

Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name

Badenoch and Strathspey

I will now declare the result of the election in the Badenoch and Strathspey. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 10,899 and the number of ballot papers received was 5,621 giving a percentage turnout of 51.6%. There were 92 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,106.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
John BRUCE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	861
Muriel COCKBURN	Scottish National Party (SNP)	886
Dave FALLOWS	Scottish National Party (SNP)	371
Declan GALLACHER	Scottish Liberal Democrats	489
Pippa HADLEY	Re-elect your Scottish Green Councillor	568
Russell JONES	Independent	1,280
Bill LOBBAN	Independent	842
Charlie WHELAN	Scottish Labour Party	232
Total		5,529

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Badenoch and Strathspey:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
John BRUCE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	8
Muriel COCKBURN	Scottish National Party (SNP)	4
Russell JONES	Independent	1
Bill LOBBAN	Independent	6

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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	2
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	79
(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	11
Total		92