

Report

Proposer: NEL Greens (decided on: 06/03/2026)

Title: NEL Greens Annual Report

Report

1 **North Edinburgh and Leith Greens: Annual Report** 2 **2026**

3 *This report is available as a formatted PDF:*

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5 We are pleased to publish a report of North Edinburgh and Leith sub-branch's
6 activities in the period June 2025 – May 2026.

7 The sub-branch covers three council wards (Forth, Leith, and Leith Walk), and
8 has a very high concentration of Green members and voters. All wards have a
9 Green councillor: Kayleigh O'Neill in Forth, Chas Booth in Leith, and Susan Rae
10 in Leith Walk.

11 Contact us at nel@scottishgreens.org.uk

12 **Committee**

13 The subbranch committee was:

- 14 • Co-Convenors: Morgane Perez-Huet, Boyan Karabaliev (resigned November
15 • 2025), James T. Harding (elected November 2025)

- 16 • Depute Co-Convenor: Jula Kinross
- 17 • Membership Secretary: Mariusz Cebulski
- 18 • Ordinary Members: Ian McCormick, Paul Mitchell, Ian Cowan and Colin Brown

19 Unless otherwise noted, the committee was elected at our AGM in June 2025.

20 **Membership**

21 As of 20 May 2026, the membership stands at 650, which is +46% compared to last
22 year). This comprises 119 members in Forth (+44%), 202 in Leith (+44%), and 329
23 in Leith Walk (+42%).

24 The membership secretary continued to engage new members via welcome emails and
25 phone calls.

26 **Meetings and events**

27 The sub-branch held monthly hybrid meetings at Leith Community Centre (with
28 breaks in August and December). There were typically attended by 10-16 members
29 and followed by social drinks at the Lioness of Leith.

30 Social events included a litter pick in Leith Links organised by Morgane Perez-
31 Huet, a Christmas party organised by Mariusz Cebulski, and post-election drinks
32 at Lost in Leith organised by James T. Harding.

33 **Scottish Parliament Election**

34 The sub-branch was directly involved in three interlinked campaigns:

- 35 • The regional campaign for Edinburgh and Lothians East, in conjunction with
36 all of Edinburgh Greens and East Lothian Greens
 - 37 ◦ 67877 votes, 21.2% of the total vote share
 - 38 ◦ +7.9pp swing compared to 2020 results
 - 39 ◦ Elected 3 MSPs: Kate Nevens, Q Mannivanan (NEL member) and Kayleigh
40 Kinross-O'Neill (NEL councillor)

- 41 • Constituency campaign for Edinburgh North Eastern and Leith (Kate Nevens),
42 in conjunction with East Edinburgh Greens
 - 43 ◦ 10559 votes, 27.8% of the total vote share
 - +17.3% swing compared to notional 2020 results (We did not stand)
 - 44 ◦ Finished 2nd behind SNP on 35.8%

- 45 • Constituency campaign for Edinburgh Northern (Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill),
46 in
47
 - 48 • conjunction with Central Edinburgh Greens and West Edinburgh Greens
 - 49 ◦ 5289 votes, 14.1% of the total vote share
 - +7.6% swing compared to notional 2020 results (We did not stand)
 - 50 ◦ Finished 3rd behind Lib Dem (34.6%) and SNP (27.9%)

51 A large number of volunteers were involved in the sub-branch campaign, peaking
52 with 41 people out and about on polling day. Members from NEL were also involved
53 in key roles across the branch, including comms, finance, volunteer management,
54 events, candidate support, and even one of the lead campaign officers.
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56 Door-knocking was the most popular campaign activity, with 15 full sessions
57 taking place and myriad additional mini-sessions hosted by Kate Nevens and other
58 candidates. Attendance ranged from 6 to 17. We recorded a total of 1247 doorstep
59 conversations, of which 681 (55%) were rated G1 or G2.

60 We took the approach of splitting door-knock organisation into different roles:
61 Route Wizard, Doras Wrangler, Marketing Maven, Clipboard Juggler, and The Face.
62 Special thanks to Soh Xi Ken for organising the most door-knocking days. Pauline
63 Ward much improved accessibility for door-knocking by conducting access surveys
64 in some key areas of Forth.

65 Over 30 thousand campaign cards, posters and canvassing cards were hand
66 delivered. (This does not include targeted letters or freepost sent by the
67 party.) Deliveries were ably coordinated by Lennie Sefton, Ian McCormick,
68 Mariusz Cebulski and Ian Cowan.

69 Special campaign events included a Let's Get Started campaign launch at St James
70 in Leith in September, and an all-day stall at Leith Police Box the weekend
71 before polling day which featured live music by Rosie Bristow and Toni Santoyo
72 McLeod as well as the brand-new Edinburgh Greens-branded gazebo. NEL members
73 were involved in the branch fundraiser Celidh, the Queens for Greens drag night,

74 the Songs of Care concert, a community meal at Hibs Stadium, and a variety of
75 engaging Green Talks.

76 A-boards were provided by the branch and were cleaned and fixed up together with
77 East Edinburgh Greens. Ian McCormick acted as coordinator for distribution,
78 creating routes to maximise efficiency for distribution and collection.

79 On polling day, Ian and Katherine McCormick kindly hosted a NEL HQ in their
80 flat, creating a space for volunteers to collect materials, refuel and recharge.
81 Jula Kinross organised snacks and drinks for volunteers, culminating in dinner
82 for twenty in the evening.

83 The three most key polling stations were attended continuously from 8am to 8pm
84 on polling day, with volunteers handing off materials in relay. Other polling
85 stations were covered on a more flexible basis, with volunteers collecting
86 materials from HQ and attending as availability and energy levels allowed. A
87 camping chair was available to assist with attendance, and polling-place staff
88 granted access to baby-change facilities at Leith Library.

89 We undertook GOTV tactics for the first time, which involved revisiting people
90 who were previously door-knocked to remind them to vote and address any last-
91 minute questions. Most of the routes were done twice, once in the morning and
92 once at 5pm.

93 On count day, five NEL members were involved in ballot sampling and gathered
94 valuable data which can be used to further optimise campaign activity going
95 forward.

96 **Green News**

97 The sub-branch wrote and delivered two editions of Green News during the year
98 period.

99 **Finances**

100 The sub-branch budget for January to December 2026 is £350 and we are projected
101 to be in surplus by the end of the year.

102 The largest expense is meeting-room hire at £150 annually.

103 A gazebo was purchased using the branch participatory budget.

104 **Plans for the coming year**

105 The coming year is included in the Strategic Plan for 2026-27.

106 The influx of new members and volunteers represents an exciting new opportunity
107 for the year ahead, which includes a Council Election with the potential to
108 elect a record number of Green councillors. The sub-branch aims to capitalise on
109 and continue this momentum, making it easier, more accessible, and more fun than
110 ever before for members and volunteers to get involved, and promoting the
111 wellbeing of those who choose to do so.

Report

Proposer: South East Edinburgh Greens (SEEG) (decided on: 06/16/2026)

Title: South East Edinburgh Greens (SEEG)

Report

1 This report covers SEEG (South East Edinburgh Greens) sub-branch activities over
2 the period June 2025 to May 2026.

3 **Membership**

4 Our sub-branch membership grew nearly 40% from 221 to 308.

5 We have 77 members in Liberton/Gilmerton ward and 231 members in
6 Southside/Newington ward.

7 As well as a growing active membership, we have some non-member volunteers who
8 were active in the Holyrood election campaign.

9 **Meetings and events**

10 **Regular sub-branch meetings**

11 Our monthly meetings were mostly occupied with Holyrood election campaign
12 planning, Green News delivery, and Branch events (e.g. the Sub-branches Away
13 day). They were all in-person at Nelson Hall (hybrid meetings don't work well
14 because of the room acoustics).

15 Our Southside-Newington councillor, Steve Burgess, gives a regular update on
16 both city-wide and local Council matters. We also get occasional Community
17 Council updates and have discussed progress of the Friends of Holyrood Park
18 initiative.

19 We tried out a new format, intending to have full meetings and more relaxed
20 discussion groups on alternate months. This has been well-received, although
21 election campaigning meant we only had two of the social discussion type. We
22 will get back to these when election campaigning pressure eases off.

23 **Green News**

24 We delivered 6,000 copies of a Summer 2025 edition in Liberton/Gilmerton, and
25 10,000 copies of an Autumn/Winter edition in Southside/Newington.

26 The Holyrood election campaign plan didn't include Spring editions.

27 Our delivery organisation network is a bit patchy. We no longer have local
28 delivery organisers to manage volunteers in some parts of Southside/Newington,
29 where in previous years we regularly delivered 12,000 to 14,000 copies. However,
30 our capacity has improved in Liberton/Gilmerton, where in the past we sometimes
31 only managed 3,000 copies.

32 **Holyrood election campaign**

33 We held a 'Let's Get Started' meeting in October, which attracted some new
34 people, both members and non-members. From there, we started running canvassing
35 sessions, holding two in late 2025, then gradually ramping up frequency to two
36 per week by April 2026.

37 Our canvassing operation had to start from scratch, as we previously relied on
38 the late John Palmer to organise and lead sessions. Also, we had done very
39 little canvassing in Southside/Newington ward for several years (apart from the
40 Westminster 2024 campaign). However, we gained experience and confidence, and by
41 the end of the campaign had a solid group of experienced canvassers.

42 Our canvassing, leaflet delivery, and polling day operations generally went well
43 - it was certainly our biggest-ever campaign. Volunteer numbers increased as the
44 campaign progressed, but were still a constraint limiting our activity. The most
45 visually impressive part of our campaign was getting Vote Green posters up in
46 windows, particularly in the Southside.

47 The successful election campaign has greatly boosted our confidence and
48 capacity, standing us in good stead for the forthcoming Southside/Newington by-
49 election and the 2027 Council election.

50 **Appendix - Office Bearers 2025-26**

- 51 • Joan Carter - Co-Convenor

- 52 • Guy Johnson - Co-Convenor

- 53 • Breck MacGregor - Branch Committee Representative

- 54 • Zara Lazarov - Minutes Secretary

- 55 • Stevie West - Membership Secretary

- 56 • Al Neathey - Admin Secretary

- 57 • Caroline Barr - Social Secretary

Report

Proposer: East Edinburgh Greens (decided on: 06/17/2026)

Title: East Edinburgh Greens

Report

1 EEG Sub-Branch Report

2 Wednesday 17th June 2026

3 Current Membership

- 4 • 296 members across the sub-branch
- 5 • 152 members in Craigentenny/Duddingston
- 6 • 149 members in Portobello/Craigmillar

7 Outcome of 2026 AGM

- 8 • Attendees: 8 members of EEG plus 2 guests
- 9 • Co-organisers: Tim Espin and Vera Johansson (comms focus)

- 10 • Member Engagement: Mike Williamson
- 11 • Community Engagement: Lorenzo Martinico
- 12 • Leaflet Co-Ordinators: Nick Gotts (C/D) and Susan Currie (P/C)

13 **2026 Holyrood Election**

- 14 • Engaged around 30 volunteers across the sub-branch. Around 18 helped on
15 polling day.
- 16 • Volunteers were mixture of experienced and new folks
- 17 • Some volunteers successfully engaged via Let's Get Started meeting in
18 Autumn, but not all. Volunteer contact form on Branch website was a
19 fruitful resource though.
- 20 • Delivered around 8,000 leaflets and canvassing cards
- 21 • Canvassed all streets in target areas in Abbeyhill and Piershill (C/D) and
22 around Portobello High Street (P/C). Extended canvassing areas to two
23 areas of Craigmillar for the first time.
- 24 • Contributed to high constituency vote share in ENEL constituency and
25 Edinburgh Region.
- 26 • The plan going forward is to build on new areas such as more streets in
27 Craigmillar (P/C) and around Lochend (C/D).

28 **Issues**

- 29 • Member engagement at non-campaign-related meetings remains low. AGM
30 attendance was especially low.

- 31 • We are developing social media and other comms capabilities. The inclusion
32 of Vera on the EEG committee should go some way to helping this.

- 33 • We are struggling with a lack of accessible routes in our leaflet routes
34 database. More investigation will be needed to identify suitable routes
35 which are accessible (especially step-free).

36 **Plans for Next Year**

- 37 • Build on Holyrood election success

- 38 • By-election in P/C ward on 3rd September

- 39 • Council elections 2027

- 40 • Build on existing catalogue of leafleting routes for P/C with catalogue of
41 leafleting routes for C/D. Need a reliable system for counting how many
42 doors on each street.

- 43 • Build a library of committee induction materials specific to EEG. Could
44 Branch recommend existing resources for committee inductions?

- 45 • Suggestion to the branch to run de-escalation training for canvassers. We
46 certainly could do with this in EEG, but it would probably be of interest
47 to the wider branch.

Report

Proposer: South West Edinburgh Greens (decided on: 06/19/2026)

Title: South West Edinburgh Greens

Report

1 South West Edinburgh Greens Report

2 June 2026

3 SWEG held a belated AGM in 2025, delayed due to the Fountainbridge Craiglockhart
4 byelection. At the AGM, on 17/9/2024, the following people were re-elected.

5 **Convenors:** Nuala Fahey and Dave Owen

6 **Delivery Coordinator:** Rob Gowans

7 **Social Secretary:** Daniel Milligan

8 **Membership Secretary:** Tessa Brown

9 **Online Communication Officer:** Gavin Corbett

10 The sub-branch has met its minimum requirements; monitoring its inbox,
11 delivering Green News, and mobilising for election campaigns, and has
12 deliberately delegated roles so that, for example, we have a dedicated
13 membership secretary to welcome new members.

14 We have held no social events; with activity dominated by election campaigning.
15 The sub-branch also hosted another Green Walk in January 2026, along the Union

16 Canal and Water of Leith and through Saughton Park

17 We have continued to create and deliver regular editions of Green News, focusing
18 on smaller areas within the two wards that make up the sub-branch, with a high
19 proportion of locally-generated content.

20 This year's AGM was held on 2/6/2026, and the following people elected

21 Convenors: Nuala Fahey (who will serve for one further term only) and Dave Owen

22 **Delivery Coordinator:** Rob Gowans

23 **Social Secretary:** Daniel Milligan

24 **Membership Secretary:** Tessa Brown

25 **Online Communication Officer:** Gavin Corbett

26 **Ordinary Member:** Alexander Macrae

27 Following some participation from Pentland Hills members in our campaigning for
28 the 2026 SP elections, the SWEG committee decided to propose that Pentland Hills
29 be incorporated into SWEG before campaigning starts for the 2027 LA elections,
30 and have prepared a motion for this for the Edinburgh branch AGM in July 2026.

Report

Proposer: West Edinburgh Greens (decided on: 06/21/2026)

Title: West Edinburgh Greens

Report

1 **WEG Monthly Meetings**

2 During the last year, we have continued our WEG monthly online meetings and
3 enjoy a small but regular turnout at these calls.

4 The meetings are held online to make them accessible to all members given the
5 large geographic spread of the sub branch, and both Co Convenors have caring
6 responsibilities.

7 All new members to WEG receive a welcome email from Anne and Chris, and we have
8 welcomed new members along to our calls this year.

9 Our in-person Let's Get Started meeting in November set us up very well to
10 contribute to the successful Holyrood Campaign - we welcomed c20 members and
11 volunteers on the night and enjoyed the support of these members during the
12 campaign. We would like more members to join us for the LE2027 campaign and will
13 look to encourage this after summer.

14 **Liaison with the Branch**

15 Our sub branch Co Co, Anne Scott was a campaign officer during the last year and
16 is a member of the Edinburgh Branch Committee. She brings updates to each
17 meeting based on any recent activity and topics of interest.

18 Our sub branch Co Co, Chris Young is an SME on local traffic planning matters
19 and engages with branch reps and councillors on an ad hoc basis, offering his
20 support and working knowledge of the area as required.

21 Both sub branch Co Co's have led the sub branch for a number of years and are
22 keen to make space for others to step into these roles following the LE2027
23 election, and bring fresh energy and new perspectives to the sub branch.

24 **Cross team activity**

25 WEG members actively supported with door knocking and deliveries during the
26 Holyrood election campaign and turned out to support candidates across the city.

27 WEG have still informally supported Pentland ward members in the last year, as
28 they do not have a sub branch of their own. The teams work together to ensure
29 Pentland are included in all WEG member communications to ensure members are
30 informed and included as to opportunities to support and be active in the local
31 area. There still appears to be no real appetite to formally establish a local
32 team but Paul Wilson, SBMS Officer has been very supportive in brokering
33 discussions with SWEG this year, and we understand that they will support the
34 ward in the year ahead.

35 **Membership** as at June 2026 is as follows, where numbers in brackets are the
36 member numbers as at June 2025. In line with the rest of the party, we are
37 enjoying an increase in local membership.

38 Almond: 59 (38)

39 Corstorphine/Murrayfield: 54 (42)

40 Drum Brae/Gyle: 43 (27)

41 Pentland Hills: 46 (34)

42 43 **Finances**

44 WEG did not spend any funds during the year 2025/6 but also did not hold any WEG
45 fundraisers. We actively promoted and supported Holyrood crowdfunders. In the
46 year ahead, we will participate in LE2027 fundraisers and as we will have a

47 target candidate, will work hard to support fundraisers for our target (and non
48 target) candidates.

49 **Future plans**

50 WEG were pleased to work with the Elections and Campaigns working group over the
51 last few years and are excited that we have our first TTW ward for council
52 elections in 2027. We have focused our GN deliveries more extensively in this
53 ward and centred our Holyrood campaign efforts in Almond too. We actively
54 contacted members within Almond to support a stronger local team to help us
55 achieve our best ever outcome for that ward in the upcoming election cycle.
56 DORAS training was completed in 2026 but we will need to repeat this to position
57 us better for LE2027 campaign and to take the pressure off the one member (Ross
58 Muller - thank you!) who we relied on heavily during the Holyrood campaign. We
59 still have work to do to develop accessible routes across the 3 wards.

60 Our sub branch AGM was held on Tuesday 9th June. Anne and Chris were re-elected
61 as sub branch Co-Co's for one more year, noting they would be keen to hand this
62 responsibility on next year. Our secretary has had to step down and this
63 position is currently vacant.

Report

Proposer: Central Edinburgh Greens (decided on: 06/22/2026)

Title: Central Edinburgh Greens

Report

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.

Report

Proposer: South Edinburgh Greens (decided on: 06/17/2026)

Title: South Edinburgh Greens

Report

1 South Edinburgh Greens (SEG) Annual Report

2 June 2025-26

3 Introduction

4 SEG is a sub-branch formed of two wards in the south of Edinburgh stretching
5 from Bruntsfield Links to the Pentlands. There are currently 295 members, 236 in
6 Morningside and 59 in Colinton/Fairmilehead.

7 Morningside has had a Green councillor since 2007 (Alison Johnstone 2007-12,
8 Melanie Main 2012-22, Ben Parker 2022-).

9 Morningside has four councillors in total (currently Green , Labour, Lib Dem,
10 Conservative). Colinton/Fairmilehead has three (currently Labour x1 conservative
11 x2).

12 Colinton/Fairmilehead has never been a target ward, although we do stand
13 candidates there (Helen McCabe in 2022, Daniel Milligan 2025).

14 SEG Activity 2025-26

15 The SEG AGM was held on Thursday 13th June 2025 at the Eric Liddell Centre. Jo

16 Phillips and A McNestry were re- elected as Co-convenors

17 **Green News in Morningside**

18 In conjunction with Ben we produced and delivered two editions of Green News.

19 • Autumn/Winter 2025: 6000

20 • Spring 2026: 6000

21 We have a target area which we deliver to consistently . These are the greenest
22 polling districts . (If we were to increase our delivery capacity then we might
23 be able to extend this area in the future).

24 We have a limited number of delivery volunteers with a few people doing a large
25 amount,

26 **Communication with SEG members**

27 Aideen checks the Forest database for new members and emails them a welcome
28 letter designed by Steve West. She also monitors the SEG Inbox and replies to
29 emails. We have a WhatsApp group with approx 25 members signed up at any one
30 time.

31 **SEG Monthly Meetings**

32 All our SEG meetings were in person this year. Due to an ongoing problem of
33 finding a suitable venue in Morningside - that is accessible, interesting and
34 affordable - in December it was decided to continue to hold fewer meetings a
35 year at the Eric Liddell Community Hub. We invite members to coffee mornings in
36 the Eric Liddell on a Saturday in months where we don't have a meeting . Ben
37 gives a council update at each meeting . At our Saturday coffee mornings we
38 discuss matters arising and Ben is available to answer questions.

39 **Liaison with the Branch 2025-26**

40 Aideen acted as SEG rep on the branch committee membership group during the
41 year, attending branch meetings and following activity on Slack. Aideen attended
42 Local Teams and Membership working group meetings.

43 **Community activity**

44 Ben is an active contributor to various community groups in the wards and feeds
45 back to the sub branch on these . Various members have attended some community
46 initiatives but we feel we need to formalise some of these.

47 **Membership**

48 Diversity: it seemed that a slightly wider cross section of society was
49 represented at meetings than in previous years, although there is still a lot of
50 work to do.

51 Membership numbers increased up to and during the Holyrood election.

52 • June 2021: 242 (198/44)

53 • June 2022: 257 (207/50)

54 • June 2023: 252 (203/49)

55 • June 2025: 241 (196/45)

56 • June 2025: 295 (236/59)

57 **Finances**

58 SEG did not have a budget (or a Treasurer) for 2025-26 . We decided to keep
59 things simple and we ask suppliers to invoice the branch directly. Members
60 contributed to refreshments at meetings. We received funds from the branch for:

61 • Eric Liddell Centre meeting room (4 meetings)

62 Total = £320

63 **The Eric Liddell have recently increased their charges and now charge by the**
64 **hour.**

65 **New team for 2025-26**

66 The SEG AGM was held on Thursday 13th June 2025 at the Eric Liddell Centre.
67 There were 11 people in attendance and Aideen McNestry and Jo Phillips were
68 reelected as co-convenors for 2025-26 . Cllr Ben Parker gave an update of his
69 year as a Councillor and the group discussed future campaigning, including
70 thoughts about the upcoming Holyrood Election. There was a better than average
71 turnout at the AGM and we focussed mainly on the Holyrood election . We planned
72 to start canvassing in December.

73 **Holyrood Elections**

74 We kicked this campaign off with the let's get started meeting with Adam
75 McGibbon and mainly focussed on the Holyrood election for the rest of the year
76 and into 2026.

77 SEG with the rest of the branch made every effort to be successful and these
78 efforts were well rewarded.

79 Our AGM on June 11th focussed on preparing for the council elections next year.

80 **New team for 2026-2027**

81 Aideen McNestry and Jo Philips stood down as co convenors. So far we have not
82 managed to recruit any new members to help run SEG.

83 Aideen will continue to do the admin, checking mail box and welcoming members
84 etc and Jo will likely stay on as Coco if no one comes forward.

85 This is an ongoing situation ...