

Report

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1 Annual Report (Lothian MSPs)

2 *****This report has been compiled by the branch Co-Convenors, Ben Parker and Kate***
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4 The Lothian MSP team has changed over the past year following the resignation of
5 Andy Wightman in December 2020, the election of Alison Johnstone MSP as
6 Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament in May 2021 and the election of
7 Lorna Slater MSP in May 2021. As a result, this report has been compiled from
8 the monthly reports MSPs submitted over the year, and a latest report from Lorna
9 Slater MSP after her first month in office. Full reports from our MSP and
10 Councillor group can be read on the branch website:

11 <https://www.edinburghgreens.org.uk/msp-and-councillor-reports/>

12 • ***October 2020***

13 Campaigning on the future of outdoor education centres, Covid-19 testing
14 capacity and care home testing, ban on winter evictions, Mossmorran plant,
15 and more. [See the full report here.](#)

16 • ***November 2020***

17 Campaigning on banning winter evictions, preparing for an unusual festive
18 period, looking at the impact of COVID on gender, and more. [See the full](#)
19 [report here.](#)

20 • ***December 2020 / January 2021***

21 In December 2020, former Lothian Green MSP Andy Wightman resigned from the
22 party. Alison Johnstone MSP was on leave for health reasons during this
23 time so no reports were received.

24 • **February 2021**

25 Campaigning on action for the homeless, legal protections for mountain
26 hares, addressing the climate emergency, and more. [See the full report](#)
27 [here.](#)

28 • **March/April/May 2021**

29 March April and May were focused on the Holyrood 2021 election campaign,
30 where Alison Johnstone joined Lorna Slater and Kate Nevens as our top
31 three candidates. We were delighted to secure the best ever Green result
32 in Lothian achieving 50,000 votes and electing 2 Green MSPs for the
33 region.

34 • **June 2021**

35 Newly elected MSP Lorna Slater has written her first monthly report for
36 the branch. [It can be read in full here.](#) As Lorna's report references, re-
37 establishing the process for MSP reporting to the branch will be a
38 priority for the new committee.