



Conservative hereditary peers' by-election

This note confirms arrangements for the by-election following the retirement of Lord Glentoran.

Electors

Lord Glentoran 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 47¹ 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 Wednesday 27 June. 11 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.

Voting timetable

Ballot papers will be posted to electors by Electoral Reform Services on Friday 29 June. Completed papers should be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments either by post or in person by **5 pm on Tuesday 17 July**. 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 38 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 Wednesday 18 July 2018.

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

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Clerk of the Parliaments

List of electors

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

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

Elected by the whole House and sitting as Conservative peers:

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

List of candidates

Abergavenny, M
Ashcombe, L
Bethell, L
Biddulph, L
De La Warr, E
Mountgarret, V
Napier and Ettrick, L
Reay, L
Rowallan, L
Stockton, E
Windlesham, L

Candidature statements

Abergavenny, M.

An outsider to Westminster politics – excluding two terms as local councillor and National Chairman of the Conservative Rural Forum – I offer you experience in real-world businesses, charities, urban and rural regeneration and bridging the gap between town and country.

The purchase and ongoing redevelopment of half of The Pantiles has followed 30+ years hands-on experience of UK rural diversification, regeneration and job creation, preceded by a 15 year international business career.

Ashcombe, L.

Trained as a civil engineer, my career has been in the insurance industry. I currently manage the North American division of Marsh's energy specialty. I have the time, energy and deep commitment to be a very regular attender and contributor and have attended ACP meetings assiduously for three years. I live in London and Hampshire, am married with two sons, race on the Solent, garden enthusiastically and have experience of fundraising.

Bethell, L.

Three reasons. I believe in the institution of the House of Lords. As a loyal Conservative, I want to fully support our leader. And I want to serve my country at this difficult time in our history. With the full and complete sale of my communications company, I will have left my professional life in PR and have the time and resources to fulfil an energetic role in the legislature.

Biddulph, L.

Always happy to serve.

De La Warr, E.

In the event of election I would be a committed and active member standing as a Conservative Peer whilst respecting the independent tradition of the House of Lords. I have nearly 50 years' experience in the city. Apart from farming and forestry I have experience in education and the health service. I am a Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex and am President of Bowles Rock Trust and was Joint President of Sussex Youth Clubs.

Napier and Ettrick, L.

As a keen social reformer, I have an understanding of navigating life with a disability and I support charities who work with hearing impaired children. I would like to use my life skills and experience of succeeding with a disability for the benefit of the House. I believe that a more representative House is a stronger House, both in terms of quality of debate but also, in relation to public perception. Regular and diligent attendee.

Reay, Lord.

My career over the past 30 years has been forged in the financial services sector both in London and New York at blue chip investment banks and boutique corporate finance firms with a focus on advising UK and international businesses.

Based both in London and Lancashire, I am a board member of three technology companies.

Rowallan, L.

Born 1947

Married

Contested Glasgow Garscadden, 1974 and Kilmarnock, 1979.
Director, SANE, 1996-2007. Patron, Depression Alliance, 1998-2016

Member of the House of Lords 1995-1999 introduced a Mental Health Bill.
Member All Party Groups: Mental Health; Clinical Depression; Arts and heritage; Alternative
Medicine; Racing and Bloodstock; Rwanda and Genocide; Conservation; Advertising;
Epilepsy;

Director of British Showjumping, 1998-2011;
Judge at the London Olympics.
Interests; Renewable Energy & storage. Affordable living.

Stockton, E.

Succeeded grandfather, Harold Macmillan (st Earl of Stockton) in 1986, until HoL Reform.
A former newspaperman and broadcaster; book and a magazine publisher (Macmillan Ltd.),
and landowner in Sussex and Devon. M.E,P (SW) 1999-2004; South Bucks District
Councillor 2011-2016. Excellent French, conversational Spanish and German. Resident in
Denham, Bucks, one hour from Westminster. Interests: foreign affairs; education and nature
conservation. If elected I would serve your Lordships' House regularly and assiduously.

Windlesham, L.

If elected I would use my time and energy conscientiously to make a worthwhile
contribution to the work of the House of Lords.

I believe that this work should primarily involve using the knowledge and experience of
Peers to scrutinise and, where necessary, revise legislation.

I do not believe that the role of the Upper House should extend to altering the settled will
of the British people in important national matters.