



## BRIEFING PAPER

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# Scottish National Party leaders and officials since 1975

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This note lists Scottish National Party leaders and officials since 1975.

## Useful links and further reading

[SNP website](#)

[History of the SNP](#) (Aberdeen SNP)

James Mitchell & Gerry Hassan (eds), *Scottish National Party Leaders*, Biteback, 2016

Rob Johns & James Mitchell, *Takeover: Explaining the Extraordinary Rise of the SNP*, Biteback, 2016

Peter Lynch, *SNP: The History of the Scottish National Party*, Welsh Academic Press, 2013

## Leadership elections

The Commons Library Briefing Paper on [Membership of UK political parties](#) provides details of membership figures for all UK parties including the SNP

## State of the parties

The current composition of the House of Commons and links to the websites of all the parties represented in the Commons can be found on the Parliament website: [current state of the parties](#).

## Scottish National Party leaders and officials since 1975

Leader	start	end
Gordon Wilson (Party Chairman)	1979	1990
Alex Salmond (National Convener)	1990	2000
John Swinney	2000	2004
Alex Salmond	2004	2014
Nicola Sturgeon	2014	present

Deputy leader	start	end
Douglas Henderson	1979	1981
Jim Fairlie	1981	1984
Margaret Ewing	1984	1987
Alex Salmond <sup>3</sup>	1987	1990
Alasdair Morgan <sup>4</sup>	1990	1991
Jim Sillars	1991	1992
Allan Macartney	1992	1998
John Swinney	1998	2000
Roseanna Cunningham	2000	2004
Nicola Sturgeon	2004	2014
Stewart Hosie	2014	2016
Angus Robertson	2016	2018
Keith Brown	2018	present

Westminster Leader	start	end
Donald Stewart	1974	1987
Margaret Ewing	1987	1999
Alasdair Morgan	1999	2001
Alex Salmond	2001	2007
Angus Robertson	2007	2017
Ian Blackford	2017	present

Westminster Deputy leader	start	end
Stewart Hosie	2015 (new post)	2017
Kirsty Blackman	2017	2020
Kirsten Oswald	2020	present

President	start	end
William Wolfe	1980	1982
Donald Stewart	1982	1987
Winnie Ewing	1987	2005
Ian Hudghton	2005	present

### Sources:

[SNP.org](http://SNP.org)

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