

Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name

Wick and East Caithness

I will now declare the result of the election in the Wick and East Caithness. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 10,103 and the number of ballot papers received was 4,225 giving a percentage turnout of 41.8%. There were 45 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 837.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Raymond BREMNER	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,059
Bill FERNIE	Independent	438
Andrew JARVIE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	632
Neil MACDONALD	Scottish Labour Party	272
A.I. Willie MACKAY	Independent	534
Jan MCEWAN	Scottish Liberal Democrats	1,245
	Total	4,180

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Wick and East Caithness:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Raymond BREMNER	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
Andrew JARVIE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	5
A.I. Willie MACKAY	Independent	5
Jan MCEWAN	Scottish Liberal Democrats	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	1
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	39
(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	5
Total		45