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GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS, 1 MAY 1997

This paper presents some analyses of voting in the general election held on 1 May 1997. It is based on the definitive results which are published in *Britain Votes 6*, by Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher (Ashgate 1997).

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The 1997 General Election was the first to be fought on a new set of boundaries, with a total of 659 seats in the United Kingdom compared with 651 in 1992. Notional results for the 1992 election on the basis of the new constituencies were calculated by Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher on the basis of the actual results, voting patterns in local elections and demographic factors. It is from these results that any comparisons with 1992 are made.

The Labour Party won the 1997 General Election by the largest majority of seats since 1945. The 418 seats secured by Labour were the party's largest ever total, while the Conservative Party gained their lowest number since 1906. The Liberal Democrats saw their share of the vote fall but gained 46 seats compared with a notional total of 18 in 1992.

The turnout in 1997 was a post-war low of 71.4 per cent.

The number of women candidates elected in 1997 was 120, double the number elected in 1992 and almost three times the 41 elected in 1987.

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Table 1

Summary of Voting

Party	Votes	<i>% share of votes</i>	Candidates	MPs elected	Lost deposits
Labour	13,518,167	43.2%	639	418	0
Conservative	9,600,943	30.7%	648	165	8
Liberal Democrat	5,242,947	16.8%	639	46	13
Referendum Party	811,849	2.6%	547	0	505
Scottish National	621,550	2.0%	72	6	0
Ulster Unionist	258,349	0.8%	16	10	1
SDLP	190,814	0.6%	18	3	3
Plaid Cymru	161,030	0.5%	40	4	15
Sinn Fein	126,921	0.4%	17	2	4
Democratic Unionist	107,348	0.3%	9	2	0
UK Independence	105,722	0.3%	193	0	192
Green	63,991	0.2%	95	0	95
Alliance Party	62,972	0.2%	17	0	6
Socialist Labour	52,109	0.2%	64	0	61
Liberal	45,166	0.1%	55	0	53
British National	35,832	0.1%	57	0	54
Natural Law	30,604	0.1%	197	0	197
Speaker	23,969	0.1%	1	1	0
ProLife Alliance	19,332	0.1%	56	0	56
United Kingdom Unionist	12,817	0.0%	1	1	0
Progressive Unionist	10,928	0.0%	3	0	0
National Democrat	10,829	0.0%	21	0	20
Scottish Socialist Alliance	9,740	0.0%	16	0	15
National Front	2,716	0.0%	6	0	6
Others	159,639	0.5%	297	1	289
Total	31,286,284	100.0%	3,724	659	1,593

The average turnout nationally was 71.4%

Table 2

Votes cast for major parties by Government Office region

	Con	Lab	LDem	SNP/PC	Other	Total
England	8,780,881	11,347,882	4,677,565	-	1,252,384	26,058,712
<i>North East</i>	266,294	862,262	169,270	-	48,764	1,346,590
<i>North West</i>	859,436	1,499,518	421,025	-	130,730	2,910,709
<i>Merseyside</i>	141,120	442,366	103,152	-	28,158	714,796
<i>Yorkshire & The Humber</i>	720,771	1,339,170	412,216	-	106,016	2,578,173
<i>East Midlands</i>	800,958	1,097,639	311,264	-	84,889	2,294,750
<i>West Midlands</i>	953,465	1,326,822	388,807	-	156,731	2,825,825
<i>Eastern</i>	1,164,777	1,137,637	504,416	-	140,337	2,947,167
<i>London</i>	1,036,082	1,643,329	485,511	-	156,126	3,321,048
<i>South East</i>	1,817,343	1,264,778	1,012,418	-	247,069	4,341,608
<i>South West</i>	1,020,635	734,361	869,486	-	153,564	2,778,046
Wales	317,145	886,935	200,020	161,030	54,932	1,620,062
Scotland	493,059	1,283,350	365,362	621,550	53,427	2,816,748
Great Britain	9,591,085	13,518,167	5,242,947	782,580	1,360,743	30,495,522
Northern Ireland ^(a)	9,858	-	-	-	780,904	790,762
United Kingdom	9,600,943	13,518,167	5,242,947	782,580	2,141,647	31,286,284

(a) Table 5 gives a breakdown of voting in Northern Ireland

Table 3

Percentage distribution of votes cast by Government Office region

	Con	Lab	LDem	SNP/PC	Other	Total
England	33.7%	43.5%	18.0%	-	4.8%	100.0%
<i>North East</i>	19.8%	64.0%	12.6%	-	3.6%	100.0%
<i>North West</i>	29.5%	51.5%	14.5%	-	4.5%	100.0%
<i>Merseyside</i>	19.7%	61.9%	14.4%	-	3.9%	100.0%
<i>Yorkshire & The Humber</i>	28.0%	51.9%	16.0%	-	4.1%	100.0%
<i>East Midlands</i>	34.9%	47.8%	13.6%	-	3.7%	100.0%
<i>West Midlands</i>	33.7%	47.0%	13.8%	-	5.5%	100.0%
<i>Eastern</i>	39.5%	38.6%	17.1%	-	4.8%	100.0%
<i>London</i>	31.2%	49.5%	14.6%	-	4.7%	100.0%
<i>South East</i>	41.9%	29.1%	23.3%	-	5.7%	100.0%
<i>South West</i>	36.7%	26.4%	31.3%	-	5.5%	100.0%
Wales	19.6%	54.7%	12.3%	9.9%	3.4%	100.0%
Scotland	17.5%	45.6%	13.0%	22.1%	1.9%	100.0%
Great Britain	31.5%	44.3%	17.2%	2.6%	4.5%	100.0%
Northern Ireland ^(a)	1.2%	-	-	-	98.8%	100.0%
United Kingdom	30.7%	43.2%	16.8%	2.5%	6.8%	100.0%

(a) Table 5 gives a breakdown of voting in Northern Ireland

Table 4

Changes since April 1992 in major parties' share of the vote, by Government Office region

	Con	Lab	LDem	SNP/PC	Other
England	-11.8%	+9.6%	-1.3%	-	+3.5%
<i>North East</i>	-11.0%	+10.7%	-2.9%	-	+3.2%
<i>North West</i>	-11.3%	+9.0%	-1.0%	-	+3.3%
<i>Merseyside</i>	-9.3%	+10.4%	-2.4%	-	+1.3%
<i>Yorkshire & The Humber</i>	-10.0%	+7.6%	-0.8%	-	+3.2%
<i>East Midlands</i>	-11.7%	+10.4%	-1.7%	-	+3.0%
<i>West Midlands</i>	-11.0%	+8.2%	-1.3%	-	+4.1%
<i>Eastern</i>	-13.0%	+12.2%	-2.7%	-	+3.5%
<i>London</i>	-14.1%	+12.4%	-1.3%	-	+3.0%
<i>South East</i>	-13.1%	+10.2%	-1.4%	-	+4.2%
<i>South West</i>	-10.8%	+7.2%	-0.1%	-	+3.7%
Wales	-9.0%	+5.2%	-0.1%	+1.1%	+2.8%
Scotland	-8.1%	+6.6%	-0.1%	+0.6%	+1.1%
Great Britain	-11.3%	+9.1%	-1.2%	+0.2%	+3.2%
Northern Ireland ^(a)	-4.4%	-	-	-	+4.4%
United Kingdom	-11.2%	+8.8%	-1.2%	+0.2%	+3.4%

(a) Table 5 gives a breakdown of voting in Northern Ireland

Table 5

The results in Northern Ireland	Votes	% share of votes	Candidates	MPs elected	Lost deposits
Ulster Unionist	258,349	32.7%	16	10	1
Democratic Unionist	107,348	13.6%	9	2	0
Progressive Unionist	10,928	1.4%	3	0	0
United Kingdom Unionist	12,817	1.6%	1	1	0
Conservative	9,858	1.2%	8	0	7
Alliance Party	62,972	8.0%	17	0	6
SDLP	190,814	24.1%	18	3	3
Sinn Fein	126,921	16.1%	17	2	4
Workers Party	2,766	0.3%	8	0	8
Natural Law Party	2,208	0.3%	18	0	18
Others	5,781	0.7%	10	0	10
Total	790,762	100.0%	125	18	57

The overall turnout was 67.1%

Table 6

Seats won by party in each region of Great Britain

	Con	Lab	LDem	SNP/PC	Other
England	165	328	34	0	2
<i>North East</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>North West</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Merseyside</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Yorkshire & The Humber</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>East Midlands</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>West Midlands</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Eastern</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>London</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>South East</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>South West</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Wales	0	34	2	4	0
Scotland	0	56	10	6	0
Great Britain	165	418	46	10	2

Table 7

Change from notional 1992 results in number of seats won by region

	Con	Lab	LDem	SNP/PC	Other
England	-159	+132	+25	-	+2
<i>North East</i>	<i>-3</i>	<i>+3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>North West</i>	<i>-14</i>	<i>+13</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>+1</i>
<i>Merseyside</i>	<i>-4</i>	<i>+3</i>	<i>+1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Yorkshire & The Humber</i>	<i>-15</i>	<i>+13</i>	<i>+2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>East Midlands</i>	<i>-15</i>	<i>+15</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>West Midlands</i>	<i>-17</i>	<i>+15</i>	<i>+1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>+1</i>
<i>Eastern</i>	<i>-19</i>	<i>+18</i>	<i>+1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>London</i>	<i>-30</i>	<i>+25</i>	<i>+5</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>South East</i>	<i>-25</i>	<i>+18</i>	<i>+7</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>South West</i>	<i>-17</i>	<i>+9</i>	<i>+8</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Wales	-8	+7	+1	-	-
Scotland	-11	+6	+2	+3	-
Great Britain	-178	+145	+28	+3	+2

Table 8

Change in seats relative to notional 1992 General Election results

Party losing	<u>Party gaining</u>							Total
	Labour	Liberal Democrat	SNP	Other	Sinn Fein	UUP	UKUP	
Conservative	144	30	3	1				178
Labour				1				1
Liberal Democrat	2							2
DUP					1	1		2
SDLP					1			1
UPUP							1	1
Total	146	30	3	2	2	1	1	185

Party	Seats	Gains	Losses	<u>Net gains</u>
Con	165		178	-178
Lab	418	146	1	+145
LDem	46	30	2	+28
SNP	6	3		+3
PC	4			-
UU	10	1		+1
SDLP	3		1	-1
DUP	2		2	-2
SF	2	2		+2
UKUP	1	1		+1
UPUP			1	-1
Other	2	2		+2

Table 9

Highest and lowest turnouts (per cent)

ENGLAND

1 Wirral South	81.1%	1 Liverpool, Riverside	51.6%
2 North West Leicestershire	80.0%	2 Manchester, Central	51.7%
3 Northavon	79.1%	3 Hackney North & Stoke Newington	52.0%
4 Twickenham	79.0%	4 Sheffield, Central	53.0%
5 Richmond Park	79.0%	5 Birmingham, Ladywood	54.2%
6 Wansdyke	79.0%	6 Leeds Central	54.2%
7 Mid Bedfordshire	78.9%	7 Cities of London & Westminster	54.2%
8 High Peak	78.9%	8 West Bromwich West	54.4%
9 Dover	78.9%	9 Hackney South & Shoreditch	54.5%
10 Stroud	78.8%	10 Kensington & Chelsea	54.7%

WALES

1 Brecon & Radnorshire	82.2%	1 Swansea East	67.4%
2 Monmouth	80.5%	2 Swansea West	67.6%
3 Cardiff North	80.2%	3 Cardiff South & Penarth	68.3%
4 Vale of Glamorgan	80.0%	4 Cardiff West	69.2%
5 Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	78.6%	5 Cynon Valley	69.2%

SCOTLAND

1 Stirling	81.8%	1 Glasgow Shettleston	55.7%
2 Ayr	80.0%	2 Glasgow Kelvin	56.1%
3 Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	79.7%	3 Glasgow Maryhill	56.4%
4 Dumfries	78.9%	4 Glasgow Springburn	58.9%
5 Strathkelvin & Bearsden	78.8%	5 Glasgow Baillieston	62.2%

NORTHERN IRELAND

1 Mid Ulster	85.8%	1 North Down	57.9%
2 West Tyrone	79.2%	2 East Antrim	58.2%
3 Newry & Armagh	75.2%	3 Strangford	59.4%
4 Fermanagh & South Tyrone	74.6%	4 Belfast South	62.0%
5 Belfast West	74.1%	5 Lagan Valley	62.1%

Table 10a

Largest and smallest absolute majorities, by party

Largest Conservative majorities

1	John Major	Huntingdon	18,140	31.8%
2	Nick Hawkins	Surrey Heath	16,287	29.8%
3	Peter Ainsworth	East Surrey	15,093	27.6%
4	Norman Fowler	Sutton Coldfield	14,885	28.4%
5	Francis Maude	Horsham	14,862	26.0%

Largest Labour majorities

1	Eddie O'Hara	Knowsley South	30,708	64.5%
2	John Cummings	Easington	30,012	71.6%
3	Joe Benton	Bootle	28,421	74.4%
4	Llew Smith	Blaenau Gwent	28,035	70.7%
5	Dennis Skinner	Bolsover	27,149	57.3%

Smallest Conservative majorities

1	Ian Bruce	South Dorset	77	0.2%
2	David Madel	South West Bedfordshire	132	0.2%
3	Peter Atkinson	Hexham	222	0.5%
4	Michael Fabricant	Lichfield	238	0.5%
5	Patrick Nicholls	Teignbridge	281	0.4%

Smallest Labour majorities

1	Paul Stinchcombe	Wellingborough	187	0.3%
2	Philip Sawford	Kettering	189	0.3%
3	Brian White	North East Milton Keynes	240	0.5%
4	Andrew King	Rugby & Kenilworth	495	0.8%
5	Eileen Gordon	Romford	649	1.5%

Liberal Democrat majorities

Largest	Paul Tyler	North Cornwall	13,847	23.7%
Smallest	Mark Oaten	Winchester	2	0.0%

SNP/Plaid Cymru majorities

Largest	Alex Salmond	Banff & Buchan	SNP	12,845	32.0%
Smallest	Ieuan Wyn Jones	Ynys-Mon	PC	2,481	6.2%

Northern Ireland majorities

Largest	Jeffrey Donaldson	Lagan Valley	UUP	16,925	38.2%
Smallest	William Thompson	West Tyrone	UUP	1,161	2.5%

Table 10b

Largest and smallest percentage majorities, by party

Largest Conservative majorities

1	John Major	Huntingdon	31.8%	18,140
2	Nick Hawkins	Surrey Heath	29.8%	16,287
3	Norman Fowler	Sutton Coldfield	28.4%	14,885
4	James Arbuthnot	North East Hampshire	28.2%	14,398
5	Dominic Grieve	Beaconsfield	27.9%	13,987

Largest Labour majorities

1	Joe Benton	Bootle	74.4%	28,421
2	John Cummings	Easington	71.6%	30,012
3	Llew Smith	Blaenau Gwent	70.7%	28,035
4	Ted Rowlands	Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	69.2%	27,086
5	Peter Kilfoyle	Liverpool, Walton	67.2%	27,038

Smallest Conservative majorities

1	Ian Bruce	South Dorset	0.2%	77
2	David Madel	South West Bedfordshire	0.2%	132
3	Patrick Nicholls	Teignbridge	0.4%	281
4	Peter Atkinson	Hexham	0.5%	222
5	Michael Fabricant	Lichfield	0.5%	238

Smallest Labour majorities

1	Philip Sawford	Kettering	0.3%	189
2	Paul Stinchcombe	Wellingborough	0.3%	187
3	Brian White	North East Milton Keynes	0.5%	240
4	Andrew King	Rugby & Kenilworth	0.8%	495
5	Tony Clark	Northampton South	1.3%	744

Liberal Democrat majorities

Largest	James Wallace	Orkney & Shetland	33.7%	6,968
Smallest	Mark Oaten	Winchester	0.0%	2

SNP/Plaid Cymru majorities

Largest	Alex Salmond	Banff & Buchan	SNP	32.0%	12,845
Smallest	Ieuan Wyn Jones	Ynys-Mon	PC	6.2%	2,481

Northern Ireland majorities

Largest	Clifford Forsythe	South Antrim	UUP	41.3%	16,611
Smallest	William Thompson	West Tyrone	UUP	2.5%	1,161

Table 11

Highest and lowest shares of the vote, by party

CONSERVATIVE

1 Huntingdon	55.3%	1 Rhondda	3.8%
2 Kensington & Chelsea	53.6%	2 Glasgow Shettleston	5.5%
3 Arundel & South Downs	53.1%	3 Glasgow Maryhill	5.9%
4 Sutton Coldfield	52.2%	4 Glasgow Springburn	6.0%
5 Surrey Heath	51.6%	5 Glasgow Pollok	6.0%
6 North East Hampshire	50.9%	6 Liverpool, Walton	6.3%
7 Horsham	50.8%	7 Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	6.4%
8 New Forest West	50.6%	8 Blaenau Gwent	6.6%
9 Chesham & Amersham	50.4%	9 Western Isles	6.6%
10 Ruislip - Northwood	50.2%	10 Cynon Valley	6.8%

LABOUR

1 Bootle	82.9%	1 Newbury	5.5%
2 Easington	80.2%	2 Christchurch	6.9%
3 Blaenau Gwent	79.5%	3 Harrogate & Knaresborough	8.7%
4 Liverpool, Walton	78.4%	4 West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	9.1%
5 Knowsley South	77.1%	5 North Cornwall	9.4%
6 Barnsley Central	77.0%	6 South West Surrey	9.4%
7 Tyne Bridge	76.8%	7 North Devon	9.8%
8 Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	76.7%	8 Cheltenham	10.1%
9 Houghton & Washington East	76.4%	9 North Dorset	10.2%
10 Pontefract & Castleford	75.7%	10 North East Fife	10.3%

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

1 Hazel Grove	54.5%	1 Western Isles	3.1%
2 North Cornwall	53.2%	2 Glasgow Pollok	3.5%
3 Newbury	52.9%	3 Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	3.8%
4 Orkney & Shetland	52.0%	4 Glasgow Baillieston	3.8%
5 Harrogate & Knaresborough	51.5%	5 Ynys-Mon	3.8%
6 Sheffield, Hallam	51.3%	6 Glasgow Shettleston	4.0%
7 North East Fife	51.2%	7 Kilmarnock & Loudoun	4.0%
8 North Devon	50.8%	8 Dundee East	4.1%
9 Cheltenham	49.5%	9 Airdrie & Shotts	4.2%
10 Yeovil	48.7%	10 Glasgow Springburn	4.3%

PLAID CYMRU/SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY

1 Banff & Buchan	55.8%	1 Monmouth	1.1%
2 Caernarfon	51.0%	2 Brecon & Radnorshire	1.5%
3 Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	50.7%	3 Newport West	1.6%
4 Angus	48.3%	4 Alyn & Deeside	1.8%
5 North Tayside	44.8%	5 Newport East	1.9%
6 Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	43.9%	6 Torfaen	2.4%
7 Ceredigion	41.6%	7 Cardiff North	2.5%
8 Moray	41.6%	8 Vale of Glamorgan	2.6%
9 Ynys-Mon	39.5%	9 Cardiff South & Penarth	3.2%
10 Perth	36.4%	10 Wrexham	3.2%

Table 12

Largest constituency changes since 1992 in main parties' share of total vote

<u>Increases</u>		<u>Decreases^(a)</u>	
CONSERVATIVE (GB only)			
1 Bethnal Green & Bow	+4.7%	1 West Bromwich West	-37.6%
2 Greenwich & Woolwich	+0.4%	2 Tatton	-24.7%
3 Bradford West	-0.8%	3 Gordon	-22.0%
4 Linlithgow	-1.2%	4 Woking	-20.7%
5 Liverpool, Riverside	-1.4%	5 Lewisham West	-19.0%
6 Liverpool, Wavertree	-1.7%	6 Dulwich & West Norwood	-18.6%
7 Western Isles	-1.9%	7 Hastings & Rye	-18.4%
8 Glasgow Baillieston	-2.2%	8 Dagenham	-18.4%
9 Glasgow Pollok	-2.2%	9 Newbury	-18.1%
10 Blyth Valley	-2.3%	10 Wallasey	-18.0%
LABOUR			
1 Liverpool, Wavertree	+23.1%	1 West Bromwich West	-50.6%
2 Crosby	+22.4%	2 Tatton	-19.0%
3 Brent North	+20.4%	3 Bradford West	-11.7%
4 North East Cambridgeshire	+20.2%	4 Bethnal Green & Bow	-7.2%
5 Hove	+20.1%	5 Christchurch	-5.2%
6 Stockton South	+19.6%	6 Sheffield, Hallam	-4.9%
7 Wimbledon	+19.5%	7 Harrogate & Knaresborough	-4.8%
8 Morecambe & Lunesdale	+19.5%	8 Cardiff South & Penarth	-2.1%
9 Erith & Thamesmead	+19.1%	9 Orkney & Shetland	-1.5%
10 Harrow West	+19.0%	10 St Ives	-0.8%
LIBERAL DEMOCRAT			
1 Sheffield, Hallam	+20.6%	1 Greenwich & Woolwich	-22.6%
2 Christchurch	+19.2%	2 Tatton	-18.1%
3 Harrogate & Knaresborough	+18.1%	3 North East Cambridgeshire	-14.5%
4 Newbury	+15.8%	4 Bethnal Green & Bow	-13.8%
5 Gordon	+15.4%	5 Erith & Thamesmead	-13.4%
6 Edinburgh West	+13.3%	6 Wyre Forest	-13.3%
7 Hazel Grove	+11.4%	7 Liverpool, Wavertree	-13.2%
8 Kingston & Surbiton	+10.8%	8 Pudsey	-12.4%
9 South East Cornwall	+9.0%	9 West Bromwich West	-11.8%
10 Sutton & Cheam	+8.5%	10 Blyth Valley	-11.0%
PLAID CYMRU/SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY			
1 Ceredigion	+10.6%	1 Caernarfon	-8.0%
2 Angus	+9.1%	2 Glasgow Pollok	-7.1%
3 Clwyd West	+8.9%	3 Dundee East	-5.6%
4 Ochil	+8.3%	4 Falkirk East	-4.5%
5 Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	+7.5%	5 Western Isles	-3.8%

(a) No Conservative, Labour or Liberal Democrat candidate stood in the Speaker's West Bromwich West seat.
Labour or Liberal Democrat candidate stood in Tatton

Table 13

Candidates finishing in first, second, third and fourth places
Great Britain

	First	Second	Third	Fourth place or lower	Total Candidates
England					
Labour	328	94	105	0	527
Conservative	165	338	24	1	528
Liberal Democrat	34	95	397	1	527
Other	2	2	3	1,351	1,358
Total	529	529	529	1,353	2,940
Wales					
Labour	34	4	2	0	40
Conservative	0	25	12	3	40
Liberal Democrat	2	7	22	9	40
Plaid Cymru	4	4	4	28	40
Other	0	0	0	63	63
Total	40	40	40	103	223
Scotland					
Labour	56	4	8	4	72
Conservative	0	23	38	11	72
Liberal Democrat	10	1	8	53	72
Scottish National Party	6	44	17	5	72
Other	0	0	1	139	140
Total	72	72	72	212	428
Great Britain					
Labour	418	102	115	4	639
Conservative	165	386	74	15	640
Liberal Democrat	46	103	427	63	639
Plaid Cymru	4	4	4	28	40
Scottish National Party	6	44	17	5	72
Other	2	2	4	1,553	1,561
Total	641	641	641	1,668	3,591

The other candidates finishing in first place were the Speaker (West Bromwich West) and Martin Bell (Ind - Tatton) The other candidates finishing in second place were R. Sylvester (Ind Lab - West Bromwich West) and S. Radford (Liberal - Liverpool, West Derby)

Table 14

Seats gained and lost

The majority of seats fought at the 1997 election had new boundaries. The lists that follow show those seats where the party winning in 1997 differed from that notionally winning the seat in 1992. No account is taken of by-elections between 1992 and 1997.

The Speaker's seat of West Bromwich West was, of course, Labour in 1992.

Labour gains from Conservative (144)

Aberdeen South	Derby North	Leeds North West
Amber Valley	Dover	Loughborough
Basildon	Dumfries	Luton North
Batley & Spen	Ealing North	Luton South
Battersea	Eastwood	Medway
Bedford	Edinburgh Pentlands	Middlesbrough South & Cleveland East
Bexleyheath & Crayford	Edmonton	Milton Keynes South West
Birmingham Edgbaston	Elmet	Mitcham & Morden
Birmingham Hall Green	Eltham	Monmouth
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	Enfield North	Morecambe & Lunesdale
Blackpool South	Enfield Southgate	Newark
Bolton West	Erewash	North East Milton Keynes
Braintree	Exeter	North West Leicestershire
Brent North	Falmouth & Camborne	North West Norfolk
Brentford & Isleworth	Finchley & Golders Green	Northampton North
Brigg & Goole	Gedling	Northampton South
Brighton Kemptown	Gillingham	Norwich North
Brighton Pavilion	Gloucester	Oldham East & Saddleworth
Bristol West	Gravesham	Peterborough
Broxtowe	Great Yarmouth	Plymouth Sutton
Burton	Halesowen & Rowley Regis	Portsmouth North
Bury North	Hammersmith & Fulham	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Bury South	Harlow	Pudsey
Calder Valley	Harrow East	Putney
Cardiff North	Harrow West	Reading East
Castle Point	Harwich	Reading West
Chatham & Aylesford	Hastings & Rye	Redditch
Chester, City of	Hayes & Harlington	Romford
Chorley	Hemel Hempstead	Rugby & Kenilworth
Cleethorpes	Hendon	St. Albans
Clywd West	High Peak	Scarborough & Whitby
Colne Valley	Hornchurch	Selby
Conwy	Hove	Shipley
Corby	Ilford North	Shrewsbury & Atcham
Coventry South	Ilford South	Sittingbourne & Sheppey
Crawley	Keighley	South Derbyshire
Crosby	Kettering	South Ribble
Croydon Central	Kingswood	South Swindon
Croydon North	Lancaster & Wyre	South Thanet
Dartford	Leeds North East	Stafford

Stevenage	Vale of Clwyd	Welwyn Hatfield
Stirling	Vale of Glamorgan	Wimbledon
Stockton South	Wansdyke	Wirral South
Stourbridge	Warrington South	Wirral West
Stroud	Warwick & Leamington	Wolverhampton South West
Tamworth	Watford	Worcester
Tynemouth	Waveney	Wrekin, The
Upminster	Wellingborough	Wyre Forest

Labour gains from Liberal Democrat (2)

Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	Rochdale
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Liberal Democrat gains from Conservative (30)

Brecon & Radnorshire	Kingston & Surbiton	South East Cornwall
Carshalton & Wallington	Lewes	Southport
Colchester	Newbury	Sutton & Cheam
Eastleigh	Northavon	Taunton
Edinburgh West	Oxford West & Abingdon	Torbay
Gordon	Portsmouth South	Torridge & West Devon
Harrogate & Knaresborough	Richmond Park	Twickenham
Hazel Grove	St. Ives	West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine
Hereford	Sheffield Hallam	Weston-Super-Mare
Isle of Wight	Somerton & Frome	Winchester

SNP gains from Conservative (3)

Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	Perth	North Tayside
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Independent gain from Conservative (1)

Tatton

Ulster Unionist gain from DUP (1)

West Tyrone

Sinn Fein gain from DUP (1)

Mid Ulster

Sinn Fein gain from SDLP (1)

Belfast West

United Kingdom Unionist gain from Ulster Popular Unionist (1)

North Down

Note: West Tyrone is a new seat, notionally 'won' by the DUP in 1992, but where the DUP did not field a candidate in 1997.