## <u>Green Party piles on more votes than</u> <u>any other party in climate election</u>



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Greens have increased their vote numbers by over 60% this election, which no other party has achieved.

More than 850,000 voters backed the Greens, beating the Brexit Party by at least 200,000 votes.

Green candidates in nearly 500 constituencies persuaded people to vote based on their Green New Deal promise to tackle the climate crisis, transform the economy and build a better country by putting citizens' wellbeing at the heart of Government.

Welcoming the Green surge, Sian Berry, Green candidate for Mayor of London and party co-leader, said:

"This fantastic result is all down to the hard work of our amazing Green Party members.

"We all knew a December election was going to be hard work, but they have excelled themselves, stuffing envelopes, knocking doors and pounding pavements despite the weather to make sure we reached as many voters as we could.

"Their tireless efforts have paid off, with more than 850,000 votes.

"It's just a shame that our broken first past the post system will not recognise the true political will of the people and I look forward to the day we win proportional representation so we can see our votes fully reflected in the number of Green MPs."

Caroline Lucas, Green MP for Brighton Pavilion, was one of the big winners of the night, increasing her share of the vote by 4.9% to a total of 57.2%.

Other highlights included Carla Denyer taking second place in Bristol West with a 12% increase in vote share to 25%.

Jonathan Bartley also came second in Dulwich and West Norwood, with a 14% hike in vote share up to 16.5%.

Greens also saw an 11.5% increase in Bury St Edmunds and won 15.2% of the vote on the Isle of Wight.

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