#GE2019 Bardell and Day both claim second terms at Westminster

The Scottish National Party (SNP) polled over 50,000 votes to win two constituencies in West Lothian.

Hannah Bardell retained her Livingston seat with 25,617 votes leaving Conservative candidate Damian Timson 13, 435 votes behind. He polled 12,182 votes.

And Martyn Day also gained another term in the Linlithgow and East Falkirk constituency. He collected 25,551 votes with Charles Kennedy (Conservative) second on 14,285 votes, a majority of 11,266.

Both candidates saw their majorities increase in areas which both polled at 66.5 per cent.

Ms Bardel, in her acceptance speech at around 4.00am in chilly West Lothian College, thanked her opponents and agreed that the campaign had engendered a fair debate on key issues.

Mr Day thanked the electorate for putting their faith and trust in him for a second term.

The swing to the SNP in the area mirrored the trend nationally as the party won 48 seats after securing 45 per cent of the vote, 8.1 per cent more than in the last General Election, when the party won 35 seats.



4th December 2019 — First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, visits supporters in Dalkeith, Midlothian on Wednesday 4th December 2019.

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Nicola Sturgeon (pictured during the campaign), Scotland's First Minister, <u>said in Edinburgh today</u> that Boris Johnson had now "no right" to stand in the way of another Scottish independence referendum after an "overwhelming" election victory North of the Border.

RESULTS (as they appear on the ballot paper):

Livingston: Hannah Bardell (SNP) 25, 617; Charles Dundas (Scottish Liberal Democrats) 3,457; Cameron Glasgow (Scottish Green Party) 1,421; Caitlin Kane (Scottish Labour Party) 11,915; Damian Timson (Conservative) 12,182

Linlithgow and East Falkirk: Marc Bozza (Brexit Party) 1,257;

Martyn Day (SNP) 25,551; Charles Kennedy (Conservative) 14,285; Gillian Mackay (Scottish Green Party) 1,184; Wendy Milne (Scottish Labour Party) 10, 517; Sally Pattle (Scottish Liberal Democrats) 4,393; Mark Tunnicliff (Veterans and People's Party) 588.