

#GE2017 Scottish Labour candidates strike back against Tory campaigning



Edinburgh North and Leith was a fiercely fought contest in this General Election and nobody fought harder than Scottish Labour's Gordon Munro who came a close enough second to the SNP's Deidre Brock.

Munro has hit out against the local Conservative candidate Iain McGill for his campaign literature.

Gordon explained : "Three weeks ago I chided Iain as he was being chased away from Stockbridge Market for scaring the customers about being Ruth Davidson's candidate in North and Leith with his hand drawn dodgy graph.

"He's still at it with his latest leaflet.

"As a qualified referee Iain McGill knows plenty about dodgy decisions. Lending his name to the latest Tory, or should I say Ruth, leaflet, however, has just kicked his campaign into the gutter. Red Card!"

It seems that someone at the George Street polling station may have agreed with Gordon that the literature was unsuitable in some way. We saw the board outside the station and someone had clearly tried to remove it!



Meanwhile in another Edinburgh constituency where the Labour candidate Ian Murray fought successfully to retain the seat he had won by small but increasing margins in the last two elections, he too criticised the Conservatives for the leaflets being handed out in the area.

He accused Scottish Conservative Leader Ruth Davidson of treating voters like fools and abject lying after the Tories published a leaflet containing a spurious poll suggesting they were in second place in Edinburgh South.

Labour candidate Ian Murray said the leaflet – which attempts to give the impression the Tories are ahead in the polls in the constituency – showed the growing desperation of the Tory campaign.

[@RuthDavidsonMSP](#) can you publish the date, detailed fieldwork & all data from Edinburgh South that makes you claim this? Fake poll??? pic.twitter.com/Q040GTBuMn

– Ian Murray (@IanMurrayMP) [June 5, 2017](#)



Labour candidate Ian Murray said, ahead of his massive success in Edinburgh South gaining 26, 269 votes winning by a crushing majority of over 15,500 : “This leaflet is, at best, an attempt to mislead and, at worse, is nothing but an abject lie by Ruth Davidson and the Tories.

“She knows – as do voters – that it is only Labour that can beat the SNP in Edinburgh South.

“It shows just how desperate the Tory campaign has become that they feel the need to try and deceive voters in this way.

“If they thought they had any chance of winning here their candidate would not be campaigning in the neighbouring seat.

“In Edinburgh South and in seats across Scotland the only way to defeat the SNP is to vote Labour.

“A vote for Labour on Thursday will send Nicola Sturgeon a message to drop her plans for divisive second independence referendum and get on with the job of fixing the mess she has made of our schools and hospitals.”

It appeared that the leaflets did not do the trick as Ian Murray will go back to Westminster this week and not the Conservative candidate Stephanie Smith.