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Party: Scottish Liberal Democrats **Constituency/Region:** Edinburgh North Western **First elected:** 7 May 2026 **Previous roles:** Lib Dem leader. Re-elected constituency MSP.

Bio

Detail	Info
Full name	Alexander Geoffrey Cole-Hamilton
Born	22 July 1977 (age 48), Hertfordshire, England
Party	Scottish Liberal Democrats
Current office	Leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats (since Aug 2021)
Previous roles	MSP for Edinburgh Western/Edinburgh North Western (2016–present)
Education	University of Aberdeen
Pre-politics profession	Politician

Twitter/X Discussion

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Accounts: @forres83278, @WilliamN63989, @edinburghpaper, @JamesKelly, @lady_kat14, @JohnnyDundee, @ginadavidsonlbc, @Neilsocialist

- Eliminated in first round of FM vote with 10 votes — mocked on social media
- Stood as candidate for First Minister despite no realistic chance
- Ruled out coalition with pro-independence parties previously

- Described as looking like an American political consultant among his MSPs

Reddit Discussion

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Key threads found:

- **r/Scotland** — [Alex Cole-Hamilton getting his foot stood on by a horse](#)
- **r/Scotland** — [Alex Cole-Hamilton rules out coalition deal with pro-independence parties](#)

Sources

- Scottish Parliament website
- Wikipedia — 2026 Scottish Parliament election

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