

Table 5

TOTAL ELECTORS, OVERALL TURNOUT AND WEATHER ON POLLING DAY

Election	Electors	T'out	Weather on Polling Day
1978	151,001	48.3	Misty early, followed by sunny intervals. Thundery outbreaks of rain early evening.
1982	152,313	48.6	Cool and cloudy. Long periods of rain.
1986	154,737	46.7	Sunny periods, showers later.
1990	147,203	51.1	Fine, sunny and hot.
1994	148,757*	48.9	Cool and cloudy. Outbreaks of rain from mid morning to early afternoon.
1998	155,120	36.6	Mainly dry, overcast and windy.

Table 6

CHANGE IN TOTAL ELECTORS, 1986-1990

This Table explores the dramatic loss of electors experienced in Harrow between the 1986 and 1990 Borough Elections. Various explanations have been suggested for the sudden decline in electorate — one popular theory is that the imposition of the Community Charge (“Poll Tax”) encouraged many electors to remove their names from the Electoral Register in the mistaken belief that this would help them become “invisible” to the authorities (and so avoid paying the tax).

Ward	1986 Electors	1990 Electors	Loss	% Loss
Canons	7,325	7,012	313	4.3
Centenary	6,921	6,445	476	6.9
Greenhill	6,560	6,021	539	8.2
Harrow on the Hill	7,198	7,182	16	0.2
Harrow Weald	7,628	7,211	417	5.5
Hatch End	7,227	7,043	184	2.5
Headstone North	7,616	7,437	179	2.4
Headstone South	7,072	6,733	339	4.8
Kenton East	7,813	7,283	530	6.8
Kenton West	7,767	7,643	124	1.6
Marlborough	7,122	6,573	549	7.7
Pinner	7,709	7,265	444	5.8
Pinner West	7,355	7,088	267	3.6
Rayners Lane	7,166	6,822	344	4.8
Ridgeway	7,115	6,583	532	7.5
Roxbourne	7,520	7,337	183	2.4
Roxeth	7,757	7,406	351	4.5
Stanmore Park	7,705	7,548	157	2.0
Stanmore South	7,598	6,735	863	11.4
Wealdstone	7,040	6,716	324	4.6
Wemborough	7,523	7,120	403	5.4
HARROW	154,737	147,203	7,534	4.9