

# Report

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1 **Central Edinburgh Greens Sub-branch Report - June 2026**

2 **Status**

3 **Final**

4 **Sub-branch Committee**

5 **The 2025 AGM of the Sub-branch was held on Tuesday 3rd June at LifeCare in**  
6 **Stockbridge. The following office bearers were elected:**

7 **• Amanda Grimm - Co-convenor**

8 **• Paul Wilson - Co-convenor**

9 **• Bob Keim - Membership officer**

10 **• Green News Inverleith coordinator - Alan Baker**

11 **• City Centre Hub - Claire Miller**

12 **Amanda stepped down in August 2025 in order to become East Lothian Co-convenor**

### 13 **Membership numbers**

14 **Membership numbers have increased across the Scottish Greens during 2025 to**  
15 **2026, the Edinburgh branch, and CEG sub-branch. According to the party**  
16 **membership system, from 20th of June 2025 to 26 May 2026 sub-branch membership**  
17 **grew:**

- 18 • **in City Centre from 111 to 184**
  
- 19 • **more modestly in Inverleith from 101 to 124**
  
- 20 • **giving a total growth across both wards from 212 to 308**

### 21 **Sub-branch Meetings**

22 **CEG continued to meet monthly, alternating between Inverleith and City Centre**  
23 **venues, with a break for December. Instead of the usual July break, an online**  
24 **meeting was convened because of the Holyrood 2026 campaign.**

25 **Inverleith meetings have all been at LifeCare in Stockbridge. City Centre**  
26 **meetings moved from The Crannie to Tollcross Community Centre in 2026. Best**  
27 **efforts are made to make meetings hybrid, but this is made difficult by**  
28 **connectivity issues.**

### 29 **Green News Delivery**

30 **Autumn / Winter Green News was delivered in both Inverleith and City Centre**  
31 **wards. More were ordered for City Centre but it was a struggle to get enough**  
32 **delivery volunteers.**

### 33 **Holyrood 2026 Campaign**

## 34 **Canvassing**

35 **After a pause to free volunteers to support SWEG's Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart**

36 by-election, CEG canvassing was restarted in August, 2 weekends out of 4 -  
37 alternating between Inverleith and City Centre. The last 2025 canvassing took  
38 place in Canonmills on 7th of December 2025.

39 From 11th of January cadence was increased to every Sunday, initially  
40 alternating between our two wards

41 The final Inverleith canvassing session of the campaign took place on the 1st of  
42 March combined with a stall in Stockbridge. From then until polling day campaign  
43 activities were concentrated in City Centre supporting Lorna's bid for the  
44 Edinburgh Central Constituency, increasing cadence to twice a week from the 11th  
45 of March, adding Wednesday evenings.

46 Sunday canvassing attendance rose steadily throughout March up to the elections.  
47 Wednesday evening attendance did not pick up until the clocks changed at the  
48 beginning of April.

49 Inveleith canvassing was concentrated in Stockbridge (colonies, St Stephen  
50 Street, Saunders Street). City Centre canvassing was meticulously organised by  
51 Councillor Claire Miller and covered most of the target polling districts.

## 52 Deliveries

53 Deliveries were done later in the campaign with around 21,000 of 3 types of card  
54 delivered in City Centre from February to May, including around 7,000 Eve of  
55 Poll cards in the final week.

56 In Inverleith only Stockbridge colonies and St Stephen Street were covered by  
57 the final campaign card and Eve of Poll cards.

## 58 Posters

59 Around 280 posters were delivered to members and GIs in the City Centre ward, as  
60 well as posters handed out during canvassing. The number of Green posters  
61 visible in City Centre, as well as other areas in Edinburgh, were noticeable and  
62 often commented on by members of the public.

63 Only members (about 110) in Inverleith received posters in Inverleith.

## 64 Day of Poll

65 All Inverleith and City Centre Polling stations were covered by A-boards.

66 Other Day of Poll campaigning was concentrated in City Centre with 500  
67 designated G1 and G2 doors knocked as part of the Get Out The Vote during the  
68 day.

69 At peak times during the day leafleting was carried out at key polling stations  
70 in the City Centre:

71 • Tollcross Community Centre (SWC09D and SWC11F)

72 • Novotel (EC11L)

73 • Lauriston Halls (EC11G)

74 • Dynamic Earth (EC11M)

75 Of those polling stations Novotel and Dynamic Earth were suitable for accessible  
76 campaigning.

77 Councillor Reports

78 Councillor Claire Millar - City Centre

79 City centre ward casework

80 Since our last AGM, I've logged 252 casework enquiries for residents in the city  
81 centre ward. While there have been a large number of cases in relation to  
82 ongoing hot topics such as the communal bin review and problems experienced with  
83 holiday lets, I have also provided in-depth levels of support on some very  
84 serious casework such as homelessness and social care needs. I have continued to  
85 hold a monthly drop-in surgery at the Customer Hub and have successfully built  
86 some good relationships with residents who have opted to meet me face-to-face  
87 for support this year. I look forward to identify how to work collaboratively  
88 with Lorna Slater on constituency casework and local projects.

89 **Equalities portfolio**

90 During 2025 we had a mini reshuffle of portfolios in order to utilise our  
91 capacity better within the team and I took on the equalities portfolio.

92 Possibly the highest profile action I took was to table a motion regarding the  
93 imprisoned Palestine Action hunger strikers. While ultimately the council forced  
94 us to withdraw the motion, it still garnered a great deal of press coverage and  
95 so achieved one of the aims which was to bring attention to the poor conditions  
96 and human rights violations being endured by the prisoners.

97 Another focus for me was to work on building support for community cohesion in  
98 order to counteract the rise of the far right in communities, see through flags  
99 on lampposts and dog whistle events, and to ward off the danger of anti-asylum  
100 seeker protests outside hotels being used as temporary accommodation. I worked  
101 hard to bring a cross party motion together with the Labour, SNP and Lib Dem  
102 groups and have taken an active role in the cross-party Community Cohesion  
103 working group that the council has formed.

104 At budget time, I developed several proposals to support minority communities  
105 and hope that we can build on this work in future budget rounds. We were able to  
106 propose a package of measures such as improved access to ESOL (English for  
107 Speakers of Other Languages), core funding for organisations supporting asylum  
108 seekers and refugees, continued funding for community cohesion work and support  
109 for residents with “no recourse to public funds”, as well as our headline-  
110 grabbing proposal of free bus travel for asylum seekers.

111 **Councillor Jule Bandel - Inverleith**

112 Sadly, Jule has been unwell since December 2024. Jule has managed to attend some  
113 council meetings online, and has maintained her role as a councillor.