

2024 GENERAL ELECTION – ANALYSIS OF RESULTS IN WOLVERHAMPTON

Introduction

This analysis looks at the results in the General Elections in the three Wolverhampton constituencies in 2024 and preceding years to try and discern any trends and learn any lessons for future elections (General and Local).

Results

Tables 1,2 & 3 give the results for Wolverhampton North East, Wolverhampton South East and Wolverhampton West respectively.

- The results for numbers of votes cast for each candidate come directly from the Wolverhampton Council website¹. This goes back as far as the 2015 General Election.
- The percentage vote has been recalculated in order to give a figure to the first decimal place (the website rounds to whole number).
- The boundaries of the constituencies changed in 2023 as a result of a review by the Boundary Commission; so the results of 2024 are not completely comparable to those of preceding elections, but I can see no way of easily compensating for that.

TABLE 1: Wolverhampton North East

Votes Cast	07/05/15	08/06/17	12/12/19	02/05/24
Labour	15669	19282	13642	14282
Conservative	10174	14695	17722	8860
Green	701	482	603	1424
Lib Dem	935	570	960	1002
Reform	0	0	0	7721
Brexit	0	0	1354	0
UKIP	6524	1479	0	0
Total	34003	36508	34281	33289

% of vote	2015	2017	2019	2024
Labour	46.1	52.8	39.8	42.9
Conservative	29.9	40.3	51.7	26.6
Green	2.1	1.3	1.8	4.3
Lib Dem	2.7	1.6	2.8	3.0
Reform	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.2
Brexit	0.0	0.0	3.9	0
UKIP	19.2	4.1	0	0
	100	100	100	100

TABLE 2: Wolverhampton South East

Votes Cast	07/05/15	08/06/17	12/12/19	02/05/24
Labour	18539	21137	15522	16800
Conservative	7761	12623	14287	5654
Green	605	421	521	1643
Lib Dem	798	448	1019	758
Reform	0	0	0	7612
Workers	0	0	0	915
Brexit	0	0	2094	0
UKIP	7061	1675	0	0
Total	34764	36304	33443	33382
% of vote	2015	2017	2019	2024
Labour	53.3	58.2	46.4	50.3
Conservative	22.3	34.8	42.7	16.9
Green	1.7	1.2	1.6	4.9
Lib Dem	2.3	1.2	3.0	2.3
Reform	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.8
Workers	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7
Brexit	0.0	0.0	6.3	0
UKIP	20.3	4.6	0	0
	100	100	100	100

TABLE 3: Wolverhampton West

Votes Cast	07/05/15	08/06/17	12/12/19	02/05/24
Labour	17374	20899	18203	19331
Conservative	16573	18714	19864	11463
Green	1058	579	0	2550
Lib Dem	845	784	2041	1376
Reform	0	0	0	6078
Workers	0	0	0	576
Hibbert (Ind)	0	0	0	1395
Shah (Ind)	0	0	0	888
Brexit	0	0	1028	0
UKIP	4310	1012	0	0
Singh	0	358	0	0
Booth	49	0	0	0
Total	40209	42346	41136	43657
% of vote	2015	2017	2019	2024
Labour	43.2	49.4	44.3	44.3
Conservative	41.2	44.2	48.3	26.3
Green	2.6	1.4	0.0	5.8
Lib Dem	2.1	1.9	5.0	3.2
Reform	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.9
Workers	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
Hibbert (Ind)	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2
Shah (Ind)	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Brexit	0.0	0.0	2.5	0
UKIP	10.7	2.4	0	0
Singh	0.0	0.8	0	0
Booth	0.1	0	0	0
	100	100	100	100

The results for the Green Party are summarised in Table 4 below.

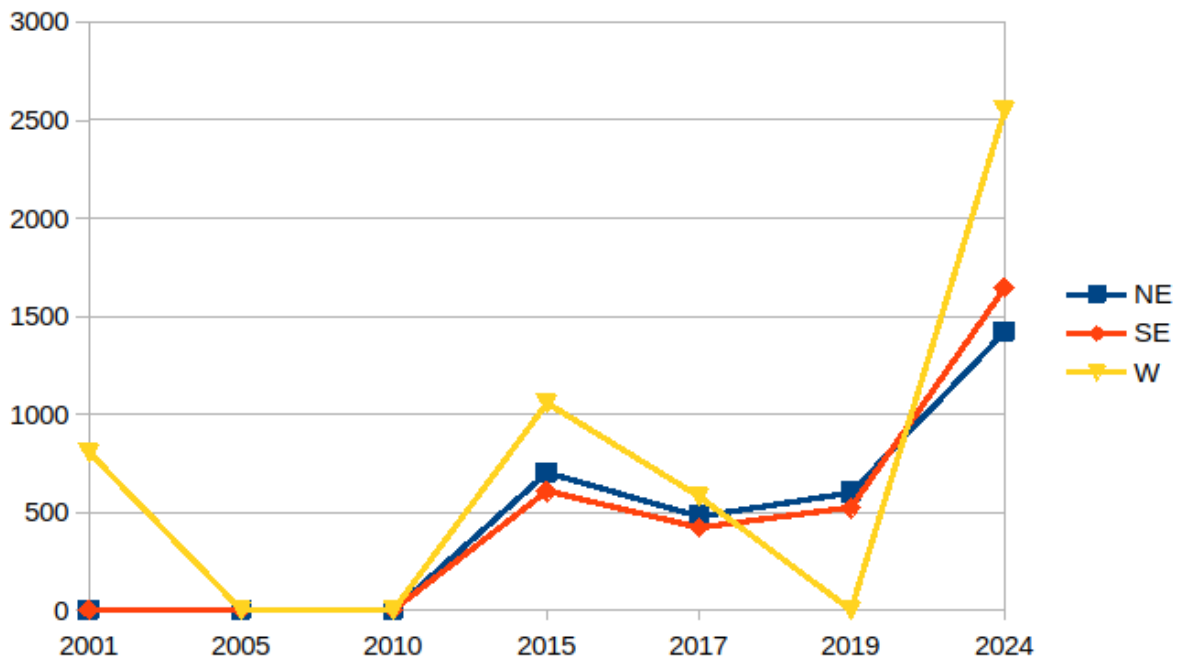
- The results prior to 2015 are taken from wikipedia^{2,3,4}
- As far as I can see, no Green Party candidates stood in Wolverhampton prior to 2001 (WGP has only existed as a separate party since 2014, before that being Wolverhampton & Walsall Green Party).

TABLE 4:

	2001	2005	2010	2015	2017	2019	2024
NE	0	0	0	701	482	603	1424
SE	0	0	0	605	421	521	1643
W	805	0	0	1058	579	0	2550

These results are represented graphically in Chart 1 below:

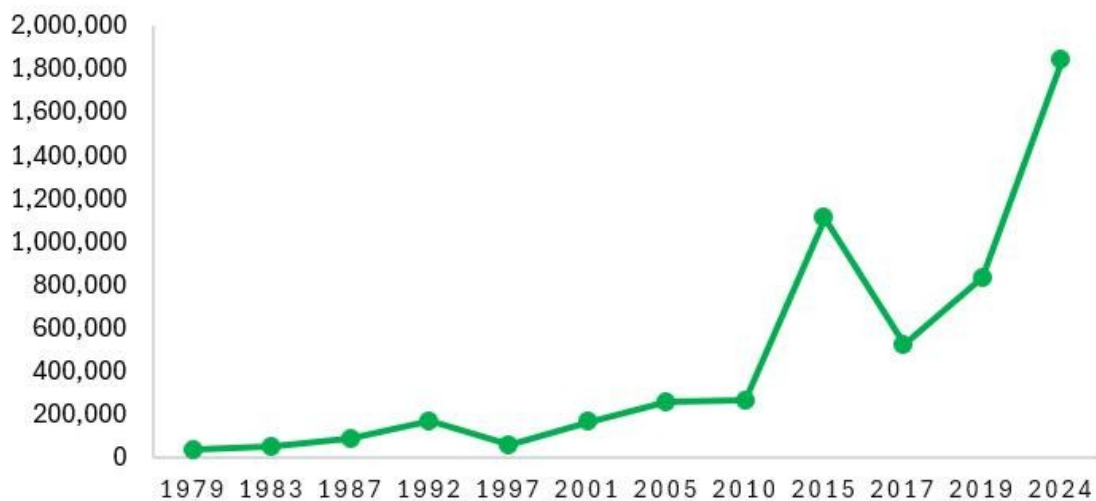
CHART 1:



For comparison, the national trend is given in Chart 2⁵ below:

CHART 2

GREEN GENERAL ELECTION VOTES 1979-2024, ENGLAND & WALES



Observations

- In the 2024 G.E. in Wolverhampton Green candidates polled better than the Lib Dems (This was also true in the 2024 Local Elections⁶).
- The trend of Green votes in Wolverhampton has followed the national trend, even down to the spike in 2015, a fall in 2017 followed by a subsequent strong recovery. However, the number of votes from the low of 2017 only increased by a factor of 2 to 2.5 times by 2024; nationally over the same period the Green vote increased 3.5 fold.
- In the May Local Election Wolverhampton Green Party stood candidates in all of the wards that are wholly or partly in the Wolverhampton West constituency and received a total of 2792 votes; in this General Election the Green Party received 2550 votes in the constituency. The difference may well be explained by the fact that two of the wards are partly within another constituency. It does support my surmise that Green supporters are in general going to be more enthusiastic voters (ie most of those who are going to vote Green in a G.E. will have turned out at the L.E. as well). It is not possible to do a similar comparison for the other two constituencies as WGP only stood in a couple of the local wards in them.

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