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By-election results: 1983-1987

There were 31 by-elections in the 1983 Parliament. Of these by-elections, six resulted in a change in winning party compared with the 1983 General Election. The Conservatives lost four seats and Labour and the Ulster Unionists each lost one. Eleven of the by-elections were caused by the death of the sitting Member of Parliament, while 19 were due to resignations. Of these, 15 were unionist MPs in Northern Ireland who resigned as a protest against the Anglo-Irish Agreement; all but one was re-elected in the subsequent by-election.

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Summary

There were 31 by-elections in the 1983 Parliament. This introduction gives some of the key facts about the results. The tables on pages 4 to 9 summarise the results and pages 10 to 16 give results for each constituency.

Six seats changed hands at by-elections over this period. The Conservatives lost four seats: two to the Liberals and one each to Labour and the SDP. The Liberals also gained a seat from Labour while the one change in Northern Ireland was the SDLP gain from Ulster Unionist in Newry & Armagh.

The other change was the resignation from the Labour Party of John Ryman. He continued to sit as Independent Labour. The two seats vacant at dissolution were both previously Labour.

State of the Parties: 1983-1987

	At General Election: 9 Jun 1983	At opening of session: 22 Jun 1983	<i>By- election gains</i>	<i>By- election losses</i>	<i>Other changes</i>	Seats at Dissolution: 18 May 1987
Con	397	395		-4		391
Lab	209	207	+1	-1	-1	204
Lib	17	17	+2			19
SDP	6	6	+1			8
Oth	21	21	+1	-1	+1	22
Speaker and Deputies	0	4				4
Vacant seats	0	0				2
Total seats	650	650				650

Reasons for by-elections

Eleven of the by-elections were caused by the death of the sitting Member of Parliament and nineteen were due to resignations, including 15 on the same day by unionist MPs in Northern Ireland as a protest against the Anglo-Irish agreement. The other was caused by the elevation of Willie Whitelaw to the peerage.

Turnout

Average turnout across all 31 by-elections was 62.4%. This was 11.0 percentage points lower than the average for the same constituencies at the 1983 General Election. The lowest turnout was 38.1% in Tyne Bridge.

Share of the vote

The Liberal/SDP Alliance gained the highest share of the vote in by-elections during the 1983 Parliament with 39.0% in Great Britain. This was an increase of 12.6 percentage points on the 1983 General Election performance in these constituencies. All fifteen by-elections in Northern Ireland were held on the same day. The Ulster Unionist share increased in these constituencies by 13.7 percentage points to 51.7%.

Outstanding vacancies

There were two seats vacant at dissolution: Deptford and Kirkcaldy. Both were previously held by Labour.

Women candidates

Five of the winning candidates were women; Ann Clwyd, Virginia Bottomley, Elizabeth Shields, Llin Golding and Rosie Barnes. No women left parliament. The total of women MPs at the end of the Parliament was 28. Of the 159 candidacies at by-elections in this period, 19 were by women.

Notes

Turnout is calculated as the number of valid votes cast (i.e. excluding spoilt ballot papers) as a percentage of the electorate.

Most returning officers were able to provide exact eligible electorates for polling day. These have been used where available. For a few constituencies, returning officers were only able to provide figures for total electorates as first published. In these cases an estimate of the eligible electorate on polling day has been used. This was estimated by applying the proportion of the year that the register had been in force to the number of attainers.

General Election results are taken from F.W.S. Craig's *Britain Votes 3* while the by-election results were provided taken from press reports.

Key to tables * indicates a lost deposit (less than 12.5 per cent of total votes until 10 October 1985. This was then reduced to to 5 per cent)

+ indicates a woman candidate

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Table 1

Summary of by-election results: 1983-1987

Constituency	Reason for By-election	Date of by-election	Result	New Member
Penrith & the Border	Elevation to Peerage of Willie Whitelaw (11 Jun 1983)	28 July 1983	Con hold	David Maclean
Chesterfield	Resignation of Rt Hon Eric Varley (19 Jan 1984)	1 Mar 1984	Lab hold	Tony Benn
Cynon Valley	Death of Ioan Evans (10 Feb 1984)	3 May 1984	Lab hold	Ann Clwyd
Stafford	Death of Rt Hon Sir Hugh Fraser (6 Mar 1984)	3 May 1984	Con hold	William Cash
South West Surrey	Death of Maurice Macmillan (10 Mar 1984)	3 May 1984	Con hold	Virginia Bottomley
Portsmouth South	Death of Ralph Pink (5 May 1984)	14 Jun 1984	SDP gain from Con	Mike Hancock
Enfield, Southgate	Death of Sir Anthony Berry (12 Oct 1984)	13 Dec 1984	Con hold	Michael Portillo
Brecon & Radnor	Death of Thomas Hooson (8 May 1985)	4 Jul 1985	Lib gain from Con	Richard Livsey
Tyne Bridge	Death of Harry Cowans (4 Oct 1985)	5 Dec 1985	Lab hold	David Clelland
East Antrim	Resignation of Roy Beggs (17 Dec 1985)	23 Jan 1986	UUP hold	Roy Beggs
North Antrim	Resignation of Rev Ian Paisley (17 Dec 1985)	23 Jan 1986	UDU hold	Rev Ian Paisley
South Antrim	Resignation of Clifford Forsythe (17 Dec 1985)	23 Jan 1986	UUP hold	Clifford Forsythe
Belfast East	Resignation of Peter Robinson (17 Dec 1985)	23 Jan 1986	UDU hold	Peter Robinson
Belfast North	Resignation of Cecil Walker (17 Dec 1985)	23 Jan 1986	UUP hold	Cecil Walker
Belfast South	Resignation of Rev Martin Smyth (17 Dec 1985)	23 Jan 1986	UUP hold	Rev Martin Smyth
North Down	Resignation of James Kilfedder (17 Dec 1985)	23 Jan 1986	UPU hold	James Kilfedder
South Down	Resignation of Enoch Powell (17 Dec 1985)	23 Jan 1986	UUP hold	Enoch Powell
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	Resignation of Ken Maginnis (17 Dec 1985)	23 Jan 1986	UUP hold	Ken Maginnis
Lagan Valley	Resignation of Rt Hon James Molyneaux (17 Dec 1985)	23 Jan 1986	UUP hold	Rt Hon James Molyneaux
East Londonderry	Resignation of William Ross (17 Dec 1985)	23 Jan 1986	UUP hold	William Ross
Mid Ulster	Resignation of William McCrea (17 Dec 1985)	23 Jan 1986	UDU hold	William McCrea
Newry and Armagh	Resignation of James Nicholson (17 Dec 1985)	23 Jan 1986	SDLP gain from UUP	Seamus Mallon

Strangford	Resignation of Rt Hon John Taylor (17 Dec 1985)	23 Jan 1986	UUP hold	Rt Hon John Taylor
Upper Bann	Resignation of Harold McCusker (17 Dec 1985)	23 Jan 1986	UUP hold	Harold McCusker
Fulham	Death of Martin Stevens (10 Jan 1986)	10 Apr 1986	Lab gain from Con	Nick Raynsford
Ryedale	Death of John Spence (4 Mar 1986)	8 May 1986	Lib gain from Con	Elizabeth Shields
West Derbyshire	Resignation of Matthew Parris (17 Apr 1986)	8 May 1986	Con hold	Patrick McLoughlin
Newcastle under Lyme	Resignation of John Golding (24 Jun 1986)	17 Jul 1986	Lab hold	Llin Golding
Knowsley North	Resignation of Robert Kilroy-Silk (1 Oct 1986)	13 Nov 1986	Lab hold	George Howarth
Greenwich	Death of Guy Barnett (24 Dec 1986)	26 Feb 1987	SDP gain from Lab	Rosie Barnes
Truro	Death of David Penhaligon (22 Dec 1986)	12 Mar 1987	Lib hold	Matthew Taylor

Table 2

Share of vote at by-elections: 1983-1987

Great Britain

Constituency	Con	Lab	Lib/SDP	PC/SNP	Other
Penrith and the Border	46.0%	7.4%	44.6%		1.9%
Chesterfield	15.1%	46.5%	34.7%		3.7%
Cynon Valley	7.4%	58.8%	19.9%	11.0%	3.0%
Stafford	40.4%	27.4%	31.8%		0.5%
South West Surrey	49.3%	6.8%	43.4%		0.5%
Portsmouth South	34.3%	26.5%	37.6%		1.6%
Enfield, Southgate	49.6%	11.9%	35.6%		2.9%
Brecon and Radnor	27.7%	34.3%	35.8%	1.1%	1.0%
Tyne Bridge	11.1%	57.8%	29.7%		1.4%
Fulham	34.9%	44.4%	18.7%		2.0%
Ryedale	41.3%	8.4%	50.3%		0.0%
West Derbyshire	39.6%	19.8%	39.4%		1.3%
Newcastle under Lyme	19.1%	40.8%	38.8%		1.3%
Knowsley North	6.3%	56.3%	34.6%		2.8%
Greenwich	11.2%	33.8%	53.0%		2.0%
Truro	31.5%	7.1%	60.4%		0.9%

Country

England	31.9%	26.3%	40.3%		1.6%
Wales	18.3%	45.6%	28.4%	5.7%	1.9%
Great Britain	30.4%	28.4%	39.0%	0.6%	1.6%

Northern Ireland

Constituency	UUP	UDU	SDLP	SF	UPU
East Antrim	84.9%				
North Antrim		97.4%			
South Antrim	94.1%				
Belfast East		81.0%			
Belfast North	71.5%				
Belfast South	71.3%				
North Down					79.2%
South Down	48.4%		44.9%	5.7%	
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	49.7%		21.5%	27.2%	
Lagan Valley	90.7%				
East Londonderry	93.9%				
Mid Ulster		46.1%	25.3%	27.2%	
Newry and Armagh	40.3%		45.5%	13.2%	
Strangford	94.2%				
Upper Bann	80.8%				

Country

Northern Ireland	51.7%	14.6%	12.1%	6.6%	5.3%
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Table 3

Change in share of vote compared with previous election: by-elections 1983-1987
(percentage points)

Great Britain

Constituency	Con	Lab	Lib/SDP	PC/SNP	Other
Penrith and the Border	-12.8	-5.8	+16.7		+1.9
Chesterfield	-17.3	-1.6	+15.1		+3.7
Cynon Valley	-6.8	+2.8	-0.7	+1.7	+3.0
Stafford	-10.8	+3.7	+7.1		+0.1
South West Surrey	-10.4	-1.4	+11.3		+0.5
Portsmouth South	-15.7	+4.0	+12.1		-0.4
Enfield, Southgate	-8.5	-6.0	+12.2		+2.2
Brecon and Radnor	-20.5	+9.3	+11.4	-0.6	+0.3
Tyne Bridge	-14.1	+1.4	+11.4		+1.4
Fulham	-11.3	+10.3	+0.5		+0.4
Ryedale	-17.9	-1.9	+19.8		+0.0
West Derbyshire	-16.3	+2.7	+12.3		+1.3
Newcastle under Lyme	-17.4	-1.2	+17.2		+1.3
Knowsley North	-12.5	-10.4	+20.3		+2.6
Greenwich	-23.6	-4.4	+27.9		+0.2
Truro	-6.6	+2.6	+3.1		+0.9

Country

England	-13.8	-0.8	+13.5		+1.1
Wales	-13.1	+5.3	+5.9	+0.2	+1.6
Great Britain	-13.9	+0.0	+12.6	+0.1	+1.2

Northern Ireland

Constituency	UUP	UDU	SDLP	SF	UPU
East Antrim	+55.2				
North Antrim		+43.2			
South Antrim	+48.5				
Belfast East		+35.6			
Belfast North	+35.3				
Belfast South	+21.4				
North Down					+23.2
South Down	+8.1		+5.6	-2.2	
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	+2.1		+5.0	-7.6	
Lagan Valley	+31.5				
East Londonderry	+56.0				
Mid Ulster		+16.1	+3.0	-2.6	
Newry and Armagh	+0.2		+8.7	-7.7	
Strangford	+45.4				
Upper Bann	+23.9				

Country

Northern Ireland	+13.7	-5.2	-2.9	-4.5	+1.9
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Table 4

Turnout by constituency

Constituency	Turnout at by-election	Turnout at previous election	Change in turnout
Penrith and the Border	55.7%	73.1%	-17.3
Chesterfield	75.8%	72.6%	+3.2
Cynon Valley	65.7%	73.4%	-7.8
Stafford	65.6%	76.5%	-10.9
South West Surrey	61.7%	74.5%	-12.8
Portsmouth South	54.5%	67.3%	-12.8
Enfield, Southgate	50.6%	69.6%	-19.0
Brecon and Radnor	79.4%	80.1%	-0.7
Tyne Bridge	38.1%	61.5%	-23.5
East Antrim	58.9%	82.2%	-23.3
North Antrim	53.5%	69.9%	-16.4
South Antrim	52.2%	65.6%	-13.4
Belfast East	61.7%	70.1%	-8.3
Belfast North	50.6%	69.4%	-18.8
Belfast South	56.6%	69.6%	-13.0
North Down	60.5%	66.3%	-5.8
South Down	73.8%	76.7%	-2.9
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	80.4%	88.7%	-8.3
Lagan Valley	56.7%	67.6%	-10.9
East Londonderry	47.0%	76.3%	-29.3
Mid Ulster	77.0%	84.4%	-7.4
Newry and Armagh	76.6%	76.1%	+0.5
Strangford	55.1%	65.0%	-9.9
Upper Bann	57.2%	72.0%	-14.9
Fulham	70.8%	76.1%	-5.3
Ryedale	67.3%	71.8%	-4.6
West Derbyshire	71.9%	77.4%	-5.5
Newcastle under Lyme	62.2%	77.3%	-15.1
Knowsley North	57.3%	74.2%	-16.8
Greenwich	68.1%	67.7%	+0.4
Truro	70.2%	79.6%	-9.4
Country			
England	62.2%	72.9%	-10.6
Northern Ireland	61.5%	73.6%	-12.1
Wales	72.4%	76.7%	-4.3
United Kingdom	62.4%	73.4%	-11.0

Table 5

List of Party Abbreviations and Descriptions and number of candidates

	Description	Cands		Description	Cands
Alliance	Alliance Party of Northern Ireland	5	Lib	Liberal	10
BNP	British National	1	Monster	Monster Raving Loony Party	5
Comm	Communist	1	NF	National Front	2
Con	Conservative	16	PC	Plaid Cymru	2
FAIA	For the Anglo-Irish Agreement	4	RC/WP	Republican Clubs/Worker's Party	9
FP	Fellowship Party	1	RCP	Revolutionary Communist Party	2
Green	Green	3	SDLP	Social Democratic & Labour Party	4
Ind	Independent	51	SDP	Social Democratic Party	6
Ind Con	Independent Conservative	1	SF	Sinn Fein	4
Ind Lib	Independent Liberal	1	UDU	Ulster Democratic Unionist	3
Lab	Labour	16	UPU	Ulster Popular Unionist	1
			UUP	Ulster Unionist	11

Where available, the more detailed descriptions used by some independent and other candidates are given in Table 6 at the end of the constituency results.

Constituency results

1. Penrith and the Border (Con hold) - 28 Jul 1983

Elevation to peerage of Willie Whitelaw

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share		Change
D MacLean	Con	17,530	46.0%		-12.8
M Young	Lib	16,978	44.6%		+16.7
A Williams	Lab	2,834	7.4%	*	-5.8
D Sutch	Monster	412	1.1%	*	
E Morgan	Ind	150	0.4%	*	
H Anscumb+	Ind	72	0.2%	*	
J Connell	Ind	69	0.2%	*	
P Smith	Ind	35	0.1%	*	
	Turnout	38,080	55.7%		-17.3
	Majority	552	1.4%		

2. Chesterfield (Lab hold) - 1 Mar 1984

Resignation of Eric Varley

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share		Change
T Benn	Lab	24,633	46.5%		-1.6
M Payne	Lib	18,369	34.7%		+15.1
N Bourne	Con	8,028	15.1%		-17.3
B Maynard	Ind	1,355	2.6%	*	
D Sutch	Monster	178	0.3%	*	
D Bentley	Ind	116	0.2%	*	
J Davey	Ind	83	0.2%	*	
T Layton	Ind	46	0.1%	*	
H Anscumb+	Ind	34	0.1%	*	
J Bardwaj	Ind	33	0.1%	*	
D Butler	Ind	24	0.0%	*	
P Nicholls-Jones	Ind	22	0.0%	*	
S Shaw	Ind	20	0.0%	*	
C Hill	Ind	17	0.0%	*	
G Piccaro	Ind	15	0.0%	*	
D Cahill	Ind	12	0.0%	*	
J Connell	Ind	7	0.0%	*	
	Turnout	52,992	75.8%		3.2
	Majority	6,264	11.8%		

3. Cynon Valley (Lab hold) - 3 May 1984

Death of Ioan Evans

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share		Change
A Clwyd +	Lab	19,389	58.8%		2.8
F Aubel	SDP	6,554	19.9%		-0.7
C Jones *	PC	3,619	11.0%		1.7
J Arbuthnot *	Con	2,441	7.4%		-6.8
M Winter + *	Comm	642	1.9%		
N Recontre *	Ind	215	0.7%		
P Nicholls-Jones *	Ind	122	0.4%		
	Turnout	32,982	65.7%		-7.8
	Majority	12,835	38.9%		

4. Stafford (Con hold) - 3 May 1984

Death of Sir Hugh Fraser

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
W Cash	Con	18,713	40.4%	-10.8
D Dunn	SDP	14,733	31.8%	+7.1
M Poulter	Lab	12,677	27.4%	+3.7
C Teesdale	Ind	210	0.5%	*
	Turnout	46,333	65.6%	-10.9
	Majority	3,980	8.6%	

5. South West Surrey (Con hold) - 3 May 1984

Death of Maurice Macmillan

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
V Bottomley+	Con	21,545	49.3%	-10.4
G Scott	Lib	18,946	43.4%	+11.3
B Roche+	Lab	2,949	6.8%	* -1.4
V Litvin	Ind	117	0.3%	*
H Anscorb+	Ind	82	0.2%	*
P Smith	Ind	29	0.1%	*
	Turnout	43,668	61.7%	-12.8
	Majority	2,599	6.0%	

6. Portsmouth South (SDP gain from Con) - 14 Jun 1984

Death of Ralph Pink

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
M Hancock	SDP	15,358	37.6%	+12.1
P Rock	Con	14,017	34.3%	-15.7
S Thomas+	Lab	10,846	26.5%	+4.0
G Knight	NF	226	0.6%	*
T Mitchell	Green	190	0.5%	*
A Evans	Ind Lib	113	0.3%	*
T Layton	Ind	50	0.1%	*
A Andrews	Ind	42	0.1%	*
P Smith	Ind	41	0.1%	*
	Turnout	40,883	54.5%	-12.8
	Majority	1,341	3.3%	

7. Enfield, Southgate (Con hold) - 13 Dec 1984

Death of Sir Anthony Berry

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
M Portillo	Con	16,684	49.6%	-8.5
T Slack	Lib	11,973	35.6%	+12.2
W Hamid	Lab	4,000	11.9%	* -6.0
A Polydorou	Ind	687	2.0%	*
J Kershaw	Ind	80	0.2%	*
R Shenton	Ind	78	0.2%	*
I Burgess	Ind	50	0.1%	*
G Weiss	Ind	48	0.1%	*
H Anscorb+	Ind	45	0.1%	*
	Turnout	33,645	50.6%	-19.0
	Majority	4,711	14.0%	

8. Brecon and Radnor (Lib gain from Con) - 4 Jul 1985

Death of Thomas Hooson

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
R Livsey	Lib	13,753	35.8%	+11.4
R Willey	Lab	13,194	34.3%	+9.3
C Butler	Con	10,631	27.7%	-20.5
J Davies+	PC	435	1.1%	* -0.6
D Sutch	Monster	202	0.5%	*
R Everest	Ind Con	154	0.4%	*
A Genillard	Ind	43	0.1%	*
	Turnout	38,412	79.4%	-0.7
	Majority	559	1.5%	

9. Tyne Bridge (Lab hold) - 5 Dec 1985

Death of Harry Cowans

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
D Clelland	Lab	13,517	57.8%	+1.4
R Kenyon	SDP	6942	29.7%	+11.4
J Lait+	Con	2588	11.1%	-14.1
J Connell	Ind	250	1.1%	*
G Weiss	Ind	38	0.2%	*
P Smith	Ind	32	0.1%	*
	Turnout	23367	38.1%	-23.5
	Majority	6,575	28.1%	

10. East Antrim (UUP hold) - 23 Jan 1986

Resignation of Roy Beggs

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
J R Beggs	UUP	30,386	84.9%	+47.5
S Neeson	Alliance	5,405	15.1%	-4.8
	Turnout	35,791	58.9%	-23.3
	Majority	24,981	69.8%	

11. North Antrim (UDU hold) - 23 January 1986

Resignation of Rev Ian Paisley

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
I Paisley	UDU	33,937	97.4%	+43.2
P Barry	FAIA	913	2.6%	* -16.4
	Turnout	34,850	53.5%	-16.4
	Majority	33,024	94.8%	

12. South Antrim (UUP hold) - 23 Jan 1986

Resignation of Clifford Forsythe

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
C Forsythe	UUP	30,087	94.1%	+48.5
P Barry	FAIA	1,870	5.9%	
	Turnout	31,957	52.2%	-13.4
	Majority	28,217	88.3%	

13. Belfast East (UDU hold) - 23 Jan 1986

Resignation of Peter Robinson

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
P Robinson	UDU	27,607	81.0%	+35.6
J Oliver	Alliance	5,917	17.4%	-6.7
F Cullen	RC/WP	578	1.7% *	+0.6
	Turnout	34,102	61.7%	-8.3
	Majority	21,690	63.6%	

14. Belfast North (UUP hold) - 23 Jan 1986

Resignation of Cecil Walker

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
C Walker	UUP	21,649	71.5%	+35.3
P Maguire	Alliance	5,072	16.7%	+7.6
S Lynch	RC/WP	3,563	11.8%	+6.1
	Turnout	30,284	50.6%	-18.8
	Majority	16,577	54.7%	

15. Belfast South (UUP hold) - 23 Jan 1986

Resignation of Rev Martin Smyth

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
M Smyth	UUP	21,771	71.3%	+21.4
D Cook	Alliance	7,635	25.0%	+1.1
G Carr	RC/WP	1,109	3.6% *	+1.3
	Turnout	30,515	56.6%	-13.0
	Majority	14,136	46.3%	

16. North Down (UPU hold) - 23 Jan 1986

Resignation of James Kilfedder

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
J Kilfedder	UPU	30,793	79.2%	+23.2
J Cushnahan	Alliance	8,066	20.8%	-1.3
	Turnout	38,859	60.5%	-5.8
	Majority	22,727	58.5%	

17. South Down (UUP hold) - 23 Jan 1986

Resignation of Enoch Powell

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
E Powell	UUP	24,963	48.4%	+8.1
E McGrady	SDLP	23,121	44.9%	+5.6
H McDowell	SF	2,936	5.7%	-2.2
S Magee	RC/WP	522	1.0% *	-0.6
	Turnout	51,542	73.8%	-2.9
	Majority	1,842	3.6%	

18. Fermanagh and South Tyrone (UUP hold) - 23 Jan 1986

Resignation of Ken Maginnis

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
K Maginnis	UUP	27,857	49.7%	+2.1
O Carron	SF	15,278	27.2%	-7.6
J Currie	SDLP	12,081	21.5%	+5.0
D Kettyles	RC/WP	864	1.5% *	+0.5
	Turnout	56,080	80.4%	-8.3
	Majority	12,579	22.4%	

19. Lagan Valley (UUP hold) - 23 Jan 1986

Resignation of James Molyneaux

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
J Molyneaux	UUP	32,514	90.7%	+31.5
J Lowry	RC/WP	3,328	9.3%	+7.3
	Turnout	35,842	56.7%	-10.9
	Majority	29,186	81.4%	

20. East Londonderry (UUP hold) - 23 Jan 1986

Resignation of William Ross

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
W Ross	UUP	30,922	93.9%	+56.0
P Barry	FAIA	2,001	6.1%	
	Turnout	32,923	47.0%	-29.3
	Majority	28,921	87.8%	

21. Mid Ulster (UDU hold) - 23 Jan 1986

Resignation of Rev William McCrea

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
W McCrea	UDU	23,695	46.1%	+16.1
D Morrison	SF	13,998	27.2%	-2.6
A Colton	SDLP	13,021	25.3%	+3.0
T Owens	RC/WP	691	1.3% *	-0.1
	Turnout	51,405	77.0%	-7.4
	Majority	9,697	18.9%	

22. Newry and Armagh (SDLP gain from UUP) - 23 Jan 1986

Resignation of James Nicholson

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
S Mallon	SDLP	22,694	45.5%	+8.7
J Nicholson	UUP	20,111	40.3%	+0.2
J McAllister	SF	6,609	13.2%	-7.7
P McCusker	RC/WP	515	1.0% *	-1.2
	Turnout	49,929	76.6%	0.5
	Majority	2,583	5.2%	

23. Strangford (UUP hold) - 23 Jan 1986

Resignation of John Taylor

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
J Taylor	UUP	32,627	94.2%	+45.4
P Barry	FAIA	1,993	5.8%	
	Turnout	34,620	55.1%	-9.9
	Majority	30,634	88.5%	

24. Upper Bann (UUP hold) - 23 Jan 1986

Resignation of Harold McCusker

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
J McCusker	UUP	29,311	80.8%	+23.9
T French	RC/WP	6,978	19.2%	+13.8
	Turnout	36,289	57.2%	-14.9
	Majority	22,333	61.5%	

25. Fulham (Lab gain from Con) - 10 Apr 1986

Death of Martin Stevens

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
N Raynsford	Lab	16,451	44.4%	+10.3
M Carrington	Con	12,948	34.9%	-11.3
R Liddle	SDP	6,953	18.7%	+0.5
J Birdwood+	Ind	226	0.6%	*
D Sutch	Monster	134	0.4%	*
J Creighton	Ind	127	0.3%	*
J Black	Ind	98	0.3%	*
G Rolph	FP	39	0.1%	*
J Swiden	Ind	38	0.1%	*
L Duke+	Ind	37	0.1%	*
R Simmerson	Ind	33	0.1%	*
	Turnout	37,084	70.8%	-5.3
	Majority	3,503	9.4%	

26. Ryedale (Lib gain from Con) - 8 May 1986

Death of John Spence

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
E Shields+	Lib	27,612	50.3%	+19.8
N Balfour	Con	22,672	41.3%	-17.9
S Haines+	Lab	4,633	8.4%	-1.9
	Turnout	54,917	67.3%	-4.6
	Majority	4,940	9.0%	

27. West Derbyshire (Con hold) - 8 May 1986

Resignation of Matthew Parris

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
P McLoughlin	Con	19,896	39.6%	-16.3
C Walmsley	Lib	19,796	39.4%	+12.3
W Moore	Lab	9,952	19.8%	+2.7
C Sidwell	Ind	348	0.7%	*
R Goodall	Ind	289	0.6%	*
	Turnout	50,281	71.9%	-5.5
	Majority	100	0.2%	

28. Newcastle under Lyme (Lab hold) - 17 Jul 1986

Resignation of John Golding

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
L Golding+	Lab	16,819	40.8%	-1.2
A Thomas	Lib	16,020	38.8%	+17.2
J Nock	Con	7,863	19.1%	-17.4
D Sutch	Monster	277	0.7%	*
J Gaskell	Ind	115	0.3%	*
J Parker	Ind	83	0.2%	*
D Brewester	Ind	70	0.2%	*
	Turnout	41,247	62.2%	-15.1
	Majority	799	1.9%	

29. Knowsley North (Lab hold) - 13 Nov 1986

Resignation of Robert Kilroy-Silk

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
G Howarth	Lab	17,403	56.3%	-8.2
R Cooper+	Lib	10,679	34.6%	+19.8
R Brown	Con	1,960	6.3%	-13.8
D Hallsworth	RCP	664	2.1%	*
G Weiss	Ind	111	0.4%	*
R Cory	Ind	88	0.3%	*
	Turnout	30,905	57.3%	-16.8
	Majority	6,724	21.8%	

30. Greenwich (SDP gain from Lab) - 26 Feb 1987

Death of Guy Barnett

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
R Barnes+	SDP	18,287	53.0%	+27.9
D Wood+	Lab	11,676	33.8%	-4.4
J Antcliffe	Con	3,852	11.2%	-23.6
G Bell	Green	264	0.8%	*
M Hardee	Ind	124	0.4%	*
I Dell	BNP	116	0.3%	*
J Pearce	NF	103	0.3%	*
K Marshall+	RCP	91	0.3%	* -2.0
	Turnout	34,513	68.1%	+0.4
	Majority	6,611	19.2%	

31. Truro (Lib hold) - 12 Mar 1987

Death of David Penhaligon

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
M Taylor	Lib	30,599	60.4%	3.1
N St Aubyn	Con	15,982	31.5%	-6.6
J King	Lab	3,603	7.1%	2.6
H Hoptrough	Green	403	0.8%	*
H Anscumb+	Ind	75	0.1%	*
	Turnout	50,662	70.2%	-9.4
	Majority	14,617	28.9%	

Table 6
Candidate descriptions

Penrith and the Border

D Sutch	Official Loony
E Morgan	Retired Naval Officer
H Anscomb	Death off Roads: Freight on Rail
J Connell	Peace: Ind Socialist
P Smith	New National

Chesterfield

D Sutch	Moster Raving Loony Party Last Stand
D Bentley	Four Wheel Drive Hatchback Road Safety
J Davey	No Increases in Dental Charges
T Layton	Spare the Earth (ecology)
H Anscomb	Death off Roads: Freight on Rail
J Bardwaj	Yoga and meditation
D Butler	Buy Your Chesterfield in Thame
P Nicholls-Jones	Independent, the Welshman
S Shaw	Elvisly Yours, Elvis Presley
C Hill	Prisoner: I am not a Number
G Piccaro	Official Acne
D Cahill	Reclassify Sun Newspaper as a Comic
J Connell	Peace

Cynon Valley

N Recontre	Independent Womble
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Stafford

L St.Clair	Corrective Party
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South West Surrey

V Litvin	Pro Nuclear Holocaust Masturbation Freedom
H Anscomb	Freight off Roads: No Deposit Increase
P Smith	Votes for a Full Hearing

Portsmouth South

G Knight	National Front
T Mitchell	Ecology
A Evans	Liberal for Unilateral Nuclear Disarmament
T Layton	Spare the Earth (Ecology)
A Andrews	Vote Education: Save our Schools and Colleges
P Smith	New National

Enfield, Southgate

A Polydorou	Turkish troops out of Cyprus
J Kershaw	Nationalist
R Shenton	English National
I Burgess	Abolish Greater London, Restore Middlesex Shire
G Weiss	Captain Rainbow's Universal

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