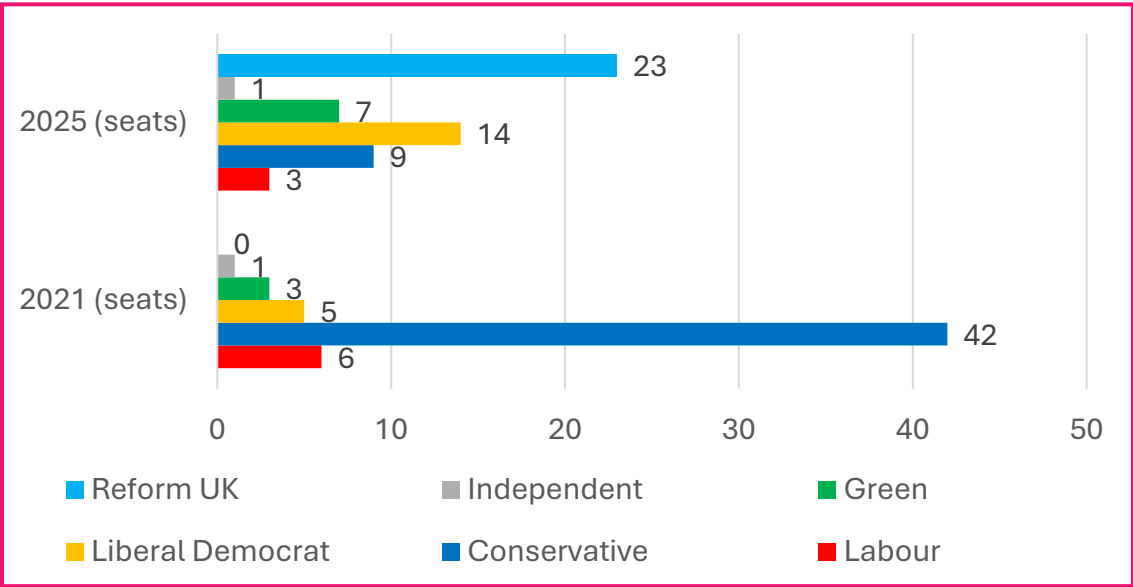


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Reform come out on top

Reform UK has emerged as the largest political party on Warwickshire County Council, their strength concentrated in the northern districts of the county.

Green and Yellow gains

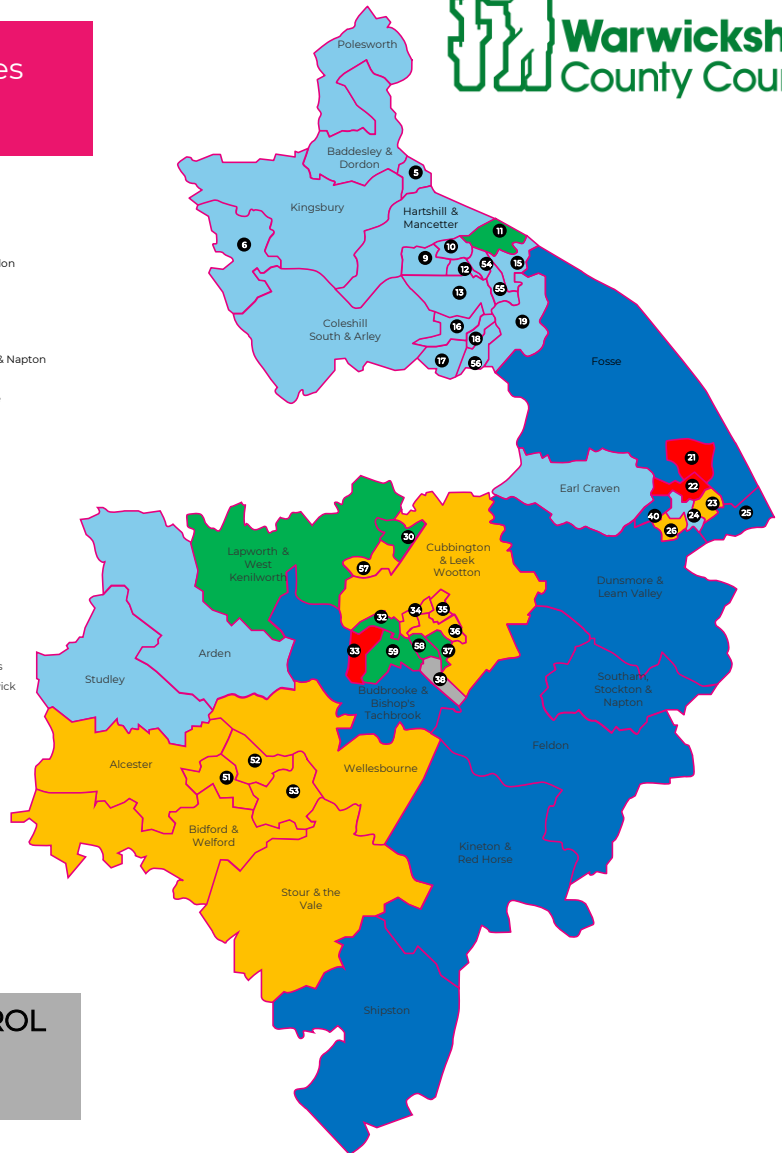
Whilst Reform grabbed the headlines in this election, the Liberal Democrats also had a good night, gaining an extra 9 seats on top of the 5 they were defending. The Greens also won 4 new seats from former Tory and Labour councillors.

Political survival (just) for the Conservatives

Relatively speaking, the Conservative group has survived the elections in Warwickshire better than they have in other parts of the country, clinging on to 9 seats predominantly in the east of the county.

NO OVERALL CONTROL GAIN FROM CONSERVATIVE

- 1 Polesworth
- 2 Baddesley & Dordon
- 3 Kingsbury
- 4 Coleshill North & Water Orton
- 5 Atherstone
- 6 Coleshill North & Water Orton
- 7 Coleshill South & Arley
- 8 Hartshill & Mancetter
- 9 Galley Common
- 10 Camp Hill
- 11 Weddington
- 12 Stockingford
- 13 Arbury
- 14 Attleborough
- 15 Nuneaton East
- 16 Bedworth North
- 17 Bedworth West
- 18 Bedworth Central
- 19 Bulkington & Whitestone
- 20 Fosse
- 21 Brownsover & Coton Park
- 22 Benn
- 23 Eastlands
- 24 New Bilton & Overslade
- 25 Hillmorton
- 26 Bilton & Hillside
- 27 Dunsmore & Leam Valley
- 28 Cubbington & Leek Wootton
- 29 Lapworth & West Kenilworth
- 30 Kenilworth Park Hill
- 31 Budbrooke & Bishop's Tachbrook
- 32 Warwick North
- 33 Warwick West
- 34 Leamington Milverton
- 35 Leamington North
- 36 Leamington Clarendon
- 37 Leamington Willes
- 38 Whitnash
- 39 Earl Craven
- 40 Admirals & Cawston
- 41 Southam, Stockton & Napton
- 42 Feldon
- 43 Kineton & Red Horse
- 44 Shipston
- 45 Stour & the Vale
- 46 Wellesbourne
- 47 Arden
- 48 Studley
- 49 Alcester
- 50 Bidford & Welford
- 51 Stratford West
- 52 Stratford North
- 53 Stratford South
- 54 Nuneaton Abbey
- 55 Attleborough
- 56 Bedworth East
- 57 Kenilworth St. John's
- 58 Leamington Brunswick
- 59 Warwick South





Shakespeare's county rewrites the script

The curtain falls on Tory rule

Another West Midlands council has been the battleground for a Conservative defeat, this time in Warwickshire, where the Conservative count on the eve of the election was 42. The formerly Conservative-controlled authority now sits in no overall control, with 33 of these seats handed over to the Liberal Democrats, Greens, one to Labour, and most obviously to Reform UK.

However, unlike results we've seen across the country, the Conservatives have not been entirely decimated here, remaining the third largest party on the council with a respectable four divisions each in Stratford-on-Avon and Rugby and one in Warwick. Speculation has already begun over a possible coalition between Reform and the Conservative group, a match which would constitute that much sought-after majority.

Reform's success at the polls in Warwickshire was concentrated particularly in North Warwickshire, where every seat in the district went with Farage's populist party, and Nuneaton & Bedworth, where 12 of the 13 seats swung light blue. All but one of these divisions (Nuneaton Abbey, Labour), were formerly Conservative. They also grabbed a couple of seats in both Rugby and Stratford-on-Avon districts.

The political map across Warwickshire has also changed considerably in respect to the Liberal Democrat group, who have expanded their ranks three-fold across Stratford-on-Avon, Warwick and Rugby. They now sit as the second largest political party on the Council. The Greens also more than doubled their seats at the council, winning the most divisions in the Warwick district and even one in Reform's new stomping ground in Nuneaton & Bedworth.

The other group, however, that will have left the count sobered is Labour, who let half its seats slip, leaving them with just three councillors in Warwickshire. This will be particularly concerning given their relatively strong performances in local elections in 2023 and 2024, even winning a majority at Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council - an area now almost entirely Reform at County Council level.

Whilst the Conservatives suffered the heaviest losses in numbers this election, Labour will be just as nervous looking ahead at further damage Reform could do to them in future elections.

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