North East Surrey for Europe

"So you think you live in a democracy?"

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Recommended websites:

https://www.makevotesmatter.org.uk

https://www.electoral-reform.org.uk

In 2019:

- The Conservatives had 43.6% of the votes cast, but 56% of the seats in the House of Commons [80 seat majority 100% of the power]
- The Green Party, Liberal Democrats and Brexit Party between them had 16% of the votes, but 2% of the seats
- The Conservatives had just a 1.2% increase in their vote share, but 48 extra seats in the House of Commons
- The Liberal Democrats had a 4% increase in their vote share, but lost a seat in the House of Commons

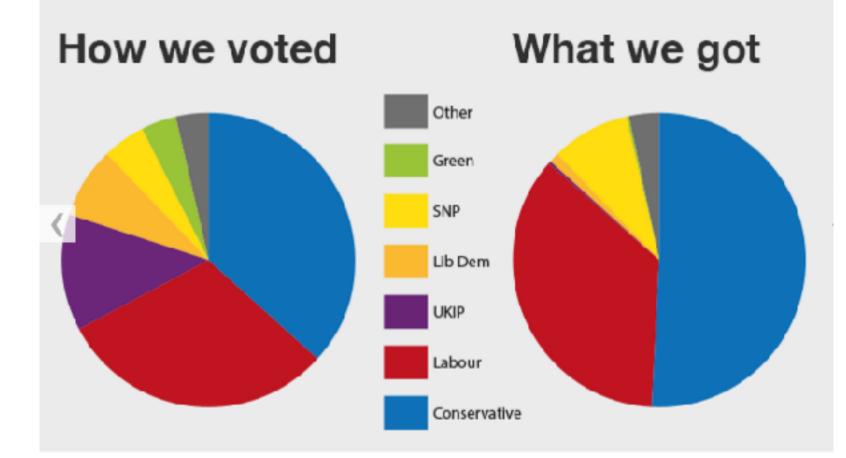
In 1951

• Labour won the most votes. Conservatives won the most seats.

In 1974

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General Election 12th December 2019



Conservatives:43.6%Labour:32.2%Green, LD & Brexit16.3%

Conservatives:	56 %
Labour:	31%
Green, LD & Brexit	1.8 %

Party	Total Votes	Vote Share	MPs (FPTP)	MPs (PR)
Conservative	13,966,565	43.6%	365	284
Labour	10,295,607	32.2%	203	210
Lib Dem	3,696,423	11.6%	11	76
SNP	1,242,372	3.9%	48	26
Green	865,697	2.7%	1	17
Brexit	642,303	2.0%	0	13
Plaid Cymru	153,265	0.5%	4	4
DUP	244,128	0.80%	8	6
Sinn Fein	181,853	0.60%	7	5
Alliance	134,115	0.40%	1	3
SDLP	118,737	0.40%	2	3

Total MPs: 650

First Past the Post

compared with

Single Transferable Vote

for sample Surrey Tory constituencies of Mole Valley, East Surrey, Reigate, Epsom & Ewell and Esher & Walton

Current Single MP Constituencies	Conservative	Lib Dem	Labour	Green	Other
First Past The Post					
Mole Valley	31,656	19,615	2,965	1,874	1,000
Paul Beresford MP	1				
East Surrey	35,624	11,584	8,247	2,340	1,595
Claire Coutinho MP	1				
Reigate	28,665	10,320	10,355	3,169	647
Crispin Blunt MP	1				
Epsom & Ewell	31,819	13,946	10,226	2,047	643

Chris Grayling MP	1				
Esher & Walton	31,132	28,379	2,838	0	725
Dominic Raab MP	1				
Total Votes Cast: 291,411	158,896	83,844	34,631	9,430	4,610
5 Member Constituency	Conservative	Lib Dem	Labour	Green	Other
Single Transferable Vote					
MPs elected	3	1 (+1?)	0 (+1?)	0	0
Quota: 48,568 (291,411/6)	(+13,192)	(+35,276)			

[with the STV, instead of 5 Conservative MPs, there would have been: 3 Conservative, plus 1 or 2 Lib Dems and 0 or 1 Labour MPs

representing the combined 5 member constituency, hence Lib Dem and Labour voters would have been represented)

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