

To Chairman & Councillors Holbrook Parish Council  
From Councillor Mary McLaren – Stour Ward  
15 May 2023

### **Babergh District Council Elections – 4 May 2023**

The history of the political composition of Babergh District Council has always been strewn with change and unpredictability. The results of this year's local elections has been no different.

The Council is made up of 32 seats so for a party or group to have a majority to lead the council requires them to achieve 16 seats plus 1. No one party or group has achieved that this time.

Green Party	10
Independents	9
Conservatives –	7
Liberal Dems	5
Labour	1
Total	32

For Party and Group Leaders the discussions are already in progress to negotiate and agree the best way forward to cover Cabinet portfolios and Chairmanships of Major Committees – Planning, Overview & Scrutiny, Audit and Standards, Licensing and Regulatory, Shared Revenue Partnership, Chair and Vice Chair of the Council and Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council. All of which do require knowledge, experience and skill. Recognising that all the above are live streamed and are publicly recorded meetings.

All the decisions taken about proposed nominations will be presented to the Annual Council Meeting on 23 May 2023 and duly voted upon.

### **Personal Note**

Thank you to the residents of Holbrook for returning me as your Councillor for the next 4 years. Across the Ward we had a 40% turnout which was good.

My continuing role is to maintain the values of integrity, honesty and hard work which I promised in 2019 and again in 2023 and to serve you and represent your interests on Babergh District Council.

With your support we can together achieve great things going forward.  
I have a long to do list which I hope with your help will come to fruition.

### **A Big Thank You**

Thank you to all the groups and communities who organised celebration events for the Coronation Weekend. Well done. I felt very honoured to judge the Best Of British Trail with Annie Tyler on behalf of Holbrook Society. It was great fun, but the range of imagination and creativity made it a difficult job.

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