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PREFACE

This is the sixth volume in a series of definitive reference books intended to provide an interim supplement to the series of volumes entitled *British Parliamentary Election Results*.

We took over this series from the late F.W.S. Craig. A number of changes to Craig's original format were introduced for *Britain Votes 5* and we have extended that process still further. The constituencies now only have a single identifying number. This identity number, commonly referred to as 'PA number', will also be used in most machine-readable data sets of the general election results.

The 1997 general election was fought on new constituency boundaries. Compared with the previous election in 1992 the number of constituencies was increased from 651 to 659. A total of only 165 seats were unchanged by the Boundary Commissioners. In order to make comparisons with the 1992 general election, therefore, it was necessary to compile an agreed set of 'notional results'. A media consortium comprising BBC, ITN, PA News and BSkyB commissioned us to prepare these notional results which were published in 1995 as *The Media Guide to the New Parliamentary Constituencies*. Where constituencies have new boundaries our calculations for party change are based on this earlier publication.

We have also increased further the number of Tables for this volume, reflecting our readers' favourable reaction to *Britain Votes 5*. In addition, the alphabetical index of candidates now also includes party affiliation.

A number of people have helped us considerably in compiling these results. First and foremost are the Returning Officers and their staffs who responded with such patience to our apparently endless requests for information. We should also like to thank those people from within the political parties who provided details about their candidates. Chris Long at ITN and Rob Clements of the Social and General Statistics Section of the House of Commons Library also supplied essential information. At Plymouth, Lawrence Ware constructed the computerised database of results while Alison Hale and Stephen Kelly ensured that election returns were collected, collated and processed.

As ever, we are happy to receive comments from readers either about any errors or with suggestions for possible improvements for future editions.

Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher,
University of Plymouth,
August 1997

INTRODUCTORY NOTES

All constituencies in the United Kingdom are listed in alphabetical order following the practice of the Press Association. Thus Aberavon is number 1 and Yorkshire East number 659.

Under the name of each constituency are seven columns:

- 1a. Electors** The estimated (†) or actual number of electors eligible to vote on May 1st 1997.
- 1b. 'Index of change'** A general review of constituency boundaries was enacted before the 1997 general election. The 'index of change' provides a guide to how far the boundaries of a new constituency differ from that of the old constituency from which it was drawn. 'None' equals no change. The further the figure exceeds 0.0, the more the constituency has experienced boundary changes. A detailed definition of the 'index' and an explanation of how it is calculated can be found in C. Rallings and M. Thrasher (eds), *The Media Guide to the New Parliamentary Constituencies* (Plymouth: LGC Elections Centre, 1995).
- 2. Turnout** The number of valid votes cast expressed as a percentage of the eligible electorate.
- 3. Candidate** The surname and initials of the candidate. All women are listed as 'Ms.'; those candidates who were members of the 1992-97 Parliament are denoted by a *.
- 4. Party** The party affiliation of the candidate.
- 5. Vote** The number of votes polled by the candidate.
- 6. Share** The number of votes polled by the candidate expressed as a percentage of the total valid votes cast. A * indicates a forfeited deposit.
- 7. Change** The percentage change in the share of the vote for the party since the 1992 general election. In the case of constituencies with new boundaries, change is based on 'notional' results calculated as if those constituencies had been in existence in 1992. Detailed figures can be found in C. Rallings and M. Thrasher (eds), *The Media Guide to the New Parliamentary Constituencies*.

At the foot of each set of voting figures appears the majority of the successful candidate and this is also expressed as a percentage. (The rounding of percentages originally calculated to two decimal places sometimes results in the percentage majority figure differing by + or -0.1% from that obtained by subtracting the share of the first placed party from that of the second placed party.) The party which actually or 'notionally' won the seat at the 1992 general election is also noted.

BY ELECTIONS

The boundary changes came into effect with the dissolution of parliament. All by-elections in the 1992-97 Parliament were fought on the old boundaries and are NOT listed here. Detailed results of those by-elections can be found in *British Parliamentary Election Results 1983-97* (Aldershot: Ashgate, forthcoming). Table 4 in the current volume describes the subsequent fate of candidates elected at by-elections between 1992 and 1997.

CHANGE OF PARTY ALLEGIANCE

In a number of cases MPs changed their party allegiance following election. A.T. Howarth was elected as Conservative MP for Stratford-on-Avon, but subsequently took the Labour whip. He was elected Labour MP for Newport East in 1997. Ms. E. H. Nicholson, elected Conservative MP for Devon West and Torridge in 1992, and P. G. Thurnham, the 1992 Conservative victor in Bolton North East, both defected to the Liberal Democrats. Neither contested a seat at the 1997 election.

ELECTORATE STATISTICS

For this volume two different calculations have been used for electorate statistics. Where the electorate figure for a constituency is followed by a †, then it has been estimated from the statistics as first published by the Office for National Statistics, amended where necessary following information received from Returning Officers. For an explanation of the formula used to calculate the electorate on a given date, see F.W.S. Craig (ed), *British Electoral Facts, 1832-1987* (Aldershot: Dartmouth, 1989) p. xiii.

The increase in the availability of machine-readable electoral registers has meant that many Returning Officers were able to supply us with more exact counts of their electorates on the day of the election. Wherever possible we have used these, not least because in a number of constituencies the 'on the day' electorate differs quite sharply from that 'as first published' owing to a high incidence of late claims. Constituencies which fall into this category have NO † after their electorate.

FORFEITED DEPOSITS

A candidate forfeited a deposit of £500 if s/he was not elected and did not poll more than one-twentieth of the valid votes cast. For details about lost deposits see Table 37.

GENERAL ELECTION POLLING DATE

Polling took place on May 1st 1997.

SURNAMES AND INITIALS

The surnames and initials of candidates are based on returns made to the authors by Returning Officers. Only initials and titles which can be derived from these sources are listed.

VOTING STATISTICS

The number of votes cast for candidates are based on returns made to the authors by Returning Officers.

PARTY LABELS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Abbrev.	Party	Candidates
APNI	Alliance Party of Northern Ireland	17
BNP	British National Party	57
CD	Christian Democrat Party	2
Comm	Communist	3
Con	Conservative and Unionist Party	648
DUP	Democratic Unionist Party	9
Gm	Green Party	95
Hum	Humanist Party	2
Ind	Independent (when placed before a party label indicates an unofficial candidate)*	186
Lab†	Labour Party	639
LC	Legalise Cannabis	4
LD	Liberal Democratic Party	639
Lib	Liberal Party	55
MK	Mebyon Kernow	4
MRLP	Monster Raving Loony Party	24
Nat Dem	National Democrat	21
NF	National Front	6
NLP	Natural Law Party	197
PC	Plaid Cymru	40
PL	Pro-Life	56
Prog U	Progressive Unionist	3
Rainbow	Rainbow Dream Ticket	31
Ref	Referendum Party	547
SDLP	Social Democratic and Labour Party	18
SF	Sinn Fein	17
SL	Socialist Labour	64
SNP	Scottish National Party	72
Soc	Socialist	24
Speaker	Speaker seeking re-election	1
SSA	Scottish Socialist Alliance	16
UKI	UK Independence Party	193
UKU	UK Unionist Party	1
UU	Ulster Unionist Party	16
WP	Workers Party	8
WRP	Workers Revolutionary Party	9

*There has been growing controversy over the adoption by 'Independent' candidates of labels the same as or very similar to those used by the established political parties. Designations such as 'Local Conservative', 'Real Labour' or 'Liberal Democrat Alternative Candidate' -all of which occurred in 1997- clearly indicate a separation between the candidate and the political party. We have, however, noted 3 cases where it might be argued that there was an intention to mislead. R.J. Huggett, already well-known for his candidature as a 'Literal Democrat' in the Devon and Plymouth East Euro-constituency in 1994, legally stood as 'The Conservative Party Candidate' in Brighton Pavilion and as 'Liberal Democrat Top Choice for Parliament' in Winchester. D.K. Neal, presumably taking his cue from Huggett's 1994 venture, stood as 'The Conservatory Party Candidate' in Clwyd West. They are each listed as 'Ind' in the results section.

† A total of 26 Labour candidates, jointly sponsored by the Co-operative Party, are described in the results as 'Lab'. The following constituencies had Lab/Co-op candidates: Basildon; Brighton Pavilion; Bristol N.W.; Cardiff Central; Cardiff South & Penarth; Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley; Corby; Dumbarton; Edmonton; Feltham & Heston; Glasgow Pollok; Glasgow Rutherglen; Hemel Hempstead; Heywood & Middleton; Huddersfield; Ilford South; Islwyn; Kirkcaldy; Leicester N.W.; Liverpool Riverside; Loughborough; Paisley South; Plymouth Sutton; Stroud; Wolverhampton N.E.; Wolverhampton S.E.

The Result in Winchester

The general election result in Winchester was declared void by the High Court following an investigation into voting papers disqualified for want of the official mark. A new election was called for 20th November 1997. The result was as follows:

Winchester [633]

79,116	68.9	Oaten, M.	LD	37,006	68.0
		Malone, G.*	Con	15,450	28.4
44.3		Davies, P.	Lab	944	1.7*
		Page R.	Ref/UKI	521	1.0*
		Sutch D.	MRLP	316	0.6*
		Huggett, R.J.	Ind	59	0.1*
		Barry R.J. Ms.	NLP	48	0.1*
		Everest R.J.	Ind Con	40	0.1*
1992: Con				21,556	39.6

All Tables in this book are based on the May 1st result.

PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY RESULTS

Aberavon [1]

50,031	71.9	Morris, J.*	Lab	25,650	71.3	+4.2
		McConville, R.L.	LD	4,079	11.3	-1.1
None		Harper, P.E.	Con	2,835	7.9	-6.0
		Cockwell, P.	PC	2,088	5.8	+1.0
		David, P.	Ref	970	2.7*	
		Beany, C.	Ind	341	0.9*	
1992: Lab				21,571	60.0	

Aberdeen Central [2]

54,390	65.5	Doran, F.	Lab	17,745	49.8	+6.7
		Wisely, J.G.A. Ms.	Con	6,944	19.5	-9.3
93.5		Topping, B.A.	SNP	5,767	16.2	-1.4
		Brown, J.D.	LD	4,714	13.2	+2.7
		Farquharson, J.S.	Ref	446	1.3*	
1992: Lab				10,801	30.3	

Aberdeen North [3]

54,331	70.7	Savidge, M.K.	Lab	18,389	47.9	+12.8
		Adam, B.J.	SNP	8,379	21.8	-0.7
87.7		Gifford, J.N.	Con	5,763	15.0	-3.6
		Rumbles, M.J.	LD	5,421	14.1	-9.7
		MacKenzie, A.W.E.	Ref	463	1.2*	
1992: Lab				10,010	26.1	

Aberdeen South [4]

60,566	72.8	Begg, A. Ms.	Lab	15,541	35.3	+11.4
		Stephen, N.R.	LD	12,176	27.6	+1.0
90.1		Robertson, R.S.*	Con	11,621	26.4	-11.0
		Towers, J.D.	SNP	4,299	9.8	-2.3
		Wharton, R.F.	Ref	425	1.0*	
1992: Con				3,365	7.6	

Aberdeenshire W & Kincardine [5]

59,123†	73.1	Smith, R.H.	LD	17,742	41.1	+6.4
		Kynoch, G.A.B.*	Con	15,080	34.9	-10.2
63.0		Mowatt, J.M. Ms.	SNP	5,649	13.1	+0.6
		Khan, Q.E.	Lab	3,923	9.1	+2.3
		Ball, S.L.	Ref	808	1.9*	
1992: Con				2,662	6.2	

Airdrie & Shotts [6]

57,673†	71.4	Liddell, H. Ms.*	Lab	25,460	61.8	-0.7
		Robertson, K.R.A.	SNP	10,048	24.4	+6.3
52.7		Brook, N.H.	Con	3,660	8.9	-6.0
		Wolseley, R.G.	LD	1,719	4.2*	-0.3
		Semple, C.	Ref	294	0.7*	
1992: Lab				15,412	37.4	

Aldershot [7]

76,499†	70.8	Howarth, J.G.D.	Con	23,119	42.7	-15.4
		Collett, A.P.	LD	16,498	30.5	+4.1
8.1		Bridgeman, T.D.	Lab	13,057	24.1	+10.3
		Howe, J.W.	UKI	794	1.5*	
		Pendragon, A.U.	Ind	361	0.7*	
		Stevens, D.M.	BNP	322	0.6*	
1992: Con				6,621	12.2	

Aldridge - Brownhills [8]

62,441†	74.3	Shepherd, R.C.S.*	Con	21,856	47.1	-7.2
		Toth, J.	Lab	19,330	41.7	+8.4
None		Downie, C.M. Ms.	LD	5,184	11.2	-1.2
1992: Con				2,526	5.4	

Altrincham & Sale West [9]

70,625†	73.3	Brady, G.	Con	22,348	43.2	-11.3
		Baugh, J.E. Ms.	Lab	20,843	40.3	+13.8
52.7		Ramsbottom, M.S.	LD	6,535	12.6	-5.8
		Landes, A.L.	Ref	1,348	2.6*	
		Stephens, J.P.	PL	313	0.6*	
		Mrozinski, R.A.	UKI	270	0.5*	
		Renwick, J.C.	NLP	125	0.2*	
1992: Con				1,505	2.9	

Alyn & Deeside [10]

58,091†	72.2	Jones, S.B.*	Lab	25,955	61.9	+11.0
		Roberts, T.P.	Con	9,552	22.8	-14.1
6.0		Burnham, E. Ms.	LD	4,076	9.7	-0.0
		Jones, M.J.D.	Ref	1,627	3.9*	
		Hills, S. Ms.	PC	738	1.8*	+0.6
1992: Lab				16,403	39.1	

Amber Valley [11]

72,116†	76.0	Mallaber, C.J. Ms.	Lab	29,943	54.7	+10.3
		Oppenheim, P.A.C.L.*	Con	18,330	33.5	-13.0
2.7		Shelley, R.P.	LD	4,219	7.7	-1.4
		McGibbon, I.E. Ms.	Ref	2,283	4.2*	
1992: Con				11,613	21.2	

Angus [12]

59,708†	72.1	Welsh, A.P.*	SNP	20,792	48.3	+9.1
		Leslie, S.A.A.	Con	10,603	24.6	-13.5
22.9		Taylor, C.D. Ms.	Lab	6,733	15.6	+2.7
		Speirs, R.B.	LD	4,065	9.4	+0.6
		Taylor, B.A.	Ref	883	2.0*	
1992: SNP				10,189	23.7	

Antrim East [13]

59,032	58.2	Beggs, R.*	UU	13,318	38.8	-4.8
		Neeson, S.	APNI	6,929	20.2	-5.0
21.8		McKee, J.	DUP	6,682	19.5	-3.2
		Dick, T.S.	Con	2,334	6.8	-1.1
		Donaldson, B.	Prog U	1,751	5.1	
		O'Connor, D.G.	SDLP	1,576	4.6*	
		Mason, R.L.	Ind	1,145	3.3*	
		McAuley, C. Ms.	SF	543	1.6*	
		McCann, M. Ms.	NLP	69	0.2*	
1992: UU				6,389	18.6	

Antrim North [14]

72,491	63.7	Paisley, I.R.K.*	DUP	21,495	46.5	-4.3
		Leslie, J.S.	UU	10,921	23.6	+5.6
None		Farren, S.N.	SDLP	7,333	15.9	+1.6
		McCarry, J.K.	SF	2,896	6.3	+2.1
		Alderdice, D.K.	APNI	2,845	6.2	-1.4
		Hinds, B.A.T. Ms.	Ind	580	1.3*	
		Wright, J.D.O.	NLP	116	0.3*	
1992: DUP				10,574	22.9	

Antrim South [15]

69,512	57.8	Forsythe, C.*	UU	23,108	57.5	-13.9
		McClelland, D.	SDLP	6,497	16.2	+2.6
4.7		Ford, D.R.J.	APNI	4,668	11.6	+0.7
		Smyth, H.	Prog U	3,490	8.7	
		Cushinan, H.J.	SF	2,229	5.5	+2.5
		Briggs, B.A. Ms.	NLP	<u>203</u>	<u>0.5*</u>	
1992: UU				16,611	41.3	

Argyll & Bute [16]

48,983	72.9	Michie, R. Ms.*	LD	14,359	40.2	+5.3
		MacCormick, N.	SNP	8,278	23.2	-0.6
None		Leishman, R.M.	Con	6,774	19.0	-8.8
		Syed, A.	Lab	5,596	15.7	+2.1
		Stewart, M.A.S.G.	Ref	<u>713</u>	<u>2.0*</u>	
1992: LD				6,081	17.0	

Arundel & South Downs [17]

68,010†	75.5	Flight, H.E.	Con	27,251	53.1	-9.7
		Goss, J.M.	LD	13,216	25.7	+0.6
104.7		Black, R.	Lab	9,376	18.3	+8.9
		Herbert, J.T.	UKI	<u>1,494</u>	<u>2.9*</u>	
1992: Con				14,035	27.3	

Ashfield [18]

72,299	70.0	Hoon, G.W.*	Lab	32,979	65.2	+10.3
		Simmonds, M.J.M.	Con	10,251	20.3	-12.4
0.1		Smith, J.W.E.	LD	4,882	9.6	-2.9
		Betts, M.I.	Ref	1,896	3.7*	
		Belshaw, S.E.	BNP	<u>595</u>	<u>1.2*</u>	
1992: Lab				22,728	44.9	

Ashford [19]

74,512†	74.2	Green, D.H.	Con	22,899	41.4	-13.2
		Ennals, J.R.	Lab	17,544	31.7	+11.7
None		Williams, J.	LD	10,901	19.7	-4.3
		Cruden, C.L.	Ref	3,201	5.8	
		Boden, R.T.	Gm	660	1.2*	
		Tyrrell, S.D.L.	NLP	<u>89</u>	<u>0.2*</u>	
1992: Con				5,355	9.7	

Ashton under Lyne [20]

72,308†	65.4	Sheldon, R.E.*	Lab	31,919	67.5	+10.5
		Mayson, R.J.	Con	8,954	18.9	-9.8
52.3		Pickstone, T.D.	LD	4,603	9.7	-2.2
		Clapham, L.E. Ms.	Ref	1,346	2.8*	
		Cymbal, P.	MRLP	458	1.0*	
1992: Lab				<u>22,965</u>	<u>48.6</u>	

Aylesbury [21]

79,047†	72.8	Lidington, D.*	Con	25,426	44.2	-13.1
		Bowles, S. Ms.	LD	17,007	29.5	+1.8
4.0		Langridge, R.	Lab	12,759	22.2	+8.7
		John, M.	Ref	2,196	3.8*	
		Sheaff, L.	NLP	166	0.3*	
1992: Con				<u>8,419</u>	<u>14.6</u>	

Ayr [22]

55,925†	80.0	Osborne, S. Ms.	Lab	21,679	48.4	+5.8
		Gallie, P.*	Con	15,136	33.8	-4.6
16.6		Blackford, I.	SNP	5,625	12.6	+1.4
		Hamblen, C.A. Ms.	LD	2,116	4.7*	-2.7
		Enos, J.C.	Ref	200	0.4*	
1992: Lab				<u>6,543</u>	<u>14.6</u>	

Banbury [23]

77,797†	75.1	Baldry, A.B.*	Con	25,076	42.9	-11.9
		Peperell, H.Y. Ms.	Lab	20,339	34.8	+7.9
3.8		Bearder, C.Z. Ms.	LD	9,761	16.7	-1.1
		Ager, J.W.	Ref	2,245	3.8*	
		Cotton, B.M.	Grn	530	0.9*	
		King, L. Ms.	UKI	364	0.6*	
		Pearson, I.	NLP	131	0.2*	
1992: Con				<u>4,737</u>	<u>8.1</u>	

Banff & Buchan [24]

58,493†	68.7	Salmond, A.E.A.*	SNP	22,409	55.8	+4.9
		Frain Bell, W.	Con	9,564	23.8	-10.9
11.6		Harris, M. Ms.	Lab	4,747	11.8	+3.2
		Fletcher, N.D.	LD	2,398	6.0	+0.1
		Buchan, A.S.	Ref	1,060	2.6*	
1992: SNP				<u>12,845</u>	<u>32.0</u>	

Barking [25]

53,458	61.7	Hodge, M.E. Ms.*	Lab	21,698	65.8	+13.6
		Langford, K.R.	Con	5,802	17.6	-16.3
10.6		Marsh, M.J.P.	LD	3,128	9.5	-4.4
		Taylor, C.E.	Ref	1,283	3.9*	
		Tolman, M.C.	BNP	894	2.7*	
		Mearns, D.F.	PL	159	0.5*	
1992: Lab				<u>15,896</u>	<u>48.2</u>	

Barnsley Central [26]

61,160	59.7	Illsley, E.E.*	Lab	28,090	77.0	+6.2
		Gutteridge, S.P.	Con	3,589	9.8	-8.7
14.3		Finlay, D.	LD	3,481	9.5	-1.2
		Walsh, J.J.	Ref	1,325	3.6*	
1992: Lab				<u>24,501</u>	<u>67.2</u>	

Barnsley East & Mexborough [27]

68,105	63.6	Ennis, J.*	Lab	31,699	73.1	+0.2
		Ellison, J.E. Ms.	Con	4,936	11.4	-6.0
56.6		Willis, D.J.	LD	4,489	10.4	+0.6
		Capstick, W.K.	SL	1,213	2.8*	
		Miles, A.J.	Ref	797	1.8*	
		Hyland, J.E. Ms.	Ind	201	0.5*	
1992: Lab				<u>26,763</u>	<u>61.8</u>	

Barnsley West & Penistone [28]

64,912	65.0	Clapham, M.*	Lab	25,017	59.3	+1.0
		Watkins, P.A.	Con	7,750	18.4	-9.7
None		Knight, W.I. Ms.	LD	7,613	18.0	+6.4
		Miles, J. Ms.	Ref	1,828	4.3*	
1992: Lab				<u>17,267</u>	<u>40.9</u>	

Barrow & Furness [29]

67,007	72.0	Hutton, J.M.P.*	Lab	27,630	57.3	+9.5
		Hunt, R.	Con	13,133	27.2	-14.1
None		Metcalfe, A. A. Ms.	LD	4,264	8.8	-2.1
		Hamezeian, J.	Ind	1,995	4.1*	
		Mitchell, D.Y.	Ref	1,208	2.5*	
1992: Lab				<u>14,497</u>	<u>30.1</u>	

Basildon [30]

73,714	72.0	Smith, A.E. Ms.	Lab	29,646	55.8	+15.1
		Baron, J.C.	Con	16,366	30.8	-14.3
68.1		Granshaw, L. Ms.	LD	4,608	8.7	-5.5
		Robinson, C.B.	Ref	<u>2,462</u>	<u>4.6*</u>	
1992: Con				13,280	25.0	

Basingstoke [31]

77,063	74.1	Hunter, A.R.F.*	Con	24,751	43.3	-10.2
		Lickley, N.J.D.	Lab	22,354	39.1	+14.0
9.5		Rimmer, M.E.	LD	9,714	17.0	-3.4
		Selim, E.M.O.	Ind	<u>310</u>	<u>0.5*</u>	
1992: Con				2,397	4.2	

Bassetlaw [32]

68,101†	70.5	Ashton, J.W.*	Lab	29,298	61.0	+7.7
		Cleasby, M.A.	Con	11,950	24.9	-10.1
0.0		Kerrigan, S.D.M.	LD	4,915	10.2	-1.4
		Graham, R.	Ref	<u>1,838</u>	<u>3.8*</u>	
1992: Lab				17,348	36.1	

Bath [33]

70,975	76.1	Foster, D.M.E.*	LD	26,169	48.5	+1.6
		McNair, A. Ms.	Con	16,850	31.2	-12.2
11.2		Bush, T.	Lab	8,828	16.4	+8.2
		Cook, A.P.	Ref	1,192	2.2*	
		Scrase, R.J.	Grn	580	1.1*	
		Sandell, P.G.	UKI	315	0.6*	
		Pullen, N.A.	NLP	<u>55</u>	<u>0.1*</u>	
1992: LD				9,319	17.3	

Batley & Spen [34]

64,202	73.2	Wood, M.R.	Lab	23,213	49.4	+6.4
		Peacock, E.J. Ms.*	Con	17,072	36.4	-8.3
16.3		Pinnock, K.M. Ms.	LD	4,133	8.8	-2.5
		Wood, E.O.C.	Ref	1,691	3.6*	
		Smith, R.A.	BNP	472	1.0*	
		Lord, C.R.	Grn	<u>384</u>	<u>0.8*</u>	
1992: Con				6,141	13.1	

Battersea [35]

66,895	70.9	Linton, J.M.	Lab	24,047	50.7	+9.5
		Bowis, J.C.*	Con	18,687	39.4	-11.0
0.3		Keaveney, P.C. Ms.	LD	3,482	7.3	+0.3
		Slater, M.W.	Ref	804	1.7*	
		Banks, A.	UKI	250	0.5*	
		Marshall, J.	Rainbow	127	0.3*	
1992: Con				5,360	11.3	

Beaconsfield [36]

68,959†	72.8	Grieve, D.C.R.	Con	24,709	49.2	-14.5
		Mapp, P.G.D.	LD	10,722	21.4	+1.9
3.3		Hudson, A.S.	Lab	10,063	20.0	+6.4
		Lloyd, H.A.	Ref	2,197	4.4*	
		Story, C.E.H.	Ind Con	1,434	2.9*	
		Cooke, C.W.R.	UKI	451	0.9*	
		Duval, G.S. Ms.	PL	286	0.6*	
		Dyball, T.W.S.	NLP	193	0.4*	
		Matthews, R.R.	Ind	146	0.3*	
1992: Con				13,987	27.9	

Beckenham [37]

73,126	74.3	Merchant, P.R.G.*	Con	23,084	42.5	-17.7
		Hughes, R.N.	Lab	18,131	33.4	+12.2
24.8		Vetterlein, R.E. Ms.	LD	9,858	18.1	+1.4
		Mead, L.F.	Ref	1,663	3.1*	
		Rimmer, P.H.	Lib	720	1.3*	
		Pratt, C.N.	UKI	506	0.9*	
		McAuley, J.C.	NF	388	0.7*	
1992: Con				4,953	9.1	

Bedford [38]

66,560†	73.5	Hall, P.	Lab	24,774	50.6	+14.2
		Blackman, R.J.	Con	16,474	33.7	-11.8
47.4		Noyce, C.D.	LD	6,044	12.3	-4.1
		Conquest, P.C.	Ref	1,503	3.1*	
		Saunders, P.A. Ms.	NLP	149	0.3*	
1992: Con				8,300	17.0	

Bedfordshire Mid [39]

66,521†	78.9	Sayeed, J.	Con	24,176	46.0	-16.4
		Mallett, N.	Lab	17,086	32.5	+12.7
99.4		Hill, T.J.	LD	8,823	16.8	+1.0
		Marler, S.C. Ms.	Ref	2,257	4.3*	
		Lorys, M.J.	NLP	174	0.3*	
1992: Con				<u>7,090</u>	<u>13.5</u>	

Bedfordshire North East [40]

65,308†	77.2	Lyell, N.W.*	Con	22,311	44.3	-15.0
		Lehal, J.	Lab	16,428	32.6	+12.6
78.2		Bristow, P.J.	LD	7,179	14.2	-4.3
		Taylor, J.C.	Ref	2,490	4.9*	
		Foley, F.L.	Ind Con	1,842	3.7*	
		Bence, B.H.	NLP	138	0.3*	
1992: Con				<u>5,883</u>	<u>11.7</u>	

Bedfordshire South West [41]

69,781†	75.8	Madel, W.D.*	Con	21,534	40.7	-15.5
		Date, A.R.	Lab	21,402	40.5	+14.7
13.0		Owen, S.H.M.	LD	7,559	14.3	-2.3
		Hill, R. Ms.	Ref	1,761	3.3*	
		Wise, T.H.	UKI	446	0.8*	
		Le Carpentier, A.	NLP	162	0.3*	
1992: Con				<u>132</u>	<u>0.2</u>	

Belfast East [42]

61,837	63.1	Robinson, P.*	DUP	16,640	42.6	-11.8
		Empey, R.	UU	9,886	25.3	+25.3
22.3		Hendron, J.	APNI	9,288	23.8	-3.5
		Dines, S.E. Ms.	Con	928	2.4*	-7.7
		Corr, D.	SF	810	2.1*	+0.4
		Lewsley, P. Ms.	SDLP	629	1.6*	
		Dougan, A.D.	Ind	541	1.4*	
		Bell, J.	WP	237	0.6*	
		Collins, D.H.	NLP	70	0.2*	
1992: DUP				<u>6,754</u>	<u>17.3</u>	

Belfast North [43]

64,645	64.1	Walker, C.*	UU	21,478	51.8	+0.1
		Maginness, A.	SDLP	8,454	20.4	+2.1
24.4		Kelly, G.	SF	8,375	20.2	+8.9
		Campbell, T.	APNI	2,221	5.4	-2.4
		Emerson, P.	Gm	539	1.3*	
		Treanor, P.G.	WP	297	0.7*	
		Gribben, A.H. Ms.	NLP	88	0.2*	
1992: UU				<u>13,024</u>	<u>31.4</u>	

Belfast South [44]

63,633	62.0	Smyth, W.M.*	UU	14,201	36.0	-16.7
		McDonnell, A.	SDLP	9,601	24.3	+10.1
26.3		Ervine, D.	Prog U	5,687	14.4	
		McBride, S.	APNI	5,112	12.9	-2.7
		Hayes, S.	SF	2,019	5.1	+2.6
		Campbell, A. Ms.	Ind	1,204	3.0*	
		Boal, M.M. Ms.	Con	962	2.4*	-9.2
		Cusack, N.	Ind Lab	292	0.7*	
		Lynn, P.J.	WP	286	0.7*	
		Anderson, J.M.	NLP	120	0.3*	
1992: UU				<u>4,600</u>	<u>11.7</u>	

Belfast West [45]

61,920	74.1	Adams, G.	SF	25,662	55.9	+13.9
		Hendron, J.G.*	SDLP	17,753	38.7	-5.5
21.3		Parkinson, F.	UU	1,556	3.4*	-8.2
		Lowry, J.	WP	721	1.6*	
		Kennedy, L.	Ind	102	0.2*	
		Daly, M. Ms.	NLP	91	0.2*	
1992: SDLP				<u>7,909</u>	<u>17.2</u>	

Berwick-upon-Tweed [46]

56,878	73.5	Beith, A.J.*	LD	19,007	45.5	+1.1
		Brannen, P.	Lab	10,965	26.2	+3.4
None		Herbert, N.	Con	10,056	24.1	-8.7
		Lambton, E.R.	Ref	1,423	3.4*	
		Dodds, I.C.	UKI	352	0.8*	
1992: LD				<u>8,042</u>	<u>19.2</u>	

Bethnal Green & Bow [47]

74,146†	60.3	King, O.T. Ms.	Lab	20,697	46.3	-7.2
		Choudhury, K.H.	Con	9,412	21.1	+4.7
25.9		Nurul Islam, S.	LD	5,361	12.0	-13.8
		King, D.M.	BNP	3,350	7.5	
		Milson, T.B.	Lib	2,963	6.6	
		Osman, S.	Ind Lab	1,117	2.5*	
		Petter, S.	Grn	812	1.8*	
		Abdullah, M.	Ref	557	1.2*	
		Hamid, A.	SL	413	0.9*	
1992: Lab				<u>11,285</u>	<u>25.3</u>	

Beverley & Holderness [48]

72,049	72.9	Cran, J.D.*	Con	21,629	41.2	-13.3
		O'Neill, N.J.	Lab	20,418	38.9	+18.8
89.5		Melling, J.M.	LD	9,689	18.4	-6.9
		Barley, D.	UKI	695	1.3*	
		Withers, S.H.	NLP	111	0.2*	
1992: Con				<u>1,211</u>	<u>2.3</u>	

Bexhill & Battle [49]

65,803	74.5	Wardle, C.F.*	Con	23,570	48.1	-12.2
		Field, K.M. Ms.	LD	12,470	25.5	-3.4
0.1		Beckwith, R.D.	Lab	8,866	18.1	+8.7
		Thompson, V. Ms.	Ref	3,302	6.7	
		Pankhurst, J.D.	UKI	786	1.6*	
1992: Con				<u>11,100</u>	<u>22.7</u>	

Bexleyheath & Crayford [50]

63,373	76.1	Beard, C.N.	Lab	21,942	45.5	+14.2
		Evennett, D.A.*	Con	18,527	38.4	-15.8
74.6		Montford, F.J. Ms.	LD	5,391	11.2	-3.2
		Thomas, B.R.	Ref	1,551	3.2*	
		Smith, P. Ms.	BNP	429	0.9*	
		Jenner, W.J.	UKI	383	0.8*	
1992: Con				<u>3,415</u>	<u>7.1</u>	

Billericay [51]

76,304	72.6	Gorman, T.E. Ms.*	Con	22,033	39.8	-17.9
		Richards, P.A.	Lab	20,677	37.3	+17.3
57.9		Williams, G.	LD	8,763	15.8	-6.5
		Hughes, B.R.J.O.	Ind Con	3,377	6.1	
		Buchanan, J.R.	PL	570	1.0*	
1992: Con				1,356	2.4	

Birkenhead [52]

59,630	65.9	Field, F.*	Lab	27,825	70.8	+7.1
		Crosby, A.J.	Con	5,982	15.2	-9.9
None		Wood, R.J.	LD	3,548	9.0	-0.6
		Cullen, M.	SL	1,168	3.0*	
		Evans, R.P.	Ref	800	2.0*	
1992: Lab				21,843	55.5	

Birmingham Edgbaston [53]

70,310	68.9	Stuart, G.G. Ms.	Lab	23,554	48.6	+9.3
		Marshall, A.	Con	18,712	38.6	-10.7
32.2		Gallagher, J.Y.	LD	4,691	9.7	-0.5
		Oakton, J.P.	Ref	1,065	2.2*	
		Campbell, D.L.	BNP	443	0.9*	
1992: Con				4,842	10.0	

Birmingham Erdington [54]

66,431	60.8	Corbett, R.*	Lab	23,764	58.8	+5.5
		Tompkins, A.C.	Con	11,107	27.5	-9.0
39.7		Garrett, I.A.G.	LD	4,112	10.2	-0.1
		Cable, G.	Ref	1,424	3.5*	
1992: Lab				12,657	31.3	

Birmingham Hall Green [55]

58,783	71.1	McCabe, S.J.	Lab	22,372	53.5	+15.2
		Hargreaves, A.R.*	Con	13,952	33.4	-12.7
None		Dow, C.A.	LD	4,034	9.6	-6.0
		Bennett, P.R.	Ref	1,461	3.5*	
1992: Con				8,420	20.1	