



Whole-House Hereditary Peers' By-election, July 2013: Result

In the by-election following the death of the Lord Reay, a total of 334 valid votes were cast. There were 2 spoiled ballot papers. All current members of the House, a total of 753 peers, were eligible to vote. Of the 23 candidates, 19 received one or more first-preference votes. After 16 transfers of votes, the voting for the final 3 candidates was as follows:

Lord Borwick	160
Viscount Hailsham	129
Earl of Stockton	61

The successful candidate was therefore **Lord Borwick**.

Overleaf are details of the votes cast for each candidate at each stage of the count. The left-hand column lists all 23 candidates. The next column shows the number of first-preference votes for each candidate. Subsequent columns (which are numbered) show the number of votes for each candidate after each transfer of votes from excluded candidates. An **X** in a column shows that the candidate concerned was excluded at that stage. The penultimate row shows the total number of votes at each stage, i.e. after excluding any votes which could not be transferred because no further preference was marked. The last row shows the number of votes required at that stage for a candidate to be elected, i.e. half the total (rounded up).

A note on the voting system

- The election was conducted using the alternative vote system (also known as preferential voting).
- Under this system, voters rank in order as many candidates as they wish.
- Initially only first-preference votes are counted.
- If the vote for any one candidate equals or exceeds the votes for all the other candidates combined, that candidate is elected.
- Otherwise the votes for the candidate or candidates with fewest votes (or, in the event of a tie, fewest first-preference votes) are transferred to whichever of the continuing candidates is marked by that voter as their next available preference, and the votes thus transferred are added to the first preference votes of those candidates. The process is repeated until one candidate has as many votes as all the other remaining candidates combined.
- Any paper on which no further preference is marked is set aside as non-transferable.

The poll was supervised and the count was conducted by Electoral Reform Services. Lord Addington, Viscount Craigavon, Lord Geddes and Lord Tunnicliffe acted as scrutineers.

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David Beamish
Clerk of the Parliaments

Candidate	1st preference Votes	Votes after transfers															
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Albemarle, E. (Crossbench)	3	3	3	3	X												
Amphill, L. (Conservative)	6	6	7	7	8	8	8	9	10	10	10	10	X				
Biddulph, L. (Conservative)	2	2	X														
Borwick, L. (Conservative)	104	105	105	106	106	107	109	109	109	110	112	113	114	117	120	135	160
Cadman, L. (Conservative)	1	X															
Carlisle, E. (Liberal Democrat)	3	3	3	3	3	X											
Fisher, L. (Undeclared)	0X																
Hailsham, V. (Conservative)	104	104	105	105	106	106	106	106	106	106	107	107	108	112	113	117	129
Harlech, L. (Conservative)	1	X															
Harrowby, E. (Conservative)	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	24	24	26	26	27	29	31	X	
Hemphill, L. (Crossbench)	2	2	2	X													
Kennet, L. (Liberal Democrat)	17	17	17	17	17	19	19	19	19	19	19	20	20	20	X		
Margadale, L. (Conservative)	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	X						
Massereene and Ferrard, V. (L. Oriel)(UKIP)	3	3	3	3	3	3	X										
Morris, L. (Conservative)	0X																
Napier and Ettrick, L. (Crossbench)	6	6	6	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	X					
Ogmore, L. (Crossbench)	0X																
Onslow, E. (Conservative)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	X									
Rowallan, L. (Conservative)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	X								
Stockton, E. (Conservative)	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	36	38	39	41	42	44	56	61	X
Sudeley, L. (Conservative)	0X																
Swansea, L. (Conservative)	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	11	13	X			
Windlesham, L. (Conservative)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	X							
VOTES EXCLUDED AT EACH STAGE	-	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	4	2	2	7	24
TOTAL CONTINUING VOTES AT EACH STAGE	334	334	334	334	334	334	333	332	332	331	331	328	324	322	320	313	289
VOTES NEEDED IN ORDER TO BE ELECTED	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	166	166	166	166	164	162	161	160	157	145