



By-elections since 2005

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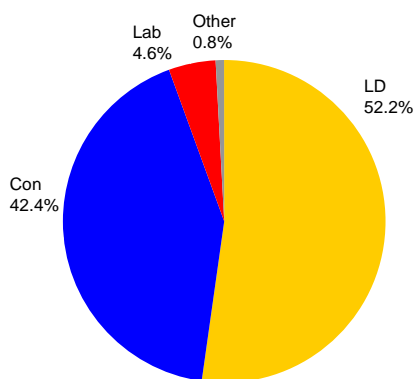
1. Cheadle - 15 July 2005

Lib Dem hold

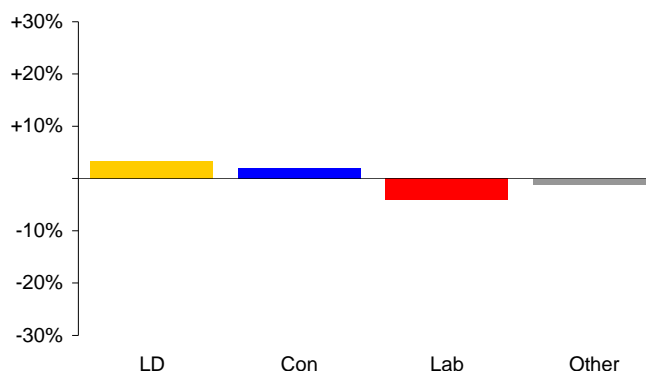
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By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
Mark Hunter	Liberal Democrat	19,593	52.2%	23,189	48.9%	+3.3%
Stephen Day	Conservative	15,936	42.4%	19,169	40.4%	+2.0%
Martin Miller	Labour	1,739 *	4.6%	4,169	8.8%	-4.2%
Other (2 candidates - see below)		299	0.8%	910	1.9%	-1.1%
Majority of winning candidate		3,657	9.7%	4,020	8.5%	
Total poll		37,567		47,437		
Electorate		68,051		68,082		
Turnout		55.2%		69.7%		
Other candidates						
Leslie Leggett	Veritas	218 *	0.6%			
John Allman	Alliance for Change - Suffering Little Children	81 *	0.2%			

Votes by party



Change in share of vote between General Election and by-election (percentage points)



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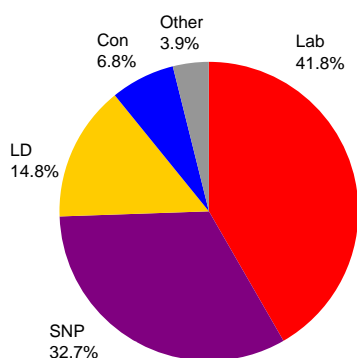
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Labour hold

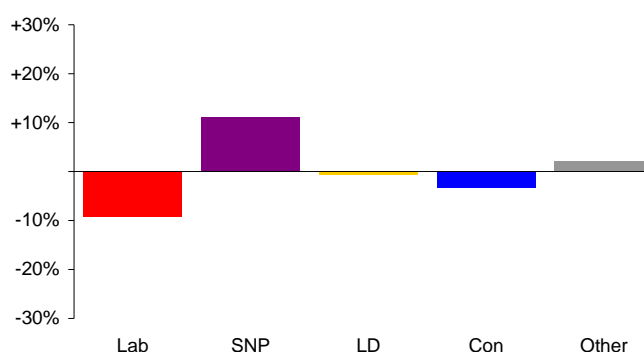
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By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
Jim Devine	Labour	12,319	41.8%	22,657	51.1%	-9.3%
Angela Constance	SNP	9,639	32.7%	9,560	21.6%	+11.1%
Charles Dundas	Liberal Democrat	4,362	14.8%	6,832	15.4%	-0.6%
Gordon Lindhurst	Conservative	1,993	6.8%	4,499	10.1%	-3.4%
Other (6 candidates - see below)		1,164	3.9%	789	1.8%	+2.2%
Majority of winning candidate		2,680	9.1%	13,097	29.5%	
Total poll		29,477		44,337		
Electorate		76,365		75,798		
Turnout		38.6%		58.5%		
Other candidates						
David Robertson	Green	529 *	1.8%			
Steve Nimmo	Scottish Socialist Party	407 *	1.4%			
Peter Adams	UKIP	108 *	0.4%			
Melville Brown	Independent	55 *	0.2%			
John Allman	Alliance for Change	33 *	0.1%			
Brian Gardner	Socialist Party of GB	32 *	0.1%			

Votes by party



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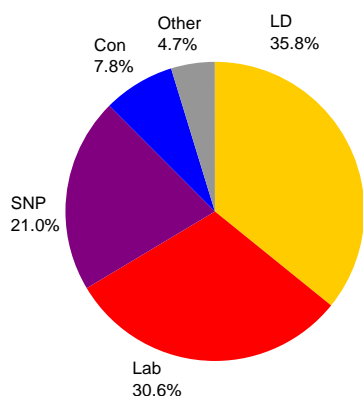
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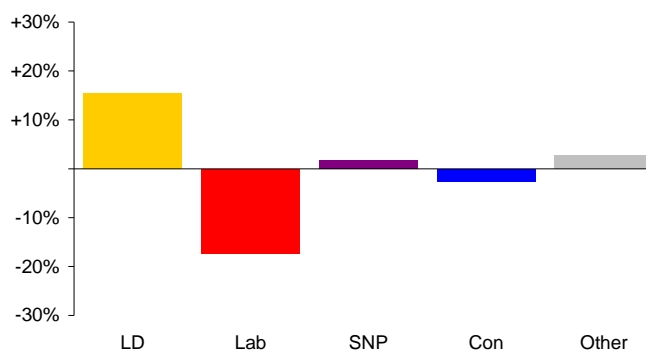
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By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
Willie Rennie	Liberal Democrat	12,391	35.8%	8,549	20.4%	+15.4%
Catherine Stihler	Labour	10,591	30.6%	20,111	48.1%	-17.4%
Douglas Chapman	SNP	7,261	21.0%	8,026	19.2%	+1.8%
Carrie Ruxton	Conservative	2,702	7.8%	4,376	10.5%	-2.6%
Other (5 candidates - see below)		1,633	4.7%	789	1.9%	+2.8%
Majority of winning candidate		1,800	5.2%	11,562	27.6%	
Total poll		34,578		41,851		
Electorate		71,017		70,775		
Turnout		48.7%		59.9%		
Other candidates						
John McAllion	Scottish Socialist Party	537 *	1.6%	689		
James Hargreaves	Scottish Christian Party	411 *	1.2%			
Thomas Minogue	Abolish Forth Bridge Tolls	374 *	1.1%			
Ian Borland	UKIPScotland	208 *	0.6%	643		
Dick Rodgers	The Common Good	103 *	0.3%			

Votes by party



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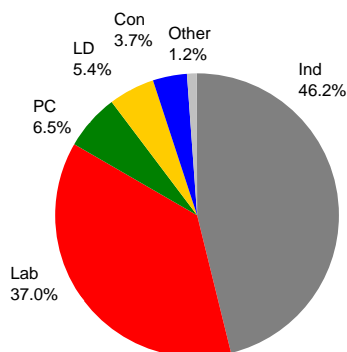
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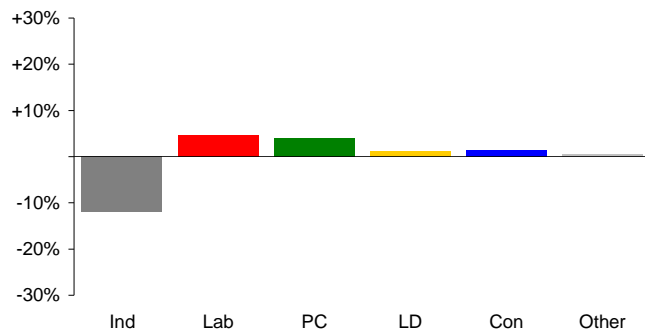
Independent hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
Dai Davies	Independent	12,543	46.2%	20,505	58.2%	-12.0%
Owen Smith	Labour	10,059	37.0%	11,384	32.3%	+4.7%
Steffan Lewis	Plaid Cymru	1,755	6.5%	843 *	2.4%	+4.1%
Amy Kitcher	Liberal Democrat	1,477	5.4%	1,511 *	4.3%	+1.2%
Margrit Williams	Conservative	1,013 *	3.7%	816 *	2.3%	+1.4%
Other (1 candidate - see below)		318	1.2%	192	0.5%	+0.6%
Majority of winning candidate		2,484	9.1%	9,121	25.9%	
Total poll		27,165		35,251		
Electorate		52,512		53,301		
Turnout		51.7%		66.1%		
Other candidates						
Alan Hope	Official Monster Raving Loony	318 *	1.2%			

Votes by party



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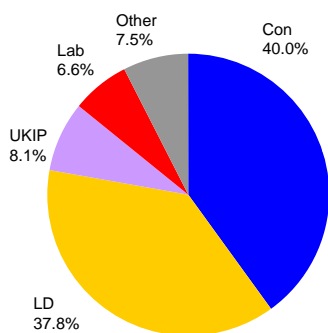
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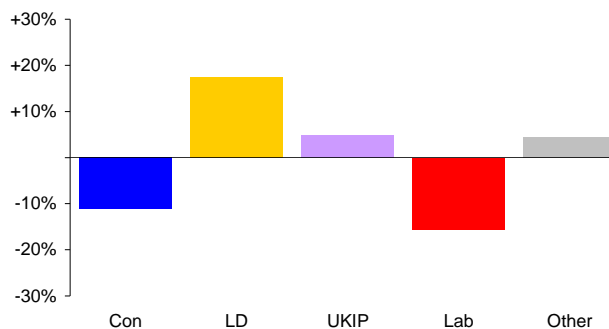
Conservative hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
Robert Neill	Conservative	11,621	40.0%	23,583	51.1%	-11.1%
Benjamin Abbotts	Liberal Democrat	10,988	37.8%	9,368	20.3%	+17.5%
Nigel Farage	UKIP	2,347	8.1%	1,475 *	3.2%	+4.9%
Rachel Reeves	Labour	1,925	6.6%	10,241	22.2%	-15.6%
Other (7 candidates - see below)		2,171	7.5%	1,470	3.2%	+4.3%
Majority of winning candidate		633	2.2%	13,342	28.9%	
Total poll		29,052		46,137		
Electorate		71,818		71,137		
Turnout		40.5%		64.9%		
Other candidates						
Ann Garrett	Green	811 *	2.8%	1,470 *		
Paul Winnett	National Front Britain	476 *	1.6%			
John Hemming-Clarke	Independent	442 *	1.5%			
Steven Uncles	English Democrats	212 *	0.7%			
John Cartwright	Official Monster Raving Loony	132 *	0.5%			
Nick Hadziannis	Independent	65 *	0.2%			
Anne Besley	Money Reform	33 *	0.1%			

Votes by party



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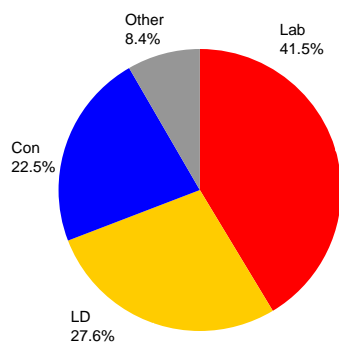
6. Ealing, Southall - 19 July 2007

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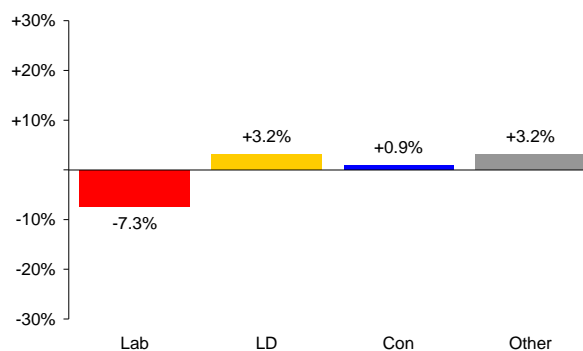
Labour hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
Virendra Kumar Sharma	Labour	15,188	41.5%	22,937	48.8%	-7.3%
Nigel Bakhai	Liberal Democrat	10,118	27.6%	11,497	24.4%	+3.2%
Tony Lit	Conservative	8,230	22.5%	10,147	21.6%	+0.9%
Other (9 candidates - see below)		3,082	8.4%	2,464	5.2%	+3.2%
Majority of winning candidate		5,070	13.8%	11,440	24.3%	
Total poll		36,618		47,045		
Electorate		85,262		83,471		
Turnout		42.9%		56.4%		
Other candidates						
Sarah Janet Edwards	Green	1,135 *	3.1%	2,175		
SalvindernSingh Dhillon	Respect, Peace, Justice, Equality	588 *	1.6%			
K.T. Rajan	UKIP	285 *	0.8%			
Yaqub Masih	Christian Party	280 *	0.8%			
Kuldeep Singh Grewal	Independent	275 *	0.8%			
John Sydney Cartwright	Offical Monster Raving Loony	188 *	0.5%			
Sati Chaggar	English Democrats	152 *	0.4%			
Jasdev Singh Rai	Independent	92 *	0.3%			
Gulbash Singh	Independent	87 *	0.2%			
	Worker Revolutionary Party			289 **		

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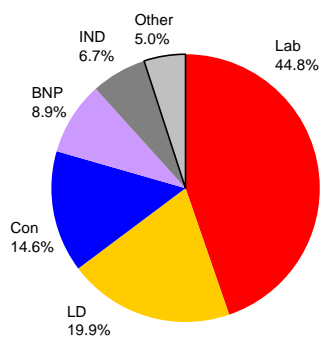
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Labour hold

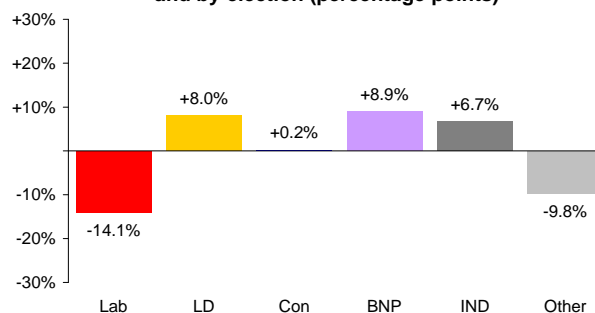
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By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
Philip Wilson	Labour	12,528	44.8%	24,429	58.9%	-14.1%
Greg Stone	Liberal Democrat	5,572	19.9%	4,935	11.9%	+8.0%
Graham Michael Robb	Conservative	4,082	14.6%	5,972	14.4%	+0.2%
Andrew Spence	British National Party	2,494 **	8.9%	...	0.0%	+8.9%
Paul Gittins	Independent	1,885	6.7%	...	0.0%	+6.7%
Other (6 candidates - see below)		1,401	5.0%	6,147	14.8%	-9.8%
Majority of winning candidate		6,956	24.9%	18,457	44.5%	
Total poll		27,962		41,483		
Electorate		67,314		67,175		
Turnout		41.5%		61.8%		
Other candidates						
Toby Horton	UKIP	536 *	1.9%			
Christopher Michael Haine	Green	348 *	1.2%			
Stepen Paul Gash	English Democrats	177 *	0.6%			
Tim Grainger	Christian Party	177 *	0.6%			
Alan "Howling Laud" Hope	Offical Monster Raving Loony	129 *	0.5%			
Norman Scarth	Anti-Crime Party	34 *	0.1%			
	Other (10 candidates)*			5,501 *		

Votes by party



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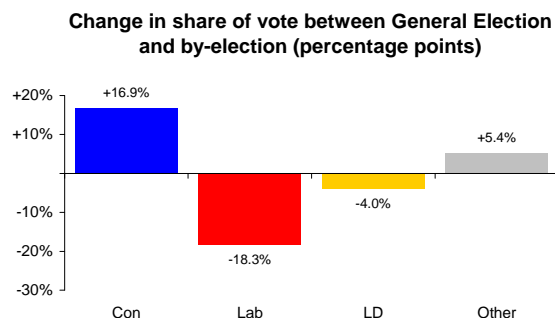
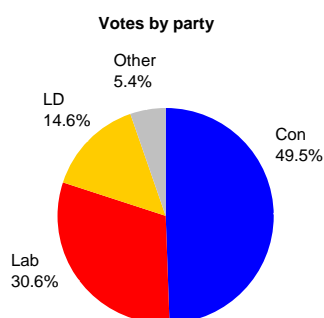
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8. Crewe & Nantwich - 22 May 2008

(death of Gwyneth Dunwoody on 17 April 2008 - by election writ moved on 30 April 2008)

Conservative gain

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
Edward Timpson	Conservative	20,539	49.5%	14,162	32.6%	+16.9%
Tamsin Dunwoody	Labour	12,679	30.6%	21,240	48.8%	-18.3%
Elizabeth Shenton	Liberal Democrat	6,040	14.6%	8,083	18.6%	-4.0%
Other (7 candidates - see below)		2,240	5.4%	...	0.0%	+5.4%
Majority of winning candidate						
		7,860	18.9%	6,079	14.0%	
Total poll						
		41,498		43,485		
Electorate						
		71,963		72,055		
Turnout						
		57.7%		60.3%		
Other candidates						
Mike Nattrass	UKIP	922	*	2.2%		
Robert Andrew Smith	Green	359	*	0.9%		
David Alan Roberts	English Democrats	275	*	0.7%		
The Flying Brick	The Official Monster Raving Loony	236	*	0.6%		
Mark Walklate	Independent	217	*	0.5%		
Paul Richard Thorogood	Cut Tax on Petrol and Diesel	118	*	0.3%		
Gemma Dawn Garrett	Independent	113	*	0.3%		



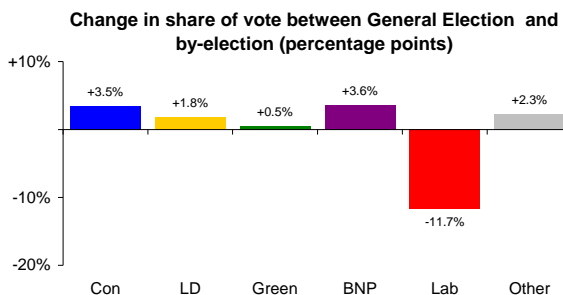
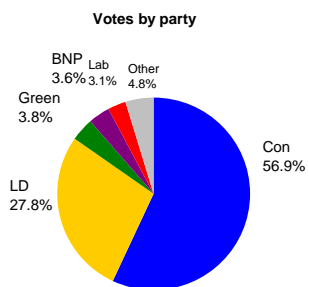
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9. Henley - 26 June 2008

(the resignation of Boris Johnson - by election writ moved on 5 June 2008)

Conservative hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
John Howell	Conservatives	19,796	56.9%	24,894	53.5%	+3.5%
Stephen Kearney	Liberal Democrats	9,680	27.8%	12,101	26.0%	+1.8%
Mark Stevenson	Greens	1,321 *	3.8%	1,518	3.3%	+0.5%
Timothy Rait	British National Party	1,243 *	3.6%	+3.6%
Richard McKenzie	Labour	1,066 *	3.1%	6,862	14.7%	-11.7%
Other (7 candidates - see below)		1,655	4.8%	1,162	2.5%	+2.3%
Majority of winning candidate		10,116	29.1%	12,793	27.5%	
Total poll		34,761		46,537		
Electorate		69,086		67,684		
Turnout		50.3%		68.8%		
Other candidates						
Chris Adams	UK Independence Party	843 *	2.4%			
Bananaman Owen	Monster Raving Loony Party	242 *	0.7%			
Derek Allpass	English Democrats	157 *	0.5%			
Amanda Harrington	Independent (Miss Great Britain Party)	128 *	0.4%			
Dick Rodgers	The Common Good	121 *	0.3%			
Louise Cole	Independent (Miss Great Britain Party)	91 *	0.3%			
Harry Bear	The Fur Play Party	73 *	0.2%			



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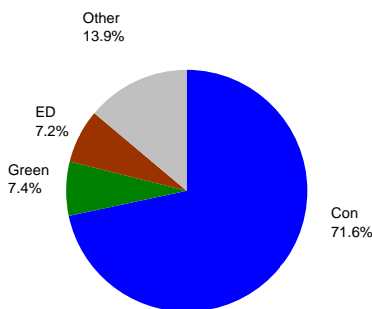
10. Haltemprice & Howden - 10 July 2008

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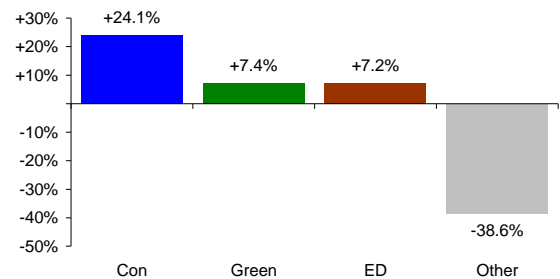
Conservative hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
David Michael Davis	Conservative Party	17,113	71.6%	22,792	47.5%	+24.1%
Shan Oakes	Green Party	1,758	7.4%	...	0.0%	+7.4%
Joanne Robinson	English Democrats	1,714	7.2%	...	0.0%	+7.2%
Other (23 candidates - see below)		3,326	13.9%	25,237	52.5%	-38.6%
Majority of winning candidate						
Total poll		15,355	64.2%	5,116	10.7%	
Electorate		23,911		48,029		
Turnout		70,100		68,913		
		34.1%		69.7%		
Other candidates						
Tess Culnane	National Front Britain for the British	544 *	2.3%			
Gemma Dawn Garrett	Miss Great Britain Party	521 *	2.2%			
Jill Seward	Independent	492 *	2.1%			
Mad Cow Girl	The Official Monster Raving Loony Party	412 *	1.7%			
Walter Edward Sweeney	Independent	238 *	1.0%			
John Nicholson	Independent	162 *	0.7%			
David Craig	Independent	135 *	0.6%			
David Pinder	The New Party	135 *	0.6%			
David Icke	No party listed	110 *	0.5%			
Hamish Howitt	Freedom 4 Choice	91 *	0.4%			
Christopher John Talbot	Socialist Equality Party	84 *	0.4%			
Grace Christine Astley	Independent	77 *	0.3%			
George Hargreaves	Christian Party	76 *	0.3%			
David Laurence Bishop	Church of the Militant Elvis Party	44 *	0.2%			
John Randle Upex	Independent	38 *	0.2%			
Greg Wood	Independent	32 *	0.1%			
Eamonn Fitzpatrick	Independent	31 *	0.1%			
Ronnie Carroll	Make Politicians History	29 *	0.1%			
Thomas Faithful Darwood	Independent	25 *	0.1%			
Christopher Mark Foren	Independent	23 *	0.1%			
Herbert Winford Crossman	Independent	11 *	0.0%			
Tony Farnon	Independent	8 *	0.0%			
Norman Scarth	Independent	8 *	0.0%			

Votes by party



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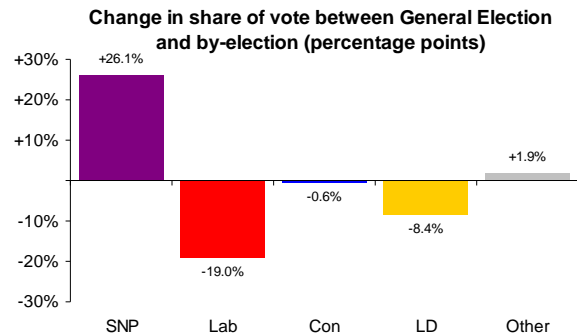
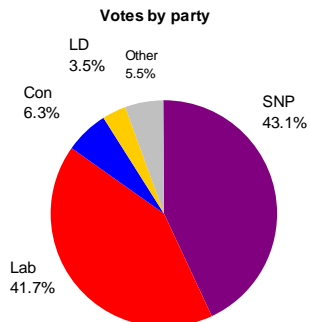
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11. Glasgow East - 24 July 2008

(the resignation of David Marshall - by election writ moved on 1 July 2008)

SNP Gain

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
John Mason	SNP	11,277	43.1%	5,268	17.0%	+26.1%
Margaret Curran	Labour	10,912	41.7%	18,775	60.7%	-19.0%
Davena Rankin	Conservatives	1,639	6.3%	2,135	6.9%	-0.6%
Ian Robertson	Liberal Democrats	915 *	3.5%	3,665	11.8%	-8.4%
Other (5 candidates - see below)		1,431	5.5%	1,096	3.5%	+1.9%
Majority of winning candidate		365	1.4%	13,507	43.7%	
Total poll		26,174		30,939		
Electorate		62,051		63,946		
Turnout		42.2%		48.4%		
Other candidates						
Frances Curran	Scottish Socialist Party	555 *	2.1%			
Tricia McLeish	Solidarity	512 *	2.0%			
Dr Eileen Duke	Scottish Greens	232 *	0.9%			
Chris Creighton	Independent	67 *	0.3%			
Hamish Howitt	Freedom 4 Choice	65 *	0.2%			



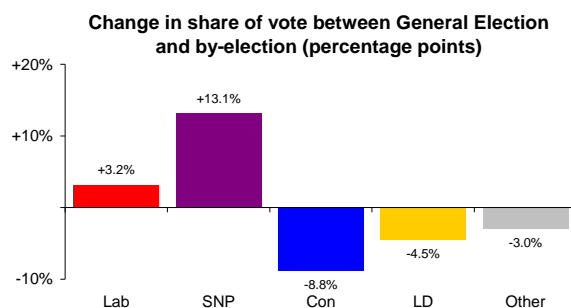
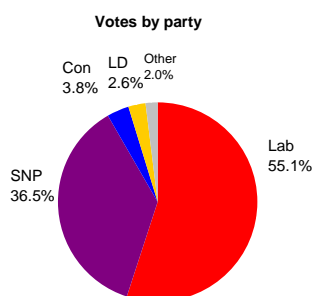
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12. Glenrothes - 6 November 2008

(the death of John MacDougall - by election writ moved on 13 October 2008)

Labour hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
Lindsay Roy	Labour	19,946	55.1%	19,395	51.9%	+3.2%
Peter Grant	SNP	13,209	36.5%	8,731	23.4%	+13.1%
Maurice Golden	Conservative	1,381 *	3.8%	4,728	12.7%	-8.8%
Harry Wills	Liberal Democrats	947 *	2.6%	2,651	7.1%	-4.5%
Other (4 candidates - see below)		712	2.0%	1,861	5.0%	-3.0%
Majority of winning candidate		6,737	18.6%	10,664	28.5%	
Total poll		36,195		37,366		
Electorate		69,155		67,054		
Turnout		52.3%		55.7%		
Other candidates						
Jim Parker	Scottish Senior Citizens Unity Party	296 *	0.8%			
Morag Balfour	Scottish Socialists Party	212 *	0.6%			
Kris Seunarine	UKIP	117 *	0.3%			
Louise McLeary	Solidarity	87 *	0.2%			



* indicates a lost deposit