

Table 7

HARROW WARD STATISTICS, 1948 AND 1949

During the 1934-1953 period all wards elected the same number of Councillors. In theory, each ward had approximately the same electorate, and this was certainly the case when the ward system was devised for the first UDC election in 1934. By 1948, the last election to be held on the original ward boundaries, significant differences had arisen between the electorates of the wards, mainly as a result of the building of large residential estates in the mid to late 1930s. To try and overcome the inequality of representation, the 1949 election was fought on new revised boundaries. (Appendix M gives additional information.)

This Table attempts to explore this issue in more detail by showing the equality (or lack of equality) of representation of Harrow wards at the 1948 and 1949 elections, and therefore the success, or otherwise, of the re-warding scheme. A ward that was under-represented displays a large +ve variance from the average number of electors per Councillor, while an over-represented ward has a large -ve variance.

Ward	Councillors	1948 Electors	Electors per Councillor	Variance (%)
Harrow-on-the-Hill and Greenhill	3	9,277	3,092	-30.6
Harrow Weald	3	11,994	3,998	-10.3
Headstone	3	8,551	2,850	-36.0
Kenton	3	15,323	5,108	+14.6
Pinner North	3	10,833	3,611	-19.0
Pinner South	3	19,798	6,599	+48.1
Roxeth	3	16,273	5,424	+21.7
Stanmore North	3	12,540	4,180	-6.2
Stanmore South	3	20,593	6,864	+54.0
Wealdstone North	3	13,509	4,503	+1.1
Wealdstone South	3	10,409	3,470	-22.1
West Harrow	3	11,329	3,776	-15.3
TOTALS	36	160,429	-	-
AVERAGES	-	13,369	4,456	[23.3]

Ward	Councillors	1949 Electors	Electors per Councillor	Variance (%)
Belmont	3	8,875	2,958	-17.8
Harrow-on-the-Hill and Greenhill	3	9,304	3,101	-13.8
Harrow Weald	3	9,740	3,247	-9.7
Headstone	3	8,585	2,862	-20.4
Kenton	3	11,138	3,713	+3.2
Pinner North and Hatch End	3	12,397	4,132	+14.9
Pinner South	3	13,850	4,617	+28.4
Queensbury	3	10,593	3,531	-1.8
Roxbourne	3	10,437	3,479	-2.3
Roxeth	3	11,666	3,889	+8.1
Stanmore North	3	10,066	3,355	-6.7
Stanmore South	3	10,064	3,355	-6.7
Wealdstone North	3	13,502	4,501	+25.1
Wealdstone South	3	10,396	3,465	-3.7
West Harrow	3	11,246	3,749	+4.2
TOTALS	45	161,859	-	-
AVERAGES	-	10,791	3,597	[11.1]