

## Declaration of Results

This report is the Declaration of Results script for Returning Officer.

Contest Name

Ward 11 - Hawick & Hermitage

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 11 - Hawick & Hermitage. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 7,070 and the number of ballot papers received was 3,077 giving a percentage turnout of 43.5%. There were 32 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 762.

The number of first preference votes for each of the candidates was:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Jane COX	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	560
Kevin FERGUSON	Scottish Green Party	81
Cameron KNOX	Independent	191
Robert LEACH	Scottish Labour Party	114
Watson MCATEER	Independent	1,477
Annette SMART	Scottish National Party (SNP)	509
Rosemary WEBSTER	Scottish Liberal Democrats	113
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,045</b>

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 11 - Hawick & Hermitage:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Jane COX	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	6
Watson MCATEER	Independent	1
Annette SMART	Scottish National Party (SNP)	6

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Of the total ballot papers, the following were rejected and not counted on account of:

2011 Order Rule 44(1)	Adjudication Rejection Reason	Number
(a)	Which does not bear a unique identifying mark in a form that is capable of being read by electronic means	0
(b)	On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	6
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	2
(d)	On which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified except the printed number and other unique identifying mark on the back	0
(e)	Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty	24
<b>Total</b>		<b>32</b>