

**HARROW-ON-THE-HILL URBAN DISTRICT  
ELECTION RESULTS, 1894-1918**

## HARROW-ON-THE-HILL UDC, 1894-1918

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Votes	%
1894	1,183	53.9	William J. Overhead	321	50.3
			Dr. Alfred H. Williams	312	48.9
			William W. Clowes	296	46.4
			Oliver A. Saunders	263	41.2
			John B. Smith	240	37.6
			Henry J. Strickland	234	36.7
			Joseph Hawkins	219	34.3
			Thomas Dell	215	33.7
			Joseph W. Strange	206	32.3
			Charles E.G. Webb	196	30.7
			Herbert W. Bryans	171	26.8
			John Short	162	25.4
			Robert C. Gilson	144	22.6
			Dr. Reginald R.T. Risk	139	21.8
			David Pitcairn	129	20.2
			Henry W. Dunmore	66	10.3

Note: Turnout has been calculated on the basis that the number voting (638), reported by the *Harrow and Wealdstone Press*, is correct and that the figure given (600) by the *Harrow Gazette* is an estimation.

Short and Dunmore were the candidates of the Harrow Progressive Union and called on "Working Men and Women to Vote for your Working Class Candidates," and to "rally round the cause of Labour and to vote for their fellow workers." A seventeenth candidate for this election and the Union's intended third candidate, Henry Godfrey, withdrew after the close of nominations but within the allowable period.

An eighteenth candidate for this election, Dr. Edward W.F. Stiven, withdrew after the close of nominations but within the allowable period.

The *Middlesex and Buckinghamshire Advertiser* reported on polling day as follows: "Polling ... took place on Monday last at the Harrow Board School, Roxeth Hill, Mr. R.E.H. Fisher being the Returning Officer. All the arrangements for the poll were satisfactorily made, and no hitch of any kind occurred throughout the day. The day was very dull and it rained, little or much, the whole day. This had a most depressing effect, and kept many away from the poll, especially the Greenhill voters, who bitterly complained that a polling place had not been [arranged] in their district.... After the poll had closed at eight o'clock, the officers adjourned for an hour for refreshments and then commenced their weary task. This was accomplished most expeditiously and at 11.30 the poll was declared."

At the first meeting of Harrow-on-the-Hill UDC on 3 January 1895, the Clerk submitted his account of expenses incurred as Returning Officer for this election, amounting to £25.6s.4d.

### [Resignation of Williams]

1896	1,385	50.0	Charles E.G. Webb	237
			Joseph Hawkins	191
			John Short	184
			Thomas Dell	164
			Dr. Reginald R.T. Risk	157
			Joseph W. Strange	154
			James S. Fisk	129
			Herbert W. Bryans	118

Note: The *Harrow and Wembley Observer* reported that "only one half of the electors took the trouble to record their votes" and that the election had been "exceedingly unexciting and uninteresting". The *Harrow Gazette* also did not give an accurate turnout figure, only remarking that by 6 pm on polling day less than 300 electors had voted.

## HARROW-ON-THE-HILL UDC, 1894-1918 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Votes	%
[One seat vacant — Resignation of Smith]					
1897	1,454	37.8	Dr. Edward W.F. Stiven	263	47.8
			Joseph W. Strange	179	32.5
			Julien Barret	175	31.8
			James Woodbridge	169	30.7
			Oliver A. Saunders	164	29.8
			Henry J. Strickland	148	26.9
			David Pitcairn	122	22.2
			James S. Fisk	67	12.2

Note: Stiven and Pitcairn issued a joint election address.

Barret called for the district of Greenhill to be made into a separate electoral ward of the urban district.

The number of spoilt ballot papers at this election was 9.

[Overhead and Dell retire from the Council]

1898	1,516	Arthur J. Batchelor	Unopp.
		William W. Clowes	Unopp.
		Dr. Reginald R.T. Risk	Unopp.

Note: A fourth candidate for this election, Ernest Johnson, withdrew after the close of nominations but within the allowable period. Johnson told the local press that "as there were only four nominations for the three vacancies he could best serve the interests of the Ratepayers by withdrawing his candidature and thereby save the expense of an election."

[Resignation of Risk]

1899	1,555	52.5	Brian P. Lascelles	451	55.2
			Joseph Hawkins	449	55.0
			James R.V. Marchant	401	49.1
			Frederick W. Hance	364	44.6
			John Short	345	42.2
			Charles E.G. Webb	319	39.0
			Frederick W. Parsons	99	12.1

Note: The *Harrow Gazette* incorrectly reported that the number of electors at this election was 1,624. Turnout has been calculated on the basis that the reported number voting (817) is correct. The number of spoilt ballot papers at this election was 7.

[Death of Hance]

1899 (25/5)	1,555	30.5	John Short	239	51.3
			Thomas Dell	165	35.4
			Charles E.G. Webb	<u>62</u>	<u>13.3</u>
				74	15.9

Note: Hance died before he was able to take his seat on the Council.

## HARROW-ON-THE-HILL UDC, 1894-1918 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Votes	%
[Strange and Barret retire from the Council]					
1900	1,619	46.2	Thomas Charles	423	56.5
			Dr. Edward W.F. Stiven	391	52.2
			James Young	273	36.4
			Watkin Watkins	262	35.0
			Francis A. Bliss	154	20.6
			Dr. Joseph B.H. Beatty	119	15.9

Note: The *Harrow Gazette* incorrectly reported that the number of electors at this election was 1,680. Turnout has been calculated on the basis that the reported number voting (749) is correct.

[Clowes retires from the Council]

1901	1,754	39.7	Sidney W. Hunt	381	54.7
			Arthur J. Batchelor	380	54.5
			John Short	329	47.2
			Charles E.G. Webb	216	31.0

Note: The *Harrow Gazette* estimated that the number of electors at this election was 1,800. Turnout has been calculated on the basis that the reported number voting (697) is accurate.

After nomination, Clowes decided to retire from the Council and withdrew his nomination papers within the allowable period. A further candidate for this election, Rev. William D. Bushell, withdrew after the close of nominations but within the allowable period.

Hunt and Batchelor contested the election on a joint 'ticket'.

1902	1,838	48.8	George H. Gooderson	550	61.3
			Joseph Hawkins	468	52.2
			Brian P. Lascelles	375	41.8
			James R.V. Marchant	228	25.4
			John S. Hastings	227	25.3

Note: The *Harrow Gazette* incorrectly reported that the number of electors at this election was 1,830. Turnout has been calculated on the basis that the reported number voting (897) is correct. The number of spoilt ballot papers at this election was 6.

[One seat vacant — Death of Stiven]

## HARROW-ON-THE-HILL UDC, 1894-1918 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Votes	%
1903	1,897	49.8	Charles E.G. Webb	443	46.9
			Thomas Charles	319	33.8
			David Pitcairn	317	33.6
			John G. Wright Cooper	272	28.8
			Richard Elias	227	24.0
			James Young	210	22.2
			Frederick L. Watkins	180	19.1

Note: The *Harrow Gazette* incorrectly reported that the number of electors at this election was 1,972. Turnout has been calculated on the basis that the reported number voting (944) is correct. The number of spoilt ballot papers at this election was 6.

Two further candidates for this election, John S. Hastings and George F. Shepherd, were nominated but the Returning Officer ruled that their nomination papers were invalid.

[Three additional seats created]

1904	2,055	46.5	Bertram E. Fenwick	588	61.5
			Henry J. Strickland	333	34.8
			John G. Wright Cooper	332	34.7
			Arthur J. Batchelor	324	33.9
			Sidney W. Hunt	305	31.9
			Rev. Lionel Goodrich	281	29.4
			John Short	275	28.8
			Dr. Joseph B.H. Beatty	211	22.1
			Thomas V. Marsh	211	22.1
			James Young	132	13.8

Note: For the three new seats created, Batchelor was deemed elected for a term of three years, Hunt for a term of two years and Goodrich for a term of one year.

Two further candidates for this election, Francis A. Bliss and John S. Hastings, withdrew after the close of nominations but within the allowable period.

The number of spoilt ballot papers at this election was 2.

1905	2,203	38.4	Henry S. Clark	409	48.3
			Joseph Hawkins	409	48.3
			Brian P. Lascelles	332	39.2
			George H. Gooderson	306	36.2
			Rev. Lionel Goodrich	269	31.8
			James Young	259	30.6
			Thomas V. Marsh	124	14.7

Note: The *Harrow Gazette* incorrectly reported that the number of electors at this election was 2,200. Turnout has been calculated on the basis that the reported number voting (846) is correct. The number of spoilt ballot papers at this election was 7.

An eighth candidate for this election, John Short, withdrew after the close of nominations but within the allowable period.

[Webb and Charles retire from the Council. Resignation of Fenwick. Death of Batchelor]

## HARROW-ON-THE-HILL UDC, 1894-1918 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Votes	%
1906	2,387	44.0	James O'Brien	547	52.1
			David Pitcairn	518	49.3
			Sidney W. Hunt	404	38.5
			Charles A. Werner	333	31.7
			Harry B. Henderson	317	30.2
			James Young	273	26.0
			Henry Sherwood	263	25.0
			Edward N. Martin	246	23.4
			Richard Elias	234	22.3
			John S. Hastings	230	21.9
			James A. Atkins	210	20.0
			John Short	203	19.3
			John Batchelor	171	16.3

Note: The *Harrow Observer* incorrectly reported the number of electors at this election as 2,400. Turnout has been calculated on the basis that the reported number voting (1,050) is correct.

[Cooper retires from the Council. Resignation of Werner]

1907	2,438	38.3	James Young	474	50.8
			Dr. William S. Darby	388	41.6
			Henry J. Strickland	367	39.3
			Edward N. Martin	303	32.5
			Harry B. Henderson	289	31.0
			Charles Hulbert	261	28.0
			John Martin	257	27.5
			John H. Hollingsworth	246	26.4
			John Short	236	25.3

Note: The *Harrow Gazette* incorrectly reported that the number of electors at this election was 2,300. Turnout has been calculated on the basis that the reported number voting (933) is correct.

A tenth candidate for this election, Ernest Johnson, withdrew after the close of nominations but within the allowable period.

[Gooderson retires from the Council]

1908	2,733	31.5	Brian P. Lascelles	489	56.8
			Joseph Hawkins	402	46.7
			John Martin	386	44.8
			Thomas Charles	355	41.2
			Henry S. Clark	308	35.8

[Henderson retires from the Council]

1909	2,848	Richard Elias	Unopp.
		Sidney W. Hunt	Unopp.
		James O'Brien	Unopp.
		David Pitcairn	Unopp.

Note: A fifth candidate for this election, James A. Smith, withdrew after the close of nominations but within the allowable period.

## HARROW-ON-THE-HILL UDC, 1894-1918 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Votes	%
1910	3,072	32.9	James Young	592	58.5
			James A. Smith	533	52.7
			Dr. William S. Darby	392	38.7
			Edward N. Martin	344	34.0
			Henry J. Strickland	327	32.3
			Frank Spencer	172	17.0

Note: Both the *Harrow Gazette* and the *Harrow Observer* incorrectly reported that the number of electors at this election was 3,076. Turnout has been calculated on the basis that the reported number voting (1,012) is correct.

A seventh candidate for this election, Rev. Lionel Goodrich, withdrew after the close of nominations but within the allowable period.

[Death of Pitcairn]

1911	3,374	32.3	Brian P. Lascelles	598	54.9
			Joseph Hawkins	574	52.7
			Thomas Charles	487	44.7
			Robert B. Black	414	38.0
			John Martin	411	37.7
			James W. Reynolds	382	35.0
			Phillip Poole	308	28.3
			Eldred Penrose Stevens	219	20.1

Note: The *Harrow Observer* incorrectly reported that the number of electors at this election was 3,375. Turnout has been calculated on the basis that the reported number voting (1,090) is correct.

[Elias and Hunt retire from the Council]

1912	3,540	34.8	John Martin	735	59.6
			Henry J. Strickland	704	57.1
			James O'Brien	635	51.5
			Eldred Penrose Stevens	385	31.2
			James W. Reynolds	349	28.3
			William H. Hawks	165	13.4
			George Higgins	141	11.4
			Frederick C. Gough	115	9.3
			Robert H. Steemson	114	9.2
			Frederick C. Wildy	61	4.9

Note: An eleventh candidate for this election, John Daborn, withdrew after the close of nominations but within the allowable period.

Hawks, Higgins and Steemson were nominees of the local branch of the Independent Labour Party.

Gough and Wildy were the candidates of the local Anti-Socialist Union.

Martin, Strickland, O'Brien and Stevens were endorsed by the *Harrow Observer*. The paper's diarist reported that "one Socialist candidate, who attended the Council chamber during the counting, with regal indifference to custom kept his hat on during the whole time he was in the room. This absolute indifference to custom — I won't say anything more — is I suppose the hallmark of Socialistic upbringing."

## HARROW-ON-THE-HILL UDC, 1894-1918 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Votes	%
1913	3,856	38.1	James A. Smith	673	45.8
			Dr. William S. Darby	636	43.3
			Edward N. Martin	547	37.2
			John Batchelor	521	35.4
			John Daborn	475	32.3
			James Young	433	29.5
			James W. Reynolds	332	22.6
			James A. Atkins	232	15.8
			Robert W.R. Hill	193	13.1

Note: The *Harrow Gazette* incorrectly reported that the number of electors at this election was 1,470. Turnout has been calculated on the basis that this figure was in fact the number *voting*. The *Harrow Observer* of 10 April 1914 confirmed that 1,470 electors voted at this election.

1914	3,903	32.2	Thomas Charles	648	51.6
			Joseph Hawkins	552	43.9
			Brian P. Lascelles	521	41.5
			James Young	423	33.7
			Ernest Johnson	405	32.2
			Robert B. Black	392	31.2
			Edward G. Bunyan	365	29.1

Note: The *Harrow Observer* incorrectly reported that the number of electors at this election was 4,056. Turnout has been calculated on the basis that the reported number voting (1,256) is correct.

1915	4,119	John Martin	Unopp.
		James O'Brien	Unopp.
		Eldred Penrose Stevens	Unopp.
		Henry J. Strickland	Unopp.

Note: Elections postponed for the remainder of the First World War. No casual vacancies occurred on Harrow-on-the-Hill UDC during this period and all twelve sitting members continued as Councillors until 1919, 1920 or 1921, dependent on the year of their election.