

EDGWARE PARISH
ELECTION RESULTS, 1919-1931

EDGWARE PARISH COUNCIL, 1919-1931

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Meeting Votes	Poll Votes
1919	598		+Arthur T. Sears	11	
			Maurice G. Moss	9	
			Charles H.A. King	8	
			+George R. Mann	8	
			+Robert W. Cribb	7	
			+Rev. James Consterdine	6	
			James P. Howard	4	

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held on 17 March in the Girls' School Room with retiring parish councillor Cllr. Henry Cheeld in the Chair during the election. The names of 13 parishioners are recorded as being present. A poll was not demanded.

1922	650		Robert W. Cribb	37	
			Frank L. Cross	36	
			George R. Mann	31	
			Arthur T. Sears	26	
			Donald E. Erlebach	25	
			Charles Wright	23	
			Rev. James Consterdine	21	
			Maurice G. Moss	21	
		Sydney J. Lister	8		

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held on 13 March in the Girls' School Room with Mr. Charles S. Sabin in the Chair during the election. A poll was not demanded.

1925	703		Robert W. Cribb	Unopp.	
			Frank L. Cross	Unopp.	
			Donald E. Erlebach	Unopp.	
			George R. Mann	Unopp.	
			Arthur T. Sears	Unopp.	
			Charles Wright	Unopp.	

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held on 16 March in the Girls' School Room with Mr. Samuel T. Murphy in the Chair during the election.

[Death of Cribb]

1927 (19/9)		Albert E. Watling	Co-opt.
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Note: The *Minutes* record that "it was unanimously resolved that Watling fill the vacancy."

EDGWARE PARISH COUNCIL, 1919-1931 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Meeting Votes	Poll Votes
1928	1,250		Ernest Swalwell	122	
			Albert E. Watling	120	
			Walter H. Purchase	88	
			Rev. Harold B. Darbey	59	
			Ronald Kelsey-Jones	59	
			Albert J. de Vall	54	
			Mrs. Gertrude M. Kilby	48	
			James H. Lloyd	33	
			Donald E. Erlebach	25	

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held on 12 March in the Council Schoolroom with retiring parish councillor Cllr. Charles Wright in the Chair during the election. The *Hendon and Finchley Times* (which recorded Lloyd's vote as 53) reported: "The crowd was so large that the Council Schoolroom could hardly hold all those who attempted to get in. More than 100 were standing around the sides and many were outside the door." The *Minutes* of the meeting stated that "approximately 250 to 300 people were present." A poll was not demanded.

All six elected councillors were members of the Edgware and District Ratepayers' Association, although only four of them — it is not known which four — were official nominees.

The *Times'* diarist reported of the crowded meeting and voting that the Chairman "found it impossible to get round the room and had to count the hands for voting from the front. At first he attempted to count standing on his chair, but gave it up remarking audibly, 'It's too hazy up here!' After a while Mr. A.E. Watling was called upon to assist, as he was in the middle of the room. 'You can range all round,' said Mr. Wright. 'The difficulty is to turn round,' Mr. Watling replied amidst loud laughter."

[Resignation of Darbey]

1928 (25/9)	Mrs. Gertrude M. Kilby	Co-opt.
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Note: Cllr. Kelsey-Jones proposed and Cllr. Purchase seconded that Mrs. Kilby be chosen to fill the vacancy. There were no other nominations.

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

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

The result of the election in Edgware ward (3 seats) of Hendon Urban District Council in 1931 was as follows:- Elected: William H.N. Shakespeare (C) 730, George E.M. Walker (C) 678, Walter H. Purchase (Ind Constitutionalist) 631; Not elected: James H. Lloyd (Ind) 199. The local press reported that after the declaration of the result "Lloyd was greeted with cries of 'Judas' from Socialists when it came to his turn to speak."

