

## KENTON [5]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
1934	5,318	42.1	+Charles Brown	RA	1,638	73.1
			+Donald C. Ellis	RA	1,581	70.6
			+Herbert H. Crabb	RA	1,561	69.7
			John W. Travis	Lab	425	19.0
			Sydney Walker	Lab	423	18.9
			Allan C. Cullington	Lab	416	18.6
			Leo Pendergast	Ind	331	14.8

[Crabb retires from the Council]

1935	6,006		Herbert S. Cox	RA	Unopp.	
1936	7,089	30.3	Donald C. Ellis	RA	1,138	53.1
			Edward D. Martell	CCOM	556	25.9
			John W. Travis	Lab	<u>450</u>	<u>21.0</u>
					582	27.2
1937	8,351	19.8	Charles Brown	RA	999	60.4
			John W. Travis	Lab	<u>655</u>	<u>39.6</u>
					344	20.8

[Cox retires from the Council]

1938	9,248	32.5	Charles E. Brady	RA	1,986	66.2
			John W. Travis	Lab	<u>1,013</u>	<u>33.8</u>
					973	32.4
1939	10,457	26.1	Donald C. Ellis	RA	1,674	61.5
			John W. Travis	Lab	<u>1,048</u>	<u>38.5</u>
					626	23.0

[Resignation of Ellis]

1942 (18/7)			Edwin Priestley	RA	Co-opt.	
			Mary E. Webb	Ind R		

[Brown contests Harrow-on-the-Hill and Greenhill ward. Priestley retires from the Council]

1946	15,000	37.5	John W. Travis	Lab	2,109	37.5
			George W. Hall	Lab	2,075	36.9
			William A. Rattenbury	L	1,786	31.8
			William Ridgway	L	1,750	31.1
			Walter R. Cowen	C	1,708	30.4
			Stanley R. Miller	C	1,620	28.8

## KENTON [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
[Brady retires from the Council]						
1947	15,162	43.7	Walter R. Cowen	C	3,186	48.1
			William Ridgway	L	1,654	24.9
			Francis A. Goddard	Lab	1,523	23.0
			Gladys M. Driver	Com	<u>267</u>	<u>4.0</u>
					1,532	23.2
1948	15,323	47.3	Albert E.P.F. MacRae	C	4,314	59.6
			George W. Hall	Lab	2,147	29.6
			Percy Mitchell	L	<u>784</u>	<u>10.8</u>
					2,167	30.0
1949	11,138**	47.6	Stanley R. Miller	C	3,642	68.7
			John W. Travis	Lab	<u>1,663</u>	<u>31.3</u>
					1,979	37.4
1950	10,809	46.8	Walter R. Cowen	C	3,533	69.9
			Francis A. Goddard	Lab	<u>1,521</u>	<u>30.1</u>
					2,012	39.8
1951	10,636	43.7	Albert E.P.F. MacRae	C	3,474	74.8
			Sarah R. Edgeworth	Lab	<u>1,172</u>	<u>25.2</u>
					2,302	49.6
1952	10,675	49.5	Stanley R. Miller	C	3,380	64.0
			Ronald V. Spurway	Lab	<u>1,904</u>	<u>36.0</u>
					1,476	28.0
1953	10,606	53.8	Walter R. Cowen	C	3,775	66.3
			Ronald V. Spurway	Lab	<u>1,920</u>	<u>33.7</u>
					1,855	32.6

## KENTON [cont.]

**Note:**

1934-1942: The main RA group in the ward was the Kenton and Northwick Park Ratepayers' Association.

1934: A local Labour Party newsletter (*The Torch*, price 1d.) dated March 1934 shows that, together with Travis and Cullington, R.G. Kendall was expected to contest the election for the Labour Party. He would appear to have been replaced by (or stood down in favour of) Walker before the close of nominations.

1935: An Independent Ratepayer candidate, Archie W. Whyborn, was nominated, but withdrew before the close of nominations.

1936: Martell also campaigned for the controlled tipping of domestic refuse.

1938: An Independent candidate, Frank Clark, was nominated, but withdrew before the close of nominations.

1942: (18/7) At a Council meeting held on 9 May 1942 Ellis proposed the following motion: "That the Council record their disapproval of the formation, among their members, of any group not envisaged by statute, which may assist or encourage the determination outside the Council Chamber of matters set out in the Statutory Summons for decision by the Council in public session."

After debate, the motion was defeated by 23 votes to 2, with five Councillors abstaining. Six days later Ellis resigned from the Council stating that his outlook and the outlook of the Council were "quite incompatible."

On a show of hands, the Council co-opted Priestley in preference to Mrs. Webb by "a clear majority."