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Harper urges voters to elect first Green MP

Robin Harper, Scotland's longest serving Green MSP, has urged voters to make history by electing a Green MP to the Westminster Parliament this year. He is standing in the Edinburgh East constituency, which covers a wide area of central and eastern Edinburgh.

In 1999 Robin Harper made history when he became the first Green to be elected to a parliament in the UK. Robin is standing down from the Scottish Parliament at the next Holyrood election but he retains boundless energy for Green ideas. He believes passionately in the importance of taking fresh Green thinking to a Westminster Parliament which has seen its reputation battered.

A teacher for over 30 years, Robin is an instantly recognisable

figure across the city. Since announcing that he is standing, he has been overwhelmed by messages of support.



Robin Harper said, "It has been a privilege to serve in the Scottish Parliament and we Greens have made a real difference. Thousands of Scots will be getting proper home insulation because of the pressure we put on the

Government over the budget.

"But there is so much to do at Westminster. Why are we spending billions on Trident and ID cards while cutting public services? Why do we still not have a decent living wage for all? We need a 'Green new deal', to create the jobs that will help us tackle climate change. For all these reasons, please vote Green at the General Election!"

Contact your local Greens

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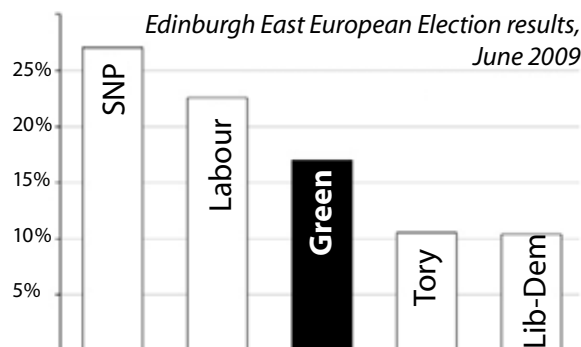
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Three-horse race for Edinburgh East

The race for Edinburgh East is between Labour, the SNP and Greens, according to the latest poll information. In June 2009, in the European elections, the Greens comfortably took third place in the area, well ahead of the Liberal Democrats and Tories.

With the addition of a high-profile candidate in Robin Harper, the Greens are increasingly confident of topping the poll at the General election.



Greens win funds for local climate action

Green candidate, Robin Harper, has praised Portobello community action on climate change. Portobello Transition Town – known as PEDAL – has been active since 2005 and was one of the first transition projects in Scotland.

Robin explained: "Transition towns are unique projects which prepare communities for the time when there is a lot less oil. They tackle challenges like heating of houses, local jobs, better transport and bringing food closer to home. These ideas are great for the planet but strengthen communities too."

"So I'm delighted that PEDAL has received support from the Climate Challenge Fund. We proposed the fund in our manifesto in 2007 and then secured it in our budget negotiations with the Scottish Government. Although international agreements might falter, community action points the way ahead!"

Other projects in Edinburgh East Constituency which have been supported by the Climate Challenge Fund include new insulation and lighting for Lauriston Hall in the Old Town and the Craigmillar Combined Heat and Power Scheme.

The Edinburgh East campaign team need your help!

Can you help us make election history? Is there an issue that affects where you live? Contact us at robin@edinburghgreens.org.uk or write to us at Thorn House, 5 Rose Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PR.

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