

Where did the Lib Dem votes in Brecon and Radnorshire c...

Published: January 13, 2026, 1:07 am

A commentator who has, over a long period, used the name Dungroanin, [just posted this on the blog](#) and I thought it worth sharing, just as he or she wrote it:

Been doing a bit of assessment of the election as the cricket is not as enthralling!

Looking at the last 3 elections in in 4 years in the Brecon seat is a lot more informative than the pollsters.

Turnout 2015 17.19 respectively 40k(75.8%), 41.3k(78.9%), 31.8k(60%) -all notable for being high, well done these voters.

Comparing the various years and looking at absolute numbers (some rounding)

1.3k increased turnout.

*Tories gained 3.5k
Lib dems gained 0.7k
Lab gained 1.4k
3.8k
Plaid lost 0.4k
Plaid lost 0.8k
Greens lost 1.2k
4.4k*

*It would seem fair to conclude:
some plaid and green went lib dem
New voters mostly likely went to Tories and Labour in that order.*

2.8k decreased turnout

*Tories lost 4.1k
UKIP lost 4.1k
Lab lost 1.3k
Plaid lost 0.7k
Greens lost 1.2k
14.2k*

*Lib dems gained 2.5k
Brexit gained 3.3k
5.8k*

It would be fair to say all ukip went to Brexit;

It would also seem that most of the no-shows are Labour and Tory and some greens and plaid;

Some labour, tory and most plaid and green made up the Libdem gain.

3.10k compared to 2017

~~Cons down 8k~~
~~Lab down 5.6k~~
~~Tory down 0.25k~~
~~Brexit gained 3.3k~~
Libdem gained 1.8k
5.2k

So the 2015 kippers who went elsewhere in 2017 (back to their traditional parties) this time went to Brexit.

Most labour and many Tories didn't turnout.

*Where did that extra 1800 vote for libdems come from?
Mostly from plaid and greens probably from their electoral pact.
So only a few hundreds from Lab and Tories.*

--

In my opinion a general election now would most likely follow the same pattern as scenario 1.

Most Brexit will revert to their traditional vote.

Most stay at homes will revert to their traditional vote.

Libdems will only benefit from the local representatives popularity.

The outcome will be determined by turnout. A high turnout will favour Labour. A lower one will favour Tories.