUSC 76 (5.3%)</b>
Lincoln Glebe	Samuel Mumby	Lab 628; Con 424; UKIP 360; LD 106; <b>TUSC 34 (2.2%)</b>
Lincoln Moorland	Karen Williams	Lab 628; Con 563; UKIP 309; LD 76; <b>TUSC 50 (3.1%)</b>
Lincoln Park	Dave Tompkins	Lab 489; UKIP 221; Con 142; LD 83; <b>TUSC 20 (2.1%)</b>
Lincoln West	Luke Gregory-Jones	Lab 1,124; Con 413; UKIP 366; LD 201; <b>TUSC 95 (4.3%)</b>

## Northamptonshire County Council

Delapre & Rushmere	Steve White	LD 851; Lab 695; Con 620; BNP 216; <b>TUSC 92 (3.7%)</b>
Woodford & Weedon	Bea Price	Con 1,295; UKIP 705; Lab 385; LD 202; <b>TUSC 39 (1.5%)</b>
Daventry East	Alan Gordon	Con 896; UKIP 576; Lab 530; <b>TUSC 54 (2.6%)</b>
Long Buckby	Tom Price	Con 1,421; UKIP 804; Lab 549; LD 263; <b>TUSC 51 (1.7%)</b>

## Nottinghamshire County Council

Carlton East (two-seat division)	Bill Buchanan	Lab 2,225; Lab 2,093; Con 1,494; Con 1,343; UKIP 1,186; UKIP 1,097; LD 658; LD 654; Green 170; Green 156; <b>TUSC 67 (1.2%)</b>
Hucknall (three-seat division)	Cliff Smith	Lab 3,173; Lab 2,990; Lab 2,918; UKIP 2,739; UKIP 2,373; Con 2,235; UKIP 2,131; Con 2,127; Con 1,797; LD 260; LD 250; LD 182; <b>TUSC 158 (1.8%)</b>
Mansfield North (two-seat division)	Karen Seymour	Lab 2,443; Lab 2,008; UKIP 1,584; Ind 777; Con 586; Con 494; Ind 290; LD 264; LD 167; <b>TUSC 147 (2.5%)</b>

## Northern

One council contested with six candidates in six divisions, all with one seat up for election.

### Cumbria County Council

Currock	Elizabeth Walsh	Lab 551; UKIP 188; Con 154; Green 94; <b>TUSC 33 (3.2%)</b> ; BNP 20
Castle	Jody Long	Lab 460; LD 263; UKIP 227; Con 120; Green 45; <b>TUSC 20 (1.8%)</b>
Denton Holme	Grahame Higginson	Lab 705; UKIP 234; Con 146; Green 103; <b>TUSC 40 (3.2%)</b> ; LD 20
Upperby	Brent Kennedy	Lab 870; Con 226; LD 130; <b>TUSC 84 (6.1%)</b> ; Green 60
Seaton	Deborah Ferris	Ind 520; Lab 499; UKIP 391; Con 74; Green 41; <b>TUSC 34 (2.2%)</b>
Kendal Strickland & Fell	Pat Timson	LD 980; Lab 506; Con 191; UKIP 186; <b>TUSC 15 (0.8%)</b>

## North West

One council contested with four candidates in four divisions, all with one seat up for election.

### Lancashire County Council

Fleetwood East	Ray Smith	Lab 1,367; Con 607; UKIP 534; <b>TUSC 75 (2.9%)</b>
Thornton Cleveleys Central	Kevin Morrison	Con 1,503; UKIP 1,191; Lab 950; <b>TUSC 67 (1.8%)</b>
Lancaster Central	Stephen Metcalfe	Green 1,639; Lab 1,299; Con 820; UKIP 343; LD 98; <b>TUSC 47 (1.1)</b> ; Ind 20
Lancaster South East	Peter Okenla	Lab 977; Con 730; Green 257; LD 243; UKIP 189; <b>TUSC 59 (2.4%)</b>

## South East

One council contested with three candidates in three divisions, in one of which there were two councillors to be elected.

### Kent County Council

Sheppey	Michael Rolfe	UKIP 1,791; Con 1,066; Lab 900; LD 100; <b>TUSC 97 (2.4%)</b> ; MRLP 88
Gravesham East (two-seat division)	Chas Berry	Lab 3,659; Lab 3,581; Con 2,786; UKIP 2,342; Con 2,250; ED 663; LD 380; <b>TUSC 265 (3.1%)</b>
Folkestone West	Seth Cruse	UKIP 1,155; LD 903; Con 763; Lab 354; Green 238; <b>TUSC 86 (2.5%)</b>

## Southern

Three councils contested with seven candidates in seven divisions, all with one seat up for election.

### Buckinghamshire County Council

Aylesbury East	Helen Tucker	UKIP 1,027; Con 871; LD 594; Lab 363; <b>TUSC 31 (1.1%)</b>
Aylesbury South West	Steve Bell	UKIP 742; LD 689; Lab 405; Con 237; <b>TUSC 42 (2%)</b>

### Hampshire County Council

Eastleigh West	Ania Waterman	UKIP 1,604; LD 1,533; Con 659; Lab 579; Green 107; MRLP 29; <b>TUSC 22 (0.5%)</b>
Winchester Westgate	Adam Freeman	LD 2,406; Con 1,652; UKIP 607; Lab 405; Green 361; <b>TUSC 25 (0.5%)</b>
Winchester Eastgate	Dave Boyes	Con 1,748; LD 1,741; Lab 636; UKIP 580; Green 457; <b>TUSC 32 (0.6%)</b>
Fordingbridge	Helen Ward	Con 1,799; UKIP 920; LD 604; Lab 266; Green 253; <b>TUSC 38 (1%)</b>

### Isle of Wight Council

Ryde North East	Nancy Farrell	Con 324; Ind 191; Lab 141; UKIP 137; <b>TUSC 23 (2.8%)</b>
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## South West

Three councils contested with twenty-three candidates in twenty-three wards and county council divisions, all with one seat up for election.

### Devon County Council

Teignmouth	Sean Brogan	LD 1,185; Con 913; UKIP 749; Lab 248; <b>TUSC 78 (2.4%)</b>
St Davids & St James	Luke Pilling	Lab 732; LD 671; Green 294; UKIP 207; Con 188; <b>TUSC 34 (1.6%)</b>
Newtown & Polsloe	Carlus Hudson	Lab 1,314; Con 363; UKIP 297; Green 210; LD 106; <b>TUSC 29 (1.2%)</b>
Tiverton East	Steve Bush	LD 1,093; Con 726; UKIP 644; Lab 272; Green 138; <b>TUSC 47 (1.6%)</b>

### Bristol City Council

Ashley	Tom Baldwin	Green 1,223; Lab 1,056; LD 1,008; Con 101; Ind 76; <b>TUSC 49 (1.4%)</b> ; Ind 28
Avonmouth	Patrick Hume	Con 1,068; Lab 824; UKIP 648; Green 80; LD 64; <b>TUSC 28 (1%)</b>
Bishopston	Chris Farrell	Green 1,256; Lab 675; Ind 665; LD 626; Con 225; <b>TUSC 32 (0.9%)</b>
Cotham	Caroline Vincent	LD 942; Lab 563; Green 418; Con 320; <b>TUSC 34</b>

2011 result: TUSC 57 (1.4%)

Eastville 2011 result: TUSC 122 (3.3%)	Mark Baker	(1.5%) Lab 1,021; LD 1,020; Con 237; Green 223; <b>TUSC 84 (3.2%)</b>
Frome Vale 2011 result: TUSC 70 (1.9%)	Phil Bishop	Lab 907; Con 872; UKIP 573; Green 144; LD 108; <b>TUSC 36 (1.4%)</b>
Hillfields 2011 result: TUSC 104 (3%)	Matt Gordon	Lab 1,089; Con 379; Green 246; <b>TUSC 188 (9.1%)</b> ; LD 154
Horfield	John Yeandle	Con 721; Lab 711; LD 579; Ind 241; Green 237; <b>TUSC 35 (1.4%)</b>
Kingsweston	Roger Thomas	Ind 620; Lab 584; LD 521; Con 404; Green 77; <b>TUSC 40 (1.8%)</b>
Lawrence Hill 2011 result: TUSC 70 (1.8%)	Fiona Joyce	Lab 1,300; UKIP 324; LD 274; Ind 227; Green 207; Con 121; <b>TUSC 66 (2.6%)</b>
Redland	Martyn Ahmet	LD 881; Green 590; Lab 535; Con 448; UKIP 200; <b>TUSC 30 (1.1%)</b>
Southmead	Domenico Hill	Lab 1,199; Con 376; Green 178; LD 123; <b>TUSC 81 (4.1%)</b>
St George East 2011 result: TUSC 105 (3%)	Micheal Luff	Lab 1,056; Con 580; Green 233; LD 132; <b>TUSC 110 (5.2%)</b>
St George West 2011 result: TUSC 78 (2.4%)	Bernice Lyons	Lab 1,052; UKIP 520; LD 284; Green 174; Con 168; <b>TUSC 54 (2.4%)</b>

### Gloucestershire County Council

Cinderford	Claude Mickleson	Lab 1,018; UKIP 601; con 275; LD 160; Green 102; <b>TUSC 28 (1.3%)</b>
Hesters Way & Springbank	Joanna Hughes	LD 1,007; Con 444; Lab 299; <b>TUSC 155 (8.1%)</b>
Barton & Tredworth	John Ewers	Lab 1,220; Con 1,095; <b>TUSC 177 (6.7%)</b> ; LD 146
Coney Hill & Matson	Sue Powell	Lab 997; UKIP 643; Con 353; LD 117; <b>TUSC 60 (2.8%)</b>
Stonehouse	Chris Moore	Lab 1,111; Con 458; UKIP 410; Ind 281; Green 183; LD 73; <b>TUSC 30 (1.2%)</b>

## West Midlands

Three councils contested with thirty-eight candidates in thirty-six divisions, in four of which there were two councillors to be elected.

### Staffordshire County Council

Stafford North	Josie Shelley	Lab 1,308; Con 1,182; UKIP 643; Green 125; <b>TUSC 51 (1.5%)</b>
Stafford West	Scott Wilson	Lab 1,597; Con 1,119; UKIP 630; Green 147; <b>TUSC 42 (1.2%)</b>
Stafford South East	John Barbrook	Con 1,740; Lab 1,302; UKIP 846; Green 175; <b>TUSC 33 (0.8%)</b>

Stafford Central	James Reading	Lab 1,386; Con 895; UKIP 626; Green 174; <b>TUSC 63 (2%)</b>
Burton Trent	Chris Parton	Lab 1,278; UKIP 794; Con 530; LD 105; <b>TUSC 21 (0.8%)</b>
Leek Rural	Neil Singh	Con 1,617; UKIP 855; Ind 730; Lab 701; LD 120; <b>TUSC 31 (0.8%)</b>
Bradwell, Porthill & Wolstanton	Steve Wheeler	Lab 1,280; UKIP 764; Con 628; LD 96; <b>TUSC 57 (2%)</b>
May Bank & Cross Heath	Richard Steele	Lab 1,236; Con 751; UKIP 714; Green 126; LD 120; <b>TUSC 49 (1.6%)</b>
Bereton & Ravenhill	Paul Arnold	Lab 901; UKIP 660; LD 462; Con 316; <b>TUSC 43 (1.8%)</b>
Talke & Red Street	Rebecca Carter	Lab 1,368; UKIP 928; Con 333; LD 181; <b>TUSC 35 (1.2%)</b>
Burton Town	Joseph Evans	Lab 1,531; UKIP 549; Con 497; LD 271; <b>TUSC 53 (1.8%)</b>
<b>Warwickshire County Council</b>		
Dunchurch	Ally MacGregor	Ind 1,488; Con 988; Lab 161; Green 75; <b>TUSC 41 (1.5%)</b>
Eastlands & Hillmorton (two-seat division)	Dave Goodwin	LD 1,593; LD 1,542; Lab 936; Con 881; Con 804; Lab 786; Green 232; Green 190; <b>TUSC 119 (3.2%)</b>
Caldecott (two-seat division)	Julie Weekes and Rob Johnson	Con 1,727; Con 1,605 LD 1,093; Lab 909; LD 851 Lab 843; Green 362; Green 287; <b>TUSC 148 (3.5%); TUSC 134</b>
Lawford & New Bilton	Pete McLaren	Lab 836; Con 523; UKIP 490; Green 92; <b>TUSC 77 (3.6%);</b> Ind 75; LD 60
Admirals	Steve Roberts	Con 772; Lab 568; Green 133; LD 76; <b>TUSC 43 (2.7%)</b>
Earl Craven	Bert Harris	Con 1,434; Lab 569; Green 189; <b>TUSC 53 (2.4%)</b>
Brownsover (two-seat division)	Bill Smith	Lab 1,682; Lab 1,504; Con 1,121; Con 1,007; UKIP 841; Green 326; Green 269; LD 246; <b>TUSC 215 (4.8%);</b> LD 191
Fosse	Marian Wakelin	Con 1,128; UKIP 604; Lab 432; Green 104; <b>TUSC 20 (0.9%)</b>
Nuneaton Camp Hill	Paul Reilly	Lab 709; Con 201; BNP 100; <b>TUSC 67 (6%);</b> Green 42
Nuneaton Abbey	George Clark	Lab 955; Con 291; Green 96; BNP 95; <b>TUSC 76 (5%)</b>
Bedworth West	Natara Hunter	Lab 1,219; Con 569; Green 173; <b>TUSC 139 (6.6%)</b>
Bedworth North	Eileen Hunter	Lab 990; Con 445; BNP 146; Green 85; <b>TUSC 26 (1.5%)</b>

Arbury & Stockingford (two-seat division)	Pete Bradley and Steve Gee	Lab 2,092; Lab 1,823; Con 868; Con 856; BNP 386; Ind 256; Green 206; Green 163; <b>TUSC 115 (2.9%); TUSC 110</b>
Bede	Kate Hunter	Lab 1,357; Con 338; BNP 147; ED 146; Green 58; <b>TUSC 17 (0.8%)</b>
Poplar	Catherine Mosey	Lab 955; Con 282; BNP 164; Green 64; <b>TUSC 26 (1.7%)</b>
Nuneaton Wembrook	Pete Playdon	Lab 1,133; Con 252; Ind 165; Green 162; BNP 87; <b>TUSC 29 (1.6%); Ind 28</b>
Nuneaton St Nicholas	Dan White	Con 1,290; Green 717; Lab 460; <b>TUSC 55 (2.2%)</b>
Nuneaton Weddington	Brendan McGraff	Green 1,032; Con 748; Lab 364; UKIP 264; <b>TUSC 8 (0.3%)</b>
Nuneaton Galley Common	Paige McGuire	Lab 643; Con 563; Green 98; <b>TUSC 69 (5%)</b>
Leamington Brunswick	Alex Walker	Green 1,156; Lab 533; Con 104; LD 41; <b>TUSC 26 (1.4%)</b>
<b>Worcestershire County Council</b>		
Bedwardine	Pete McNally	Con 847; UKIP 546; Lab 497; Green 114; LD 113; <b>TUSC 39 (1.8%); BNP 16</b>
St Barnabas	Nigel Gilbert	Con 735; Lab 626; IHCC 431; UKIP 416; <b>TUSC 44 (1.9%); LD 39</b>
St John	Mark Davies	Lab 982; Con 350; Green 116; BNP 86; Ind 62; <b>TUSC 48 (2.9%)</b>
Rainbow Hill	Ruth McNally	Lab 973; Con 595; UKIP 414; Green 137; <b>TUSC 23 (1.1%)</b>
Riverside	Sean McCauley	Con 999; Lab 868; UKIP 468; Green 175; BNP 32; <b>TUSC 23 (0.9%)</b>

## Council by-elections on May 2nd

Two council wards contested, both with one seat up for election.

### Rugby Borough Council

Bilton	Steve Roberts	Con 851; UKIP 440; Lab 345; LD 308; Green 57; <b>TUSC 37 (1.8%)</b>
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### Canterbury City Council

Seasalter	Eriks Puce	Con 789; UKIP 706; Lab 427; LD 93; <b>TUSC 41 (2%)</b>
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## 2013 Local Elections: Party votes compared

The figures below are a comparison of the TUSC vote in the local council elections in England – aggregated into a local authority-figure – with the votes won in the seats TUSC contested by Labour, the Greens and the Liberal Democrats. The number of such contests within each local authority area is indicated in parentheses. For multi-candidate wards, the calculation has been made by using the best TUSC and best other party votes in the ward.

The ratio column refers to the ratio of other parties voters to every TUSC voter in the seats TUSC contested, rounded to the nearest half number.

### Eastern

<i>Authority</i>	<i>TUSC</i>	<i>Labour</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>Lib Dems</i>
Cambridgeshire CC (3)	266	1,401 (3)	138 (1)	3,539 (3)
Essex CC (3)	431	6,708 (3)	544 (3)	696 (3)
Hertfordshire CC (13)	679	13,524 (13)	1,833 (12)	6,091 (13)

### East Midlands

<i>Authority</i>	<i>TUSC</i>	<i>Labour</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>Lib Dems</i>
Derbyshire CC (4)	495	5,807 (4)	(0)	(0)
Leicestershire CC (3)	478	3,619 (3)	(0)	2,628 (3)
Lincolnshire CC (6)	323	4,467 (6)	(0)	644 (6)
Northamptonshire CC (4)	236	2,159 (4)	(0)	1,316 (3)
Nottinghamshire CC (3)	372	7,841 (3)	170 (1)	1,182 (3)

### Northern

<i>Authority</i>	<i>TUSC</i>	<i>Labour</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>Lib Dems</i>
Cumbria CC (6)	226	3,591 (6)	343 (5)	1,393 (4)

### North West

<i>Authority</i>	<i>TUSC</i>	<i>Labour</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>Lib Dems</i>
Lancashire CC (4)	248	4,593 (4)	1,896 (2)	341 (2)

### South East

<i>Authority</i>	<i>TUSC</i>	<i>Labour</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>Lib Dems</i>
Kent CC (3)	448	4,913 (3)	238 (1)	1,383 (3)

### Southern

<i>Authority</i>	<i>TUSC</i>	<i>Labour</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>Lib Dems</i>
Buckinghamshire CC (2)	73	768 (2)	(0)	1,283 (2)
Hampshire CC (4)	117	1,886 (4)	1,178 (4)	6,284 (4)
Isle of Wight (1)	23	141 (1)	(0)	(0)

## South West

<i>Authority</i>	<i>TUSC</i>	<i>Labour</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>Lib Dems</i>
Bristol (14)	867	12,572 (14)	5,286 (14)	6,716 (14)
Devon CC (4)	188	2,566 (4)	642 (3)	3,055 (4)
Gloucestershire CC (5)	450	4,645 (5)	285 (2)	1,503 (5)

## West Midlands

<i>Authority</i>	<i>TUSC</i>	<i>Labour</i>	<i>Greens</i>	<i>Lib Dems</i>
Staffordshire CC (11)	478	13,888 (11)	747 (5)	1,355 (7)
Warwickshire CC (22)	1,613	20,169 (22)	5,810 (22)	3,960 (6)
Worcestershire CC (5)	177	3,946 (5)	542 (4)	152 (2)

## Totals

	<i>TUSC votes</i>	<i>Labour votes</i>	<i>Ratio</i>	<i>Green votes</i>	<i>Ratio</i>	<i>Lib Dems</i>	<i>Ratio</i>
2013	8,188*	119,204 (120)	14	19,652 (79)	2.5	43,521 (87)	5

\* Excludes the two May 2nd by-elections in Rugby and Canterbury



## 2013 Local Elections: Previously contested wards compared

Last year we were able to make a reasonably broad comparison between TUSC's performance in 2012 and the previous year's elections because 74 local council wards contested in 2012 had also been contested by TUSC in 2011. Seventy-four wards was not a big sample size – with 13,418 votes for TUSC in those wards in 2012 – but some direct comparison could be made.

That isn't the case this year. TUSC was only formed in 2010 and the last time the vast majority of the seats being contested this year were up for election was in 2009. Except in Bristol. In that metropolitan city council there were seven wards with elections on May 2nd where TUSC had a candidate which were last up for election in 2011, when TUSC also stood.

Seventy-four is a small sample – and seven is even smaller. But, for the record, here are the figures. Against a falling turnout across Bristol, TUSC's share of the vote fell marginally in two wards and rose in four (in Hillfields quite substantially), while the average share rose modestly from 2.4% to 3.6%.

LOCAL AUTHORITY	WARD NAME	2011 results	2013 VOTES
Bristol City Council	Cotham	57 (1.4%)	34 (1.5%)
	Eastville	122 (3.3%)	84 (3.2%)
	Frome Vale	70 (1.9%)	36 (1.4%)
	Hillfields	104 (3.0%)	188 (9.1%)
	Lawrence Hill	70 (1.8%)	66 (2.6%)
	St George East	105 (3.0%)	110 (5.2%)
	St George West	78 (2.4%)	54 (2.4%)
<b>TOTALS</b>		606 (2.4%)	572 (3.6%)





## 2013 Local Elections: Candidates not in the TUSC umbrella

During the past year the TUSC national Steering Committee has written to Respect, the National Health Action Party, the Socialist Labour Party (SLP) and the Communist Party of Britain (CPB), asking them for discussions about electoral collaboration.

The National Health Action Party and the SLP have not responded at all to our communications. Respect replied but declined the offer even of exploratory talks. Two meetings have taken place with officers of the CPB and they provided a guest speaker to the TUSC conference in September, but they have not taken up the offer for them to join our coalition with the full rights of a participating organisation and a place on the national Steering Committee.

In this year's local elections neither Respect nor the National Health Action Party contested a single seat. The results for the SLP and CPB candidates were as follows:

### Socialist Labour Party

Three councils contested by three candidates in three single-seat divisions.

#### Derbyshire County Council

Swadlincote North

Paul Liversuch

Lab 1,366; Con 486; UKIP 474; **SLP 45 (1.9%)**; LD 36

#### Lancashire County Council

Morecombe South

Barry Maguire

Lab 972; Con 888; UKIP 685; Ind 330; LD 214; **SLP 50 (1.6%)**; Green 46

#### West Sussex County Council

Broadfield

Derek Isaacs

Lab 1,084; Con 494; UKIP 476; LD 51; **SLP 42 (2%)**

### Communist Party of Britain

Two councils contested by two candidates in two single-seat divisions.

#### Devon County Council

Barnstaple North

Gerrard Sables

LD 959; Con 672; UKIP 603; Green 526; Lab 262; Ind 59; **CP 53 (1.7%)**

#### Lancashire County Council

Fleetwood West

Jack Harrison

Lab 1,364; Con 905; UKIP 683; **CP 28 (0.9%)**

Gerrard Sables also stood in a Barnstaple Town Council by-election for the Yeo Valley ward held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The results for the three candidates standing were: Liberal Democrat 543; Green 255; **CP 68 (7.8%)**.