

## KENTON [5]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes
1934	5,318	42.1	+Charles Brown	RA	1,638
			+Donald C. Ellis	RA	1,581
			+Herbert H. Crabb	RA	1,561
			John W. Travis	Lab	425
			Sydney Walker	Lab	423
			Allan C. Cullington	Lab	416
			Leo Pendergast	Ind	331

[Crabb retires from the Council]

1935	6,006		Herbert S. Cox	RA	Unopp.
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1936	7,089	30.3	Donald C. Ellis	RA	1,138
			Edward D. Martell	CCOM	556
			John W. Travis	Lab	<u>450</u>
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1937	8,351	19.8	Charles Brown	RA	999
			John W. Travis	Lab	<u>655</u> 344

[Cox retires from the Council]

1938	9,248	32.5	Charles E. Brady	RA	1,986
			John W. Travis	Lab	<u>1,013</u> 973

1939	10,457	26.1	Donald C. Ellis	RA	1,674
			John W. Travis	Lab	<u>1,048</u> 626

[Resignation of Ellis]

1942 (18/7)			Edwin Priestley	RA	Co-opt.
			Mary E. Webb	Ind R	

[Brown contests Harrow-on-the-Hill and Greenhill ward. Priestley retires from the Council]

1946	15,000	37.5	John W. Travis	Lab	2,109
			George W. Hall	Lab	2,075
			William A. Rattenbury	L	1,786
			William Ridgway	L	1,750
			Walter R. Cowen	C	1,708
			Stanley R. Miller	C	1,620

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Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes
[Brady retires from the Council]					
1947	15,162	43.7	Walter R. Cowen William Ridgway Francis A. Goddard Gladys M. Driver	C L Lab Com	3,186 1,654 1,523 <u>267</u> 1,532
1948	15,323	47.3	Albert E.P.F. MacRae George W. Hall Percy Mitchell	C Lab L	4,314 2,147 <u>784</u> 2,167
1949	11,138**	47.6	Stanley R. Miller John W. Travis	C Lab	3,642 <u>1,663</u> 1,979
1950	10,809	46.8	Walter R. Cowen Francis A. Goddard	C Lab	3,533 <u>1,521</u> 2,012
1951	10,636	43.7	Albert E.P.F. MacRae Sarah R. Edgeworth	C Lab	3,474 <u>1,172</u> 2,302
1952	10,675	49.5	Stanley R. Miller Ronald V. Spurway	C Lab	3,380 <u>1,904</u> 1,476
1953	10,606	53.8	Walter R. Cowen Ronald V. Spurway	C Lab	3,775 <u>1,920</u> 1,855

## KENTON [cont.]

Election	C%	Lab%	RA%	Oth%
1934	-	19.8	74.9	5.2
1935	-	-	Unopp.	-
1936	-	21.0	53.1	25.9
1937	-	39.6	60.4	-
1938	-	33.8	66.2	-
1939	-	38.5	61/5	-
1946	30.1	37.9	-	32.0
1947	48.1	23.0	-	28.9
1948	59.6	29.6	-	10.8
1949	68.7	31.3	-	-
1950	69.9	30.1	-	-
1951	74.8	25.2	-	-
1952	64.0	36.0	-	-
1953	66.3	33.7	-	-

**Note:**

1934-1942: The main RA group in the ward was the Kenton and Northwick Park Ratepayers' Association.

1934: A local Labour Party newsletter (*The Torch*, price 1d.) dated March 1934 shows that, together with Travis and Cullington, R.G. Kendall was expected to contest the election for the Labour Party. He would appear to have been replaced by (or stood down in favour of) Walker before the close of nominations.

1935: An Independent Ratepayer candidate, Archie W. Whyborn, was nominated, but withdrew before the close of nominations.

1936: Martell also campaigned for the controlled tipping of domestic refuse.

1938: An Independent candidate, Frank Clark, was nominated, but withdrew before the close of nominations.

1942: (18/7) At a Council meeting held on 9 May 1942 Ellis proposed the following motion: "That the Council record their disapproval of the formation, among their members, of any group not envisaged by statute, which may assist or encourage the determination outside the Council Chamber of matters set out in the Statutory Summons for decision by the Council in public session."

After debate, the motion was defeated by 23 votes to 2, with five Councillors abstaining. Six days later Ellis resigned from the Council stating that his outlook and the outlook of the Council were "quite incompatible."

On a show of hands, the Council co-opted Priestley in preference to Mrs. Webb by "a clear majority."