

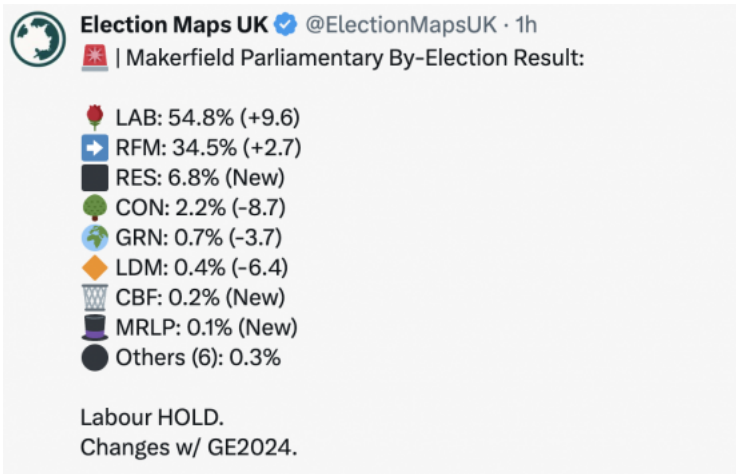
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The other election results

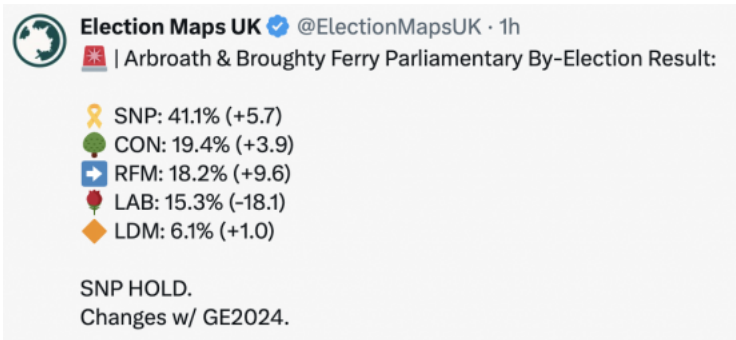
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Yesterday delivered election results from beyond Manchester.

For the sake of the record, this was the result there:



In Scotland, the SNP held the seat in Arbroath and Broughty Ferry:



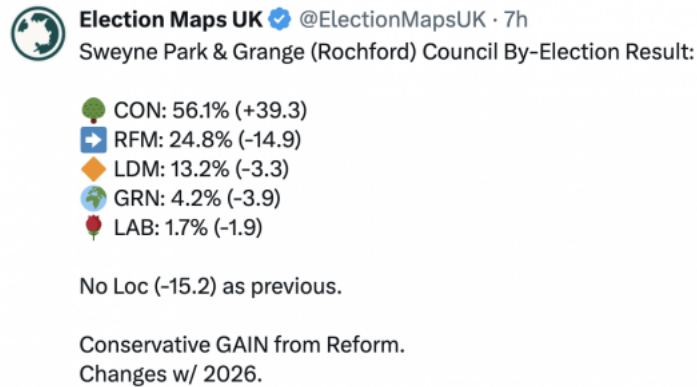
They lost that in Aberdeen South, where Stephen Flynn had been the SNP MP:



The first factor that is most obvious in both these other results is the collapse in the Labour vote. The Burnham effect only goes so far, and certainly does not reach Scotland.

The second is the oil effect in Scotland. The Toris will not forget this. Wanting to burn the planet plays well for them.

And then there was a swathe of council by-election results. I cannot show them all, but this was indicative of a trend:



In Essex, the swing back to the Tories from Reform was very marked, having seen how useless Reform had been in office.

The single transferable party is not dead yet.

Reform had a bad night, though. And for other parties, except Plaid Cymru, who hung on to a string of seats under immense Reform pressure, there was little to celebrate. And Labour needs to take note: Burnham is the exception, not the rule.