

EDGWARE PARISH
ELECTION RESULTS, 1894-1918

EDGWARE PARISH COUNCIL, 1894-1918

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Meeting Votes	Poll Votes
1894	186		Alfred Fox	18	
			Henry R. Cardo	16	
			Henry Johnson	16	
			Edwin F. Jones	15	
			Frederick J. Allpress	13	
			Robert W. Cribb	11	
			Frederick Welch	8	
			Douglas Tootell	7	

Note: The first Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held on 4 December at the Edgware Board Schools with Mr. Charles E.C. Prichard in the Chair during the election. A poll was not demanded.

The voting figures shown above are those recorded in the Minutes and are therefore assumed to be accurate. Both the *Middlesex Courier* and the *Hendon and Finchley Times* reported that Welch received 6 votes and Tootell 10 votes. Additionally, the report in the *Hendon and Finchley Times* stated that Allpress received 15 votes.

1896	200		Herbert Perry		27
			Robert W. Cribb		21
			Alfred Fox		19
			Edwin F. Jones		19
			Henry Johnson		18
			William Pollard		14
			George R. Mann		9

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held on 9 March. The *Hendon and Finchley Times* reported that "the attendance was very small," and did not report the venue of the meeting, who acted as Chairman or the result of the show of hands. A poll was demanded and resulted in the election of Perry instead of Mann.

The result of the poll indicates that the turnout was at least 13.5%.

1897	193		Frederick Allen		
			Frederick J. Allpress		
			Robert W. Cribb		
			Henry Johnson		
			George R. Mann		
			William Pollard		

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held on 18 March at "the schools". The *Hendon and Finchley Times* did not give the name of the person who acted as Chairman, but reported that a Mr. Russell was also a nominated candidate but later withdrew his name. The six shown above were elected by a show of hands, but the names of any other candidates and the voting figures were not given. For reasons that are unclear Mann demanded a poll (despite being successful) but received no support.

EDGWARE PARISH COUNCIL, 1894-1918 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Meeting Votes	Poll Votes
1898	192		Frederick J. Allpress Jonas Buswell Robert W. Cribb Jabez Frear George R. Mann William Pollard	Unopp. Unopp. Unopp. Unopp. Unopp. Unopp.	

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held on 14 March. The only information found after extensive research is that the six councillors named above were elected unopposed.

[One seat vacant — Resignation of Frear]

1899	191		Frederick J. Allpress Robert W. Cribb George R. Mann Jonas Buswell James P. Dolling William J. Jones Frederick Allen	8 8 8 7 5 5 3	
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Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held on 6 March in the Girls' School Room with Rev. Hubert H. Phelps in the Chair during the election. A poll was not demanded.

The Clerk erroneously recorded Allen's name in the Minutes as 'Frear Allen'. 'Frederick Allen' is the only male elector with that surname in both the Edgware and Little Stanmore sections of the *Register of Electors*.

[Failure of Dolling to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office]

1899 (27/4)			William Pollard	Co-opt.	
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Note: Shortly after his election Dolling wrote to the Clerk of the Council stating that he had "no intention of acting as a councillor for the parish." Cllr. Mann proposed and Cllr. Cribb seconded that Pollard be chosen to fill the vacancy. There were no other nominations.

1901	184		Jonas Buswell Robert W. Cribb William E. Highams George R. Mann William Pollard Charles H. Wainwright	Unopp. Unopp. Unopp. Unopp. Unopp. Unopp.	
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Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held on 5 March in the Girls' School Room with retiring parish councillor Cllr. Frederick J. Allpress in the Chair during the election. Nomination papers submitted in the names of Allpress and Henry Johnson were withdrawn.

The Returning Officer, F.J. Seabrook, took the view that the Parish Meeting was potentially invalid. The Parish Councillors Order (14 January 1901) and the Local Elections: Alteration of Dates Order (1901) specified that Parish Meetings called for the purpose of electing parish councillors should be held on 4 March. An application was made to the Middlesex County Council and a Special Order, giving retrospective validity to the Meeting, granted.

EDGWARE PARISH COUNCIL, 1894-1918 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Meeting Votes	Poll Votes
1904	194		Jonas Buswell Henry Cheeld Robert W. Cribb George R. Mann William Pollard Charles H. Wainwright	Unopp. Unopp. Unopp. Unopp. Unopp. Unopp.	

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held on 7 March in the Girls' School Room with Mr. Frederick J. Allpress in the Chair during the election. The Minutes record that 18 parochial electors were present.

[Resignation of Pollard]

1906 (8/3)			Charles Wright	Co-opt.	
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Note: Cllr. Wainwright proposed and Cllr. Buswell seconded that Wright be chosen to fill the vacancy. There were no other nominations.

1907	188		Jonas Buswell Robert W. Cribb Oliver Jones George R. Mann Charles H. Wainwright Charles Wright	Unopp. Unopp. Unopp. Unopp. Unopp. Unopp.	
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Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held on 6 March in the Girls' School Room with Mr. Henry K. Judd in the Chair during the election. The Minutes record that 17 parochial electors were present, although in the estimation of the *Hendon and Finchley Times* 20 to 30 ratepayers attended. A nomination paper submitted in the name of Henry Cheeld was withdrawn.

1910	251		Robert W. Cribb William E. Highams Charles H. Wainwright George T. Cliff George R. Mann Charles Wright Jonas Buswell	11 11 11 9 8 8 5	
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Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held on 14 March in the Girls' School Room with Mr. Henry K. Judd in the Chair during the election. A poll was not demanded.

EDGWARE PARISH COUNCIL, 1894-1918 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Meeting Votes	Poll Votes
1913	304		William E. Highams	17	
			Douglas Gray	16	
			Charles Wright	15	
			Robert W. Cribb	14	
			Arthur T. Sears	12	(13)
			David H. Scott	12	(6)
			George T. Cliff	16	
			Joshua Wilson	11	

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held on 17 March in the Girls' School Room with Mr. Henry K. Judd in the Chair during the election. The Minutes record that 23 parochial electors were present.

Upon the show of hands Sears and Scott tied for sixth elected place with 12 votes each. The Chairman took a fresh show of hands in respect of the sixth seat with the result that Sears received 13 votes and Scott 6 votes. A poll was demanded by a Mr. R.J. Richardson and received support from retiring parish councillor Cllr. George R. Mann, whereupon the Chairman informed the meeting that for a poll to be granted the request must receive the support of five parochial electors or one-third of those present, whichever figure was the lowest.

At this point Cliff stated that if Wilson retired his nomination and did not proceed to the poll he [Cliff] would do the same, thereby avoiding the expense of a poll. Wilson agreed to Cliff's suggestion and the two received the thanks of the Chairman for their action.

Note: The 1916 election was postponed because of the First World War. All six members of Edgware Parish Council continued as Councillors until the 1919 election, unless a casual vacancy was caused by death, resignation or disqualification. The following vacancies occurred during this period and were filled by the existing practice of co-option:

[Disqualification of Scott]

1916 (10/2)	Rev. James Consterdine	Co-opt.
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Note: Scott was disqualified under the terms of the Local Government Act 1894, section 46, sub-section 7, for his failure, throughout a period of six consecutive months, to attend any meetings of the Council.

Cllr. Cribb proposed and Cllr. Wright seconded that Consterdine be chosen to fill the vacancy. There were no other nominations.

[Resignation of Gray]

1916 (9/3)	Henry Cheeld	Co-opt.
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Note: Cllr. Cribb proposed and Cllr. Wright seconded that Cheeld be chosen to fill the vacancy. There were no other nominations.

