

OCC Sonning Common & Henley South councillor's report

Shiplake – 12th May 2025

Election - OCC

The Oxfordshire County Council election was held on the 1st May and resulted in an overall control for the Liberal Democrats who took 36 of the 69 seats.

The results in the local division were as follows ;-

Sonning Common & Henley South - results

Election Candidate	Party	Votes	%
 Leigh Rawlins	Liberal Democrats	1209	41.7%
 David Christopher Bartholomew	Local Conservatives	933	32.2%
 Martin Stanley Leach	Reform UK	550	19.0%
 Stephen Nicholas Matthews	The Green Party	143	4.9%
 Tim Sadler	Labour Party	67	2.3%

Turnout **36.6%**

The overall turnout was **35.6%** and results by party were as follows :-

PARTY	Seats	% Vote	2021 seats	Change seats
Liberal Democrats	36	30.0	21	+15
Conservatives	10	21.3	21	-11
Labour/Labour and Co-operative	12	12.9	16	-4
Green	7	11.9	3	+4
Reform	1	17.8	0	+1
Independent Oxford Alliance	1	2.7	0	+1
Independent	1	1.8	1	0
Henley Residents Group	1	1.0	1	0
Others	0	0.6	0	0
TOTAL	69	100.0	63	+6

It should be noted that following the Boundary Commission review this election was for 69 seats rather than the 63 previously in 2021. The increase reflects an increase in population since the last review. Changed boundaries mean that there is not direct comparability.

It remains to thank David Bartholomew for his diligent 12 years of service as the local county councillor and to wish him well.

[Leigh Rawlins](#)

County Councillor