

**WEALDSTONE URBAN DISTRICT
ELECTION RESULTS, 1919-1933**

WEALDSTONE UDC, 1919-1933

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
1919	5,562	29.2	+George Clarke	Ind	768	47.2
			John Kirby	Ind	674	41.5
			+Robert Balk	Lab	650	40.0
			William G. Collard	Lab	576	35.4
			Philip Porter	Ind	564	34.7
			Walter J. Bentley	Lab	485	29.8
			William J. Meller	Ind	480	29.5
			+Frederick W. Wale	Ind	468	28.8
			Alfred P. Mitchell	Lab	451	27.7
			Sydney Bleaney	Lab	450	27.7
			Thomas Millbourn	NFDSS	448	27.6
			+William H. Taylor	Ind	433	26.6
			+James How	Ind	433	26.6
			Richard E. Cockerell	Lab	430	26.4
			Frederick C. Pike	Ind NFDSS	413	25.4
			Otto H. Pike	NFDSS	407	25.0
			William O. Jackson	Lab	370	22.8
			+Charles Twinn	Ind	345	21.2
			+Herbert E. Harwood	Ind	342	21.0
			+Alfred I. Taylor	Ind	273	16.8

Note: Both the *Harrow Gazette* and *Harrow Observer* reported that the number of electors at this election was 5,563. Turnout has been calculated on the basis that the reported number voting by both newspapers (1,626) is correct.

W.H. Taylor and How tied for the twelfth elected place, each polling 433 votes. The Returning Officer (Richard J. Bryant) was entitled to use a casting vote but declined to do so. Taylor was declared elected after lots were drawn.

1920	5,718	34.2	James How	Ind	1,132	58.0
			Charles Twinn	Ind	1,077	55.1
			William H. Taylor	Ind	980	50.2
			Henry E. Cross	Ind	954	48.8
			Alfred P. Mitchell	Lab	607	31.1
			Sydney Bleaney	Lab	508	26.0
			Richard E. Cockerell	Lab	414	21.2
			Thomas Millbourn	NFDSS	382	19.6
			Clement E. Cattermole	Lab	362	18.5
			Samuel J. Garratt	NFDSS	241	12.3

Note: How, Twinn, Taylor and Cross sought election on a joint 'ticket'.

[Bentley retires from the Council]

WEALDSTONE UDC, 1919-1933 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
1921	5,852	28.8	Frederick W. Wale	Ind	980	58.1
			William J. Meller	Ind	791	46.9
			Philip Porter	Ind	752	44.5
			Arthur W. Cross	Ind	717	42.5
			Alfred P. Mitchell	Ind	646	38.3
			Alfred I. Taylor	Ind	551	32.6
			Emmanuel Radford	Lab	372	22.0
			Frederick S. Leigh	Lab	350	20.7
			Ernest A. West	Lab	335	19.8

Note: The *Harrow Observer* incorrectly stated that the number of electors at this election was 5,888. Turnout has been calculated on the basis that the reported number voting (1,688) is correct.

A tenth candidate for this election, Edmund H. Brandt, withdrew after the close of nominations but within the allowable period.

Wale, Meller, Porter and Cross sought election on a joint 'ticket'.

1922	5,983	18.9	Sidney M. Young	Ind	776	68.6
			John Kirby	Ind	519	45.9
			George Clarke	Ind	485	42.9
			William G. Collard	Ind	432	38.2
			Robert Balk	Ind	424	37.5
			Emmanuel Radford	Lab	260	23.0

Note: A seventh candidate for this election, Alfred I. Taylor, withdrew after the close of nominations but within the allowable period.

Kirby, Collard and Balk sought election on a joint 'ticket'.

[Taylor retires from the Council. Resignation of Young]

1923	6,140	16.9	George C. Hill	Ind	612	61.6
			Robert Balk	Ind	493	49.6
			James How	Ind	493	49.6
			Henry E. Cross	Ind	487	49.0
			Charles Twinn	Ind	478	48.1
			Alfred I. Taylor	Ind	406	40.8

[A.W. Cross retires from the Council]

1924	6,302	22.9	Charles M. Rose	Ind	747	51.7
			Frederick W. Wale	Ind	545	37.7
			Philip Porter	Ind	499	34.5
			William J. Meller	Ind	479	33.1
			Sydney Bleaney	Lab	465	32.2
			Edward J. Hurley	Lab	408	28.2
			Mrs. Caroline L. Morgan	Ind	392	27.1
			Mrs. Emmelia F. Taylor	Ind	325	22.5
			Mrs. Hannah M. Farrow	Ind	291	20.1

Note: Rose was honorary General Secretary of the Wealdstone (Wesleyan) Brotherhood.

WEALDSTONE UDC, 1919-1933 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
[Clarke retires from the Council. Death of Hill]						
1925	6,422	38.0	Mrs. Annie C. Belshaw	Lab	813	33.3
			Francis J. Cresswell	RA	811	33.3
			Alfred P. Mitchell	Ind Lab	768	31.5
			William Bryon	RA	701	28.8
			Harry Phippard	RA	672	27.6
			Sydney Bleaney	Lab	663	27.2
			George Withers	Lab	642	26.3
			George Hullah	RA	610	25.0
			James Wharton	RA	595	24.4
			William G. Collard	Ind	594	24.4
			John Kirby	Ind	581	23.8
			Charles Twinn	Ind	576	23.6
			Herbert L. Lockwood	Ind Lab	565	23.2
			Gilbert L. Postlethwaite	Lab	557	22.8
			Henry G. Gange	Lab	528	21.7
Ernest E. Higgs	Ind	364	14.9			

Note: Collard, Twinn and Higgs sought election on a joint 'ticket'.

Both Mitchell and Lockwood were short-listed by Wealdstone Labour Party as potential candidates for this election. Mitchell then withdrew and stated that for business reasons he could not run on the Labour Party 'ticket', and would stand as an Independent instead. Lockwood also withdrew, resigned from the Labour Party and contested the election on a joint platform with Mitchell. During the campaign Mitchell and Lockwood were supported by the Wealdstone (Wesleyan) Brotherhood. After the election Mitchell was expelled from the Labour Party together with three other members who had assisted his campaign.

[Balk, How and H.E. Cross retire from the Council]

1926	32.6	Harry Phippard	RA	1,362
		William S. Rainbow	RA	1,311
		George Hullah	RA	1,290
		Mrs. Mary E. Webb	RA	1,262
		Mrs. Kathleen M. Davies	Lab	700
		Sydney Bleaney	Lab	685
		Henry G. Gange	Lab	640
		Thomas I. Ellis	Lab	619

[Porter retires from the Council]

WEALDSTONE UDC, 1919-1933 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
1927		33.4	Frederick W. Wale	RA	1,356	
			William E. Calow	RA	1,115	
			George H. Recknell	RA	1,106	
			Henry C. Stutfield	RA	1,033	
			Charles M. Rose	Ind Prog	988	
			Mrs. Kathleen M. Davies	Lab	652	
			Henry G. Gange	Lab	595	
			Hugh W. McCleery	Lab	572	
			Miss Kate F. Rogers	Lab	532	
			William J. Meller	Ind	417	

Note: Rose was honorary General Secretary of the Wealdstone (Wesleyan) Brotherhood, and was in receipt of their support. Rose described himself as an "Independent Progressive" candidate and (despite signing Meller's nomination papers as his proposer) urged electors to 'plump' (i.e. use one vote only) for him.

The Kenton branch of the local Conservative Association actively supported the Ratepayer Association candidates, who (apart from Wale) lived in Kenton. The *Harrow Observer and Gazette* noted that the Conservatives were responsible for "a large fleet of cars, estimated at about 30, that toured the district carrying voters to the poll."

[Mrs. Belshaw, Mitchell and Bryon retire from the Council]

1928	8,467	27.0	Francis J. Cresswell	RA	1,536	67.2
			Henry E. Norman	RA	1,504	65.8
			Mark G. Welch	RA	1,470	64.3
			Hugh S. Pickthall	RA	1,435	62.7
			Mrs. Kathleen M. Davies	Lab	702	30.7
			Henry G. Gange	Lab	678	29.6
			Miss Kate F. Rogers	Lab	635	27.8
			Thomas I. Ellis	Lab	618	27.0

Note: The Ratepayer Association candidates received the support of the Wealdstone and Kenton branches of the local Conservative Association.

The number of spoilt ballot papers at this election was 10.

[Phippard retires from the Council]

1929	9,375	Walter T. Adams	RA	Unopp.
		George Hullah	RA	Unopp.
		William S. Rainbow	RA	Unopp.
		Mrs. Mary E. Webb	RA	Unopp.

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

A meeting of Wealdstone Labour Party, held on 27 February 1929, agreed to adopt a recommendation from their Executive Committee (EC) that this election should not be contested. The recommendation, carried at the EC by 8 votes to 7, was prompted by the expectation that there would be fresh local elections later in the year arising from the proposed reorganisation of local government in the Harrow area.

[Calow and Recknell retire from the Council]

WEALDSTONE UDC, 1919-1933 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
1930	10,720	29.1	Frederick W. Wale	RA	2,184	70.0
			Henry C. Stutfield	RA	2,176	69.7
			George W. Allen	RA	2,118	67.8
			Robert B. Small	RA	2,079	66.6
			Arthur J. Cook	Lab	862	27.6
			Henry G. Gange	Lab	844	27.0
			John Davies	Lab	774	24.8
			Joseph Barrow	Lab	771	24.7

Note: The total number of electors and turnout (3,122 voting) shown above were reported by the *Harrow Observer and Gazette*. A *Special Report* presented to the Middlesex County Council in 1932 showed the total electors as 10,717 (29.1% turnout based on 3,122 voting).

Cook was General Secretary of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain from 1924 until his death from cancer, at the age of 47, in November 1931. He lived in Carlton Avenue, Kenton.

1931	12,634	18.8	Francis J. Cresswell	RA	1,720	72.6
			Henry E. Norman	RA	1,687	71.2
			Mark G. Welch	RA	1,633	68.9
			Hugh S. Pickthall	RA	1,604	67.7
			Joseph Barrow	Lab	714	30.1
			Henry G. Gange	Lab	694	29.3

Note: The total number of electors is taken from a *Special Report* presented to the Middlesex County Council in 1932. The total number voting (2,370) has been calculated from this figure and the turnout (18.76%) reported by the *Harrow Observer and Gazette*.

[Hullah and Rainbow retire from the Council. Resignation of Cresswell]

1932	13,849	16.4	Mrs. Mary E. Webb	RA	1,543	68.0
			James V. Smith	RA	1,496	65.9
			Walter T. Adams	RA	1,468	64.7
			Herbert H. Crabb	RA	1,431	63.0
			Donald C. Ellis	RA	1,396	61.5
			Henry G. Gange	Lab	617	27.2
			Mrs. Elizabeth Baker	Lab	578	25.5
			Joseph Barrow	Lab	576	25.4
			Mrs. Edith E. Howes	Lab	528	23.3
			Allan C. Cullington	Lab	519	22.9

Note: The total number of electors and turnout (2,270 voting) shown above were reported by the *Harrow Observer and Gazette*. A *Special Report* presented to the Middlesex County Council in 1932 showed the total electors as 13,959 (16.3% turnout based on 2,270 voting).

WEALDSTONE UDC, 1919-1933 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
1933	14,664	13.5	Frederick W. Wale	RA	1,184	59.6
			George W. Allen	RA	1,179	59.4
			Henry C. Stutfield	RA	1,165	58.7
			Edwin Priestley	RA	1,108	55.8
			Henry G. Gange	Lab/Co-op	718	36.2
			Joseph Barrow	Lab/Co-op	707	35.6
			Allan C. Cullington	Lab/Co-op	663	33.4
			Robert B. Small	Ind R	241	12.1

Note: The local branches of the Labour Party and Co-operative Party had made an agreement to contest this election on a joint 'ticket', with three candidates coming from the Labour Party and one candidate from the Co-operative Party's membership. When the Co-operative Party failed to supply a nominee a decision was taken to continue with the candidatures of Gange, Barrow and Cullington using the 'Labour and Co-operative' description.

The Ratepayer Association candidates received support from the local Conservative Association.