

## Update from Rachel Bailey : CEC Elections May 2023 - Audlem Ward

I was away with my husband last week, our annual visit to the UK Ayrshire Cattle Conference and conscious of the air silence thought I would provide a brief update following the CE elections earlier this month.

Firstly, thank you to everyone eligible who participated in the election; a voter turn-out of 37.47% sends a clear message that ALL Audlem Ward residents are focussed on its local services and representation, as does a low number of ‘spoilt ballots’!





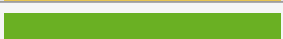
### Results : Audlem Ward

Candidate	Party	Votes	Electe d?
<b>Bailey, Rachel Anne</b>	 The Conservative Party	1023	Yes
<b>Phillips, John Martin</b>	 Liberal Democrats	570	

- Turnout = 37.47%
- Rejected ballots = 18

Secondly, thank you for your support and the trust you have put in me to represent you.

Thirdly, the election has again resulted in ‘no overall control’ for one party:

Party	Share	Seats
<a href="#">Conservative Party</a>		33
<a href="#">Labour Party</a>		31
<a href="#">Other</a> (independent)		16
<a href="#">Liberal Democrats</a>		2
<a href="#">Green Party</a>		0

It’s certainly been a quiet time at Cheshire East; I attended the last ‘service political cycle committee at the end of March’! However, we are finally on the cusp of the Annual Council Meeting where elected councillors will vote to elect their preferred political leadership, the election results mirror the ‘no overall control’ of the past 4 years, so power again lies with the independent group, even though they lost 3 seats!

Recent announcements suggest that the next 4 years will see a continuation of the hitherto Labour/Independent coalition but I will of course update you after this Wednesday’s meeting.

Rachel Bailey : Cheshire East Audlem Ward Councillor

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