

# SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ELECTION SPECIAL



## WHAT DO THE PARTIES SAY?



# HOW TO VOTE

Voting is your chance to help to choose the people who run Scotland.



It is very easy to vote.  
Make sure your name is on  
the ELECTORAL REGISTER  
for your area. This is a list of  
everyone who can vote.



The council will send you a card just  
before an election. This is called a  
POLLING CARD.  
The card tells you where your POLLING  
STATION is and when to vote.

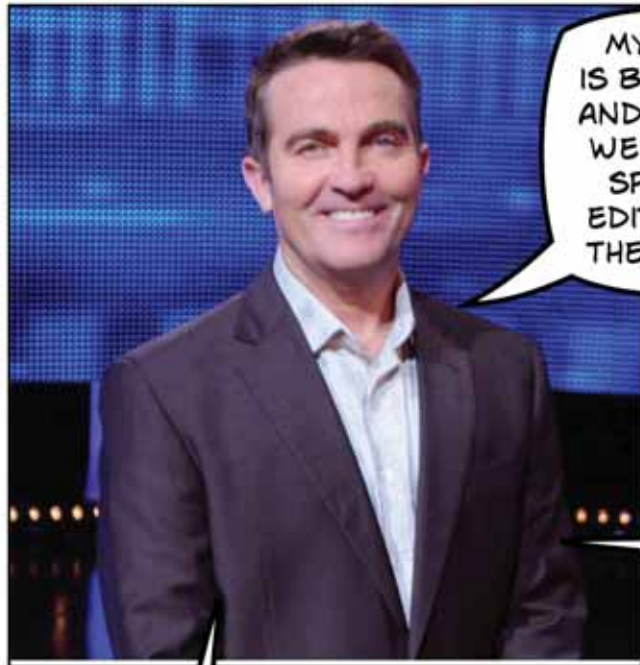


The people at the polling station will  
give you two lists of the people you  
can vote for. These are called  
BALLOT PAPERS.  
If you have a POSTAL VOTE, the  
BALLOT PAPERS will come to your  
house and you post them back.  
There is more information on these on  
the inside back page.

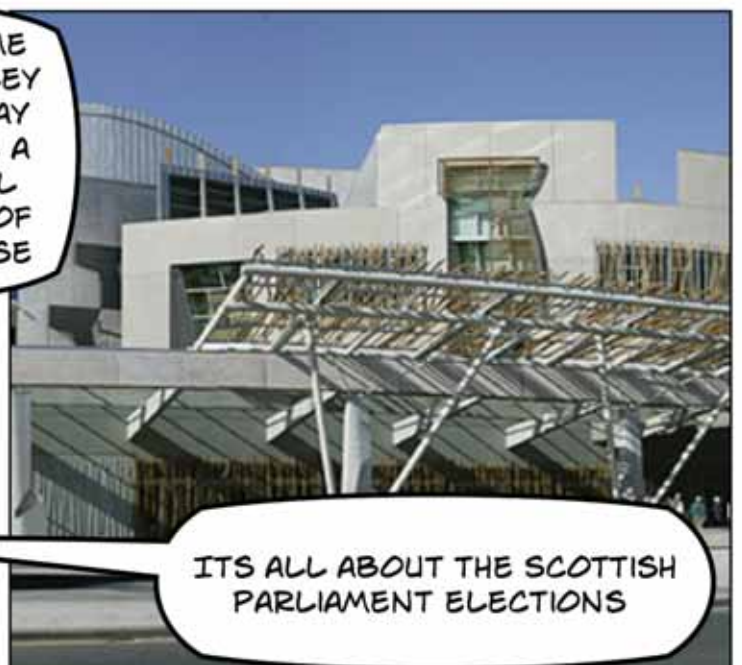


Go into a POLLING BOOTH and put an  
X by the name of the person or party  
you want to vote for on each BALLOT  
PAPER.  
Fold the ballot papers and put them  
in the ballot box.





MY NAME  
IS BRADLEY  
AND TODAY  
WE HAVE A  
SPECIAL  
EDITION OF  
THE CHASE



ITS ALL ABOUT THE SCOTTISH  
PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS



AND WE HAVE  
FIVE WELL  
KNOWN FACES  
TO  
CHALLENGE.



WE'RE  
GOING TO ASK  
THEM WHAT  
THEY STAND  
FOR...



...AND THEN THEY WILL  
HAVE TO FACE AN EXTRA  
SPECIAL CHASER



Nicola  
Sturgeon  
Scottish  
National  
Party

WE'RE  
A PARTY OF  
THE PEOPLE  
FOR THE  
PEOPLE

WELL, WELL  
NICOLA HERE'S  
YOUR FIRST  
QUESTION

HOW WILL YOU MAKE  
SURE THAT PEOPLE GET  
THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF  
MONEY FOR THEIR CARE?

NICOLA

WE'RE GOING TO  
PRIORITISE MAKING HEALTH  
AND SOCIAL CARE WORK  
TOGETHER SO MONEY IS  
USED BETTER.

"TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE STILL STUCK IN  
THE WRONG PLACE, COSTING TOO MUCH  
MONEY. WE WILL GET THEM BACK INTO  
THE COMMUNITY.  
"WE WILL CONTINUE OUR POLICY OF SELF  
DIRECTED SUPPORT TO GIVE PEOPLE THE  
POWER TO CHOOSE FOR THEMSELVES."

WE KNOW ITS NOT BEEN EASY BUT  
WE REALLY DO WANT A FAIRER  
SCOTLAND.

A THOUSAND  
VOTES FOR  
NICOLA!

NICOLA

**1,000 Votes**

## What will your party do about making sure that there is enough money for social care?



Conservative

We overwhelmingly support a closer integration of health and social care. Removing too many rules and getting people talking is important. Self-directed support needs a degree of flexibility in the system as well as making sure the money is spent properly and nothing goes wrong.



Labour

We think the current system is in too many bits. Rather than having separate systems for dealing with physical needs, mental health, and social care, we will create a whole person approach. A single service which will meet all of a person's health and care needs.



Liberal Democrat

We want healthcare to be good and available to people for free when they need it. We want to stop bad care happening. We are in favour of health and social care being joined up so people with long term conditions get the right help.



Green

We will protect public funding of the NHS. We want to invest health projects in the community which keep people fit and healthy. This can help tackle staff shortages elsewhere in the NHS, problems in GP practices and gaps in social care packages.





KEZIA, WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY ABOUT THE WELFARE REFORMS AND DISABLED PEOPLE?



Kezia  
Dugdale  
Scottish  
Labour  
Party

LABOUR ARE DETERMINED THAT THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM WILL ALWAYS TREAT DISABLED PEOPLE WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT.



WE WILL STOP THE DELAYS IN PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENTS THAT HAVE LEFT THOUSANDS OF DISABLED PEOPLE WAITING MONTHS FOR SUPPORT



PEOPLE WHO CAN WORK SHOULD TAKE STEPS TO FIND A JOB BUT THESE RULES MUST BE APPLIED FAIRLY.

KEZIA

SO WE WILL ABOLISH TARGETS FOR SANCTIONS WITHIN JOB CENTRE PLUS, AND ENSURE THAT HARDSHIP PAYMENTS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE.

A THOUSAND VOTES FOR KEZ!

1,000 Votes

**What will your party do about the welfare reforms that are affecting people with learning disabilities?**



Green

We will reverse welfare cuts founded on false claims that people prefer benefits rather than rewarding work. We will end the sanctions regime. We will halt the roll-out of Universal Credit. We will help the Scottish Parliament to design a scheme that works with its social security powers.



Conservative

I support changing our welfare system to give help and encouragement to people to get back to work. I back a cap on the amount that any one family can claim in welfare. It should not be possible to claim more in benefits most people earn.



Scottish National

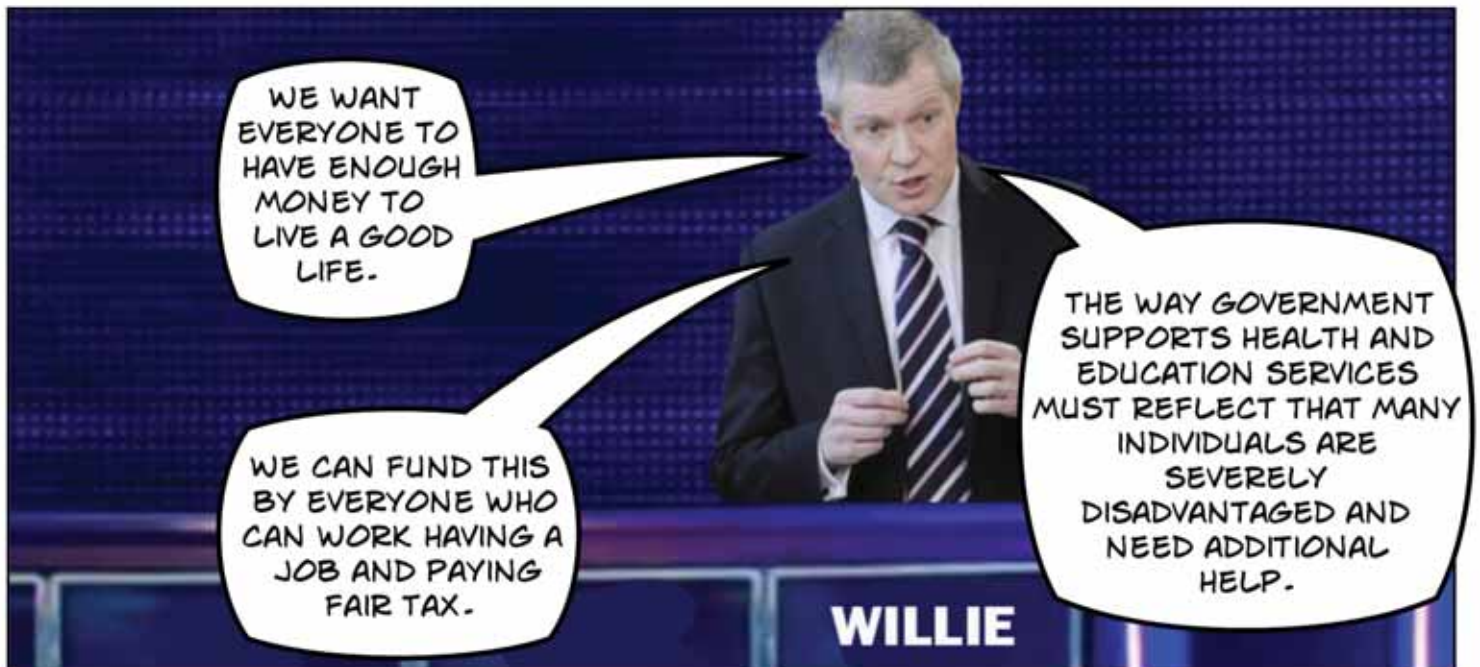
We will give money to protect as many people as possible from the damaging impact of the welfare reforms. This includes making up for the Bedroom Tax and the Council Tax cuts. We want full control over our benefits to allow us to make a fairer welfare system for Scotland.



Liberal Democrat

The more unequal a society is the weaker it is. Poverty and ill- health, poor housing and a lack of education make it hard for people. We will help those most disadvantaged and help each individual to achieve whatever they can.







## What will your party do to make sure that support staff have decent pay and conditions?



Scottish National

We will support measures to extend the Living Wage. The Scottish Government already pays the Living Wage to all of its own employees and to those covered by its pay policy. We want to ensure that women are fairly treated at work and get equal pay and greater support for time off for mum and dad when they have a baby.



Labour

We know that one in five care workers will leave their job each year. We will make caring a career that more will choose for the long term by putting more money in to the pockets of low paid workers and local economies. Scottish Labour will guarantee a real Living Wage for care workers.



Green

We will increase the Minimum Wage to the Living Wage, because nobody should be expected to work for a wage that keeps them in poverty. We will help ensure women are paid the same as men by raising the minimum wage, requiring businesses to publish pay data and improve flexible working rights.



Conservative

We have a plan for the next five years to move us to a higher wage, lower tax, lower welfare country. Workers aged over 25 will be entitled to a "national living wage" from this April of £7.20 and that will rise to £9 an hour by 2020.

Ruth Davidson  
Scottish  
Conservative  
Party

RUTH - WHAT  
WILL YOU DO TO  
MAKE SURE  
PEOPLE ARE SAFE  
FROM  
BULLYING?

RUTH

A VERY IMPORTANT  
QUESTION! OUR  
COMMUNITIES HAVE  
CONSISTENTLY BEEN FAILED  
AND WE MUST ACT NOW TO  
MAKE THAT BETTER.

BULLYING IN ANY FORM IS  
UNACCEPTABLE. THESE ARE OUR  
FAMILIES, OUR CHILDREN, OUR  
FRIENDS AND THEY ARE MADE TO  
FEEL SO MUCH GUILT, SHAME AND  
DESPAIR.



"CONSERVATIVES BELIEVE THE JUSTICE  
SYSTEM HAS TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION  
NOT ONLY THE PUNISHMENT OF CRIMINALS,  
BUT ALSO THE SATISFACTION OF VICTIMS  
WHO ARE OFTEN FORGOTTEN."

WE MUST  
MAKE AN  
OPPORTUNITY  
TO MAKE IT  
BETTER FOR  
THEM. DON'T  
YOU AGREE?

A THOUSAND  
VOTES FOR  
RUTH!

RUTH

...000 Votes



## **What will your party do to make sure people are safe from bullying in the community?**



Liberal Democrat

We believe everybody should be treated the same whatever their background or circumstances. We will make sure people can say what they think. We will stop the police being rough and stop discrimination and bullying.



Green

A few years ago the Scottish Parliament passed a Green bill enacting laws to tackle hate crimes against gay and disabled people. We think that courts should be required to take into account why someone did something because sentences will be more effective if they try to challenge hate crime.



Labour

There is a worrying increase in the number of people reporting disability related hate crime. Labour will never tolerate discrimination, scapegoating or abuse of disabled people. We will find new ways of stamping out disability hate crime, sending a clear message that abuse of disabled people must be stamped out.



Scottish National

Any attack or discrimination based on the assumption of someone's religion, race or disability is completely unacceptable. We are concerned about the rise in attacks directed towards those with disabilities. Scotland is a country which does not tolerate biased views and we will take firm action taken against what appears to be increased reporting of crimes against people on the basis of disability.



WELCOME PATRICK. HERE'S THE FIFTH QUESTION

WHAT WILL YOUR PARTY DO TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE HEALTH SERVICES?

Patrick Harvie  
Scottish Green Party



THE GREENS BELIEVE EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO THE BEST POSSIBLE HEALTH.



BUT PEOPLE IN THE POOREST AREAS OF SCOTLAND ARE MORE LIKELY TO SUFFER FROM BAD HEALTH AND DIE EARLIER THAN PEOPLE IN RICH AREAS.



PATRICK

WE WILL USE "HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES" WHICH SHIFT MONEY TO PREVENTING ILL HEALTH AND MAKES HEALTH ISSUES PART OF EVERY GOVERNMENT POLICY SO WE ARE ALL WORKING TOGETHER.



A THOUSAND VOTES FOR PATRICK!

THAT IS WORTH VOTING FOR!



## What will your party do to protect and improve health services?



Labour

Now more than ever we need a health service free at the point of use based on patient need, not the ability to pay. Our NHS is our most valued public service and we need a long term vision for our NHS, one that invests in social care to ease pressure on our hospitals and gives more vulnerable scots the dignity of care in their own home.



Liberal Democrat

Good health is one of the most important things we can have in life, and we must do all we can to help people stay healthy and provide high quality care when they are ill. Health inequalities are a national disgrace and the Liberal Democrats will strive to ensure that Scotland has a robust NHS for generations to come.



Scottish National

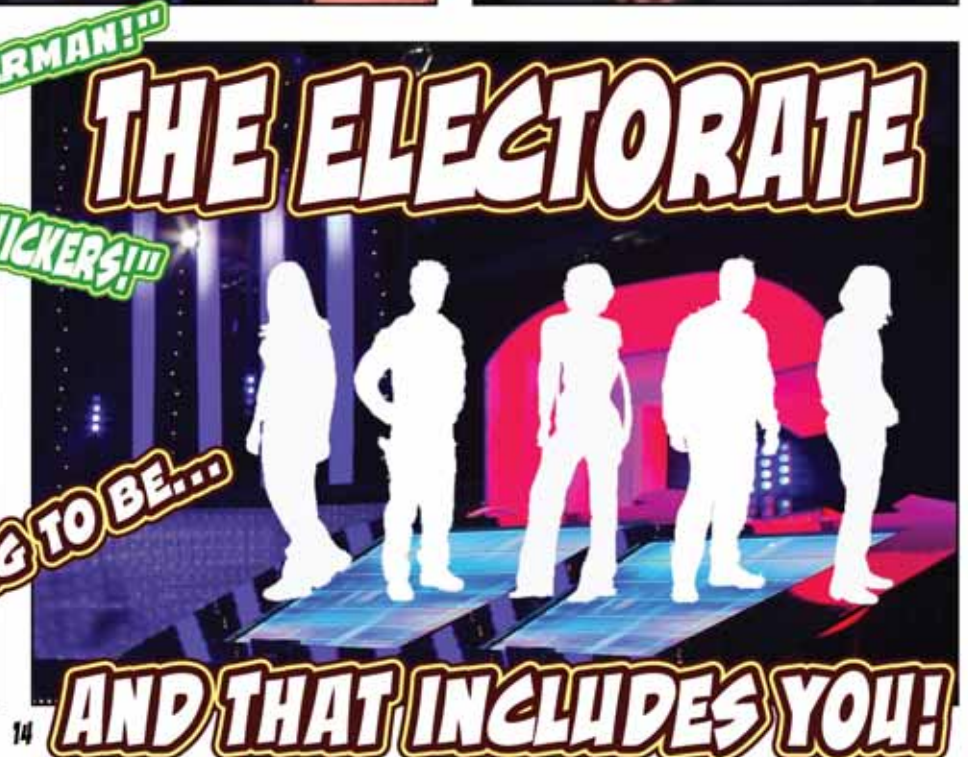
The SNP believe the NHS should remain a publicly funded, publicly-delivered service. We will not follow the privatisation agenda of the Westminster government. We will ensure that the frontline resource budget of the NHS will continue to rise in real terms in the next parliament if we are re-elected.



Conservative

We will stick to our commitment to a universal and comprehensive health service, free at the point of use. By the end of 2020, we should see an additional £800 million annually for the health service in Scotland. So you will always have access to a free and high quality health service when you need it most.







# THE TWO BALLOT PAPERS

## BALLOT PAPER TO ELECT THE MEMBER FOR THE "YOUR TOWN" CONSTITUENCY OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY IN THE BOX OPPOSITE THEIR NAME (X)

1	THATCHER Margaret Scottish Conservative and Unionist		
2	BENNET Natalie Scottish Green Party		
3	WALLACE William Scottish National Party (SNP)		
4	HARDIE Keir Scottish Labour Party		
5	KENNEDY Charles Scottish Liberal Democrats		

The first ballot paper is for your town or local area. There will be the names of the people standing and the names of the parties they are standing for.

Whoever gets the most votes will be elected.

There are 73 MSPs elected this way. They will be the main people who speak up for you in the Scottish Parliament.

This ballot paper is usually on PINK paper.

## BALLOT PAPER TO ELECT MEMBERS FOR THE "YOUR AREA" REGION OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY IN THE BOX OPPOSITE THEIR NAME (X)

1	RISE - Respect Independence, Socialism, Environmentalism		
2	Scottish Conservative and Unionist		
3	Scottish Green Party		
4	Scottish National Party (SNP)		
5	Scottish Labour Party		
6	Scottish Liberal Democrats		
7	UK Independence Party (UKIP)		
8	Women's Equality Party		
9	Smith, John - Independent		

The second ballot paper is for the region of the country you live in. There will only be the names of the parties or the names of independents standing.

Counting these votes is complicated. This vote is meant to help smaller parties get elected.

There are 56 MSPs elected this way, 7 for each region. They can also help speak up for you in the Parliament.

This ballot paper is usually on ORANGE paper.

# USEFUL ADDRESSES

## VOTING

You can check online if you are registered to vote and register to vote there as well. [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

If you want more information about voting then the Electoral Commission in Scotland can help. They are at Lothian Chambers, 59-63 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1RN - [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)

## POLITICAL PARTIES

The Scottish Labour Party  
290 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4RE,  
[www.scottishlabour.org.uk](http://www.scottishlabour.org.uk)

The Scottish National Party  
Gordon Lamb House, 3 Jackson's Entry, Edinburgh EH3 8PJ  
[www.snp.org](http://www.snp.org)

The Scottish Conservative Party  
67 Northumberland Street, Edinburgh, EH3 6JG  
[www.scottishconservatives.com](http://www.scottishconservatives.com)

The Scottish Liberal Democrats  
4 Clifton Terrace, Edinburgh, EH12 5DR  
[www.scotlibdems.org.uk](http://www.scotlibdems.org.uk)

The Scottish Green Party  
72 Newhaven Road, Edinburgh, EH6 5QG  
[www.scottishgreens.org.uk](http://www.scottishgreens.org.uk)



The Learning Disability Alliance Scotland,  
Second Floor, Thorn House, 5 Rose Street,  
Edinburgh, EH2 2PR, [www.ldascotland.org](http://www.ldascotland.org)