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By-elections since the 2015 General Election

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Summary

This research briefing sets out results of the on-going by-elections being held during the 2015-20 Parliament. Results for previous by-elections for parliaments since 1997 are available in the following briefings:

- [By-elections 2010-15](#)
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By-elections since 1945 are summarised in [UK Election Statistics: 1918-2012](#).

1. Oldham West and Royton

3 December 2015

Death of Rt Hon. Michael Meacher on 21 October 2015, writ moved on 2 November 2015.

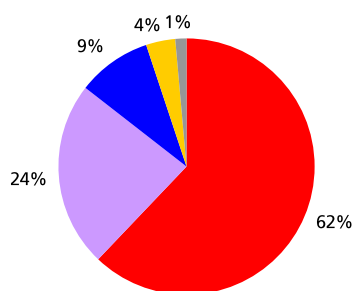
Labour hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by- election		Votes at General Election (Party)		Change in share of vote (% points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main Candidates						
Jim McMahon	Labour	17,209	62.1%	23,630	54.8%	7.3%
John Bickley	UK Independence Party	6,487	23.4%	8,892	20.6%	2.8%
James Daly	Conservative	2,596	9.4%	8,187	19.0%	-9.6%
Jane Brophy	Liberal Democrats	1,024 *	3.7%	1,589	3.7%	0.0%
Other (2 candidates)		390	1.4%	839	1.9%	-0.5%
Majority of winning candidate		10,722	38.7%	14,738	34.2%	
Total poll**		27,706	-	43,137	-	
Electorate		69,033	-	72,359	-	
Turnout		-	40.1%	-	59.6%	

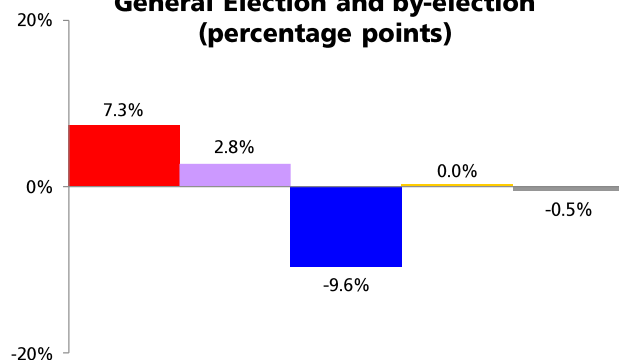
Other candidates

Simeon Hart	Green Party	249 *	0.9%	839	1.9%	-1.0%
Sir Oink A-Lot	Monster Raving Loony	141 *	0.5%	-	-	-

Votes by party



**Change in share of vote between
General Election and by-election
(percentage points)**



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** Not including invalid votes

2. Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough

5 May 2016

Death of Harry Harpham on 4 February 2016, writ moved on 24 March 2016.

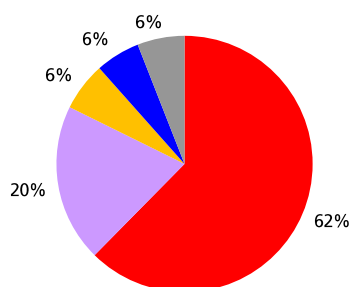
Labour hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by- election		Votes at General Election (Party)		Change in share of vote (% points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main Candidates						
Gill Furniss	Labour	14,087	62.4%	22,663	56.6%	5.8%
Steve Winstone	UK Independence Party	4,497	19.9%	8,856	22.1%	-2.2%
Mohammed Shaffaq	Liberal Democrats	1,385	6.1%	1,802	4.5%	1.6%
Spencer Pitfield	Conservative	1,267	5.6%	4,407	11.0%	-5.4%
Other (3 candidates)		1,345	6.0%	2,325	5.8%	+0.2%
Majority of winning candidate		9,590	42.5%	13,807	34.5%	
Total poll**		22,581	-	40,053	-	
Electorate		68,439	-	70,874	-	
Turnout		-	33.0%	-	56.5%	

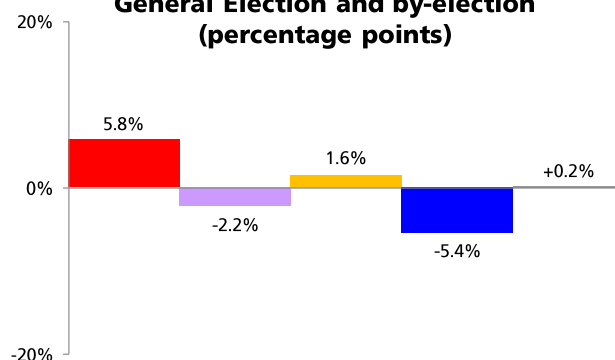
Other candidates

Christine Gilligan	Kub Green Party	938 *	4.2%	1,712	4.3%	-0.1%
Stevie Manion	Yorkshire First	349 *	1.5%	-	-	-
Bobby Smith	Give me back Elmo	58 *	0.3%	-	-	-

Votes by party



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3. Ogmore

5 May 2016

Resignation of Huw Irranca-Davies; appointment to the Crown Steward and Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead on 24 March 2016, writ moved on 24 March 2016.

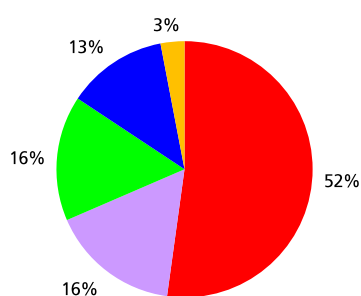
Labour hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by- election		Votes at General Election (Party)		Change in share of vote (% points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main Candidates						
Christopher Elmore	Labour	12,166	52.2%	18,663	52.9%	-0.8%
Glenda Davies	UK Independence Party	3,808	16.3%	5,420	15.4%	1.0%
Abi Thomas	Plaid Cymru	3,683	15.8%	3,556	10.1%	5.7%
Alex Williams	Conservative	2,956	12.7%	5,620	15.9%	-3.3%
Other (1 candidate)		702 *	3.0%	1,991	5.6%	-2.6%
Majority of winning candidate		8,358	35.8%	13,243	37.6%	
Total poll**		23,315	-	35,250	-	
Electorate		55,027	-	55,572	-	
Turnout		-	42.4%	-	63.4%	

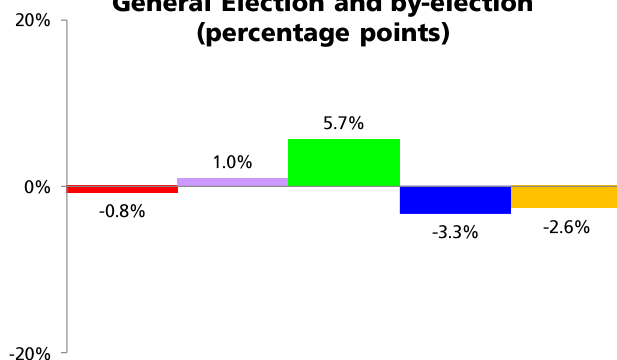
Other candidates

Janet Ellard	Liberal Democrat	702 *	3.0%	1,072	3.0%	0.0%
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Votes by party



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4. Tooting

16 June 2016

Resignation of Sadiq Khan; appointment to the Crown Steward and Bailiff of the Chiltern Hundreds on 9 May 2016, writ moved on 10 May 2016. (Elected London Mayor)

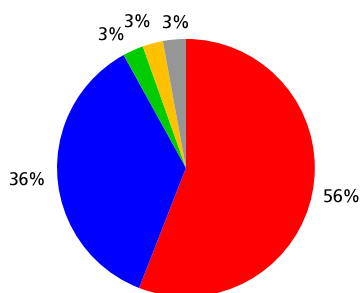
Labour hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by- election		Votes at General Election (Party)		Change in share of vote (% points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main Candidates						
Rosena Allin-Khan	Labour	17,894	55.9%	25,263	47.2%	8.7%
Dan Watkins	Conservative	11,537	36.1%	22,421	41.9%	-5.8%
Esther Obiri-Darko	Green	830 *	2.6%	2,201	4.1%	-1.5%
Alexander Glassbrook	Liberal Democrats	820 *	2.6%	2,107	3.9%	-1.4%
Other (10 candidates)		918	2.9%	1,537	2.9%	-0.0%
Majority of winning candidate		6,357	19.9%	2,842	5.3%	
Total poll**		31,999	-	53,529	-	
Electorate		74,701	-	76,782	-	
Turnout		-	42.8%	-	69.7%	

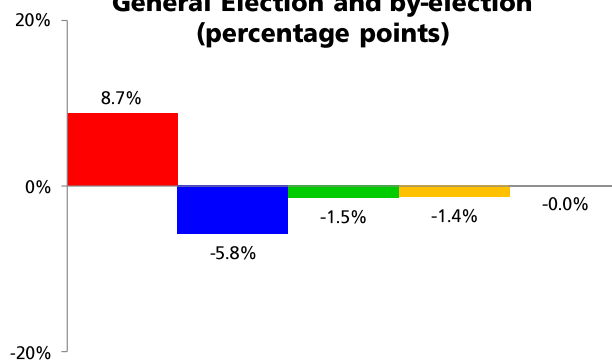
Other candidates

Elizabeth Jones	UKIP	507 *	1.6%	1,537	2.9%	-1.3%
Des Coke	Christian People's Party	164 *	0.5%	-	-	-
Howling Laud Hope	Official Monster Raving Loony Party	54 *	0.2%	-	-	-
Graham Moore	English Democrats Love England - Leave EU!	50 *	0.2%	-	-	-
Dr Akbar Malik	Immigrants Political Party	44 *	0.1%	-	-	-
Ankit Love	One Love Party	32 *	0.1%	-	-	-
Zirwa Javaid	Independent	30 *	0.1%	-	-	-
Dr Zia Samadani	Independent	23 *	0.1%	-	-	-
Bobby Smith	Give me back Elmo	9 *	0.0%	-	-	-
Smiley Smillie	Independent	5 *	0.0%	-	-	-

Votes by party



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5. Batley and Spen

20 October 2016

Death of Jo Cox on 16 June 2016, writ moved on 15 September 2016

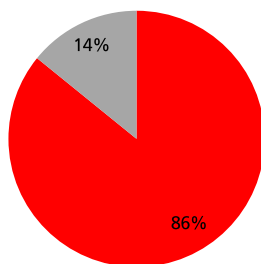
Labour hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by- election		Votes at General Election (Party)		Change in share of vote (% points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main Candidates						
Tracy Brabin	Labour	17,506	85.8%	21,826	43.2%	42.6%
Other (9 candidates)**		2,887	14.2%	28,653	56.8%	-42.6%
Majority of winning candidate		14,619	71.7%	6,057	12.0%	
Total poll**		20,393	-	50,479	-	
Electorate		79,781	-	78,373	-	
Turnout		-	25.6%	-	64.4%	

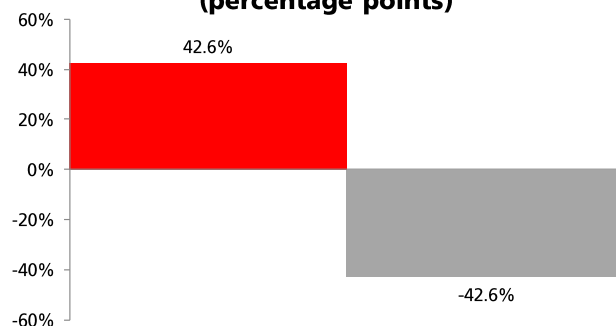
Other candidates

Therese Hirst	English Democrats	969 *	4.8%	-	-	-
David Furness	British National Party	548 *	2.7%	-	-	-
Gary Kitchen	Independent	517 *	2.5%	-	-	-
Anti Corbyn	By-election protest	241 *	1.2%	-	-	-
Jack Buckby	No to terrorism, yes to Britain	220 *	1.1%	-	-	-
Henry Mayhew	Independent	153 *	0.8%	-	-	-
Ali-Waqas Khan	Independent	118 *	0.6%	-	-	-
Richard Edmonds	National Front	87 *	0.4%	-	-	-
Ankit Love	One Love Party	34 *	0.2%	-	-	-

Votes by party



Change in share of vote between General Election and by-election (percentage points)



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*** The Conservatives, Liberal Democrats, UKIP and Green Party decided not to stand at this election out of respect

6. Witney

20 October 2016

Resignation of David Cameron; appointment to the Crown Steward and Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead on 12 September 2016, writ moved on 15 September 2016.

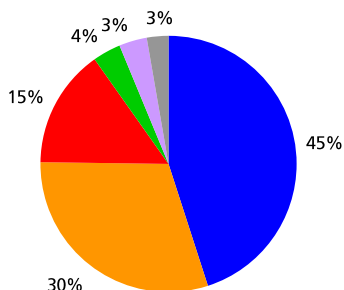
Conservative hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election (Party)		Change in share of vote (% points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main Candidates						
Robert Courts	Conservative	17,313	45.0%	35,201	57.3%	-12.3%
Elizabeth Leffman	Liberal Democrats	11,611	30.2%	3,953	6.4%	23.8%
Duncan Enright	Labour	5,765	15.0%	10,046	16.3%	-1.4%
Larry Sanders	Green Party	1,363 *	3.5%	2,970	4.8%	-1.3%
Dickie Bird	UKIP	1,354 *	3.5%	5,352	8.7%	-5.2%
Other (9 candidates)		1,049	2.7%	3,930	6.4%	-3.7%
Majority of winning candidate		5,702	14.8%	25,155	40.9%	
Total poll**		38,455	-	61,452	-	
Electorate		82,277	-	79,767	-	
Turnout		-	46.7%	-	77.0%	

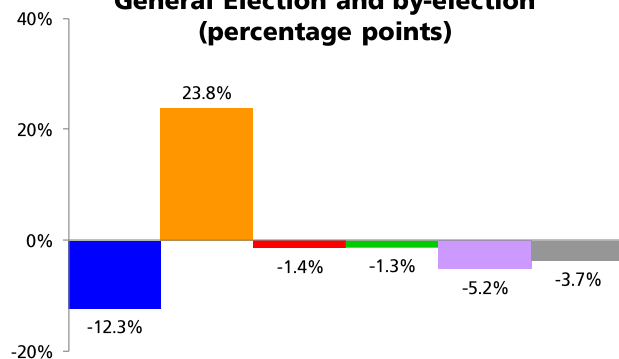
Other candidates

Helen Salisbury	National Health Action Party	433 *	1.1%	-	-	-
Daniel Skidmore	Independent	151 *	0.4%	-	-	-
Alasdair De Voil	Monster Raving Looney Party	129 *	0.3%	-	-	-
Nicholas Ward	Independent	93 *	0.2%	-	-	-
David Bishop	Bus-Pass Elvis Party	61 *	0.2%	-	-	-
Lord Toby Jug	The Eccentric Party of Great Britain	59 *	0.2%	-	-	-
Winston McKenzie	English Democrats	52 *	0.1%	-	-	-
Emilia Rose	One Love Party	44 *	0.1%	-	-	-
Adam Knight	Independent	27 *	0.1%	-	-	-

Votes by party



Change in share of vote between General Election and by-election (percentage points)



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7. Richmond Park

1 December 2016

Resignation of Zac Goldsmith; appointment to the Crown Steward and Bailiff of the Chiltern Hundreds on 25 October 2016, writ moved on 27 October 2016.

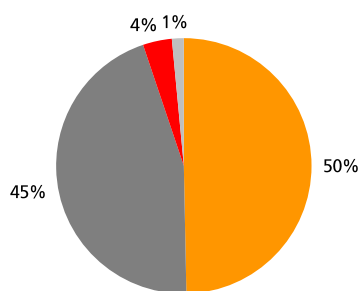
Liberal Democrat Gain

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election (Party)		Change in share of vote (% points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
<i>Main Candidates</i>						
Sarah Olney	Liberal Democrats	20,510	49.7%	11,389	19.3%	30.4%
Zac Goldsmith	Independent***	18,638	45.1%	34,404	58.2%	-13.1%
Christian Wolmar	Labour	1,515 *	3.7%	7,296	12.3%	-8.7%
Other (5 candidates)		620	1.5%	6,012	10.2%	-8.7%
Majority of winning candidate		1,872	4.5%	23,015	38.9%	
Total poll**		41,283	-	59,101	-	
Electorate		77,243	-	77,303	-	
Turnout		-	53.4%	-	76.5%	

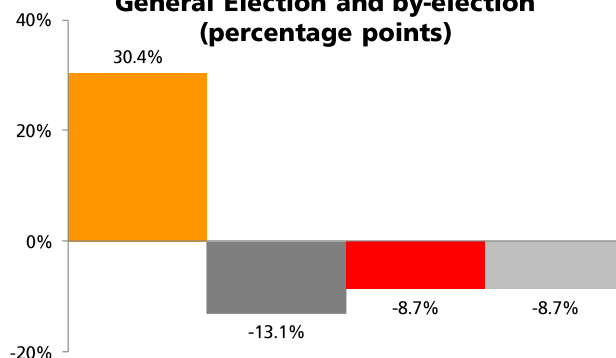
Other candidates

Howling Laud Hope	Official Monster Raving Loony Party	184 *	0.4%	-	-	-
Fiona Syms	Independent	173 *	0.4%	-	-	-
Dominic Stockford	Christian Peoples Alliance	164 *	0.4%	-	-	-
Maharaja Jammu and Kashmir	One Love Party	67 *	0.2%	-	-	-
David Powell	No description	32 *	0.1%	-	-	-

Votes by party



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*** Zac Goldsmith stood as the Conservative candidate in 2015, the General Election results shown relate to that

8. Sleaford and North Hykeham

8 December 2016

Resignation of Stephen Phillips; appointment to the Crown Steward and Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead on 4 November 2016, writ moved on 7 November 2016.

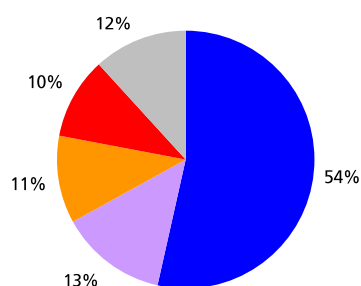
Conservative hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election (Party)		Change in share of vote (% points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main Candidates						
Caroline Johnson	Conservative	17,570	53.5%	34,805	56.2%	-2.7%
Victoria Ayling	UKIP	4,426	13.5%	9,716	15.7%	-2.2%
Ross Pepper	Liberal Democrats	3,606	11.0%	3,500	5.7%	5.3%
Jim Clarke	Labour	3,363	10.2%	10,690	17.3%	-7.0%
Other (6 Parties)		3,869	11.8%	3,233	5.2%	6.6%
Majority of winning candidate		13,144	40.0%	24,115	38.9%	
Total poll**		32,834	-	61,944	-	
Electorate		88,712	-	87,972	-	
Turnout		-	37.0%	-	70.4%	

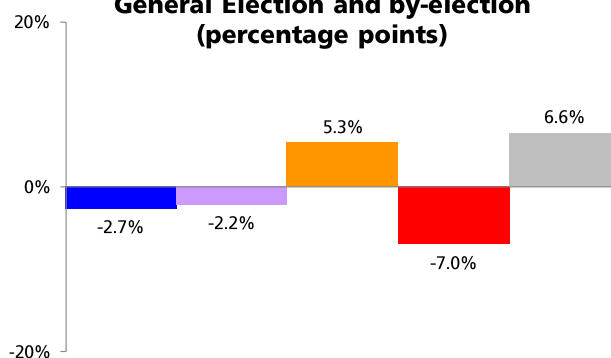
Other candidates

Marianne Overton	Lincolnshire Independents	2,892	8.8%	3,233	5.2%	3.6%
Sarah Stock	Independent	462 *	1.4%	-	-	-
The Iconic Arty-Pole	Monster Raving Looney Party	200 *	0.6%	-	-	-
Paul Coyne	No description	186 *	0.6%	-	-	-
Mark Suffield	No description	74 *	0.2%	-	-	-
David Bishop	Bus-Pass Elvis Party	55 *	0.2%	-	-	-

Votes by party



Change in share of vote between General Election and by-election (percentage points)



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9. Copeland

23 February 2017

Resignation of Jamieson Reed; appointment to the Crown Steward and Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead on 23 January 2017, writ moved on 23 January 2017.

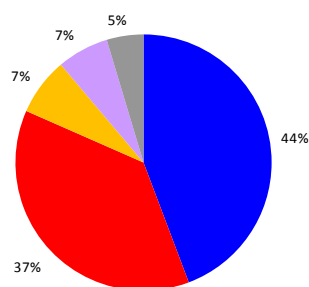
Conservative Gain

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by- election		Votes at General Election (Party)		Change in share of vote (% points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main Candidates						
Trudy Harrison	Conservative	13,748	44.3%	14,186	35.8%	8.5%
Gillian Troughton	Labour	11,601	37.3%	16,750	42.3%	-4.9%
Rebecca Hanson	Liberal Democrats	2,252	7.2%	1,368	3.5%	3.8%
Fiona Mills	UKIP	2,025	6.5%	6,148	15.5%	-9.0%
Other (3 candidates)		1,442	4.6%	1,179	3.0%	+1.7%
Majority of winning candidate		2,147	6.9%	-2,564	-6.5%	
Total poll**		31,068	-	39,631	-	
Electorate		60,602	-	62,087	-	
Turnout		-	51.3%	-	63.8%	

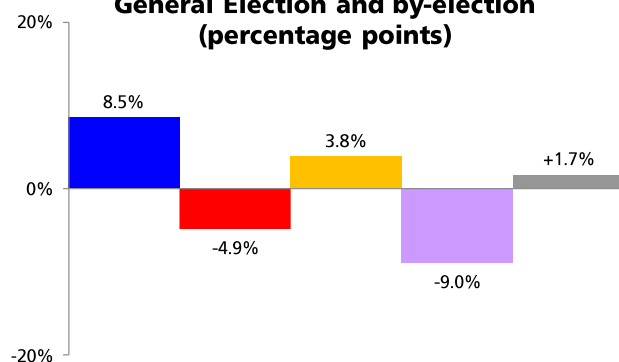
Other candidates

Michael Guest	Independent	811 *	2.6%	-	-	-
Jack Lenox	Green Party	515 *	1.7%	1,179	3.0%	-1.3%
Roy Ivinson	Independent	116 *	0.4%	-	-	-

Votes by party



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10. Stoke-on-Trent Central

23 February 2017

Resignation of Tristram Hunt; appointment to the Crown Steward and Bailiff of the Chiltern Hundreds on 23 January 2017, writ moved on 23 January 2017.

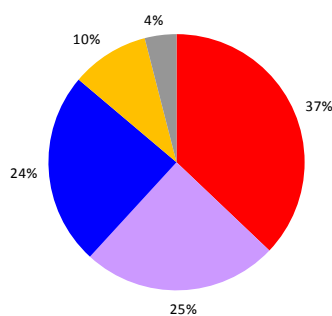
Labour hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by- election		Votes at General Election (Party)		Change in share of vote (% points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main Candidates						
Gareth Snell	Labour	7,853	37.1%	12,220	39.3%	-2.2%
Paul Nuttall	UKIP	5,233	24.7%	7,041	22.7%	2.1%
Jack Brereton	Conservative	5,154	24.3%	7,008	22.5%	1.8%
Zulfiqar Ali	Liberal Democrats	2,083	9.8%	1,296	4.2%	5.7%
Other (6 candidates)		847	4.0%	3,519	11.3%	-7.3%
Majority of winning candidate		2,620	12.4%	5,179	16.7%	
Total poll**		21,170	-	31,084	-	
Electorate		55,572	-	60,634	-	
Turnout		-	38.1%	-	51.3%	

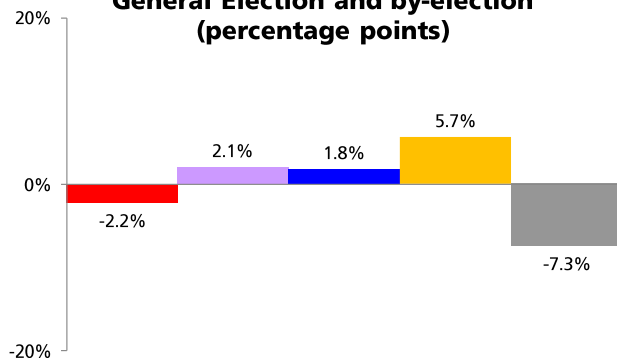
Other candidates

Adam Colclough	Green Party	294 *	1.4%	1,123	3.6%	-2.2%
Barbara Fielding	Independent	137 *	0.6%	-	-	-
The Incredible Flying Brick	Official Monster Raving Loony Party	127 *	0.6%	-	-	-
David Furness	British National Party Local People First	124 *	0.6%	-	-	-
Godfrey Davies	Christian Peoples Alliance	109 *	0.5%	-	-	-
Mohammed Akram	Independent	56 *	0.3%	-	-	-

Votes by party



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