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London Borough of Merton

Results and Statistics

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INTRODUCTION

After an election, the Returning Officer has to give public notice of the result and of the number of rejected ballot papers. However, there is demand for more than that basic information. To satisfy this demand and to maintain an archive of the democratic process, after every election Merton's Electoral Services Office compiles and publishes a statistical analysis.

2002's London borough elections were the eleventh full elections held since the formation of the London boroughs in April 1965. Since 1974 they have occurred every four years and all seats are for election. This year's were the second full local elections where European Union citizens other than British or Irish citizens were entitled to vote.

New ward boundaries came into force for these London borough elections. This followed periodic electoral reviews by the Local Government Commission for England (whose functions were taken over from April 2002 by the Electoral Commission, which was set up in late 2000). The previous boundaries had remained in place – apart from the changes required by alterations to borough boundaries in 1994 and 1995 – since the May 1978 elections.

The drop in turnout from recent years continued, even if levels were not as low as some forecasts. Turnouts in these elections are similar to those of the 1960s.

To attempt to increase turnout and also to modernise voting methods, the Government invited pilot schemes for the May 2002 local elections across the country. Seven London boroughs were allowed to incorporate various types of pilots in some or all of their wards.

Information on all London's local government elections is available from the Data Management and Analysis section of the Greater London Authority (telephone 020 7983 4000 or visit www.london.gov.uk). This was previously the London Research Centre. Details of local government elections throughout the United Kingdom are compiled by the Local Government Chronicle Elections Centre, University of Plymouth, Drake Circus, Plymouth, Devon, PL4 8AA.

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NOTES

- 1. Wards are listed in letter order of the polling districts within them (Lower Morden AA to West Barnes TC).
- 2. Wards which, except where marked by an asterisk (*), have all their electors within the Mitcham & Morden Parliamentary Constituency: Lower Morden (polling districts AA, AB, etc), *St.Helier (BA), Colliers Wood (CA), *Lavender Fields (DA), Cricket Green (EA), Ravensbury (FA), Graveney (GA), Figge's Marsh (HA), Longthornton (IA), Pollards Hill (JA).

Wards which, except where marked by an asterisk (*), have all their electors within the Wimbledon Parliamentary Constituency: Village (KA), Raynes Park (LA), Hillside (MA), Wimbledon Park (NA), *Trinity (OA), Dundonald (PA), Abbey (QA), Merton Park (RA), *Cannon Hill (SA), West Barnes (TA).

3. Those wards marked by an asterisk have separate parliamentary polling districts within the other constituency. The largest number of electors within any of these polling districts is 506 in Trinity Ward's ODM. All the other similar polling districts are also shown by three letters ending with 'M' for Mitcham & Morden or 'W' for Wimbledon. The cross-parliamentary boundary wards have resulted from the new ward boundaries.

The parliamentary boundaries will remain out of line with the ward boundaries until either the next parliamentary general election or the one after. For the purposes of this document, the complete wards listed in 2. above are shown by the constituency name when referring to the May 2002 elections rather then the actual parliamentary polling districts for the constituency.

- 4. Polling district electorates do not include postal voters.
- 5. Previous years' information is in *italics*.
- 6. Percentages do not necessarily add to 100 due to rounding.
- 7. The calculations for voting shares include a correction to more easily compare results to account for where parties or independents do not nominate for all seats. This correction is based on the average votes per candidate for any given group.

The correction can distort upwards a single candidate's vote – or even two-candidate groups' votes – compared with three-candidate groups' votes. There is also a distortion caused by differing groups standing in one year's election but not the other.

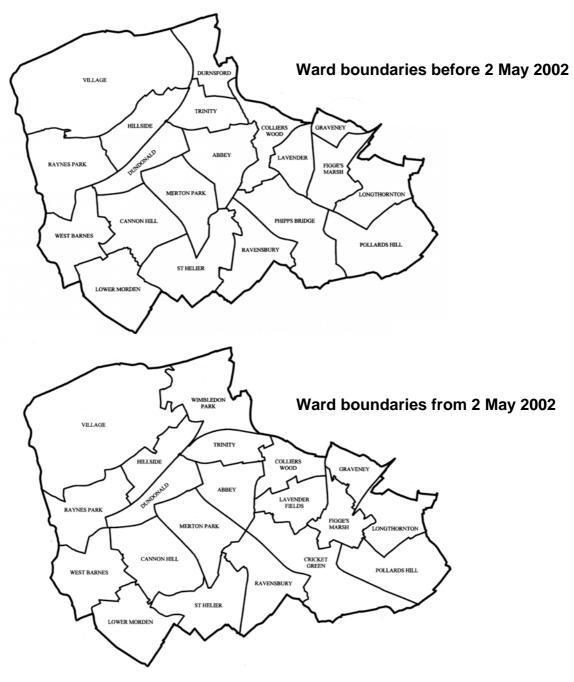
- 8. Swings have only been given where there was a full complement of candidates in the two years' elections in the individual ward or the overall summary.
- 9. 42,656 voters attended at 106 polling stations staffed by 286 people in 73 locations across Merton. Together with postal voters, 126,939 valid voters were cast. In addition to candidates' agents, 240 people were on duty at the count.

WARD BOUNDARIES

New ward boundaries became effective from the day of the election. This followed statutory periodic electoral reviews in all London boroughs. The purpose of the reviews was to broadly equalise the number of electors represented by each councillor, set the council size and amend ward boundaries and names as required.

Within Merton, the number of wards remained at twenty, but the number of councillors increased from 57 to 60 with all wards returning three councillors. This meant that the biggest changes affected the three two-member wards, with Lavender renamed Lavender Fields and Durnsford renamed Wimbledon Park. Although the Graveney name remained unchanged, another ward, Phipps Bridge, became Cricket Green.

All comparisons with the May 1998 elections in this document are with the equivalent old wards. The old and the new wards are illustrated.



CANDIDATE ANALYSIS

Ward - vacancies	Cons.	Green	Labour	Lib.	Brit.	M. Park	W. Park	UKIP	Ind.	Total
				Dem.	Nat.	Ind. Res.	Ind. Res.			
Lower Morden - 3	3	3	3	1				1		11
St. Helier – 3	3	2	3	1	1			1		11
Colliers Wood - 3	3	3	3	I	I			I		9
Lavender Fields - 3	3	2	3	1						9
Cricket Green - 3	3	2	3	1						9
Ravensbury - 3	3	1	3	1						8
Graveney – 3	3	2	3	1						9
Figge's Marsh - 3	3	2	3	1						9
Longthornton - 3	3	1	3	1						8
Pollards Hill - 3	3	1	3	1						8
Village – 3	3	1	3	3						10
Raynes Park - 3	3	3	3	3						12
Hillside – 3	3	1	3	3						10
Wimbledon Park - 3	3	3	3	2			3			14
Trinity – 3	3	3	3	3						12
Dundonald – 3	3	1	3	3					2	12
Abbey – 3	3	3	3	3						12
Merton Park - 3	3	1	3			3		1		11
Cannon Hill - 3	3	3	3	3				1	1	14
West Barnes - 3	3	3	3	3						12
Totals	60	41	60	35	4	3	3	4	3	210

May 1998

Ward – vacancies	Cons.	Green	Labour	Lib.	Brit.	M. Park	W. Park	UKIP	Ind.	Total
				Dem.	Nat.	Ind. Res.	Ind. Res.			
Lower Morden - 3	3	1	3	3						10
St. Helier - 3	3	1	3	1	1					9
Colliers Wood - 3	3	3	3	2						11
Lavender - 2	2	1	2	1						6
Phipps Bridge - 3	3	1	3	1						8
Ravensbury - 3	3	1	3	1	1				1	10
Graveney - 2	2	1	2	2						7
Figge's Marsh - 3	3	1	3	1						8
Longthornton - 3	3		3	3						9
Pollards Hill - 3	3	1	3	2						9
Village - 3	3	1	3	3						10
Raynes Park - 3	3	1	3	3						10
Hillside - 3	3	1	3	3						10
Durnsford - 2	2	1	2	2						7
Trinity - 3	3	1	3	3						10
Dundonald - 3	3	3	3	3						12
Abbey - 3	3	3	3	3						12
Merton Park – 3	3		3	1		3				10
Cannon Hill – 3	3	1	3	3						10
West Barnes – 3	3	1	3	3						10
Totals	57	24	57	44	2	3	0	0	1	188

VOTING PATTERNS

Aggregated party vote shares:

May 2002	Con	Green	Lab	LD	Others
Mitcham & Morden wards Wimbledon wards Borough	26.71% 41.42% 34.51%	11.41% 7.71% 9.45%	45.57% 22.82% 33.51%	12.44% 15.53% 14.08%	3.87% 12.52% 8.46%
May 1998	Con	Green	Lab	LD	Others
Mitcham & Morden wards Wimbledon wards Borough	28.79% 36.14% 32.90%	5.92% 3.91% 4.80%	56.51% 34.42% 44.16%	8.05% 19.49% 14.45%	0.73% 6.04% 3.70%
June 2001 Parliamentary elections	Con	Green	Lab	LD	Others
Mitcham & Morden	24.11%	2.44%	<i>60.42%</i>	10.06%	2.97%
Wimbledon	36.64%	2.45%	<i>45.75%</i>	12.99%	2.17%
Borough	30.62%	2.44%	52.79%	11.59%	2.56%

Swings:

From 1998 (all seats contested only):

Mitcham & Morden	Labour to Conservative	4.43%
Wimbledon	Labour to Conservative	8.44%
Borough	Labour to Conservative	6.13%

From 2001 (all seats contested only):

Mitcham & Morden	Labour to Conservative	8.73%
Wimbledon	Labour to Conservative	13.86%
Borough	Labour to Conservative	11.59%

SEATS

Changes in seats from May 1998:

Conservative gain nine from Labour Conservative gain three from Liberal Democrat Conservative gain one new seat Labour gain two new seats

Changes in seats from April 2002:

Conservative gain one from Green
Conservative gain five from Labour
Conservative gain two from Liberal Democrat
Conservative gain one new seat
Independent Labour lose three to Conservative
Labour gain one vacant
Labour gain two new seats
Independent lose one to Labour

Number of seats:

	May 1990	May 1994	May 1998	(April 2002)	May 2002
Conservative	22	10	12	(13)	25
Green	_	_	_	(1)	_
Independent	_	_	_	(1)	_
Independent					
Labour	_	_	_	(3)	_
Labour	29	40	39	(33)	32
Liberal Democrat	_	3	3	(2)	_
Longthornton & Tamworth					
Residents' Assn.	3	1		()	
Merton Park Ward	3	,	_	(–)	_
Independent					
Residents	3	3	3	(3)	3
Vacant	_	_	_	(1)	-
Total seats	57	57	57	(57)	60

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Summary:

Mitcham & Morden	Electorate	Those voting	Percentage voting
May 2002 <i>May</i> 1998 <i>(May 1994</i>	67315 65459 65008	21438 22975 31352	31.85 35.10 48.23)
Change from 1998	+1856	-1537	-3.25
Wimbledon	Electorate	Those voting	Percentage voting
May 2002 May 1998 (May 1994 Change from 1998	67169 65197 62876 +1972	24582 26658 31939 -2076	36.60 40.89 50.84) -4.29
Borough	Electorate	Those voting	Percentage voting
May 2002 <i>May</i> 1998 (<i>May</i> 1994	134484 130656 127884	46020 49633 63321	34.22 37.99 49.51)
Change from 1998	+3828	-3613	-3.77

Absent voters:

The electorate included:

	Totals	(May 1998)	(June 2001)	% of electorate
Postal voters				
Mitcham & Morden	2370	(772)	(2104)	3.52
Wimbledon	2909	(1042)	(2832)	4.33
Borough	5279	(1814)	(4936)	3.93
Postal proxy voters	21	(17)	(100)	0.02
[Total postal voters	5300	(1831)	(5036)	3.94]
Proxy voters	203	(325)	(508)	0.15
[Total absent voters	5503	(2156)	(5544)	4.09]

Postal vote issue and receipt:

	Issued	Deceased/	Rejected	Too late	Voting – %
		gone away			
Mitcham & Morden	2375	35	34	51	1443 - 60.76
Wimbledon	2925	21	22	59	1921 – 65.68
Borough	5300	56	56	110	3364 - 63.47

(Total not received 1714)

Turnout Variations:

	Highest	Percentage	Lowest	Percentage
Wards	Cannon Hill Merton Park Wimbledon Park West Barnes Lower Morden	42.88 41.82 40.61 40.08 39.36	Lavender Fields Abbey Figge's Marsh Ravensbury Graveney	23.96 27.41 28.64 28.97 29.56
Polling districts	RB SD/SDM SC/SCM NB TB	50.69 46.41 44.24 42.43 42.31	DA/DAW HD DB PB QA	21.02 21.79 21.86 23.31 23.58

LOWER MORDEN WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
BARROW, Giles Timothy	GREEN	233
DAUGHTERS, Elizabeth Amy Mary	LABOUR	682
GROVES, Maurice Hubert	CONSERVATIVE	1378 (Elected)
HEWITT, Anthony William	GREEN	123
HODGSON, Alan Graham	LABOUR	621
JOHNSON, Leslie Peter	GREEN	107
MUTCH, Leslie David	CONSERVATIVE	1180 (Elected)
PEARCE, Patricia Elaine	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	345
RAHMAN, Muhammod Motiur	LABOUR	537
ROBERTS, Adrian Kere James	UK INDEPENDENCE	385
SULLIVAN, Terence James	CONSERVATIVE	1183 (Elected)
(Total number of good vot	es	6774)
(Rejected paper – unmarked or v	oid for uncertainty	1)

Majority (third over fourth): 498

Party vote shares:	Con	Green	Lab	LD	UKIP
2.5.02	45.43%	5.62%	22.35%	12.57%	14.03%
(By-election 15.06.00	59.92%	4.23%	27.26%	8.58%	–)
7.5.98	<i>4</i> 8.26%	4.80%	35.47%	11.47%	_

Swings from 1998: Labour to Conservative 5.15%

Change from 1998: No change

Polling district	Electorate	Those	e voting	Percentage
AA AB AC Postal votes	1471 2751 2104 180	540 1063 828 130		36.71 38.64 39.35 72.22
Totals (By-election totals (1998 totals	6506 6783 6712	2561 1729 3020		39.36 25.49) 44.99)
Absent voters: Postal voters Postal proxy [Total postal Proxy voters [Total absent	voters voters	Totals 180 0 180 16 196	(May 1998) (73) (0) (73) (13) (86)	Percentage of electorate 2.78 0.00 2.78] 0.25 3.01]

ST. HELIER WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes	(Elected)
BOULDING, Stephen ChristopherGREE	EN 178		
BOULDING, Susan Nina	GREEN	192	
BYRNE, Christopher John	UK INDEPENDENCE	164	
FORD, Danny	BRITISH NATIONAL	302	
GOODACRE, Joan Winifred	CONSERVATIVE	532	
MARTIN, Maxwell (Maxi)	LABOUR	947	(Elected)
PEARCE, Dennis	LABOUR	958	(Elected)
QUICK, Sydney Stuart	CONSERVATIVE	519	
SMITH, Joyce Myrtle	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	324	
SPACEY, Michael Anthony (Mickey)	LABOUR	840	(Elected)
WILSON, Ronald William	CONSERVATIVE	509	
(Total number of good vot	es	5465)	
(Rejected papers - voting for mo	re than three candidates	2)	
(Rejected paper – unmarked or v	oid for uncertainty	1)	

Majority (third over fourth): 308

Party vote shares:

	BNP	Con	Green	Lab	LD	UKIP
2.5.02	12.53%	21.58%	7.68%	37.97%	13.44%	6.80%
7.5.98	5.32%	25.11%	9.68%	45.51%	14.38%	_

Swings from 1998: Labour to Conservative 2.01%

Change from 1998: No change

Polling district	Electorate	Those	e voting	Percentage
ВА	1871	643		34.37
BB	1542	444		28.79
BC	1564	477		30.50
BD/BDW	1286	366		28.46
Postal votes	334	216		64.67
 Totals	6597	2146		32.53
(1998 totals	6351	2259		35.57)
Absent voters:		Totals	(May 1998)	Percentage of electorate
Postal voters	S	333	(141)	5.05
Postal proxy	voters	1	(2)	0.02
[Total postal	voters	334	(142)	5.06]
Proxy voters	3	8	(13)	0.25
[Total absen	it voters	342	(155)	5.18]
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COLLIERS WOOD WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
BEARD, Philip Jonathan Bentley	CONSERVATIVE CONSERVATIVE	179
BOYES, Joan Lingarde DRAPER, Nicholas Gregory	LABOUR	158 1328 (Elected)
JOHNSON, Alan Robert KNIGHT, Sheila	GREEN LABOUR	813 1306 (Elected)
LEWIS, John Francis REYNOLDS, George Dunbar	CONSERVATIVE LABOUR	145 1254 (Elected)
THACKER, Rajeev Kumar WALSH, Thomas Joseph	GREEN GREEN	752 940
(Total number of good vo (Rejected paper – voting for mo		6875) 1)
(Rejected papers – unmarked o		9)

Majority (third over fourth): 314

Party vote snares:	Con	Green	Lab	LD
2.5.02	7.01%	36.44%	56.55%	_
7.5.98	12.87%	28.53%	49.56%	9.05%
Swings from 1998:	Labour to	Green	0.46%	
	Conservat	ive to Labour	6.43%	
	Conservat	ive to Green	6.89%	

Change from 1998: No change

Polling district	Electorate	Those	e voting	Percentage
CA	1771	656		37.04
СВ	1603	626		39.05
CC	1701	612		35.98
CD	1517	552		36.39
Postal votes	234	136		58.12
Totals	6826	2582		37.83
(1998 totals	7399	2723		36.80)
Absent voters:		Totals	(May 1998)	Percentage of electorate
Postal voters	S	233	(81)	3.41
Postal proxy	voters	1	(1)	0.01
[Total postal	voters	234	(82)	3.43]
Proxy voters	3	11	(11)	0.16
[Total absen	t voters	245	(93)	3.59]

LAVENDER FIELDS WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes	(Elected)
ACOTT, Alfred Charles Thomas	CONSERVATIVE	378	
ALLISON, Mark Gervais	LABOUR	873	(Elected)
BARKER, Jennifer Claire	GREEN	224	
BARKER, John Reginald	GREEN	171	
BYRNE, Eugene	CONSERVATIVE	358	
CONWAY, Bernard Walford	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	227	
DUNN, Mary Rose	LABOUR	886	(Elected)
HAYLES, June Margaret	CONSERVATIVE	367	
MACAULEY, Edith Joan Christabel	LABOUR	760	(Elected)
(Total number of good vote	es	4244)	
(Rejected paper – want of official	mark	1)	
(Rejected papers – voting for mo	re than three candidates	2)	
(Rejected papers – writing/mark t	by which voter can be ident	tified 2)	
(Rejected papers – unmarked or	void for uncertainty	6)	

Majority (third over fourth): 382

Party vote shares:	Con	Green	Lab	LD
2.5.02	22.53%	12.10%	51.46%	13.91%
<i>7.5.9</i> 8	17.91%	9.79%	57.99%	15.31%

Swings from 1998: Labour to Conservative 5.58%

Change from 1998: No change

Polling district	Electorate	Those	e voting	Percentage
DA/DAW	2198	462		21.02
DB	2768	605		21.86
DC	1328	332		25.00
Postal votes	310	183		59.03
Totals	6604	1582		23.96
(1998 totals	5450	1569		28.79)
Absent voters:		Totals	(May 1998)	Percentage of electorate
Postal vote	ers	310	(65)	4.69
Postal prox	xy voters	0	(0)	0.00
[Total post	al voters	310	(65)	4.69]
Proxy vote	ers	5	(8)	0.08
[Total abse	ent voters	315	(73)	4.77]

CRICKET GREEN WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes	(Elected)
DEERE, Louise Jane	GREEN	216	
DEERE, Michael Anthony Paul	GREEN	180	
HAMMOND, Sally Patricia	CONSERVATIVE	557	
McCORQUODALE, Rhoda Kathleen	CONSERVATIVE	531	
MAKIN, Russell John	LABOUR	1120	(Elected)
MUNN, Thomas Ian	LABOUR	1160	(Elected)
PIZEY, Nicholas	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	321	
SAUNDERS, Judith Claire (Judy)	LABOUR	1012	(Elected)
SOUTHCOTT, Gordon John	CONSERVATIVE	481	
(Total number of good vot	es	5578)	
(Rejected paper – voting for more	e than three candidates	1)	
(Rejected paper – writing/mark by	y which voter can be ident	tified 1)	
(Rejected papers – unmarked or	void for uncertainty	5)	

Majority (third over fourth): 455

Party vote shares:	Con	Green	Lab	LD
2.5.02	24.45%	9.26%	51.29%	15.00%
7.5.98	23.06%	10.48%	53.13%	13.32%

Swings from 1998: Labour to Conservative 1.62%

Change from 1998: No change

Polling district	Electorate	Thos	e voting	Percentage
EA	2129	560		26.30
EB	1518	401		26.42
EC	1327	411		30.97
ED	1225	393		32.08
EE	557	223		40.04
Postal votes	212	123		58.02
Totals	6968	2111		30.30
(1998 totals	7682	2433		31.67)
Absent voters: Postal voter Postal proxy [Total posta Proxy voters [Total abser	voters I voters	Totals 211 1 212 5 217	(May 1998) (124) (0) (124) (16) (140)	Percentage of electorate 3.03 0.01 3.04] 0.07 3.11]

RAVENSBURY WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes	(Elected)
BARASI, Paul	GREEN	205	
GILES, Tony	LABOUR	894	(Elected)
GUNN, Jeffrey Alexander	CONSERVATIVE	540	
JONES, Philip Mervyn	LABOUR	946	(Elected)
McCABE, Peter Joseph	LABOUR	909	(Elected)
MANSFIELD, Barbara Jane	CONSERVATIVE	583	
MARTIN, Reginald Oliver	CONSERVATIVE	527	
TOYER, Danielle Mary Andrea	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	343	
(Total number of good votes			
(Rejected papers – voting for more than three candidates			
(Rejected papers – unmarked or	void for uncertainty	7)	

Majority (third over fourth): 311

Party vote shares:

	Con	Green	Lab	LD	BNP	Ind
2.5.02	27.30%	10.18%	45.49%	17.03%	_	_
7.5.98	20.40%	5.66%	49.29%	13.06%	3.48%	8.11%

Swings from 1998: Labour to Conservative 5.35%

Change from 1998: No change

Polling district	Electorate	Thos	e voting	Percentage
FA FB FC FD FE Postal votes Totals	641 1171 2008 831 1634 308	175 342 562 242 395 194		27.30 29.21 27.99 29.12 24.17 62.99
(1998 totals Absent voters: Postal voter Postal proxy [Total posta Proxy voters [Total abser	voters I voters	2360 Totals 308 0 308 5 313	(May 1998) (94) (0) (13) (8) (97)	36.21) Percentage of electorate 4.67 0.00 4.67] 0.08 4.75]

GRAVENEY WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
ABRAMS, Joseph Bartholomew ADRI-SOEJOKO, Mark Krishna CLIFFORD, Eamonn Gerard CROWHURST, Emma-Ruth DEHANEY, Lyn Hart (John) KIRBY, Linda Christine QURESHI, Mohammad Younis STEPHENSON, John Matthew WOODS, Joy Doreen (Total number of good vot (Rejected papers – voting for mo (Rejected papers – unmarked or	LABOUR GREEN LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GREEN LABOUR LABOUR CONSERVATIVE CONSERVATIVE CONSERVATIVE es ire than three candidates	1193 (Elected) 160 324 200 1087 (Elected) 1197 (Elected) 406 436 423 5426) 3) 4)

Majority (third over fourth): 651

Party vote shares:	Con	Green	Lab	LD
2.5.02	20.23%	8.63%	55.60%	15.54%
7.5.98	17.10%	5.61%	65.84%	11.45%

Swings from 1998: Labour to Conservative 6.69%

Change from 1998: No change

Polling district	Electorate	Those	e voting	Percentage
GA	2371	745		31.42
GB	2564	650		25.35
GC	1806	560		31.01
Postal votes	156	84		53.85
Totals	6897	2039		29.56
(1998 totals	4356	1468		33.70)
Absent voters:		Totals	(May 1998)	Percentage of electorate
Postal voter	S	156	(19)	2.26
Postal proxy	voters	0	(0)	0.00
[Total postal	l voters	156	(19)	2.26]
Proxy voters	6	8	(7)	0.12
[Total abser	nt voters	164	(26)	2.38]

FIGGE'S MARSH WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes	(Elected)
CONNELLAN, Daniel Francis GELDART, Malcolm Thomas	LABOUR LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	988 325	(Elected)
HART, David Allen	CONSERVATIVE	483	
JUDGE, Andrew John	LABOUR	939	(Elected)
MARVEN, Robert	CONSERVATIVE	425	
STANFORD, Geraldine Patricia	LABOUR	1052	(Elected)
WALSH, James Robert	CONSERVATIVE	430	
WILKIN, Janette Christine	GREEN	199	
WILKIN, Simon Peter	GREEN	137	
(Total number of good vote		4978)	
(Rejected papers – unmarked or	void for uncertainty	4)	

Majority (third over fourth): 456

Party vote shares:	Con	Green	Lab	LD

 2.5.02
 23.08%
 8.70%
 51.40%
 16.82%

 7.5.98
 22.19%
 7.28%
 56.17%
 14.36%

Swings from 1998: Labour to Conservative 2.83%

Change from 1998: No change

Polling district	Electorate	Those	e voting	Percentage
НА	549	175		31.88
HB	1725	505		29.28
HC	2629	785		29.86
HD	1661	362		21.79
Postal votes	200	110		55.00
Totals	6764	1937		28.64
(1998 totals	7598	2359		31.05)
Absent voters:		Totals	(May 1998)	Percentage of electorate
Postal voter	S	200	(56)	2.96
Postal proxy	voters	0	(0)	0.00
[Total postal	voters	200	(56)	2.96]
Proxy voters	5	1	(13)	0.11
[Total abser	t voters	201	(69)	2.97]

LONGTHORNTON WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
AUSTIN, Stephen Graham	LABOUR	1180 (Elected)
BARRY, Pauline Mary	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	281
CHUNG, David Anthony	LABOUR	1107 (Elected)
COX, Ronald	CONSERVATIVE	886
HALLS, Jonathan	GREEN	183
HATCHER, Louisa Monica	CONSERVATIVE	897
ROBINSON, David Anthony	CONSERVATIVE	921
VEALE, Leighton	LABOUR	963 (Elected)
(Total number of good vo	tes	6418)
(Rejected papers – voting for mo	ore than three candidates	4)
(Rejected papers – unmarked or	r void for uncertainty	3)

Majority (third over fourth): 42

Party vote shares:	Con	Green	Lab	LD
2.5.02	20.040/	7 470/	44040/	444

 2.5.02
 36.81%
 7.47%
 44.24%
 11.48%

 7.5.98
 34.27%
 53.42%
 12.30%

Swings from 1998: Labour to Conservative 5.86%

Change from 1998: No change

Polling district	Electorate	Thos	e voting	Percentage
IA	1089	370		33.98
IB	1100	332		30.18
IC	1378	477		34.62
ID	1873	685		36.57
IE	955	366		38.32
Postal votes	246	149		60.57
Totals	6641	2379		35.82
(1998 totals	7320	2737		37.39)
Absent voters: Postal voters Postal proxy [Total postal Proxy voters [Total absent	voters voters	Totals 245 1 246 3 249	(May 1998) (71) (0) (71) (14) (85)	Percentage of electorate 3.69 0.02 3.70] 0.05 3.75]

POLLARDS HILL WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Party vote shares:

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
BANNISTER, Robin	GREEN	205
BUTT, Kenneth Michael	CONSERVATIVE	631
COLE, John Herbert	LABOUR	1167 (Elected)
GOULDEN, Paul	CONSERVATIVE	602
NEVILLE, Margaret Mary	CONSERVATIVE	690
TILCOCK, Michael Richard	LABOUR	1153 (Elected)
WHELTON, Martin James	LABOUR	1026 (Elected)
WREN, Nicholas Rome Gareth	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	247
(Total number of good	votes	5721)
(Rejected papers – voting for	more than three candidates	2)
(Rejected papers – unmarked	d or void for uncertainty	5)
Majority (third over fourth): 33	36	

2.5.02 *7.5.*98 29.03% 22.95% 50.51% 59.53% 9.28% 11.18%

6.95% 10.56%

Green

Lab

LD

Swings from 1998: Labour to Conservative 7.55%

Con

Change from 1998: No change

Polling district	Electorate	Thos	e voting	Percentage
JA	1974	603		30.55
JB	1336	409		30.61
JC	1476	458		31.03
JD	1165	342		29.36
JE	791	261		33.00
Postal votes	177	118		66.67
Totals	6919	2191		31.67
(1998 totals	6074	2047		33.70)
Absent voters: Postal voter Postal proxy [Total posta Proxy voters [Total abser	voters I voters	Totals 176 1 177 5 182	(May 1998) (48) (0) (48) (10) (58)	Percentage of electorate 2.54 0.01 2.56] 0.07 2.63]

VILLAGE WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
BLANCHARD, Gerald Irwin	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	290	
BOTTRIELL, William Frederick	LABOUR	321	
BOWCOTT, John Michael	CONSERVATIVE	1662 (Elected))
EDELSTEN, Alison Carmen	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	285	
GEORGE, Samantha Lea HAMMOND, Stephen William	CONSERVATIVE CONSERVATIVE	1629 (Elected) 1667 (Elected)	,
IVES, David Jonathon	LABOUR	299	,
McNICOL, Michelle Anne	LABOUR	303	
STEVENS, Rupert Arthur	GREEN	166	
TAYLOR, Jennifer Constant	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	259	
(Total number of good vot	6881)		
(Rejected paper – unmarked or v	1)		

Majority (third over fourth): 1308

Party vote shares:	Con	Green	Lab	LD
2.5.02	68.74%	6.90%	12.80%	11.56%
<i>7.5.9</i> 8	57.25%	8.21%	21.42%	13.11%

Swings from 1998: Labour to Conservative 10.06% Liberal Democrat to Conservative 6.52% Labour to Liberal Democrat 3.54%

Change from 1998: No change

Polling district	Electorate	Those	e voting	Percentage
KA	1605	596		37.13
KB	1333	487		36.53
KC	2076	705		33.96
KD	927	356		38.40
Postal votes	356	239		67.13
Totals	6297	2383		37.84
(1998 totals	6058	2325		38.38)
Absent voters:		Totals	(May 1998)	Percentage of electorate
Postal voters	3	356	(168)	5.65
Postal proxy	voters	0	(1)	0.00
[Total postal	voters	356	(169)	5.65]
Proxy voters	•	25	(26)	0.40
[Total absen	t voters	381	(195)	6.05]

RAYNES PARK WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes	(Elected)
BRIERLY, Margaret Anne	CONSERVATIVE	1294	(Elected)
BULLINGER, Horst Ruediger	CONSERVATIVE	1186	(Elected)
CROOKDALE CHENG, Michael Horatio	CONSERVATIVE	1131	(Elected)
CURRY, Jean Clare	GREEN	155	
EVANS, Richard Mark	GREEN	232	
HARLOW, Sally Anne	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	809	
MOSS, Gail	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	764	
PARKIN, Brian	GREEN	127	
ROBERTS, Geoffrey Horton	LABOUR	419	
SCALZO, Stefano	LABOUR	395	
SOMERVILLE, Michael	LABOUR	422	
SOOD, Kamaljit Singh	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	626	
(Total number of good vote	es	7560)	
(Rejected papers – unmarked or v		2)	

Majority (third over fourth): 322

Party vote shares:	Con	Green	Lab	LD
2.5.02	47.76%	6.80%	16.35%	29.09%
7.5.98	<i>4</i> 2.93%	5.34%	21.34%	30.40%

Swings from 1998: Liberal Democrat to Conservative 3.07% Labour to Conservative 4.91% Labour to Liberal Democrat 1.84%

Change from 1998: No change

Polling district	Electorate	Those	e voting	Percentage
LA	737	232		31.48
LB	2657	1032		38.84
LC	1658	682		41.13
LD	1455	478		32.85
Postal votes	317	200		63.09
Totals	6824	2624		38.45
(1998 totals	7207	3130		43.43)
Absent voters:		Totals	(May 1998)	Percentage of electorate
Postal voter	'S	313	(171)	4.59
Postal proxy	y voters	4	(0)	0.06
[Total posta	l voters	317	(171)	4.65]
Proxy voters	S	14	(31)	0.21
[Total abser	nt voters	331	(202)	4.85]
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HILLSIDE WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
BRADLEY, Steve Gerald	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	363
HARWOOD, Richard John	CONSERVATIVE	1053 (Elected)
NARGUND, Geeta Vinod	LABOUR	420
PYKE-LEES, Joan Warburton (Peggy)	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	387
ROBINS, Nicholas Vivien James	GREEN	243
SIMPSON, David Ward	CONSERVATIVE	982 (Elected)
THOMAS, Linda Mary	LABOUR	444
THOMAS, Stephen David	LABOUR	395
WILLIAMS, David Tyrie	CONSERVATIVE	1031 (Elected)
WILLOTT, Philippa Wendy	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	366
(Total number of good vot	es	5684)
(Rejected papers – unmarked or	void for uncertainty	7)

Majority (third over fourth): 538

Party vote shares:	Con	Green	Lab	LD
2.5.02	49.69%	11.82%	20.41%	18.09%
7.5.98	46.60%	8.80%	27.12%	17.48%

Swings from 1998: Labour to Conservative 4.90% Liberal Democrat to Conservative 1.29% Labour to Liberal Democrat 3.66%

Change from 1998: No change

Polling district	Electorate	Those	e voting	Percentage
MA	2588	701		27.09
MB MC	2106 1533	610 426		28.96 27.79
Postal votes	364	253		69.91
Totals	6591	1990		30.19
(1998 totals	7202	2655		36.86)
Absent voters:		Totals	(May 1998)	Percentage of electorate
Postal voters	3	360	(137)	5.46
Postal proxy	voters	4	(3)	0.06
[Total postal	voters	364	(140)	5.52]
Proxy voters		15	(14)	0.23
[Total absen	t voters	379	(154)	5.75]

WIMBLEDON PARK WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes	(Elected)
AHMAD, Tariq Mahmood DENNIS, Ernest David HOULIHAN, John Phillip MISKIN, Nicholas Francis Guy MISKIN, Sarah Jane MITCHELL, Elisabeth Louise MOULTON, Oonagh Jane NELSON, Elizabeth Hawkins RIZVI, Syed Mohammed Ibrahim SAUL, Stephen Frederick THOMPSON, Mark Andrew TIBBETTS, Richard Kenneth WHITE, John Woodward WILSHIRE, Kenneth John	CONSERVATIVE GREEN LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GREEN GREEN CONSERVATIVE CONSERVATIVE LABOUR LABOUR WIMBLEDON PARK IND. RES. WIMBLEDON PARK IND. RES. LIBERAL DEMOCRAT WIMBLEDON PARK IND. RES. LABOUR	982 204 256 92 131 1058 1018 743 643 782 693 234 723 598	(Elected) (Elected) (Elected) (Elected)
(Total number of go (Rejected paper – voting fo	od votes or more than three candidates	8157) 1)	

Majority (third over fourth): 200

Party vote shares:	Con	Green	Lab	LD	WPIR
2.5.02	36.40%	5.08%	23.61%	8.75%	26.16%
7.5.98	35.88%	6.55%	44.55%	13.02%	_

Swings from 1998: Labour to Conservative 10.73%

Change from 1998: Conservative gain three from Labour

Polling district	Electorate	Thos	e voting	Percentage
NA	1702	709		41.66
NB	2795	1186		42.43
NC	1376	461		33.50
ND	755	270		35.76
Postal votes	267	176		65.92
Totals	6895	2802		40.61
(1998 totals	4361	1890		43.34)
Absent voters:		Totals	(May 1998)	Percentage of electorate
Postal voters	S	265	(53)	3.84
Postal proxy	voters	2	(0)	0.03
[Total postal	voters	267	(53)	3.87]
Proxy voters	;	8	(13)	0.12
[Total absen	t voters	275	(66)	3.99]
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TRINITY WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes	(Elected)
BARROW, Jennifer Hazel	GREEN	246	
COLES, Andrew Norman Harold	LABOUR	781	(Elected)
GUY, Vivien Ruth	LABOUR	771	
INGRAM, Hector William	GREEN	199	
INGRAM, Lisa Wyllie	GREEN	203	
KARIM, Mohammad Abdul	LABOUR	687	
KILSBY, Dorothy Ruth	CONSERVATIVE	805	(Elected)
McLAUGHLIN, Christopher William	CONSERVATIVE	799	(Elected)
MILLER, Maria Frances Lewis	CONSERVATIVE	780	
MULCHRONE, Colette Marie	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	312	
RALPH, Bonita	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	293	
SHOEBRIDGE, Christopher Robert	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	270	
(Total number of good vote	6146)		
(Rejected papers – want of official	al mark	5)	
(Rejected papers – unmarked or	void for uncertainty	5)	

Majority (third over fourth): 1

Party vote shares:	Con	Green	Lab	LD
2.5.02	38.79%	10.54%	36.43%	14.24%
7.5.98	29.19%	9.86%	44.66%	16.28%

Swings from 1998: Labour to Conservative 8.92% Liberal Democrat to Conservative 5.82% Labour to Liberal Democrat 4.00%

Change from 1998: Conservative gain two from Labour

Polling district	Electorate	Thos	e voting	Percentage
OA	911	306		33.59
OB	1144	384		33.57
OC	2039	737		36.15
OD/ODM	2134	559		26.19
Postal votes	266	162		60.90
Totals	6494	2148		33.08
(1998 totals	6249	2361		37.78)
Absent voters:		Totals	(May 1998)	Percentage of electorate
Postal vote	rs	266	(66)	4.10
Postal prox	y voters	0	` (3)	0.00
Total posta	•	266	(6 9)	4.10]
Proxy voter	S	12	(16)	0.18
[Total abse		278	(85)	4.28]
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DUNDONALD WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate		Description	on	Votes (E	lected)
ALAGARATNAM, Rathy		INDEPENI	DENT	191	
BIRD, Matthew		CONSERV	/ATIVE	792 (E	lected)
BLANCHARD, Anne Bab	bington	LIBERAL [DEMOCRAT	455	,
BRUNT, Michael Arthur	_	LABOUR		751	
GOLDSMITH, Julia		INDEPENI	DENT	238	
HARBRON, Stephen Ker	neth	LIBERAL [DEMOCRAT	322	
LANGLEY, Christina Mar	ia	GREEN		330	
O'BRIEN-EDGE, Corinna	Moira	CONSERV	/ATIVE	769 (E	lected)
OXFORD, Christopher Ad	dam	LIBERAL [DEMOCRAT	328	
PICKOVER, John Stuart		LABOUR		729	
RAMSAY, Amanda McDo	onald	LABOUR		756 (E	lected)
WIGHAM, Paul William		CONSERV	/ATIVE	716	
(Total numb	er of good ve	otes		6377)	
(Rejected paper –	voting for mo	ore than three	candidates	2)	
(Rejected papers -	- unmarked o	or void for und	ertainty	4)	
Majority (third over fourth	n): 5				
Party vote shares:	Con	Green	Ind	Lab	LD

 Party vote shares:
 Con
 Green
 Ind
 Lab
 LD

 2.5.02
 31.40%
 13.65%
 8.87%
 30.83%
 15.24%

 7.5.98
 25.40%
 13.28%
 45.98%
 15.34%

Swings from 1998: Labour to Conservative 10.58% Liberal Democrat to Conservative 3.05% Labour to Liberal Democrat 7.53%

Change from 1998: Conservative gain two from Labour

Polling district	Electorate	Thos	e voting	Percentage
PA	2029	816		40.22
PB	1643	383		23.31
PC	2746	902		32.85
Postal votes	244	136		55.74
Totals	6662	2237		33.58
(1998 totals	6302	2593		41.15)
Absent voters:		Totals	(May 1998)	Percentage of electorate
Postal voter	rs	244	(67)	3.66
Postal proxy	y voters	0	(1)	0.00
[Total posta	l voters	244	(68)	3.66]
Proxy voters	S	19	(20)	0.29
[Total abser		263	(88 [°])	3.95]
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ABBEY WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes	(Elected)
ABRAMS, Pauline Grace	LABOUR	765	(Elected)
ASHCROFT, Stephen John	CONSERVATIVE	644	
ASSINEN, Susan	LABOUR	776	(Elected)
BARROW, Jacqueline Lesley	GREEN	233	
BARROW, John Howard	GREEN	180	
BOTTELL, Anne Marilyn	CONSERVATIVE	613	
BROWN, Catherine Roberta	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	320	
CUNNINGHAM, Conal Edward	GREEN	166	
FITZGERALD, Michael Anthony	LABOUR	710	(Elected)
LEE, Celia Jane	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	260	,
O'BOYLE, John Andrew	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	301	
RAYMOND, Gordon Henderson	CONSERVATIVE	538	
(Total number of good vot	es	5506)	
(Rejected paper – voting for more	e than three candidates	3)	
(Rejected papers – unmarked or	void for uncertainty	2)	

Majority (third over fourth): 66

Party vote shares:	Con	Green	Lab	LD
2.5.02	32.60%	10.52%	40.88%	16.00%
<i>7.5.9</i> 8	23.96%	9.43%	49.82%	16.79%

Swings from 1998:	Labour to Conservative	8.79%
_	Liberal Democrat to Conservative	4.77%
	Labour to Liberal Democrat	4.08%
	Labour to Green	5.02%
	Green to Conservative	3.78%
	Liberal Democrat to Green	0.93%

Change from 1998: No change

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Polling district	Electorate	Those	e voting	Percentage
QA	1917	452		23.58
QB	2055	539		26.23
QC	1221	375		30.71
QD	1540	394		25.58
Postal votes	316	172		54.43
Totals	7049	1932		27.41
(1998 totals	7317	2505		34.24)
Absent voters:		Totals	(May 1998)	Percentage of electorate
Postal voter	S	316	(126)	4.48
Postal proxy	voters	0	(4)	0.00
[Total postal		316	(130)	4.48]
Proxy voters		10	` (14)	0.14
[Total abser		326	(144)	4.62]
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MERTON PARK WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
ADAMS, Naomi Judith	GREEN	201
ASHTON, Jillian Claire	MERTON PARK IND. RES	i. 1499 (Elected)
CHELLEW, Richard	CONSERVATIVE	731
EDGE, David Christopher	CONSERVATIVE	765
MERNANE, Richard Joseph Kah	nCONSERVATIVE	716
MILLS, Andrew Thomas	UK INDEPENDENCE	127
NELSON-JONES, John Austen	MERTON PARK IND. RES	5. 1415 (Elected)
NICHOLS, Richard John	LABOUR	409
POWELL, Robert Norman	LABOUR	355
REDDIN, Michael John	LABOUR	373
SOUTHGATE, Peter William	MERTON PARK IND. RES	i. 1420 (Elected)
(Total number of go	ood votes	8011)
(Rejected paper – voting f	or more than three candidat	es 2)
	ked or void for uncertainty	4)

Majority (third over fourth): 650

Party vote shares:

	Con	Green	Lab	LD	MPIR	UKIP
2.5.02	25.52%	6.96%	13.12%	_	50.01%	4.40%
7.5.98	26.37%	_	16.69	6.87	50.07%	_

Swings from 1998: Conservative to Merton Park Ward Ind. Res. 0.40%
Labour to Merton Park Ward Ind. Res. 1.76%
Labour to Conservative 1.36%

Change from 1998: No change

Polling district	Electorate	Those	e voting	Percentage
RA	1863	606		32.53
RB	1669	846		50.69
RC	2792	1105		39.58
Postal votes	302	214		70.86
Totals (1998 totals	6626 6819	2771 2929		41.82 42.95)
Absent voters:		Totals	(May 1998)	Percentage of electorate
Postal voters	3	302	(110)	4.56
Postal proxy	voters	0	(0)	0.00
[Total postal	voters	302	(110)	4.56]
Proxy voters		12	(29)	0.18
[Total absen	t voters	314	(139)	4.74]
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CANNON HILL WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes	(Elected)
ALAMBRITIS, Stephen	LABOUR	893	
BRYCE, Fiona Jean	CONSERVATIVE	1341	(Elected)
CLUER, Francis Edwin Rothay	GREEN	153	
EGLINGTON, Blaise Christopher	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	351	
FALLOWFIELD, Catherine Mary	GREEN	119	
FALLOWFIELD, Giles Martin	GREEN	98	
LADMORE, Richard James	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	319	
LUCAS, Charles	LABOUR	785	
MACAULEY, Henry Patrick	LABOUR	803	
MILLS, Graham Walter	UK INDEPENDENCE	175	
SHEARS, Deborah Jane	CONSERVATIVE	1396	(Elected)
SHELLHORN, David Andrew	CONSERVATIVE	1277	(Elected)
SPALDING, Michael Alexander	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	333	
STEIERT, Despina	INDEPENDENT	215	
(Total number of good votes			
(Rejected papers – unmarked or	void for uncertainty	4)	

Majority (third over fourth): 384

Party vote shares:

	Con	Green	Ind	Lab	LD	UKIP
2.5.02	44.41%	4.09%	7.14%	27.45%	11.10%	5.81%
7.5.98	36.77%	5.65%	_	44.63%	12.94%	_

Swings from 1998: Labour to Conservative 12.41% Liberal Democrat to Conservative 4.74% Labour to Liberal Democrat 7.67%

Change from 1998: Conservative gain three from Labour

Polling district	Electorate	Thos	e voting	Percentage
SA	1217	391		32.13
SB	1573	639		40.62
SC/SCM	1944	860		44.24
SD/SDM	1866	866		46.41
Postal votes	237	176		74.26
Totals	6837	2932		42.88
(1998 totals	6669	3047		45.69)
Absent voters:		Totals	(May 1998)	Percentage of electorate
Postal voter	S	237	(69)	3.47
Postal proxy	/ voters	0	(1)	0.00
[Total postal	l voters	237	(7 0)	3.47]
Proxy voters	3	8	(22)	0.12
[Total abser	nt voters	245	(92 [°])	3.58]
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WEST BARNES WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
BELL, Michael David Christopher BRIERLY, William Philip CALDARA, Angela DAVIDSON, Mark Julian DYSART, Iain Desmond St Clair FILBY, David Ernest HARRIS, Nicholas Paul	GREEN CONSERVATIVE CONSERVATIVE GREEN LIBERAL DEMOCRAT LABOUR LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	157 1174 (Elected) 1106 (Elected) 135 1054 466 913
LAYTON, Margaret Ann LEWIS-LAVENDER, Gillian Valerie MANSER, Angela Jane PATTERSON, David James PUGH, Louise Nicola (Total number of good vote (Rejected paper – writing/mark by (Rejected papers – unmarked or	LABOUR CONSERVATIVE LABOUR GREEN LIBERAL DEMOCRAT es y which voter can be identi	422 1198 (Elected) 361 91 856 7933)

Majority (third over fourth): 52

Party vote shares:	Con	Green	Lab	LD
2.5.02	43.84%	4.83%	15.74%	35.59%
(By-election 9.11.00	49.55%	_	14.05%	36.40%)
7.5.98	<i>25.45%</i>	4.62%	28.19%	41.74%
Swings from 1998:	Liberal De	mocrat to Co	nservative 12	2.27%

Labour to Conservative 15.42% Labour to Liberal Democrat 3.15%

Change from 1998: Conservative gain three from Liberal Democrat

Polling district	Electorate	Those	e voting	Percentage
TA TB TC Postal votes	1986 2697 1937 274	627 1141 802 193		31.57 42.31 41.40 70.44
Totals (By-election totals (1998 totals	6894 7162 7013	2763 1993 3223		40.08 27.83) 45.96)
Absent voters: Postal voters Postal proxy [Total postal Proxy voters [Total absen	voters voters t voters	Totals 268 6 274 13 289	(May 1998) (75) (1) (76) (22) (98)	Percentage of electorate 3.89 0.09 3.97] 0.19 4.19]
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