

**HENDON RURAL DISTRICT  
ELECTION RESULTS, 1919-1933**

## HENDON RDC, 1919-1933

### PINNER

[Five Seats]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
1919	3,444		+John Baucutt	Ind	Unopp.	
			+David G. Cameron-Rose	Ind	Unopp.	
			+Rev. Ramsay W. Couper	Ind	Unopp.	
			+George C. Ellement	Ind	Unopp.	
			John Favell	Ind	Unopp.	

[Resignation of Baucutt]

1919 (26/6)			Mrs. Ida J. Causton	Ind	Co-opt.	
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Note: No nominations to fill this casual vacancy were received by the Clerk to the Council. Sitting members submitted three names of potential councillors to the Middlesex County Council for consideration — Albert A. Sainsbury, William B. Long and Mrs. Ida J. Causton — with a recommendation that Sainsbury be co-opted on to the Council. The Middlesex County Council made an Order, under the Local Government (Elections) Act 1896, dated 26 June 1919, that Mrs. Causton be co-opted to fill the vacancy.

[Resignations of Cameron-Rose and Favell]

1920 (6/4)	4,209		Miss Julia D.F. Curtis-Price	Ind	470	
			Frederick S. Cartwright	Ind	296	
			Leonard A. Peyton	Ind	249	
1922	4,501	45.0	Mrs. Ida J. Causton	Ind	941	
			Rev. Ramsay W. Couper	Ind	860	
			Miss Julia D.F. Curtis-Price	Ind	766	
			Alfred E. Yarrow	Ind	738	
			Frederick S. Cartwright	Ind	713	
			George C. Ellement	Ind	688	
			Thomas Pither	Ind	394	

Note: An eighth candidate for this election, Walter Watson, withdrew after the close of nominations but within the allowable period.

[Division into three electoral wards]

## HENDON RDC, 1919-1933 [cont.]

### PINNER (VILLAGE)

[Two Seats]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
1925	2,243	51.9	George C. Ellement	Ind	649	55.8
			Mrs. Ida J. Causton	Ind	566	48.6
			Melville J.D. Kerr	Ind	533	45.8
			William Weston	Lab	206	17.7

Note: Spoilt ballot papers: 17.  
Mrs. Causton and Kerr sought election on a joint 'ticket'.

[Death of Ellement]

1927 (5/2)	2,646	60.7	Edward B. Montesole	Ind	917	57.1
			John E. Clark	Ind	455	28.3
			Reginald F.O. Bridgeman	Lab	<u>235</u>	<u>14.6</u>
					462	28.8

Note: Spoilt ballot papers: 3.

There is potential for confusion with regard to Montesole's first name. Montesole was a 7-year-old child living at an address in Hornsey, where, at the time of the 1891 *Census*, his name was recorded as Edward. Unfortunately, some editions of the *Register of Electors* for the Hendon Parliamentary division record him as "Edmund Bernard Montesole". This appears to have been an error perpetuated over the editions for 1920-23 and 1925-27 before it was corrected. Other *Register of Electors* from the 1920s through to the 1960s record Montesole's first name as Edward; an example from the time of this by-election is the 1927 *Register* for the City of Westminster where Montesole had a 'business' vote in the Strand ward, for premises in Bush House, Aldwych.

Clark was captain of the Pinner Fire Brigade.

For a short biography of Bridgeman, see page 93.

1928	2,949	Edward B. Montesole	Ind	1,032
		Mrs. Ida J. Causton	Ind	1,029
		William Weston	Lab	253

Note: Montesole and Mrs. Causton received support from the local Conservative Association.

1931	5,063	Robert W. Cowan	Ind	Unopp.
		Edward B. Montesole	Ind	Unopp.

## HENDON RDC, 1919-1933 [cont.]

### PINNER (HATCH END)

[One Seat]

<b>Election</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>T'out</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>%</b>
1925	636		Frederick S. Cartwright	Ind	Unopp.	
<u>Note:</u>	Although this election was uncontested, an election for Hatch End ward councillor on Pinner Parish Council was held on 6 April. The <i>Harrow Observer and Gazette</i> reported voting figures indicating a turnout of 33.5% among the 636 electors.					
1928	757		Frederick S. Cartwright	Ind	Unopp.	
<u>Note:</u>	Although this election was uncontested, an election for Hatch End ward councillor on Pinner Parish Council was held on 31 March. The <i>Harrow Observer and Gazette</i> reported voting figures indicating a turnout of 38.3% among the 757 electors.					
1931	966		Frederick S. Cartwright	Ind	Unopp.	

## HENDON RDC, 1919-1933 [cont.]

### PINNER (HEADSTONE)

[Two Seats]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
1925	2,263		Rev. Ramsay W. Couper	Ind	537	
			Miss Julia D.F. Curtis-Price	Ind	518	
			George Smallwood	Lab	92	

Note: Miss Curtis-Price was a member of the Conservative Party: at the time of her election she was a Vice-President of the Headstone Unionist Association.

[Resignation of Couper]

1925 (5/12)	2,752	23.2	Rev. Samuel B. Drake	Ind	446	69.9
			Reginald F.O. Bridgeman	Lab	<u>192</u> 254	<u>30.1</u> 39.8

Note: Drake claimed to be in receipt of support from the local Unionist, Liberal and Allotment Associations.

Bridgeman (1884-1968) was a diplomat and politician. In 1908 he joined the British Diplomatic Service rising to Chargè d'Affaires to Vienna in 1919 and Counsellor of Embassy at Tehran in 1920. In March 1922 he was removed from his posting after attending a Russian reception celebrating the October Revolution, and retired from the Diplomatic Service in 1923. In 1927 he was head of a British delegation sent by the House of Commons to the League Against Imperialism in Brussels. Bridgeman contested Uxbridge for the Labour Party at the 1929 general election but as an Independent in 1931 following his expulsion from the party. This was due to his membership of the League, which was deemed to be a front organisation for the Communist International (Comintern). Upon the League's dissolution he was readmitted into the Labour Party in spring 1937 and in 1938 and became Labour's prospective candidate for the Hendon division, but resigned the position in July 1940. He was expelled from the Labour Party for a second time in 1941 after his support for the Communist-inspired 'People's Convention'.

1928	3,497		Miss Julia D.F. Curtis-Price	Ind	512	
			Rev. Samuel B. Drake	Ind	502	
			Terence C.J. Young	Lab	154	
			John A. Turner	Lab	146	
1931	4,561		Mrs. Florence Martlew	Ind	Unopp.	
			Rev. Samuel B. Drake	Ind	Co-opt.	

Note: Mrs. Martlew's nomination papers were the only ones received by the Returning Officer. Under the terms of the Local Government Act 1894, section 56 of the Municipal Corporations Act 1882 applied: if at an ordinary election any vacancies were not filled by election, the required number of retiring councillors would, if willing, continue to hold office, with those highest in the poll at the previous election having preference. As Miss Curtis-Price declined to continue in office Drake was deemed to be re-elected and was co-opted on to the Council.

Mrs. Martlew was a member of the Conservative Party.

## HENDON RDC, 1919-1933 [cont.]

### HARROW WEALD

[Two Seats]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
1919	1,047		+Alfred E. Hammond +Charles J. Ward	Ind Ind	Unopp. Unopp.	
1922	1,457		Alfred E. Hammond Thomas J.E. Stops	Ind Ind	Unopp. Unopp.	
1925	1,736	41.6	Alfred E. Hammond Gilbert F. Telfer Herbert E. Harwood Albert C. Day	Ind Ind Ind Ind	425 355 285 115	58.9 49.2 39.5 15.9

Note: A fifth candidate for this election, Thomas J.E. Stops, withdrew after the close of nominations but within the allowable period.

The *Hendon and Finchley Times* reported that Hammond polled 435 votes. The above voting figures were obtained from the *Harrow Observer and Gazette*.

1928	2,077		Alfred E. Hammond Gilbert F. Telfer	Ind Ind	Unopp. Unopp.	
1931	4,411	25.0	Gilbert F. Telfer Herbert B. Silver Alfred E. Hammond	Ind Ind Ind	930 521 493	

Note: Telfer and Hammond issued a joint election address.

The voting figures indicate that the minimum turnout at this election was 23.0%. The *Harrow Observer and Gazette*, while not reporting the turnout at the election, noted that there was a 25% turnout for the Harrow Weald Parish Council election, held concurrently. (Different coloured ballot papers were used to avoid confusion: one was blue and the other yellow.)

## HENDON RDC, 1919-1933 [cont.]

### GREAT STANMORE

[Two Seats]

<b>Election</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>T'out</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>%</b>
1919	730		+John Bransgrove +Owen R. Serjeant	Ind Ind	Unopp. Unopp.	
1922	814		John Bransgrove Owen R. Serjeant	Ind Ind	Unopp. Unopp.	
1925	903		John Bransgrove Owen R. Serjeant	Ind Ind	Unopp. Unopp.	
1928	955		Owen R. Serjeant John Bransgrove Douglas Wood	Ind Ind Ind	408 283 269	
<p><u>Note:</u> Serjeant and Wood received the endorsement of the Stanmore Village Preservation Society. The Society was formed in January 1928 "as a result of public protests against a proposal to allow the Pynnaclles Estate to be developed as a shopping area."</p>						
1931	1,296		John Bransgrove Owen R. Serjeant	Ind Ind	Unopp. Unopp.	
[Resignation of Serjeant]						
1933 (16/3)	1,471		John Greer	Ind	Unopp.	

## HENDON RDC, 1919-1933 [cont.]

### LITTLE STANMORE

[One Seat]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
1919	775	54.2	George R. Mann +Charles Wright	Ind	233	55.5
				Ind	<u>187</u>	<u>44.5</u>
					46	9.0

Note: The *Hendon and Finchley Times* reported that Wright (an engineer and the Chairman of Hendon RDC at the time of the election) believed his defeat was caused by false rumours following an incident, three days before polling, at one of his factories. Without the sanction of their Trade Union, some thirty women workers, engaged in the production of War Medals, withdrew their labour. Reports spread that the women were "sweated", although Wright maintained that wages were not the cause of the dispute. The striking women were replaced with discharged soldiers and another rumour spread on polling day that these men were being paid only 6d. an hour. Wright believed the affair had cost him "about 100 votes".

1922	892	54.0	George R. Mann Samuel T. Murphy	Ind	420	87.1
				Lab	<u>62</u>	<u>12.9</u>
					358	74.2

Note: This was the first election to Hendon RDC where the Parish of Little Stanmore was provided with an additional polling district, at Elstree, as follows:

<u>Polling District (PD)</u>	<u>PD Letter</u>	<u>Register Entries</u>	<u>District Electors</u>
Edgware	A	961	833
Elstree	B	69	59
Totals		1,030	892

1925	1,102	54.5	George R. Mann Charles Newham	Ind	473	78.7
				Ind	<u>128</u>	<u>21.3</u>
					345	49.3

1928	1,450	48.5	George R. Mann Charles Newham	Ind	500	71.1
				RA	<u>203</u>	<u>28.9</u>
					297	42.2

Note: Newham, in his election address, claimed to be the "approved candidate" of the Edgware and District Ratepayers' Association, and that he stood as a candidate of "no political party". A letter written to the *Hendon and Finchley Times* by a Mr. G.E.M. Walker of the Edgware and Little Stanmore Conservative Association alleged that Newham was a member of the Labour Party and urged "Anti-Socialists" to support Mann. A Mr. De Thame, Secretary of the local Labour Party, claimed that his party "took no official part" in the election.

The *Times* reported of polling day that "Mr. Mann's car, decorated with huge rosettes, was soon a familiar sight. His opponent, Mr. Newham, had been promised a car, but it was unfortunate that the day previously an axle broke."

[Death]



## HENDON RDC, 1919-1933 [cont.]

### LITTLE STANMORE [cont.]

[One Seat]

<b>Election</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>T'out</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>%</b>
1929 (29/11)			George E.M. Walker	Ind	Co-opt.	

Note: No nominations to fill this casual vacancy were received by the Clerk to the Council. Sitting Councillors applied to the Middlesex County Council, under the terms of the Local Government (Elections) Act 1896, that Walker be co-opted on to the Council to fill the vacancy. The Middlesex County Council made an Order, dated 29 November 1929, confirming this.

1931	2,481		Frank L. Cross	Ind	Unopp.	
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Note: A second candidate for this election, Charles W. Dawkins, withdrew after the close of nominations but within the allowable period.

## HENDON RDC, 1919-1933 [cont.]

### EDGWARE

[One Seat]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
1919	598		+Charles H. Wainwright Arthur T. Sears	Ind Ind	<i>elected</i> <i>not elected</i>	

Note: The exact circumstances surrounding this election are unclear. Sears (a grocer of High Street, Edgware and an Edgware Parish Councillor) and Wainwright (the sitting councillor for Edgware) were the only candidates nominated to contest the election. The *Hendon and Finchley Times* of 28 March 1919 reported that neither candidate had withdrawn their nomination and it must therefore be assumed that both proceeded to the poll. Editions of the newspaper on 28 March and 4 April carried Wainwright's election address in their classified advertisement columns.

However, the *Hendon and Finchley Times* commented in its edition of 4 April 1919 that "Interest in the election of Rural District Councillors is practically confined to Little Stanmore. At Edgware, Mr. C.H. Wainwright, J.P., has practically a walk-over." Finally, on 11 April the newspaper reported that "Little Stanmore was the only parish where a contest was held." No voting figures were reported for Edgware.

1922	636	50.6	Frank L. Cross Rev. James Goggin	Ind Ind	186 <u>136</u> 50	57.8 <u>42.2</u> 15.6
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Note: This was the first election to Hendon RDC where the Parish of Edgware was provided with an additional polling district, at Elstree, as follows:

<u>Polling District (PD)</u>	<u>PD Letter</u>	<u>Register Entries</u>	<u>District Electors</u>
Edgware	A	597	485
Elstree	B	173	151
Totals		770	636

Goggin, ordained in Rome in 1902, was a Roman Catholic priest. He commenced parochial work in the Edgware area in 1912 and later became Rector of Our Lady of Dolours, Hendon.

1925	697	48.5	Frank L. Cross Peyton H. Black	Ind Ind	294 <u>44</u> 250	87.0 <u>13.0</u> 64.0
1928	1,250	60.5	Frank L. Cross Albert E. Watling	Ind RA	424 <u>332</u> 92	56.1 <u>43.9</u> 12.2

Note: The *Hendon and Finchley Times* reported: "Mr. Cross had such a display of cars that they were to be seen in every street, and they were fairly full all day. Mr. Watling's supporters were not so much in evidence, but worked none the less hard." At the Edgware polling station "people were sprinting up at the very last minute before eight o'clock .... several arrived too late."

[Transfer of Edgware parish to Hendon Urban District on 1 April 1931]

Note: The autumn 1930 *Register of Electors* indicates that 2,405 electors would have been entitled to vote at the 1931 election if Edgware parish had remained part of Hendon Rural District.