



Conservative hereditary peers' by-election

This note confirms arrangements for the by-election following the death of Lord Montagu of Beaulieu.

Electors

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu was elected under Standing Order 9(2)(i)(b), among the “42 peers elected by the Conservative hereditary peers”. Therefore, under Standing Order 10(2), the electorate will be the excepted hereditary peers belonging to the Conservative group, of whom there are currently 48¹ eligible to vote. A list is below.

Candidates

Those eligible to be candidates are hereditary peers on the register maintained by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

The deadline for registration of candidature was 5 pm on Monday 2 November 2015. 14 candidates registered to stand in this by-election; a list is below. Candidates were invited to submit a written statement of up to 75 words; those statements are also below.

A hustings will be held on Tuesday 10 November 2015 at 10 am in Committee Room 4. Refreshments will be available from 9.30 am.

Voting timetable

Ballot papers will be posted to electors by Electoral Reform Services on Wednesday 4 November 2015. Completed papers should be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments either by post or in person by **5 pm on Monday 23 November 2015**. Ballot papers received after this time will not be counted. Electors should use the pre-addressed envelopes sent with the ballot papers.

Voting system

The Alternative Vote system will be used. Voters place the figure 1 in the box next to the name of the candidate they most strongly support, the figure 2 against the next most favoured candidate, and so on. Voters may cast as many or as few votes as they wish. In order to be elected, the first successful candidate must receive at least as many votes as all the other candidates put together. In the event of this not happening after first-preference votes have been allocated, the votes of the candidates receiving the lowest number of first-preference votes will be shared out according to the second preference marked on them. This will be repeated until one candidate has at least half of the total valid votes.

Ballot papers will be invalidated if:

- any number is used more than once, or
- in the opinion of the Returning Officer (the Clerk of the Parliaments) the ballot paper is illegible or ambiguous.

¹ This figure comprises 39 hereditary peers elected by Conservative hereditary peers who currently are in the Conservative group; and nine hereditary peers elected by the whole House who currently are in the Conservative group.

Results

The count will be conducted by Electoral Reform Services.

The result will be announced in the House of Lords chamber by the Clerk of the Parliaments at a convenient moment (likely to be after oral questions) on Tuesday 24 November 2015.

The full results, including the number of first-preference votes cast for each candidate and the position after each transfer of votes, will be available in the Printed Paper Office and the Library soon after the announcement by the Clerk of the Parliaments. The results will also be published online at www.parliament.uk

2 November 2015

David Beamish
Clerk of the Parliaments

List of electors

Elected by a party or group and sitting as Conservative peers:

Arran, E.	Inglewood, L.
Ashton of Hyde, L.	Lindsay, E.
Astor, V.	Liverpool, E.
Astor of Hever, L.	Lucas, L.
Attlee, E.	Mancroft, L.
Brabazon of Tara, L.	Montrose, D.
Bridgeman, V.	Moynihan, L.
Caithness, E.	Northbrook, L.
Cathcart, E.	Ridley, V.
Courtown, E.	Rotherwick, L.
Crathorne, L.	Selborne, E.
De Mauley, L.	Selsdon, L.
Denham, L.	Shrewsbury, E.
Dundee, E.	Strathclyde, L.
Glenarthur, L.	Swinfen, L.
Glentoran, L.	Trefgarne, L.
Goschen, V.	Trenchard, V.
Henley, L.	Wellington, D.
Home, E.	Younger of Leckie, V.
Howe, E.	

Elected by the whole House and sitting as Conservative peers:

Borwick, L.
Brougham and Vaux, L.
Colwyn, L.
Eccles, V.
Elton, L.
Geddes, L.
Lyell, L.
Skelmersdale, L.
Ullswater, V.

List of candidates

Abergavenny, M.
Ashcombe, L.
Biddulph, L.
Cadman, L.
Colgrain, L.
De Ramsey, L.
Fairfax of Cameron, L.
Ferrers, E.
Harrowby, E.
Limerick, E. (*L. Foxford*)
Middleton, L.
Stockton, E.
Swansea, L.
Windlesham, L.

Candidature statements

Abergavenny, M.

My areas of interest are: rural diversification, urban regeneration and good governance of local authorities.

I have served as a local councillor and as head of a small, rural community with all the challenges that brings.

I encourage regeneration alongside farming diversification which assists my role as Vice Chairman of the Conservative Rural Affairs Group.

My varied work for charities, notably the RBLI, will bring experience and knowledge to complement the work of this House.

Ashcombe, L.

I was schooled primarily in Ireland, graduated in civil engineering from Imperial College, London.

Subsequently I have worked in energy insurance, upstream and downstream, for 29 years, 28 as a broker at Marsh, and one as an underwriter at Brit. Currently I am a Managing Director at Marsh running the Americas Energy portfolio of business coming into London.

Despite my current responsibilities I expect to be a very regular attender and participant.

Biddulph, L.

It would be an honour to serve.

Cadman, L.

Having pursued a career in farming and as a restaurateur, I entered the House in 1993. My other interests are railways, logistics and European travel. I am a Vice President of the Caravan Club. During my time in the House I sat on several select committees, including that concerned with HSI. If elected, I would relish the chance to become involved with the forthcoming HS2 committee, having closely followed its progress in the other place.

Colgrain, L.

My expertise lies in the employment and financial sectors, and with public and private smaller companies, as a non-executive director / adviser / partner.

I am also chairman of trustees of two charities and a school governor.

Now that my tenure in the strictly apolitical position of High Sheriff of Kent has concluded, I am resubmitting myself as a candidate; I will be able to commit as much time to the House as required and asked.

De Ramsey, L.

I believe my practical experiences with the environment, flood defence, housing, water supply, farming in the UK and Africa, and agricultural research at Rothamsted, which have been gained through my roles as Chairman of the Environment Agency, FARM-Africa and Cambridge Water, President of the Assoc. of Drainage Authorities, the CLA and the Royal Agricultural Society, would enable me to make a worthwhile contribution to the deliberations of the House while still retaining my sense of humour.

Fairfax of Cameron, L.

Aged 59 and a member 1977–1999 but did not stand in 1999 because of my full-time job; this barrier no longer applies. Barrister with long career in marine insurance/shipping including extensive travel in Russia/FSU. Now director of leading tanker and marine insurance companies. Co-founded two private security companies. Special interests: social and economic effects of Artificial Intelligence; shipping; marine insurance and law; security; philanthropy including homelessness and mental health.

Ferrers, E.

The failure to integrate the NHS and social care is resulting in an inconsistent and inadequate service. As a trustee of a large not-for-profit care home provider, I have seen the ill effects of this and wish to see it improved.

I would like more government where it helps and less government where it obstructs.

I co-founded an investment management firm now employing more than 200 people and managing more than £18bn.

Harrowby, E.

I offer professional and business skills as a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (1992); career in architecture, commercial property development, now managing family estates/businesses with significant contribution to local economy. Education work: Governing Councils, committees, Goldsmiths University of London and Dean Close School, Cheltenham. Senior Trustee, London-based business “incubator” charity.

I’m a committed conservative, with strong working experience in planning, the built environment, heritage, rural issues and, vitally, the Midlands urban regeneration.

Limerick, E. (L. Foxford)

The Upper House knows none so queer
A creature as the Seatless Peer.
Flamingo-like he stands all day
With no support to hold his sway.
And waits with covert eagerness
For ninety-two to be one less.
Then on to hustings he must pace
Once more to plead his special case.
Noble Lordships, spare a thought
For one so vertically distraught,
And from your seats so well entrenched,
Please vote that mine may be embenched.

Middleton, L.

Energy and experience: with a successful ongoing record of performance and innovation in private business and a strong background of public service, I believe that I can make a positive contribution as a Conservative peer.

Through my award-winning agricultural and land management company I develop new techniques in sustainable efficient food production. I have represented the Country Land and Business Association regionally and internationally and previously served in the Regular and Territorial Army.

Stockton, E.

Alexander Stockton, b. 10.10.43; educ: Eton, Ecole Politique, Strathclyde University. *Glasgow Herald*, *Daily Telegraph*, Paris correspondent *Daily Telegraph*, Chief European correspondent *Sunday Telegraph*. Publisher Macmillan, M.D., Chairman, President. Member HoL 1986–1999. MEP (South-West) 1999–2004. South Bucks District Councillor 2010–2015.

Former Chairman Central London TEC, Campaign for Shooting.

Ran appeals for St. Mary-le-Strand, RNIB, Bookrest. Ran estates in Sussex and Devon.

Bilingual French, reasonable Spanish, Italian.

Campaigned in all general and European elections since 1964.

Interests: defence, aviation, countryside and literature.

Swansea, L.

Public service: I held senior committee posts on Wandsworth Borough Council covering housing, environmental services, planning, licensing and council tax. I was also a governor of three maintained Wandsworth schools.

Professional career: I have run a bookkeeping service for small businesses since 2013. I previously edited research reports for investment banks, and was a financial journalist in Hong Kong and London.

As a Chinese speaker I closely follow the affairs of China and Hong Kong.

Windlesham, L.

If elected I would aim to use my experience as an investment banker, hedge fund manager and small business adviser to make informed contributions to the revision and scrutiny of subjects including banking reform, infrastructure investment and SME issues.

Equally importantly, recognising that the Conservatives have a majority in the Commons but not in the House of Lords, I would endeavour to be available to vote whenever necessary to ensure that Government legislation passes successfully.