

WEST HARROW [15]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes
1934	5,044	39.7	+Arthur Buttle	RResA	1,405
			Albert C. Andrews	RResA	1,193
			Ernest L. Cridford	RResA	1,173
			+John S. Bleasby	Ind	562
			William P. Coman	Lab	454
			Arthur W. Morrow	Lab	424
1935	5,405	38.0	Ernest L. Cridford	RResA	828
			Arthur O'Loughlin	Ind RRes	614
			George L. Brooks	Lab	<u>613</u> 214
1936	5,794	26.8	Albert C. Andrews	RResA	855
			George L. Brooks	Lab	<u>697</u> 158
[Buttle retires from the Council]					
1937	6,251	37.6	Arthur O'Loughlin	RResA	1,424
			Wolf Aukin	Lab	<u>924</u> 500
1938	6,799	40.1	Ernest L. Cridford	RResA	1,391
			John A. Turner	Lab	<u>1,325</u> 66
1939	7,355	41.6	John A. Turner	Lab	1,429
			John S. Bleasby	RResA	907
			Albert C. Andrews	Ind RRes	<u>719</u> 522
1946	11,160	35.6	Henry H. Maddocks	C	1,880
			Albert E. Soones	Lab	1,637
			Arthur O'Loughlin	Ind R	<u>448</u> 243
[Cridford contests Harrow-on-the-Hill and Greenhill ward. Resignation of Maddocks]					
1947	11,203	40.9	Ernest Clear-Hill	C	2,579
			Ivan F. Luckin	C	2,579
			Albert E. Soones	Lab	1,322
			Winifred M.M. Milner	Lab	1,204
			Horace Boyce	Ind R	560
			Arthur O'Loughlin	Ind R	394

[Turner retires from the Council]

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1948	11,329	47.0	Walter T. Lee Sydney C. Mansell	C Lab	3,449 <u>1,868</u> 1,581
1949	11,246	44.0	Ivan F. Luckin William J. Bentall	C Lab	3,158 <u>1,792</u> 1,366
[Clear-Hill retires from the Council]					
1950	10,851	40.5	Anthony C.L. Bishop Cyril K. Watts	C Lab	2,960 <u>1,432</u> 1,528
1951	10,737	39.3	Walter T. Lee Katherine Bentley	C Lab	2,967 <u>1,245</u> 1,722
[Luckin contests Queensbury ward]					
1952	10,590	42.9	Bernard A. Beckworth John G. Grice	C Lab	2,770 <u>1,778</u> 992
[Resignation of Beckworth]					
1953	10,500	53.4	Anthony C.L. Bishop Arthur O'Loughlin George E. Farnham Stanley Bailey	C C Lab Lab	3,383 3,285 2,061 2,054

Election	C%	Lab%	RA%	Oth%
1934	-	16.8	72.4	10.8
1935	-	29.8	40.3	29.9
1936	-	44.9	55.1	-
1937	-	39.4	60.6	-
1938	-	48.8	51.2	-
1939	-	46.8	29.7	23.5
1946	47.4	41.3	-	11.3
1947	59.7	29.2	-	11.0
1948	64.9	35.1	-	-
1949	63.8	36.2	-	-
1950	67.4	32.6	-	-
1951	70.4	29.6	-	-
1952	60.9	39.1	-	-
1953	61.8	38.2	-	-

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Note:

- 1934-1939: The main RResA group in the ward was the West Harrow Ratepayers' and Residents' Association.
- 1934: A local Labour Party newsletter (*The Torch*, price 1d.) dated April 1934 gave the election result as: Buttle 1,405; Andrews 1,192; Cridford 1,173; Bleasby 562; Morrow 454; Coman 424. The figures in the table above are taken from the *Harrow Observer*.
- A local Labour Party newsletter (*The Torch*) dated March 1934 shows that a third Labour Party candidate, A. Short, was expected to contest the election. However, his name did not appear on the list of nominated candidates issued by the Returning Officer.
- Bleasby said in his election address: "I am opposing the nominees of the Ratepayers' and Residents' Association because I feel very strongly that this Association has made grievous mistakes in putting forward two first-timers while rejecting two long-experienced Councillors.... I trust the electors of West Harrow will record their vote to show this presumptuous Association that Village Pump methods are not approved of in Harrow."
- 1935: O'Loughlin was a founder member of the West Harrow Ratepayers' and Residents' Association. He was opposed to the Kynaston Court Civic Centre plan.
- 1937: A member of the West Harrow Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, Horace Boyce, sought the nomination of the Association at this election. The Association eventually decided to nominate O'Loughlin.
- 1939: At the Annual Meeting of the West Harrow Ratepayers' and Residents' Association in February 1939 it was announced that Andrews was retiring from the Council on the grounds of poor health. Bleasby was adopted as the Association's candidate by 29 votes to 25, but it was reported that there were some 200 abstentions.
- In March two further public meetings took place in the ward. At the first of these an influential group of Association members, including O'Loughlin and County Councillor Henry H. Maddocks, attempted to reverse the decision of the Annual Meeting after Andrews had been persuaded to seek re-election. The second meeting was called by Frank Clark. At both meetings Andrews' candidature was approved (by 70 votes to 59 at the first of them), but both were declared unofficial by the Association's principal officers.
- 1947: Boyce and O'Loughlin contested the election independently of each other — indeed, in his election address O'Loughlin urged voters to "plump" (i.e. use one vote only) in his favour.