

Election results for Ledbury are in

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Counting is now complete for 52 out of 53 county council wards.

The Tories have had a trouncing, having won only 13 seats (they held 29 in 2015) and thus have resoundingly lost control of the council. They fielded a candidate in every ward. Other candidates fared as follows:

Independents:	18	(26 candidates standing)
It's Our County:	8	(11 candidates standing)
Green Party:	7	(12 candidates standing)
Liberal Democrats:	6	(17 candidates standing)
Labour:	0	(9 candidates standing)
UKIP:	0	(7 candidates standing)

Town ward results were:

Ledbury South		Votes
Mrs Helen Ruth I'Anson	Con	285 (Elected)
Mr Matthew John George	LibDem	245
Mrs Maria Anne Mackness	Lab	150
Mrs Emma Holton	Ind	59
Turnout		29.48%

Ledbury West		Votes
Mr Phillip Bernard Howell	LibDem	312 (Elected)
Mr Phill Bettington	Ind	194
Ms Debbie Baker	Con	151
Turnout		24.28%

Ledbury North		Votes
Ms Liz Harvey	It's Our County Ind.	451 (Elected)
Mr Karl David Bufton	Con	376
Turnout		32.66%

Hope End (incl. Colwall and Bosbury)		Votes
Mr Tony Johnson	Con	690 (Elected)
Mr Phil Probert	Lab	498
Turnout		41.84%

Source: [Herefordshire Council](#) .

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The 53rd seat, Ross North, has a sad recent history. Councillor Jenny Hyde (Con) lost her battle against cancer in February, and the UKIP candidate for this election died since nominations closed on 4th April. The seat will now be contested on 6th June.

There was no election for Ledbury Town Council in any of the town's 3 wards (18 seats in all) since an insufficient number of candidates were nominated. The ten who did stand are duly elected unopposed:

North	John Bannister
Liz Harvey	
Dee Knight	
Daniel Vesma	
South	Matthew Eakin
Nicholas Morris	
Timothy Rae-Clarke	
West	Phillip Howells
Andrew Manns	
Dean Whattler	

The council has powers of co-option to fill the remaining 8 seats if it so wishes.