

2013 council by-elections report

Below is a breakdown of the results achieved in the 37 local council by-elections that were contested by TUSC candidates during the course of 2013. Listed are the votes received by every candidate in the ward or division contested with a percentage of the vote figure given for the TUSC candidate. A total of 73,082 votes were cast in these contests - not a comprehensive survey of opinion but not entirely without significance.

Notable features of the results include:

- A TUSC candidate was victorious in one contest, in the Maltby by-election in March. The next best result was the 27.6% recorded in the Fleetwood by-election in September.
- TUSC candidates' mean average share of the vote across the 37 seats was 5.2%.
- There was a Green Party candidate in 22 of the council by-elections contested by TUSC (including one of their Brighton seats). Their average mean share of the vote in those seats was 6.5%, certainly comparable to the TUSC performance.
- The average mean share of the vote for the BNP (with candidates in seven of the 37 seats) was 3%; for the Liberal Democrats it was 11% in 27 seats; and for UKIP 16% in 28 seats.
- There were some obviously low votes amongst the results. It is not a consolation for the candidates concerned but it should be noted that there were 28 Labour candidates in council by-elections from May who also polled double-digit votes or single-figure percentage scores.

TUSC has now stood 622 candidates since its formation in 2010, wining a total of 106,725 votes. The council by-elections contested in 2013 continued to add to that electoral record, modest though it still is, and thanks are due to those, named below, who were prepared to stand.

January

Lambeth		
Brixton Hill (17 th January)	Steve Nally	Lab 1,593; Green 344; LD 274; Con 164; TUSC 72
		(2.8%); UKIP 63; SPGB 34
Wirral		
Leasowe & Moreton East	Mark Halligan	Con 1,620; Lab 1,355; UKIP
(17 th January)	-	148; TUSC 31 (1%); LD 28;
		Green 28
Heswall (17 th January)	Greg North	Con 1,254; UKIP 460; Lab
	· ·	289; Green 110; TUSC 19
		(0.9%)

March			
Maltby Town Council Maltby North (7 th March)	Joe Robinson	TUSC 303 (60.1%); Ind 201	
Camden Gospel Oak (14 th March)	John Reid	Lab 1,272; Con 419; Green	

134; LD 132; TUSC 109 (5.1%); BNP 57

April

Knowsley

Prescot West (4th April) Lab 441; LD 403; TUSC 86 Steve Whatham

(8.5%); Con 62; Green 14 2012 result: TUSC 172 (9.8%)

Newcastle

South Heaton (25th April) Paul Phillips Lab 798; Green 205; LD

114; **TUSC 69 (5.3%)**; Con 2012 result: TUSC 74 (4.3%) 52; Newcastle First 44; Ind

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Castle (25th April) Rory Jobe LD 1,165; Lab 1,043;

> Newcastle First 215; Con 194; TUSC 47 (1.8%)

May

Canterbury city council

Seasalter (2nd May) Eriks Puce Con 789; UKIP 706; Lab 427; LD 93; TUSC 41 (2%)

Rugby Borough Council

Bilton (2nd May) Con 851; UKIP 440; Lab Steve Roberts

345; LD 308; Green 57; 2011 result: TUSC 122 (5.5%) **TUSC 37 (1.8%)** 2012 result: TUSC 299 (12.1%)

Leicester city council

Abbey (9th May) **Tessa Warrington** Lab 1.190:Con 562: Ind

352; LD 212; TUSC 165

(6.6%)

Rotherham Borough Council

Rawmarsh (16th May) **Andrew Gray** UKIP 1,143; Lab 1,039;

Con 107; BNP 80; TUSC 61

(2.5%); LD 28

June

Newcastle

Walkergate (6th June) **Bobbie Cranny** Lab 1,080; UKIP 668; LD

> 460; Ind 64; Newcastle First 61; Con 54; Green 30; TUSC 24 (1%); Ind 12

Southampton

Woolston (13th June) Sue Atkins Lab 864; UKIP 731; Con

704; TUSC 136 (5.1%); LD 2011 result: TUSC 163 (4.8%) 2012 result: TUSC 138 (4.7%) 120; Green 107

Weaste & Seedley (20th June) Lab 785; UKIP 401; Con **Terry Simmons**

260; Green 80; BNP 74; Ind 64; LD 58; TUSC 30

(1.7%); Ind 15

Plymouth

Southway (27th June) Ryan Aldred Lab 1,247; UKIP 764; Con

487; Ind 290; LD 82; **TUSC**

22 (0.8%)

July

Newcastle-under-Lyme

Silverdale & Parksite (4th July) Richard Steele Lab 387; UKIP 254; Con

58: TUSC 14 (2%)

Brighton & Hove

Hanover & Elm Grove (11th July) Phil Clarke Lab 1,396; Green 1,358;

Con 275; UKIP 250; TUSC 2011 result: TUSC 156 (2.9%)

172 (4.9%); LD 56

Lambeth

Tulse Hill (25th July) Steve Nally Lab 1,575; LD 277; Green

177; **TUSC 76 (3.3%)**; Con 74; UKIP 64; Ind 20; SPGB

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August

Caerphilly

Penyrheol (1st August) Jaime Davies Plaid Cymru 929; Lab 554;

TUSC 173 (9.7%); Con 135 2012 result: TUSC 174 (5.8%)

Doncaster

Askern Spa (22nd August) Lab 1,165; LD 261; Con Mary Jackson

225; UKIP 231; Ind 106; ED

98; **TUSC 72 (3.3%)** Lincoln

Bracebridge (22nd August) Karen Williams Lab 577: Con 480: UKIP

345; LD 75; TUSC 14

(0.9%)

September

Fleetwood Town Council

Rossall (26th September) Ray Smith Con 330; Ind 287; TUSC

235 (27.6%)

October

Salford

Weaste & Seedley (10th October) Lab 803; UKIP 280; Con Terry Simmons

240; Ind 96; Green 42; BNP 2013 result: TUSC 30 (1.7%)

29; TUSC 21 (1.4%)

November

Sefton

Derby (7th November) Graham Woodhouse Lab 903; UKIP 293; Ind 97;

TUSC 48 (3.4%); Ind 29;

Green 25

Nottingham Dales (7th November) Cathy Meadows Lab 1.644: UKIP 364: Con

220; Green 99; LD 78;

TUSC 72 (2.9%)

Geraint Thomas

Lab 1,146; Con 355; UKIP 123; Green 80; Ind 31;

TUSC 22 (1.2%)

Stoke-on-Trent

Lambeth

Radford & Park (7th November)

Baddeley, Milton & Norton (14th **Liat Norris** Ind 861; Con 504; Lab 444;

November) UKIP 333; Ind 313; BNP 79;

Green 50; LD 32; Ind 27;

TUSC 25 (0.9%) Hatfield Town Council

South ward (21st November)

Roy Jenkins Lab 287; LD 165; Con 127;

TUSC 34 (5.5%)

Vassall (28th November) Steve Nally Lab 1,319; LD 468; Con

> 153; Green 113; UKIP 87; TUSC 44 (2%); SPGB 22

December

Cardiff

Splott (5th December) Lab 706; LD 604; UKIP Katrine Williams

209; Ind 94; Con 86; TUSC 2012 result: TUSC 105 (3%)

80 (4.5%)

Riverside (5th December) Joel Beer Lab 1,120; PC 773; Con

107; UKIP 97; **TUSC 70** 2012 result: TUSC 99 (2.7%)

(3.1%); LD 58 **Nuneaton & Bedworth**

Arbury (5th December) Aidan O'Toole Con 395; Lab 369; UKIP

109; Green 56; BNP 35; TUSC 8 (0.8%); ED 6

Glasgow

Shettleston (5th December) Jaime Cocozza Lab 2,026; SNP 1,086; Con

224; UKIP 129; **TUSC 68** (1.8%); LD 53; Ind 50; Green 41; SSP 35;

Christian 34; Britannica 31;

Ind 6

Manchester

Ancoats & Clayton (5th December) Alex Davidson Lab 965; Lib 219; UKIP

138; Green 106; Con 75; 2012 result: TUSC 82 (3.3%) Pirate 72; BNP 46; LD 31; TUSC 17 (1%); Comm L 9

Liverpool

Riverside (5th December) John Marston Lab 1.055: Green 144:

UKIP 119: LD 64: TUSC 49 2011 result: TUSC 88 (2.5%) 2012 result: TUSC 109 (3.3%) (3.3%); Con 39; ED 9; Ind 2012 by-elect: TUSC 115 (6.2%)

7; Ind 1

Warwickshire County Council Bedworth West (12th December) Natara Hunter

Lab 904; Con 353; UKIP 142; TUSC 46 (3.2%) 2013 result: TUSC 139 (6.6%)