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## By-election results: 1987-92

There were 24 by-elections in the 1987 Parliament. Of these by-elections, eight resulted in a change in winning party compared with the 1987 General Election. The Conservatives lost seven seats of which four went to the Liberal Democrats and three to Labour. Twenty of the by-elections were caused by the death of the sitting Member of Parliament, while three were due to resignations.

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## Summary

There were 24 by-elections in the 1987 Parliament. This introduction gives some of the key facts about the results. The tables on pages 4 to 9 summarise the results and pages 10 to 17 give results for each constituency.

Eight seats changed hands in the 1987 Parliament at by-elections. The Conservatives lost four seats to Labour and three to the Liberal Democrats. Labour lost Glasgow, Govan to the SNP.

The merger of the Liberal Party and Social Democratic Party took place in March 1988 with the party named the Social and Liberal Democrats. This was changed to Liberal Democrats in 1989. Two of the SDP members (Charles Kennedy and Robert Maclennan) took the Liberal Democrat whip while David Owen, Rosie Barnes and John Cartwright continued as SDP Members (although the party was dissolved in June 1990).

The other changes were the expulsion from the Labour Party of Dave Nellist and Terry Fields (September 1991), the move of Dick Douglas from Labour to SNP (resigned Labour whip March 1990, joined SNP October 1990), the removal of the Conservative whip from John Browne (March 1992) and the appointment of Betty Boothroyd (Labour) as a Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means (7 July 1987).

### State of the Parties: 1987-1992

	At General Election: 11 Jun 1987	At opening of session: 17 Jun 1987	<i>By- election gains</i>	<i>By- election losses</i>	<i>Other changes</i>	Seats at Dissolution: 16 Mar 1992
Con	375	374		-7	-1	366
Lab	229	228	+4	-1	-4	227
Lib/LD (a)	17	17	+3		+2	22
SDP	5	5			-2	3
Oth	23	23		-	+5	28
Speaker and Deputies	1	3		-	+1	4

(a) Liberal Party and SDP merged as Social and Liberal Democrats in 1988 and renamed Liberal Democrats in 1989. 3 of the SDP MPs did not join the merged party and kept the name SDP

### Reasons for by-elections

Twenty of the by-elections were caused by the death of the sitting Member of Parliament and three were due to resignations. The other was caused by the elevation of David Waddington to the peerage.

### Share of the vote

Labour gained the highest share of the vote in by-elections during the 1987 Parliament with 38.8%.

### Turnout

Average turnout across all 24 by-elections was 57.5%. This was 15.7 percentage points lower than the average for the same constituencies at the 1987 General Election. The lowest turnout was 33.4% in Knowsley South.

**Women candidates**

Three of the winning candidates were women – Kate Hoey, Sylvia Heal and Irene Adams – while no women left parliament. The total of women MPs at the end of the Parliament was 44. Of the 205 candidacies at by-elections in this period, 31 were by women.

**Outstanding vacancies**

There were no seats vacant at dissolution.

**Notes**

Turnout is calculated as the number of valid votes cast (i.e. excluding spoilt ballot papers) as a percentage of the electorate.

Most returning officers were able to provide exact eligible electorates for polling day. These have been used where available. For a few constituencies, returning officers were only able to provide figures for total electorates as first published. In these cases an estimate of the eligible electorate on polling day has been used. This was estimated by applying the proportion of the year that the register had been in force to the number of attainers.

General Election results are taken from C Rallings and M Thrasher Britain Votes 5 while the by-election results were provided directly by returning officers.

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**Table 1**

Summary of by-election results: 1987-1992

<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Reason for By-election</b>	<b>Date of by-election</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>New Member</b>
<b>Kensington</b>	Death of Sir Brandon Rhys Williams (18 May 1988)	14 July 1988	Con Hold	Dudley Fishburn
<b>Glasgow, Govan</b>	Resignation of Bruce Millan (18 Oct 1988)	14 Jul 1988	SNP gain from Lab	Jim Sillars
<b>Epping Forest</b>	Death of Sir John Biggs-Davison (17 Sep 1988)	10 Nov 1988	Con hold	Steve Norris
<b>Pontypridd</b>	Death of Brynmor John (13 Dec 1988)	15 Dec 1988	Lab hold	Kim Howells
<b>Richmond (Yorks)</b>	Resignation of Sir Leon Brittan (31 Dec 1988)	23 Feb 1989	Con Hold	William Hague
<b>Vale of Glamorgan</b>	Death of Sir Raymond Gower (22 Feb 1989)	23 Feb 1989	Lab gain from Con	John Smith
<b>Glasgow Central</b>	Death of Robert McTaggart (23 Mar 1989)	4 May 1989	Lab hold	Michael Watson
<b>Vauxhall</b>	Resignation of Stuart Holland (18 May 1989)	15 Jun 1989	Lab hold	Kate Hoey
<b>Mid Staffordshire</b>	Death of John Heddle (19 Dec 1989)	15 Jun 1989	Lab gain from Con	Sylvia Heal
<b>Upper Bann</b>	Death of Harold McCusker (11 Feb 1990)	22 Mar 1990	UUP hold	David Trimble
<b>Bootle</b>	Death of Allan Roberts (21 Mar 1990)	17 May 1990	Lab hold	Mike Carr
<b>Knowsley South</b>	Death of Sean Hughes (25 Jun 1990)	24 May 1990	Lab hold	Edward O'Hara
<b>Eastbourne</b>	Death of Ian Gow (30 Jul 1990)	27 Sep 1990	LD gain from Con	David Bellotti
<b>Bootle</b>	Death of Mike Carr (20 July 1990)	18 Oct 1990	Lab hold	Joe Benton
<b>Bradford North</b>	Death of Patrick Wall (6 Aug 1990)	8 Nov 1990	Lab hold	Terry Rooney
<b>Paisley North</b>	Death of Allen Adams (5 Sep 1990)	29 Nov 1990	Lab hold	Irene Adams
<b>Paisley South</b>	Death of Norman Buchan (23 Oct 1990)	29 Nov 1990	Lab hold	Gordon McMaster
<b>Ribble Valley</b>	Elevation to peerage of David Waddington (4 Dec 1990)	7 Mar 1991	LD gain from Con	Michael Carr
<b>Neath</b>	Death of Donald Coleman (14 Jan 1991)	4 Apr 1991	Lab hold	Peter Hain
<b>Monmouth</b>	Death of Sir John Stradling Thomas (29 Mar 1991)	16 May 1991	Lab gain from Con	Huw Edwards
<b>Liverpool, Walton</b>	Death of Rt Hon Eric Heffer (27 May 1991)	4 July 1991	Lab hold	Peter Kilfoyle
<b>Hemsworth</b>	Death of George Buckley (14 Aug 1991)	7 Nov 1991	Lab hold	Derek Enright

Constituency	Reason for By-election	Date of by-election	Result	New Member
<b>Kincardine and Deeside</b>	Death of Rt Hon Alick Buchanan-Smith (29 Aug 1991)	7 Nov 1991	LD gain from Con	Nicol Stephen
<b>Langbaugh</b>	Death of Richard Holt (20 Sep 1991)	7 Nov 1991	Lab gain from Con	Ashok Kumar

**Table 2**

Share of vote at by-elections: 1987-1992

**Great Britain**

Constituency	Con	Lab	LD	PC/SNP	Other
Kensington	41.6%	38.1%	10.8%		9.5%
Glasgow, Govan	7.3%	36.9%	4.1%	48.8%	2.8%
Epping Forest	39.5%	18.7%	26.0%		3.6%
Pontypridd	13.5%	53.4%	3.9%	25.3%	3.9%
Richmond (Yorks)	37.2%	4.9%	22.0%		35.8%
Vale of Glamorgan	36.3%	48.9%	4.2%	3.5%	7.1%
Glasgow Central	7.6%	54.6%	1.5%	30.2%	6.0%
Vauxhall	18.8%	52.7%	17.5%		10.9%
Mid Staffordshire	32.3%	49.1%	11.2%		7.4%
Bootle	9.1%	75.4%	9.0%		6.6%
Knowsley South	15.2%	68.8%	8.5%		7.5%
Eastbourne	40.9%	5.0%	50.8%		3.2%
Bootle	9.2%	78.4%	7.9%		4.6%
Bradford North	16.8%	51.7%	25.3%		5.0%
Paisley North	14.8%	44.0%	8.3%	29.4%	3.6%
Paisley South	13.4%	46.1%	9.8%	27.5%	3.1%
Ribble Valley	38.5%	9.4%	48.5%		3.5%
Neath	8.6%	51.8%	5.8%	23.4%	10.4%
Monmouth	34.0%	39.3%	24.8%	0.6%	1.3%
Liverpool, Walton	2.9%	53.1%	36.0%		6.1%
Hemsworth	10.5%	66.3%	20.1%		3.2%
Kincardine and Deeside	30.6%	7.7%	49.0%	11.1%	1.6%
Langbaugh	39.1%	42.9%	16.1%		2.0%

**Country**

England (14 constituencies)	27.1%	39.9%	23.6%		3.1%
Scotland (4)	16.2%	34.7%	17.9%	27.9%	3.0%
Wales (5)	24.4%	47.6%	10.0%	11.9%	1.2%
Great Britain (23)	24.6%	40.5%	19.9%	7.4%	7.5%
<b>United Kingdom (24)</b>	<b>23.7%</b>	<b>38.8%</b>	<b>19.1%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>

**Northern Ireland**

Constituency	UUP	SDLP	SF	Alliance	Others
<b>Upper Bann</b>	58.0%	18.9%	5.7%	2.7%	14.5%

**Table 3**

Change in share of vote compared with previous election: by-elections 1987-1992

**(Percentage points)****Great Britain**

<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Con</b>	<b>Lab</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>PC/SNP</b>	<b>Other</b>
Kensington	-5.9	+4.9	-6.4		+5.2
Glasgow, Govan	-4.5	-27.9	-8.2	+38.4	+3.0
Epping Forest	-21.5	+0.4	+6.6		+4.8
Pontypridd	-6.5	+1.1	-15.0	+21.2	+5.5
Richmond (Yorks)	-26.0	-4.1	-4.9		+3.4
Vale of Glamorgan	-10.5	+14.2	-12.5	+1.7	+6.3
Glasgow Central	-5.4	-9.9	-9.0	+20.3	+3.0
Vauxhall	-10.2	+2.6	-0.7		+9.7
Mid Staffordshire	-18.3	+24.3	-12.0		+0.4
Bootle	-11.0	+8.5	-4.0		+5.0
Knowsley South	-6.5	+4.4	-5.4		+2.4
Eastbourne	-19.0	-3.8	+21.1		+3.4
Bootle	0.1	+3.0	-5.1		+4.1
Bradford North	-22.7	+8.8	+7.6		+12.5
Paisley North	-0.9	-11.5	-7.5	+16.5	+5.1
Paisley South	-1.3	-10.0	-5.3	+13.5	+7.9
Ribble Valley	-22.3	-8.3	+27.1		+1.5
Neath	-7.5	-11.6	-8.3	+17.0	+10.4
Monmouth	-13.5	11.6	+0.8	-0.2	+1.3
Liverpool, Walton	-12.2	+0.1	+14.8		-2.7
Hemsworth	-6.7	-0.7	+4.3		+3.1
Kincardine and Deeside	-10.1	-8.2	+12.7	+4.7	+0.9
Langbaugh	-2.6	+4.5	-3.8		+1.9

**Country**

England (14 constituencies)	-12.3	-0.1	+4.0		+8.5
Scotland (4)	-4.3	-14.5	-1.2	+17.4	+2.6
Wales (5)	-6.8	+5.2	-13.1	+8.6	+6.2
Great Britain (23)	-9.9	-1.6	-0.3	+4.9	+6.9
<b>United Kingdom (24)</b>	<b>-9.5</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>+4.7</b>	<b>+6.8</b>

**Northern Ireland**

<b>Constituency</b>	<b>UUP</b>	<b>SDLP</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>Alliance</b>	<b>Others</b>
Upper Bann	-3.5	-1.6	-1.7	-3.2	+10.0

The result in the second Bootle election is compared with the first one.

**Table 4**

Turnout by constituency

<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Turnout at by-election</b>	<b>Turnout at previous election</b>	<b>Change in turnout</b>
Kensington	51.6%	64.7%	-13.1%
Glasgow, Govan	60.2%	73.4%	-13.1%
Epping Forest	49.1%	76.3%	-27.2%
Pontypridd	62.0%	81.4%	-19.3%
Richmond (Yorks)	64.2%	69.9%	-5.7%
Vale of Glamorgan	70.7%	79.3%	-8.6%
Glasgow Central	52.9%	65.6%	-12.7%
Vauxhall	44.4%	64.0%	-19.6%
Mid Staffordshire	77.5%	79.4%	-1.9%
Upper Bann	53.4%	65.6%	-12.2%
Bootle	50.2%	72.9%	-22.7%
Knowsley South	33.4%	74.1%	-40.7%
Eastbourne	60.7%	75.6%	-14.9%
Bootle	39.7%	50.2%	-10.5%
Bradford North	53.4%	72.7%	-19.3%
Paisley North	53.7%	73.5%	-19.8%
Paisley South	55.0%	75.3%	-20.3%
Ribble Valley	71.1%	79.2%	-8.0%
Neath	63.7%	78.8%	-15.2%
Monmouth	75.8%	80.8%	-5.0%
Liverpool, Walton	74.9%	73.6%	1.3%
Hemsworth	42.6%	75.7%	-33.1%
Kincardine and Deeside	64.6%	75.2%	-10.6%
Langbaugh	65.3%	78.8%	-13.5%
<b>Country</b>			
England	55.0%	72.1%	-17.1%
Northern Ireland	53.4%	65.6%	-12.2%
Scotland	57.7%	72.7%	-15.0%
Wales	68.2%	80.1%	-11.9%
United Kingdom	57.5%	73.2%	-15.7%

**Table 5**

List of Party Abbreviations and Descriptions and number of candidates

	Description	Cands		Description	Cands
Alliance	Alliance Party of Northern Ireland	1	Monster	Monster Raving Loony Party	15
Comm	Communist	2	NF	National Front	4
Con	Conservative	24	PC	Plaid Cymru	4
FP	Fellowship Party	1	RCP	Revolutionary Communist Party	2
Green	Green	19	SDLP	Social Democratic & Labour Party	1
Ind	Independent	51	SDP	Social Democratic Party	10
Ind Con	Independent Conservative	2	SF	Sinn Fein	1
Ind Lab	Independent Labour	2	SNP	Scottish National	5
Ind NF	Independent National Front	2	SSP	Scottish Socialist Party	1
Islam	Islam	1	UDP	Ulster Democratic Party	1
Lab	Labour	23	UUP	Ulster Unionist	1
Lib	Liberal	6	WPNI	Working Party of Northern Ireland	1
LD	Liberal Democrats	23	WRP	Workers Revolutionary Party	1

Where available, the more detailed descriptions used by some independent and other candidates are given in Table 6 at the end of the constituency results.

Key to tables \* indicates a lost deposit (less than 5 per cent of the total votes cast)  
+ indicates a woman candidate

Also, the share of the Liberal Democrat candidate at the by-election is compared with that of the Liberal/SDP Alliance candidate at the 1987 General Election



## Constituency results

### 1. Kensington (Con hold) - 14 July 1988

Death of Sir Brandon Rhys Williams

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
D Fishburn	Con	9,829	41.6%	-5.9
A Holmes+	Lab	9,014	38.1%	+4.9
W Goodhart	LD	2,546	10.8%	-6.4
J Martin	SDP	1,190	5.0%	-12.2
P Hobson *	Green	572	2.4%	
C Payne+ *	Ind	193	0.8%	
D Sutch *	Monster	61	0.3%	
J Duignan *	Ind	60	0.3%	
T McDermott *	Ind	31	0.1%	
B Goodier *	Ind	31	0.1%	
R Edey *	Ind	30	0.1%	
W Scola *	Ind	27	0.1%	
J Crowley *	Ind	24	0.1%	
J Connell *	Ind	20	0.1%	
K Trivedi *	Ind	5	0.0%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>23,633</b>	<b>51.6%</b>	<b>-13.1</b>
	Majority	815	3.4%	

### 2. Glasgow, Govan (SNP gain from Lab) - 10 Nov 1988

Resignation of Bruce Millan

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
J Sillars	SNP	14,677	48.8%	+38.4
R Gillespie	Lab	11,123	36.9%	-27.9
G Hamilton	Con	2,207	7.3%	-4.5
B Ponsonby *	LD	1,246	4.1%	-8.2
G Campbell *	Green	345	1.1%	
D Chalmers *	Comm	281	0.9%	
D Sutch *	Monster	174	0.6%	
F Clark *	Ind	51	0.2%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>30,104</b>	<b>60.2%</b>	<b>-13.1</b>
	Majority	3,554	11.8%	

### 3. Epping Forest (Con Hold) - 15 Dec 1988

Death of Sir John Biggs-Davison

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
S Norris	Con	13,183	39.5%	-21.5
A Thompson	LD	8,679	26.0%	+6.6
S Murray	Lab	6,261	18.7%	+0.4
M Pettman	SDP	4,077	12.2%	-7.2
A Simms *	Green	672	2.0%	*
T Wingfield+ *	Ind NF	286	0.9%	*
D Sutch *	Monster	208	0.6%	*
J Moore+ *	Ind	33	0.1%	*
B Goodier *	Ind	16	0.0%	*
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>33,415</b>	<b>49.1%</b>	<b>-27.2</b>
	Majority	4,504	13.5%	

**4. Pontypridd (Lab hold) - 23 Feb 1989**

Death of Brynmor John

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
K Howells	Lab	20,549	53.4%	-2.9
S Morgan	PC	9,755	25.3%	+20.0
N Evans	Con	5,212	13.5%	-6.0
T Ellis *	LD	1,500	3.9%	-15.0
T Thomas *	SDP	1,199	3.1%	-7.2
D Richards *	Comm	239	0.6%	
D Black *	Ind	57	0.1%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>38,511</b>	<b>62.0%</b>	<b>-19.3</b>
	Majority	10,794	28.0%	

**5. Richmond (Yorks) (Con hold) - 23 Feb 1989**

Resignation of Sir Leon Brittan

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
W Hague	Con	19,543	37.2%	-26.0
M Potter	SDP	16,909	32.2%	
B Pearce+	LD	11,589	22.0%	-4.9
F Robson *	Lab	2,591	4.9%	-4.1
R Upshall *	Green	1,473	2.8%	
D Sutch *	Monster	167	0.3%	
A Millns *	Ind	113	0.2%	
L St.Clair+ *	Ind	106	0.2%	
N Watkins *	Ind	70	0.1%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>52,561</b>	<b>64.2%</b>	<b>-5.7</b>
	Majority	2,634	5.0%	

**6. Vale of Glamorgan (Lab gain from Con) - 4 May 1989**

Death of Sir Raymond Gower

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
J Smith	Lab	23,342	48.9%	+14.2
R Richards	Con	17,314	36.3%	-10.5
F Leavers *	LD	2,017	4.2%	-12.5
A Dixon *	PC	1,672	3.5%	+1.7
K Davies *	SDP	1,098	2.3%	-14.4
M Wakefield+ *	Green	971	2.0%	
C Tiarks *	Ind	847	1.8%	
D Sutch *	Monster	266	0.6%	
E Roberts *	Ind	148	0.3%	
L St.Clair+ *	Ind	39	0.1%	
D Black *	Ind	32	0.1%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>47,746</b>	<b>70.7%</b>	<b>-8.6</b>
	Majority	6,028	12.6%	

**7. Glasgow Central (Lab hold) - 15 June 1989**

Death of Robert McTaggart

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
M Watson	Lab	14,480	54.6%	-9.9
A Neil	SNP	8,018	30.2%	+20.3
A Hogarth	Con	2,028	7.6%	-5.4
I Brandt+ *	Green	1,019	3.8%	*
R McCreadie *	LD	411	1.5%	-9.0
P Kerr *	SDP	253	1.0%	*
L Murdoch+ *	RCP	141	0.5%	*
B Kidd *	SSP	137	0.5%	*
D Lettice *	WRP	48	0.2%	*
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>26,535</b>	<b>52.9%</b>	<b>-12.7</b>
	Majority	6,462	24.4%	

**8. Vauxhall (Lab hold) - 15 June 1989**

Resignation of Stuart Holland

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
K Hoey+	Lab	15,191	52.7%	+2.6
M Keegan	Con	5,425	18.8%	-10.2
M Tuffrey	LD	5,043	17.5%	-0.7
H Bewley	Green	1,767	6.1%	
H Andrew *	Ind	302	1.0%	
D Allen *	Ind	264	0.9%	
R Narayan *	Ind	179	0.6%	
D Milligan *	RCP	177	0.6%	
P Harrington *	NF	127	0.4%	
D Sutch *	Monster	106	0.4%	
D Black *	Ind	86	0.3%	
E Budden *	Ind NF	83	0.3%	
W Scola *	Ind	32	0.1%	
G Rolph *	FP	24	0.1%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>28,806</b>	<b>44.4%</b>	<b>-19.6</b>
	Majority	9,766	33.9%	

**9. Mid Staffordshire (Lab gain from Con) - 22 March 1990**

Death of John Heddle

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
S Heal+	Lab	27,649	49.1%	+24.3
C Prior	Con	18,200	32.3%	-18.3
T Jones	LD	6,315	11.2%	-12.0
I Wood *	SDP	1,422	2.5%	
R Saunders *	Green	1,215	2.2%	
J Bazeley *	Ind	547	1.0%	
D Sutch *	Monster	336	0.6%	
C Hill *	NF	311	0.6%	
C Abell *	Ind	102	0.2%	
N Parker-Jervis *	Ind	71	0.1%	
S Hughes *	Ind	59	0.1%	
L St.Clair+ *	Ind	51	0.1%	
B Midwater *	Ind	42	0.1%	
D Black *	Ind	39	0.1%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>56,359</b>	<b>79.4%</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
	Majority	9,449	16.8%	

**10. Upper Bann (UUP hold) - 17 May 1990**

Death of Harold McCusker

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
D Trimble	UUP	20,547	58.0%	-3.5
B Rodgers+	SDLP	6,698	18.9%	-1.6
S Campbell+	SF	2,033	5.7%	-1.7
H Ross *	Ind	1,534	4.3%	
T French *	WPNI	1,083	3.1%	-1.6
C Jones+ *	Con	1,038	2.9%	
W Ramsey *	Alliance	948	2.7%	-3.2
G McMichael *	UDP	600	1.7%	
P Doran *	Green	576	1.6%	
J Holmes *	Ind	235	0.7%	
A Dunn *	SDP	154	0.4%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>35,446</b>	<b>53.4%</b>	<b>-12.2</b>
	Majority	13,849	39.1%	

**11. Bootle (Lab hold) - 24 May 1990**

Death of Allan Roberts

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
M Carr	Lab	26,737	75.4%	+8.5
W Clappison	Con	3,220	9.1%	-11.0
J Cunningham	LD	3,179	9.0%	-4.0
F Brady *	Green	1,267	3.6%	
K White *	Lib	474	1.3%	*
D Sutch *	Monster	418	1.2%	*
J Holmes *	SDP	155	0.4%	*
T Schofield *	Ind	27	0.1%	*
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>35,477</b>	<b>50.2%</b>	<b>-22.7</b>
	Majority	23,517	66.3%	

**12. Knowsley South (Lab hold) - 24 May 1990**

Death of Sean Hughes

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
E O'Hara	Lab	14,581	68.8%	+4.4
L Byrom	Con	3,214	15.2%	-6.5
C Hancox+	LD	1,809	8.5%	-5.4
R Georgeson *	Green	656	3.1%	
I Smith *	Lib	628	3.0%	
D Sutch *	Monster	197	0.9%	
L St.Clair+ *	Ind	99	0.5%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>21,184</b>	<b>33.4%</b>	<b>-40.7</b>
	Majority	11,367	53.7%	

**13. Eastborne (LD gain from Con) - 27 Sep 1990**

Death of Ian Gow

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
D Bellotti	LD	23,415	50.8%	+21.1
R Hickmet	Con	18,865	40.9%	-19.0
C Atkins+	Lab	2,308	5.0%	-3.8
D Aherne *	Green	553	1.2%	
M-T Williamson+ *	Lib	526	1.1%	
L St.Clair+ *	Ind	216	0.5%	
J McAuley *	NF	154	0.3%	
E Page *	Ind	35	0.1%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>46,072</b>	<b>60.7%</b>	<b>-14.9</b>
	Majority	4,550	9.9%	

**14. Bootle (Lab hold) - 18 Oct 1990**

Death of Micheal Carr

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
J Benton	Lab	22,052	78.4%	+3.0
W Clappison	Con	2,587	9.2%	+0.1
J Cunningham	LD	2,216	7.9%	-1.1
F Brady *	Green	557	2.0%	
D Sutch *	Monster	310	1.1%	
K White *	Lib	291	1.0%	
D Black *	Ind	132	0.5%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>28,145</b>	<b>39.7%</b>	<b>-10.5</b>
	Majority	19,465	69.2%	

**15. Bradford North (Lab hold) - 8 Nov 1990**

Death of Patrick Wall

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
T Rooney	Lab	18,619	51.7%	+8.8
D Ward	LD	9,105	25.3%	-8.3
M Atkin+	Con	6,048	16.8%	-22.7
D Pidcock *	Islam	800	2.2%	*
M Knott *	Green	447	1.2%	*
R Tenney *	NF	305	0.8%	*
J Floyd *	Ind	219	0.6%	*
W Beckett *	Monster	210	0.6%	*
N Nowosielski *	Lib	187	0.5%	*
M Wigglesworth *	Ind Con	89	0.2%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>36,029</b>	<b>53.4%</b>	<b>-19.3</b>
	Majority	9,514	26.4%	

**16. Paisley North (Lab hold) - 8 Nov 1990**

Death of Allen Adams

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
K Adams+	Lab	11,353	44.0%	-11.5
W Mullin	SNP	7,583	29.4%	+16.5
E Marwick	Con	3,835	14.8%	-0.9
J Bannerman	LD	2,139	8.3%	
D Mellor *	Green	918	3.6%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>25,828</b>	<b>53.7%</b>	<b>-19.8</b>
	Majority	3,770	14.6%	

**17. Paisley South (Lab hold) - 29 Nov 1990**

Death of Norman Buchan

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
G McMaster	Lab	12,485	46.1%	-10.0
I Lawson	SNP	7,455	27.5%	+13.5
J Workman	Con	3,627	13.4%	-1.3
A Reid	LD	2,660	9.8%	-5.3
L Collie+	Green	835	3.1%	*
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>27,062</b>	<b>55.0%</b>	<b>-20.3</b>
	Majority	5,030	18.6%	

**18. Ribble Valley (LD gain from Con) - 29 Nov 1990**

Elevation to peerage of David Waddington

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Change
M Carr	LD	22,377	48.5%	+27.1
N Evans	Con	17,776	38.5%	-22.3
J Farrington+	Lab	4,356	9.4%	-8.3
D Brass *	Ind Con	611	1.3%	*
H Ingham+ *	Green	466	1.0%	*
D Sutch *	Monster	278	0.6%	*
S Taylor *	Lib	133	0.3%	*
L St. Clair+ *	Ind	72	0.2%	*
S Hughes *	Ind	60	0.1%	*
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>46,129</b>	<b>71.1%</b>	<b>-8.0</b>
	Majority	4,601	10.0%	

**19. Neath (Lab hold) - 7 Mar 1991**

Death of Donald Coleman

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
P Hain	Lab	17,962	51.8%	-11.6
D Evans	PC	8,132	23.4%	+17.0
R Evans	Con	2,995	8.6%	-7.5
D Lloyd	LD	2,000	5.8%	-8.3
J Warman	SDP	1,826	5.3%	
R Jeffreys *	Ind Lab	1,253	3.6%	
D Sutch *	Monster	263	0.8%	
B Kirk *	Ind	262	0.8%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>34,693</b>	<b>63.7%</b>	<b>-15.2</b>
	Majority	9,830	28.3%	

**20. Monmouth (Lab gain from Con) - 4 Apr 1991**

Death of Sir John Stradling Thomas

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
H Edwards	Lab	17,733	39.3%	+11.6
R Evans	Con	15,327	34.0%	-13.5
F David+	LD	11,164	24.8%	+0.8
D Sutch *	Monster	314	0.7%	
M Witherden *	PC	277	0.6%	-0.2
P Carpenter *	Ind	164	0.4%	
L St.Clair+ *	Ind	121	0.3%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>45,100</b>	<b>75.8%</b>	<b>-5.0</b>
	Majority	2,406	5.3%	

**21. Liverpool Walton (Lab hold) - 16 May 1991**

Death of Eric Heffer

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
P Kilfoyle	Lab	21,317	53.1%	+0.1
P Clark	LD	14,457	36.0%	+14.8
L Mahmood+	Ind	2,613	6.5%	
B Greenwood *	Con	1,155	2.9%	-12.2
D Sutch *	Monster	546	1.4%	
E Lee-Delisle *	Ind	63	0.2%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>40,151</b>	<b>56.7%</b>	<b>-16.9</b>
	Majority	6,860	17.1%	

**22. Hemsworth (Lab hold) - 4 July 1991**

Death of George Buckley

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
D Enright	Lab	15,895	66.3%	-0.7
V Megson+	LD	4,808	20.1%	+4.3
G Harrison	Con	2,512	10.5%	-6.7
P Ablett *	Ind Lab	648	2.7%	
T Smith *	Ind	108	0.5%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>23,971</b>	<b>42.6%</b>	<b>-33.1</b>
	Majority	11,087	46.3%	

**23. Kincardine and Deeside (LD gain from Con) - 7 Nov 1991**

Death of Rt Hon Alick Buchanan-Smith

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
N Stephen	LD	20,779	49.0%	+12.7
J Humphrey	Con	12,955	30.6%	-10.1
W Macartney	SNP	4,705	11.1%	+4.7
M Savidge	Lab	3,271	7.7%	-8.2
S Campbell *	Green	683	1.6%	
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>42,393</b>	<b>64.6%</b>	<b>-10.6</b>
	Majority	7,824	18.5%	

**24. Langbaugh (Lab gain from Con) - 7 Nov 1991**

Death of Richard Holt

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Change</b>
A Kumar	Lab	22,442	42.9%	+4.5
M Bates	Con	20,467	39.1%	-2.6
P Allen	LD	8,421	16.1%	-3.8
G Parr *	Green	456	0.9%	*
R Holt *	Ind	216	0.4%	*
L St.Clair+ *	Ind	198	0.4%	*
N Downing *	Ind	163	0.3%	*
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>52,363</b>	<b>65.3%</b>	<b>-13.5</b>
	Majority	1,975	3.8%	



**Table 6**  
Candidate descriptions

**Kensington**

C Payne	Rainbow Alliance Payne and Pleasure Party
D Sutch	Monster Raving Loony Party
J Duignan	London Class War Candidate
B Goodier	Anti Left Wing Fascist
T McDermott	Free Trade Liberal Party - Europe Out!
R Edey	Fair Wealth Distribution Fair Housing Provision
W Scola	The Leveller Party
J Crowley	Anti Yuppie Revolutionary Crowleyist, Vegetarian Visionary
J Connell	Peace - Stop ITN Manipulation
K Trivedi	Independent-Janata Party

**Glasgow, Govan**

D Sutch	Monster Raving Loony Liberal Birthday Party
F Clark	Rainbow Alliance Smiley Zippy Party
Epping Forest	T Wingfield
D Sutch	Monster Raving Loony Liberal Christmas Party
J Moore	Rainbow Alliance Smiley Zippy Party
B Goodier	Vote No Belsen for South Africans

**Pontypridd**

D Black	Anti Abortion
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**Richmond (Yorks)**

D Sutch	Monster Raving Loony Liberal Easter Party
A Millns	Keep Theakstons British
L St.Clair	Corrective Party
N Watkins	Official Liberal

**Vale of Glamorgan**

C Tiarks	Independent - Protect the Health Service
D Sutch	Monster Raving Loony Liberal Welsh Harp
E Roberts	Welsh Independent Socialist and Ecologist
L St.Clair	Corrective Party
D Black	Christian Alliance, anti-Common Market

**Glasgow Central**

L Murdoch	Revolutionary Communist Party
B Kidd	Scottish Socialist Party Anti Poll Tax
D Lettice	Workers Revolutionary Party

**Vauxhall**

H Andrew	The People's Candidate
D Allen	The Greens
R Narayan	Barrister, Civil Liberties Activist in Brixton
D Milligan	Revolutionary Communist Party
P Harrington	Official National Front Candidate
D Sutch	Monster Raving Loony Mad Hatters Party
D Black	Christain Alliance
W Scola	Leveller Party

G Rolph	Fellowship Party
<b>Mid Staffordshire</b>	
J Bazeley	Anti-Thatcher Conservative
D Sutch	Monster Raving Loony Green Teeth Party
C Hill	National Front
C Abell	NHS Supporters Party
N Parker-Jervis	Against Immigration Conservative Green
S Hughes	Raving Loony Green Giant Supercalafragalistic Party
L St.Clair	National Independent Correct edification (NICE)
B Midwater	Save the 2CV
D Black	Christian Patrotic Alliance - Save Britain Campaign
<b>Upper Bann</b>	
G McMichael	Ulster Democratic Party
J Holmes	For the Right to Vote Labour
<b>Bootle</b>	
D Sutch	Monster Raving Loony Cavern Rock Party
<b>Knowsley South</b>	
D Sutch	Monster Raving Loony Cavern Rock Party
L St.Clair	Corrective Party
<b>Eastbourne</b>	
L St.Clair	Corrective Party
J McAuley	National Front
E Page	Ironside Party
<b>Bootle</b>	
D Sutch	Monster Raving Loony Cavern Rock Party
D Black	Christian Alliance
<b>Bradford North</b>	
D Pidcock	Islamic Part of Britain
M Knott	National Front
R Tenney	Christian Alliance
J Floyd	Monster Raving Loony Psycho-Surgeons Party
N Nowosielski	Independent Conservative Anti-Poll Tax Protest
<b>Ribble Valley</b>	
D Brass	Independent Conservative
D Sutch	Official Monster Raving Loony Party
L St. Clair	Corrective Party
S Hughes	Raving Loony Green Giant Clitheroe Kid
<b>Neath</b>	
R Jeffreys	Local Independent Labour
D Sutch	Official Monster Raving Loony Welsh Leek
B Kirk	Captain Beany of the Bean Party
<b>Monmouth</b>	
D Sutch	Official Monster Raving Loony Runner Bean
P Carpenter	Unitax (Independent
L St.Clair	Corrective Party

**Liverpool, Walton**

D Sutch

Official Monster Raving Loony Cavern Rock

E Lee-Delisle

George Lee-Delisle Party Candidate

**Hemsworth**

T Smith

Corrective

**Langbaugh**

R Holt

Yorkshire Party

L St.Clair

Corrective Party

N Downing

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