

EXPLANATORY NOTES

General

The name of the ward is printed at the top of the page, followed by a number within brackets. The number is used in the index of candidates.

Under the name of each ward there are six columns:-

Election	The year of each Borough Election and the date of any intervening by-election.
Electors	The number of electors on the Register in force at the time of the election.
T'out	The turnout — the number of electors voting expressed as a percentage of the total electorate.
Candidate	The first forename, initials of subsequent forenames and surname of the candidate.
Party	The party affiliation of the candidate. When a Councillor seceded from a party after election an indication is made in a footnote.
Votes	The number of votes polled by the candidate.

In the Appendices, a seventh column is used:

%	The number of votes polled expressed as a percentage of the total votes polled.
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Borough Election Polling Dates

Polling took place on the following dates, between 8.00 am and 9.00 pm:

1978	Thursday 4 May	1990	Thursday 3 May
1982	Thursday 6 May	1994	Thursday 5 May
1986	Thursday 8 May	1998	Thursday 7 May

By-elections

These are denoted by the year followed by the date (day/month) within brackets. The cause of the by-election is shown within square brackets above the year. The majority of the successful candidate is given.

Co-operative Party

Any Co-operative Party candidates were endorsed by the Labour Party and are designated as Labour.

Forfeited Deposits

For London Borough Council Elections, candidates do not have to lodge a deposit with the Returning Officer. Appendix M details results for Parliamentary, European Parliament, Mayor of London, and Greater London Authority (GLA) elections, for which a deposit had to be lodged with the Returning Officer. This was forfeited if not more than a certain fraction of the total valid votes was polled by the candidate. The amount of the deposit, and the required 'threshold' of the total votes, are tabulated below:

Type of Election	Date	Deposit	Threshold
Parliamentary	Before 1/10/1985	£150	One-eighth (12.5%)
Parliamentary	From 1/10/1985	£500	One-twentieth (5.0%)
European Parliament	Before 1/10/1985	£600	One-eighth (12.5%)
European Parliament	1/10/1985 to 9/6/1999	£1,000	One-twentieth (5.0%)
European Parliament	From 10/6/1999	£5,000	One-fortieth (2.5%)
Mayor of London	From 4/5/2000	£10,000	One-twentieth (5.0%)
GLA (constituency)	From 4/5/2000	£1,000	One-twentieth (5.0%)
GLA (list)	From 4/5/2000	£5,000	One-fortieth (2.5%)

Independent Candidates

Footnotes giving details about Independent Candidates are given where appropriate. If a candidate sought election simply as an "Independent" but had policies comparable to those of a political party, then a party label has been added so as to make the designation Independent Conservative, Independent Labour, etc.

Liberal Party / Social Democratic Party Alliance

For the 1982 Borough Election the Harrow Liberal Party and Harrow Social Democratic Party formed an Alliance. Under the terms of the agreement all 63 Council seats were contested: 28 by Liberal Party members, and 35 by Social Democratic Party members. The majority of Liberal candidates used the label "Liberal Alliance" and are designated L in the results. Most Social Democrats used the label "Social Democrat and Liberal Alliance", and are shown as SDP.

In 1986 the two parties again formed an Alliance. 59 seats were contested: 29 by Liberal Party members (using the label "Liberal Alliance") and 30 by Social Democratic Party members (using the label "SDP Alliance").

Following national developments the majority of members of both parties joined the Social and Liberal Democrats, formed from a merger of the Liberal Party and the SDP on 3 March 1988. The Harrow East and Harrow West local organisations were formed in June 1988.

Percentage Tables

Tables of the percentage of the votes cast for each party are given for each ward after the series of results. The method used for this calculation is to aggregate the votes cast for each party, divide by the total number of votes at the election, and multiply by 100. The year of the election is given in the first column, followed by four columns giving the percentage of the poll obtained by Conservative, Labour, Liberal / SDP / Liberal Democrat and "Other" candidates, respectively.

Where necessary, the largest percentage has been adjusted to provide an exact total of 100.0%.

It should be borne in mind that the method of calculation used does not necessarily provide a precise reflection of the overall strength of the parties at an election. This is particularly the case when a party does not nominate a full "slate" of three candidates. An asterisk (*) after the year of the election indicates that an alternative method of calculating party support is given in Appendix H.

Presentation of Candidates

The first forename, initials denoting other forenames, and the surname of each candidate is given. In some circumstances the first forename is not an indication of the name by which the candidate is commonly known.

University degrees, professional qualifications, decorations and service ranks have been omitted from the election results for reasons of space and accuracy. Medical qualifications and University degrees of the level of Ph.D. are indicated in the Index.

For clarity, successful candidates in multiple-vacancy contests are grouped separately from those not elected.

A candidate may change his or her name by deed poll or by marriage. A note of any known change in surname is made if the candidate was elected or went on to contest subsequent elections in the Borough.

Turnout

Turnout is calculated from the number of ballot papers issued at the polling stations, and therefore a small number of totally spoiled ballot papers (Appendix T) are included in the calculation.

Ward Boundaries

Maps showing details of the ward boundaries have been published by the Department of Development and Technical Services of the London Borough of Harrow. Ward boundaries are also shown in the Street Plan produced by the Borough. This booklet contains a simple sketch map of the boundaries. Additional information is presented in Appendices Q and U.