



Crossbench hereditary peers' by-election

This note confirms arrangements for the by-election following the retirement of the Earl of Listowel.

Electors

The Earl of Listowel was one of the 28 hereditary peers elected by the Crossbench hereditary peers. Therefore, under Standing Order 9(2)(i)(d), the voters in this by-election will be the excepted hereditary peers belonging to the Crossbench group; there are currently 34¹ peers in this group. A list is on page 3.

Of these 34 peers, only those who have taken the oath of allegiance or made the solemn affirmation to King Charles III by the rise of the House on Thursday 13 October will be eligible to vote in this by-election.

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 5pm on Monday 26 September. Ten candidates registered to stand in this by-election; a list is on page 3. Candidates were invited to submit a written statement of up to 75 words; those statements are on pages 4 and 5.

Voting timetable

This by-election will be conducted using electronic means.

An email containing full voting instructions and link to the online voting website will be sent to the parliamentary email address of each member eligible to vote around 8am on Wednesday 19 October from takepart@cesvotes.com. The subject line will be: "Listowel by-election – voting link." The email will contain instructions on how votes can be cast online in this election. Members will be instructed to click on a link in the email which will direct them to a login page for the secure website. Members can then click through to the voting page where details of the candidates standing in the election are available. Once the Member has made their selection they will be asked to confirm their votes before submission.

Voting will take place online from 10am until to 5pm on Wednesday 19 October. It is expected that the result will be announced in the chamber on Thursday 20 October.

¹ This figure comprises 29 hereditary peers elected by parties and groups who currently are in the Crossbench group; four hereditary peers elected by the whole House who currently are in the Crossbench group; and the Duke of Norfolk (the Earl Marshal).

No electors registered for postal votes so no ballot papers will be sent by post for this by-election.

Voting system

The by-election will be conducted via a secret ballot. The Alternative Vote system will be used.

Voters will place the name of the candidate they most strongly support at the top of the digital ballot paper, then place their next most favoured candidate below, 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.

Results

The electronic count will be overseen by Civica Election 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 Thursday 20 October 2022.

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

30 September 2022

SIMON BURTON
Clerk of the Parliaments

List of electors²

Elected by a party or group and sitting as Crossbench peers

Aberdare, L.	Peel, E. [oath/affirmation pending]
Brookeborough, V. [oath/affirmation pending]	Ravensdale, L.
Carrington, L.	Rosslyn, E. [oath/affirmation pending]
Clancarty, E.	Russell of Liverpool, L.
Cork and Orrery, E. [oath/affirmation pending]	St John of Bletso, L. [oath/affirmation pending]
Craigavon, V.	Sandwich, E. [oath/affirmation pending]
Cromwell, L. [oath/affirmation pending]	Somerset, D.
Devon, E. [oath/affirmation pending]	Stair, E. [oath/affirmation pending]
Erroll, E. [oath/affirmation pending]	Thurlow, L. [oath/affirmation pending]
Freyberg, L. [oath/affirmation pending]	Trevethin and Oaksey, L. [oath/affirmation pending]
Greenway, L. [oath/affirmation pending]	Vaux of Harrowden, L.
Hylton, L. [oath/affirmation pending]	Waverley, V.
Kinnoull, E.	Wellington, D.
Lytton, E.	
Mountevans, L.	
Palmer, L. [oath/affirmation pending]	

Elected by the whole House and sitting as Crossbench peers

Colville of Culross, V. [oath/affirmation pending]
Falkland, V. [oath/affirmation pending]
Londesborough, L. [oath/affirmation pending]
Oxford and Asquith, E.

Other excepted Crossbench hereditary peers

Norfolk, D. [oath/affirmation pending]

List of candidates

Albemarle, E.
Braybrooke, L.
De Clifford, L.
Dudley, E.
Hampton, L.
Meston, L.
Monson, L.
Norwich, V.
Rochdale, V.
Walpole, L.

² Only peers in this group who have taken the oath of allegiance or made the solemn affirmation to King Charles III by the rise of the House on Thursday 13 October will be eligible to vote in this by-election. Peers who had not yet taken the oath as at 30 September 2022 are marked “[oath/affirmation pending]”.

Candidature statements

Albemarle, E.

I am 56 years old, my career background was design with 25 years in industrial packaging and branding whilst living in New York and Milan. The last nine years were spent farming in East Sussex. My contribution would be creative thinking together with a hands on understanding of agricultural and environmental issues. As one of the youngest cross bench Peers (1988-99) I continue to be committed to the values represented by the House of Lords.

Braybrooke, L.

I am the marketing director of an established British luxury brand and have spent the last twenty years working in the internet and technology sector from small start-ups to multinational companies. With my experience, I would be able to contribute on a wide range of current issues in this field which I feel would complement the make-up of the House. I am a political independent and would regularly attend the House.

De Clifford, L.

My aspirations are to be a politically independent, committed, and effective member of the House of Lords. Particularly I want to contribute to promoting and addressing the issues affecting the animal welfare, small business, and leadership development. My experience has been in accountancy, rural property, and the veterinary industry. I am an operations director and part owner of a veterinary practice and finance director of a not-for-profit organisation that supports management and leadership development.

Dudley, E.

My "cv". yt.technodemic. David Dudley. <https://www.youtube.com/c/technodemic/videos>

Hampton, L.

I'm a Hackney-based photographer turned Head of Department at a local state school. Perhaps not a traditional career path, but one that has given me an understanding of both the commercial mindset and the hard daily realities faced by a vast part of the UK population. I am a firm believer in the power of education and the creative sector in not only empowering our young people, but in driving our economy forward.

Meston, L.

Practising barrister from 1973 (QC 1996) until 1999 (mainly family law). Then a Circuit Judge until 2020. Now part-time judge. Second in last Crossbench by-election. Active in Lords until 1999, latterly a Crossbencher. Particularly involved in Bills concerning children, domestic abuse, divorce. Committees included Medical Ethics, Statutory Instruments, Consolidation Bills, Personal Bills. Believe strongly in effective scrutiny of legislation and the value of Crossbench independence and objectivity. Would commit fully to involvement in the Lords.

Monson, L.

Media and public relations specialist. Campaigns to create awareness of mental health dangers from use of high potency cannabis. Successfully campaigned to overturn wrongful verdict on son's death in Kenyan prison. Four Kenyan police officers jailed last November. Started charitable initiative, help4ukraine. So far bought and sent to Ukraine 25 ambulances freighted with medical aid. Charity commended publicly by Ukraine Ambassador to UK.

Norwich, V.

Graduated from Oxford, I retrained as an architect, and then worked with several large practices before establishing my own in 1995. Specialising in environmental design and engineering for 25 years, we are now developing an ultra-light, pedal-electric city car. Politically independent, if elected I would be an active member in these areas, and seek Select Committee work. I am 62, live in London, and have a strong interest in music and the arts.

Rochdale, V.

Award-winning education entrepreneur: 24 years, developed scientifically proven techniques helping professionals and students think more clearly and better understand new information. Masters' degree: International Finance, trade, shipping. Specific focus on joint ventures in China. Proficiency in Mandarin. Public service: Metropolitan Police, 12 years (commendations for bravery and investigative ability). Passionate: Dyslexia, Mental health - depression, bipolar, addiction (four lived experiences). Social justice, environment and climate. I am Independent, London-based, and fully committed to the House.

Walpole, L.

I am 54 years old. My mother, Judith Chaplin MP, represented Newbury from 1992 until her untimely death in 1993. My father sat as a crossbench peer from 1989 until 2017. I am an independent political thinker. Employment: financial analyst, teacher and writer (MA and PhD upgrade). Fluent in French. I would commit to being a full-time working peer.