

LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON ELECTIONS AND GREATER LONDON REFERENDUM

7 MAY 1998

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

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INTRODUCTION

After an election, the Returning Officer has to give public notice of the result and of the number of rejected ballot papers. However, there is demand for more than that basic information. To satisfy this demand and to maintain an archive of the democratic process, after every election Merton's Electoral Services Office compiles and publishes a statistical analysis.

1998's London borough elections were the tenth full elections held since the formation of the London boroughs. Since 1974 they have occurred every four years and all seats are for election. This means that in the great majority of wards in the capital the elections are for two or three seats. This year's were the first full local elections where European Union citizens other than British or Irish citizens were entitled to vote.

For the first time, the elections were combined with a referendum. This needed legislation and set potential difficulties for electors, political parties and returning officers. From the administrative side, there was regular contact between the Government Office for London, returning officers and electoral administrators as well as greater than normal planning within individual boroughs.

The referendum was held to ask Londoners' views on the Government's proposals for an elected Greater London assembly and mayor. The result was a "yes" vote, whilst the elections for Merton Council produced a third consecutive Labour Party administration.

Perhaps the biggest story to come from local government elections across the country, however, was the drop in turnout from recent years. In London - though better than the rest of the country - turnout levels dropped to those of the 1960s. Figures were similar for both polls as most voters chose to use their two ballot papers. Merton's turnout was the fifth highest in London.

Information on all London's local government elections is available from the London Research Centre (0171 787 5500).

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NOTES

1. Seats on Council - 57. (Wards within the Mitcham and Morden Parliamentary constituency - 28; wards within the Wimbledon Parliamentary constituency - 29).
2. Wards within the Mitcham and Morden Parliamentary Constituency: Colliers Wood, Figge's Marsh, Graveney, Lavender, Longthornton, Lower Morden, Phipps Bridge, Pollards Hill, Ravensbury and St. Helier (polling districts KA to TD).

Wards within the Wimbledon Parliamentary Constituency - Abbey, Cannon Hill, Dundonald, Durnsford, Hillside, Merton Park, Raynes Park, Trinity, Village to West Barnes (polling districts AA to JC).

3. Polling district electorates do not include postal voters.
4. Previous years' information is in italics.
5. Percentages do not necessarily add to 100 due to rounding.
6. The calculations for voting shares include a correction to more easily compare results to account for the differing number of seats in wards and where parties or groups fail to nominate for all seats. This correction is based on the average votes per candidate for any given party or group and is a similar method to that used by the London Research Centre. The vote shares published in 1994 have been recalculated to reflect this.

This correction can distort a single candidate's vote compared with 'full slate' votes. Thus, constituency and Borough wide shares have had a percentage adjustment for borough wide groups only. The actual votes percentage is also given as a comparison. There is also a distortion caused by differing groups standing in one year's election but not the other.

7. Swings have been given only where there has been a full slate of candidates in the two years' elections.
8. Voters attended at 125 polling stations in 75 locations within Merton. At the Borough Council elections, 49,633 voters cast 130,723 valid votes. At the Greater London referendum, 49,566 voters cast 49,053 valid votes; making a grand total of 179,776 votes.

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SUMMARY

CANDIDATE ANALYSIS

	Con	Gre	Ind	IRe	Lab	LD	BNP	Total
Mitcham & Morden	28	11	1	-	28	17	2	87
Wimbledon	29	13	-	3	29	27	-	101
Borough	57	24	1	3	57	44	2	188

Comparison with May 1994:

	Con	Gre	Ind	IRe	Lab	LD	ReA	Oth	Total
<i>Mitcham & Morden</i>	28	6	1	-	28	16	3	2	84
<i>Wimbledon</i>	29	9	5	4	29	27	-	-	103
<i>Borough</i>	57	15	6	4	57	43	3	2	187

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
Mitcham & Morden	65459	22975	35.10
Wimbledon	65197	26658	40.89
Borough	130656	49633	37.99

Borough electorate includes: 1814 postal voters
17 postal proxy voters
325 proxy voters

Comparison with May 1994:

	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
<i>Mitcham & Morden</i>	65008	31352	48.23
<i>Wimbledon</i>	62876	31969	50.84
<i>Borough</i>	127884	63321	49.51

Borough electorate included: 1455 postal voters
24 postal proxy voters
352 proxy voters

Turnout variations:

Highest - West Barnes Ward 45.96%; Polling district HB (Merton Park) 52.37%
Lowest - Lavender Ward 28.79; Polling district RD (Figge's Marsh) 23.37%

VOTING PATTERNS

Adjusted party vote shares (borough wide groups only):

May 1998	Con	Gre	Lab	LD
Mitcham & Morden	25.33%	13.27%	49.73%	11.67%
Wimbledon	36.06%	8.71%	34.34%	20.89%
Borough	30.70%	10.64%	41.20%	17.46%

May 1994	Con	Gre	Lab	LD
Mitcham & Morden	22.93%	10.03%	56.42%	10.62%
Wimbledon	35.25%	8.41%	37.76%	18.59%
Borough	28.95%	8.98%	46.58%	15.49%

May 1997 Parl. elections	Con	Gre	Lab	LD
Mitcham & Morden	30.78%	0.90%	60.47%	7.85%
Wimbledon	37.75%	1.01%	44.13%	17.11%
Borough	34.29%	0.95%	52.25%	12.51%

Actual group vote shares:

May 1998	Con	Gre	Lab	LD	Oth
Mitcham & Morden	28.79%	5.92%	56.51%	8.05%	0.73%
Wimbledon	36.14%	3.91%	34.42%	19.49%	6.04%
Borough	32.90%	4.80%	44.16%	14.45%	3.70%

May 1994	Con	Gre	Lab	LD	Oth
Mitcham & Morden	24.63%	2.31%	60.59%	6.52%	5.95%
Wimbledon	35.11%	2.60%	37.61%	17.24%	7.44%
Borough	30.14%	2.46%	48.50%	12.16%	6.74%

May 1997 Parl. elections	Con	Gre	Lab	LD	Oth
Mitcham & Morden	29.71%	0.87%	58.37%	7.58%	3.47%
Wimbledon	36.58%	0.98%	42.76%	16.58%	3.10%
Borough	33.16%	0.92%	50.53%	12.09%	3.29%

Swings:

From 1994 (full slates only, adjusted shares):

Mitcham & Morden:	Labour to Conservative 4.05%
Wimbledon:	Labour to Conservative 2.12%
Borough:	Labour to Conservative 3.57%

From 1997 (full slates only, actual votes):

Mitcham & Morden:	Labour to Conservative 0.47%
Wimbledon:	Labour to Conservative 3.95%
Borough:	Labour to Conservative 3.06%

SEATS

Changes in seats from 1994:

Conservative gain two from Labour
Longthornton & Tamworth Residents' Association lose one to Labour
(In addition, Independent lose one to Labour, following change of allegiance from Labour to Independent in 1997)

Number of seats (total 57):

	<i>May 1990</i>	<i>May 1994</i>	<i>(April 1998)</i>	<i>May 1998</i>
Conservative	22	10	(10)	12
Independent	-	-	(1)	-
Independent Resident	3	3	(3)	3
Labour	29	40	(39)	39
Liberal Democrat	-	3	(3)	3
Longthornton & Tamworth Residents' Association	3	1	(-)	-

ABBEY WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
ASSINEN, Susan	LABOUR	1162 (Elected)
BARKER, Elizabeth Jean	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	478
BARROW, Jacqueline Lesley	GREEN	265
CARTER, John Karl	LABOUR	1138 (Elected)
CONNON, Margaret Ann	CONSERVATIVE	578
COXON, Mark Andrew	GREEN	223
HOLMES, James Dominic Rupert	CONSERVATIVE	523
HOULIHAN, John Philip	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	319
KARIM, Mohammad Abdul	LABOUR	1101 (Elected)
LEEK, Andrew Mark Alexander	CONSERVATIVE	535
NAQVI, Syed Asif Ahmad	GREEN	156
ROE, Michael Charles	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	349
	(Rejected ballot papers	11)

Majority (third over fourth): 523

Change: No change

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD	Ind
7.5.98:	23.96%	9.43%	49.82%	16.79%	-
5.5.94:	23.01%	17.11%	47.86%	9.39%	2.62%

Swings from 1994:
 Con to Lab: 0.51%
 Con to LD: 3.23%
 Lab to LD: 2.72%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
GA	1771	559	31.56
GB	2372	838	35.33
GC	1172	479	40.87
GD	1872	541	28.90
Postal votes	130	88	67.69
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Totals	7317	2505	34.24
(1994 totals	6944	3267	47.05)

Ward electorate includes: 126 postal voters; 4 postal proxies; 14 proxy voters
 (1994: 77 postal voters; 2 postal proxies; 11 proxy voters)

CANNON HILL WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
BARKER, John Reginald	GREEN	166
GILLMOR, David William	CONSERVATIVE	1088
GRUNDY, Michael Andrew	CONSERVATIVE 1090	
LARKIN, Peter	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	459
LUCAS, Charles	LABOUR	1269 (Elected)
MANNION, Michael Joseph	LABOUR	1354 (Elected)
OXFORD, Christopher Adam	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	352
PETHEN, Joan	CONSERVATIVE	1060
SUREY, Mark Clifford	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	329
WHITE, Brian	LABOUR (Rejected ballot papers	1308 (Elected) 6)

Majority (third over fourth): 179

Change: No change

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD
7.5.98:	36.77%	5.65%	44.63%	12.94%
5.5.94:	33.16%	5.30%	46.34%	15.20%

Swings from 1994:
 Lab to Con: 2.66%
 LD to Con: 2.94%
 LD to Lab: 0.28%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
IA	1238	436	35.22
IB	1594	768	48.18
IC	1902	900	47.32
ID	1865	890	47.72
Postal votes	70	53	75.71
<hr/> Totals	<hr/> 6669	<hr/> 3047	<hr/> 45.69
(1994 totals	6630	3547	53.49)

Ward electorate includes: 69 postal voters; 1 postal proxy; 22 proxy voters
 (1994: 31 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 29 proxy voters)

COLLIERS WOOD WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
ALI, Margaret Keverian	CONSERVATIVE	324
BUTT, Kenneth Michael	CONSERVATIVE	315
GRABHAM, Andrea Joy	CONSERVATIVE	319
HOLT, Adrian Peter	LABOUR	1099 (Elected)
KIRWAN, Laura Anne	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	288
KNIGHT, Sheila	LABOUR	1298 (Elected)
REYNOLDS, George Dunbar	LABOUR	1293 (Elected)
SIEMASZKO, Marek	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	161
WALSH, Thomas Joseph	GREEN	960
WALTERS, Lois	GREEN	567
WARD, Jacqueline Linda	GREEN	597
	(Rejected ballot papers	16)

Majority (third over fourth): 139

Change: No change

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD
7.5.98:	12.87%	28.53%	49.56%	9.05%
5.5.94:	13.87%	23.18%	52.16%	10.79%

Swings from 1994: Lab to Con: 0.80%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
MA	2122	753	35.49
MB	1582	654	41.34
MC	1641	616	37.54
MD	1972	652	33.06
Postal votes	82	48	58.53
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Totals	7399	2723	36.80
<i>(1994 totals</i>	<i>7584</i>	<i>3434</i>	<i>45.28)</i>

Ward electorate includes: 81 postal voters; 1 postal proxy; 11 proxy voters
(1994: 72 postal voters; 2 postal proxies; 13 proxy voters)

DUNDONALD WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
BAMPTON, Barbara Mary	LABOUR	1233 (Elected)
BARROW, Jennifer Hazel	GREEN	285
BEZKOROWAJNY, David Terence	GREEN	446
BRUNT, Michael Arthur	LABOUR	1128 (Elected)
DALY, David Thomas Patrick	CONSERVATIVE	609
EGLINGTON, Blaise Christopher	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	369
ELVIDGE, John Allan	CONSERVATIVE	661
HALL, Andrew William	CONSERVATIVE	587
LANGLEY, Christina Maria	GREEN	240
PACKER, Rosamund Ann	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	364
PICKOVER, John Stuart	LABOUR	1000 (Elected)
TAYLOR, Jennifer Constant	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	388
	(Rejected ballot papers	15)

Majority (third over fourth): 339

Change: No change

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD
7.5.98:	25.40%	13.28%	45.98%	15.34%
5.5.94:	28.40%	10.13%	49.61%	11.86%

Swings from 1994:
 Lab to Con: 0.32%
 Con to LD: 3.24%
 Lab to LD: 3.56%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
FA	2084	938	45.01
FB	1511	492	32.56
FC	2639	1124	42.59
Postal votes	68	39	57.35
<hr/> Totals	<hr/> 6302	<hr/> 2593	<hr/> 41.15
<i>(1994 totals)</i>	<i>6135</i>	<i>3437</i>	<i>56.02</i>

Ward electorate includes: 67 postal voters; 1 postal proxy; 20 proxy voters
(1994: 51 postal voters; 5 postal proxies; 18 proxy voters)

DURNSFORD WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
AHMAD, Tariq Mahmood	CONSERVATIVE	635
GARRETT, John Alexander	GREEN	119
HARBRON, Stephen Kenneth	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	193
HARLOW, Sally Anne	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	280
MITCHELL, Elisabeth Louise	CONSERVATIVE	668
PATON, Joyce Guthrie	LABOUR	813 (Elected)
THOMPSON, Mark Andrew	LABOUR	805 (Elected)
	(Rejected ballot papers	13)

Majority (second over third): 137

Change: No change

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD
7.5.98:	35.88%	6.55%	44.55%	13.02%
(By-election 29.6.95:	33.50%	5.70%	42.48%	18.33%)
5.5.94:	35.65%	5.88%	45.04%	13.43%

Swings from 1994:	Lab to Con:	0.36%
	LD to Con:	0.32%
	Lab to LD:	0.04%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
DA	1705	732	42.93
DB	1177	578	49.11
DC	1426	534	37.45
Postal votes	53	46	86.79
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Totals	4361	1890	43.34
(1994 totals	4283	2349	54.84)

Ward electorate includes: 53 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 13 proxy voters
 (1994: 49 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 19 proxy voters)

FIGGE'S MARSH WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
AITKEN-DAVIES, Richard	CONSERVATIVE	596
CLUER, Francis Edwin Rothay	GREEN	172
CONNELLAN, Daniel Francis	LABOUR	1298 (Elected)
GELDART, Malcolm Thomas	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	339
JUDGE, Andrew John	LABOUR	1285 (Elected)
LEWIS, Kathleen Alexandra	CONSERVATIVE	526
QURESHI, Mohammed Younus	CONSERVATIVE	450
STANFORD, Geraldine Patricia	LABOUR	1396 (Elected)
	(Rejected ballot papers	18)

Majority (third over fourth): 689

Change: No change

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD
7.5.98:	22.19%	7.28%	56.17%	14.36%
(By-election 16.3.95:	34.40%	4.55%	58.51%	2.54%)
5.5.94:	29.23%	6.04%	55.22%	9.50%

Swings from 1994: Con to Lab: 4.00%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
RA	1731	559	32.29
RB	2179	690	31.67
RC	2070	707	34.15
RD	1562	365	23.37
Postal votes	56	38	67.86
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Totals	7598	2359	31.05
(1994 totals	7347	3575	48.66)

Ward electorate includes: 56 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 13 proxy voters
(1994: 43 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 15 proxy voters)

GRAVENEY WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
ABRAMS, Joseph Bartholomew	LABOUR	898 (Elected)
CROWHURST, Emma-Ruth	GREEN	77
JEWSON, Maureen Gladys	CONSERVATIVE	240
KIRBY, Linda Christine	LABOUR	908 (Elected)
McKENNA, James Joseph	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	194
NADARAJAH, Anton Ignatius	CONSERVATIVE	229
PLESSIER, Marc Jean-Yves	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	120
	(Rejected ballot papers	9)

Majority (second over third): 658

Change: No change

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD
7.5.98:	17.10%	5.61%	65.84%	11.45%
5.5.94:	20.84%	3.79%	64.65%	10.72%

Swings from 1994:
 Con to Lab: 2.47%
 Con to LD: 2.25%
 LD to Lab: 0.23%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
QA	2325	823	35.40
QB	2012	633	31.46
Postal votes	19	12	63.16
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Totals	4356	1468	33.70
<i>(1994 totals)</i>	<i>4245</i>	<i>2119</i>	<i>49.92</i>

Ward electorate includes: 19 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 7 proxy voters
(1994: 25 postal voters; 1 postal proxy; 7 proxy voters)

HILLSIDE WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
BICKERSTAFF, Christine Maurice	LABOUR	804
FOWLER, Carmel Ann	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	521
GARRETT, Margaret Ann	GREEN	231
GRAYLING, Christopher Stephen	CONSERVATIVE	1194 (Elected)
HARWOOD, Richard John	CONSERVATIVE	1254 (Elected)
LUFF, Brian Alan	LABOUR	683
NORTH, Laurence Godfrey	LABOUR	649
PYKE-LEES, Joan Warburton	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	479
SOOD, Kamaljit Singh	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	377
WILLIAMS, David Tyrie	CONSERVATIVE	1222 (Elected)
	(Rejected ballot papers	27)

Majority (third over fourth): 390

Change: No change

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD
7.5.98:	46.60%	8.80%	27.12%	17.48%
5.5.94:	45.72%	7.43%	28.62%	18.22%

Swings from 1994:	Lab to Con:	1.19%
	LD to Con:	0.81%
	Lab to LD:	0.38%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
CA	1444	583	40.37
CB	2141	828	38.67
CC	952	350	36.76
CD	2525	788	31.21
Postal votes	140	106	75.71
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Totals	7202	2655	36.86
(1994 totals	6135	3437	56.02)

Ward electorate includes: 137 postal voters; 3 postal proxies; 14 proxy voters
 (1994: 87 postal voters; 3 postal proxies; 22 proxy voters)

LAVENDER WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
CONWAY, Bernard Walford	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	242
JEWSON, John Edward	CONSERVATIVE	302
MACAULEY, Edith Joan Christabel	LABOUR	971 (Elected)
MILES, Michael Gruszewick	CONSERVATIVE	264
MISKIN, Sarah Jane	GREEN	139
SEARLE, Malcolm Ronald	LABOUR	862 (Elected)
	(Rejected ballot papers	10)

Majority (second over third): 560

Change: No change

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD
7.5.98:	17.91%	8.79%	57.99%	15.31%
5.5.94:	18.83%	-	68.88%	12.29%

Swings from 1994: Lab to Con: 4.89%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
NA	1694	534	31.52
NB	2436	646	26.52
NC	1255	344	27.41
Postal votes	65	45	69.23
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Totals	5450	1569	28.79
<i>(1994 totals</i>	<i>5067</i>	<i>2326</i>	<i>45.90)</i>

Ward electorate includes: 65 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 8 proxy voters
(1994: 56 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 5 proxy voters)

LONGTHORNTON WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
AHMAD, Tariq	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	318
CAIRNS, John David	LABOUR	1371 (Elected)
CHAUDHRY, Abdus Samad	LABOUR	1314 (Elected)
DOOKHIE, Ramdehol	CONSERVATIVE	790
HURST, Heather Marion	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	297
JEFFREYS, David Paul	CONSERVATIVE	910
JUSTER, Dean Richard	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	298
KIRBY, Geraldine Veronica Mary	CONSERVATIVE	843
LIVINGSTONE, Karen Fiona	LABOUR	1279 (Elected)
	(Rejected ballot papers	15)

Majority (third over fourth): 369

Change: Residents' Association lose one to Labour

Party vote shares:	Con	Lab	LD	ReA
7.5.98:	34.27%	53.42%	12.30%	-
5.5.94:	14.43%	39.25%	6.56%	39.76%

Swings from 1994: Lab to Con: 2.84%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
SA	1098	374	34.06
SB	926	307	33.15
SC	1319	511	38.74
SD	1862	726	38.99
SE	2044	777	38.01
Postal votes	71	42	59.15
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Totals	7320	2737	37.39
(1994 totals	7252	3709	51.14)

Ward electorate includes: 71 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 14 proxy voters
(1994: 52 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 22 proxy voters)

LOWER MORDEN WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
BOULDING, Stephen Christopher	GREEN	137
DANIELS, Terence John	CONSERVATIVE	1424 (Elected)
DRAPER, Nicholas Gregory	LABOUR	1012
GALLANT, Cyril Ivan	LABOUR	1051
HOLLOWAY, David Martin	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	357
JONES, Janet	CONSERVATIVE	1397 (Elected)
MONKS, Anna Mary	LABOUR	973
MORSS, Peter John	CONSERVATIVE	1310 (Elected)
PEARCE, Patricia Elaine	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	357
STACEY, Graham Leonard	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT (Rejected ballot papers	268 7)

Majority (third over fourth): 259

Change: Conservative gain two from Labour

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD
7.5.98:	48.26%	4.80%	35.47%	11.47%
5.5.94:	37.44%	8.26%	39.13%	15.17%

Swings from 1994: Lab to Con: 7.24%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
KA	1720	745	43.31
KB	1889	861	45.58
KC	1389	639	46.00
KD	1641	721	43.94
Postal votes	73	54	73.97
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Totals	6712	3020	44.99
(1994 totals	6662	3316	49.77)

Ward electorate includes: 73 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 13 proxy voters
(1994: 72 postal voters; 2 postal proxies; 12 proxy voters)

MERTON PARK WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
CHILD, Desmonde Elizabeth Thornton	INDEPENDENT RESIDENT	1506 (Elected)
COOTE, Mark Steven	CONSERVATIVE	811
COX, Ronald	CONSERVATIVE	775
FITZGERALD, Michael Anthony	LABOUR	531
KHAN-ZADA, Aejaz Ali	LABOUR	473
MUNCEY, Gavin John	CONSERVATIVE	739
NELSON-JONES, John Austen	INDEPENDENT RESIDENT	1413 (Elected)
O'BOYLE, John Andrew	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	202
SMITH, Bridget Georgina	INDEPENDENT RESIDENT	1496 (Elected)
STEPHENS, Roger Alan	LABOUR	468
	(Rejected ballot papers	8)

Majority (third over fourth): 602

Change: No change

Party vote shares:	Con	IRe	Lab	LD
7.5.98:	26.37%	50.07%	16.69%	6.87%
5.5.94:	18.91%	57.43%	19.01%	4.65%

Swings from 1994:
 IRe to Con: 7.41%
 Lab to Con: 4.89%
 IRe to Lab: 2.52%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
HA	1675	634	37.85
HB	1814	950	52.37
HC	3220	1257	39.04
Postal votes	110	88	80.00
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Totals	6819	2929	42.95
(1994 totals	6135	3437	56.02)

Ward electorate includes: 110 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 29 proxy voters
 (1994: 88 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 28 proxy voters)

PHIPPS BRIDGE WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
BANNISTER, Robin	GREEN	258
FARRANCE, Roger Arthur	CONSERVATIVE	521
HARPER, Paul	LABOUR	1362 (Elected)
LUNDIE, Sally	CONSERVATIVE	598
MANSFIELD, Barbara Jane	CONSERVATIVE	584
MUNN, Thomas Ian	LABOUR	1386 (Elected)
PIZEY, Nicholas	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	328
SAUNDERS, Judith Clair	LABOUR	1176 (Elected)
	(Rejected ballot papers	15)

Majority (third over fourth): 578

Change: No change

Party vote shares:		Con	Gre	Lab	LD	Ind
7.5.98:	23.06%	10.48%	53.13%	13.32%	-	
5.5.94:	20.83%	-	59.61%	9.67%	9.89%	

Swings from 1994: Lab to Con: 4.36%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
OA	2401	651	27.11
OB	1871	521	27.85
OC	1830	654	35.74
OD	879	326	37.09
OE	577	213	36.92
Postal votes	124	68	54.84
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Totals	7682	2433	31.67
(1994 totals	7731	3453	44.66)

Ward electorate includes: 124 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 16 proxy voters
 (1994: 89 postal voters; 2 postal proxies; 14 proxy voters)

POLLARDS HILL WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
BLYTHE, Pauline	CONSERVATIVE	552
COLE, John Herbert	LABOUR	1248 (Elected)
GARBUTT, Jason Richard	CONSERVATIVE	418
MAKIN, Russell John	LABOUR	1065 (Elected)
O'NEILL, Keith Robin	GREEN	130
SYED, Mohammad Ali	LABOUR	1026 (Elected)
WHITEHEAD, Paul Martin	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	191
WREN, Nicholas Rome Gareth	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	204
YEE CHONG, Harris	CONSERVATIVE	317
	(Rejected ballot papers	12)

Majority (third over fourth): 654

Change: No change

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD
7.5.98:	22.95%	6.95%	59.53%	10.56%
5.5.94:	23.14%	-	60.56%	16.30%

Swings from 1994: Lab to Con: 0.84%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
TA	1928	593	30.75
TB	1244	456	36.66
TC	1466	533	36.36
TD	1388	436	31.41
Postal votes	48	29	60.42
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Totals	6074	2047	33.70
(1994 totals	6203	3031	48.86)

Ward electorate includes: 48 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 10 proxy voters
 (1994: 53 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 23 proxy voters)

RAVENSBURY WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
DELL, Ian Bernard	BRITISH NATIONAL	88
EARNSHAW, Thelma Therese	CONSERVATIVE	560
JENNINGS, Violet	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	330
JONES, Philip Mervyn	LABOUR	1294 (Elected)
McCABE, Peter Joseph	LABOUR	1215 (Elected)
McLEOD, Roderick William	CONSERVATIVE	508
MISKIN, Nicholas Francis Guy	GREEN	143
MITCHELL, Cyril James	CONSERVATIVE	479
SMITH, Peter John	LABOUR	1229 (Elected)
SULLIVAN, Terence James	INDEPENDENT	205
	(Rejected ballot papers	8)

Majority (third over fourth): 655

Change: No change

Party vote shares:

	Con	Gre	Lab	LD	Ind	Oth
7.5.98:	20.40%	5.66%	49.29%	13.06%	8.11%	3.48%
5.5.94:	17.39%	6.29%	60.04%	11.76%	2.63%	1.89%

Swings from 1994: Lab to Con: 6.88%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
PA	647	249	38.49
PB	1105	401	36.29
PC	1308	522	39.91
PD	1717	532	30.98
PE	779	267	34.27
PF	867	333	38.41
Postal votes	94	56	59.57
<hr/> Totals	<hr/> 6517	<hr/> 2360	<hr/> 36.21
<i>(1994 totals</i>	<i>6536</i>	<i>3187</i>	<i>48.76)</i>

Ward electorate includes: 94 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 13 proxy voters
(1994: 76 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 20 proxy voters)

RAYNES PARK WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
BEDDOE, Neville Ernest	CONSERVATIVE	1272 (Elected)
BELL, Robert Stewart Kenyon	CONSERVATIVE	1310 (Elected)
BRIERLY, Margaret Anne	CONSERVATIVE	1375 (Elected)
FOSTER, Shoshana	LABOUR	725
HURST, David Phillip	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	965
MOSS, Gail	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	922
PARKIN, Brian	GREEN	164
PATEL, Haribhai Chimanlal	LABOUR	580
PUGH, Louise Nicola	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	915
TAULBOT, Anne Elizabeth	LABOUR	662
	(Rejected ballot papers	10)

Majority (third over fourth): 307

Change: No change

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD
7.5.98:	42.93%	5.34%	21.34%	30.40%
5.5.94:	43.13%	7.11%	30.09%	19.67%

Swings from 1994:
 Lab to Con: 4.28%
 Con to LD: 5.47%
 Lab to LD: 9.74%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
BA	870	350	40.23
BB	2906	1289	44.36
BC	1810	829	45.80
BD	1450	561	38.69
Postal votes	171	101	59.06
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Totals	7207	3130	43.43
(1994 totals	7130	3304	46.34)

Ward electorate includes: 171 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 31 proxy voters
 (1994: 108 postal voters; 1 postal proxy; 18 proxy voters)

ST. HELIER WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
ANDREWS, Robert	BRITISH NATIONAL	128
BOULDING, Susan Nina	GREEN	233
GUY, Keith William Arthur	CONSERVATIVE	682
MARTIN, Eunice Maxwell	LABOUR	1083 (Elected)
PEARCE, Dennis	LABOUR	1178 (Elected)
PLESSIER, Caroline Alyson	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	346
RAYMOND, Gordon Henderson	CONSERVATIVE	566
SPACEY, Michael Anthony	LABOUR	1025 (Elected)
WILLIAMS, Anne Margaret	CONSERVATIVE	565
	(Rejected ballot papers	7)

Majority (third over fourth): 343

Change: Independent (previously Labour) lose one to Labour

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD	BNP
7.5.98:	25.11%	9.68%	45.51%	14.38%	5.32%
5.5.94:	22.92%	5.57%	61.34%	10.17%	-

Swings from 1994: Lab to Con: 9.01%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
LA	1898	753	39.67
LB	1170	440	37.61
LC	1241	413	33.28
LD	1899	558	29.38
Postal votes	143	95	66.43
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Totals	6351	2259	35.57
(1994 totals	6381	3202	50.18)

Ward electorate includes: 141 postal voters; 2 postal proxies; 13 proxy voters
 (1994: 143 postal voters; 0 postal proxies; 19 proxy voters)

TRINITY WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
ABRAMS, Kingsley Joseph	LABOUR	1061 (Elected)
BARASI, Paul	LABOUR	981 (Elected)
BREWER, Nicholas Edward	CONSERVATIVE	689
GARDINER, Steven Paul	GREEN	230
GUY, Vivien Ruth	LABOUR	1082 (Elected)
HOGG, Alan Raymond	CONSERVATIVE	657
HUTCHISON, Peter John	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	411
KILSBY, Dorothy Ruth	CONSERVATIVE	696
RALPH, Bonita	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	360
RENNIE, Neil Robert	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	368
	(Rejected ballot papers	12)

Majority (third over fourth): 285

Change: No change

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD	Ind
7.5.98:	29.19%	9.86%	44.66%	16.28%	-
5.5.94:	28.60%	6.77%	43.73%	16.71%	4.19%

Swings from 1994:
 Con to Lab: 0.17%
 LD to Con: 0.51%
 LD to Lab: 0.68%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
EA	763	241	31.59
EB	1111	418	37.62
EC	2101	850	40.47
ED	1287	419	32.56
EE	918	387	42.16
Postal votes	69	46	66.67
<hr/> Totals	<hr/> 6249	<hr/> 2361	<hr/> 37.78
(1994 totals	5688	3239	56.94)

Ward electorate includes: 66 postal voters; 3 postal proxies; 16 proxy voters
 (1994: 56 postal voters; 3 postal proxies; 14 proxy voters)

VILLAGE WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
DENNIS, Ernest David	GREEN	191
DIX, Anthony Arthur William	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	300
GEORGE, Samantha Lea	CONSERVATIVE	1330 (Elected)
HOLMAN, Martin Matthew David	LABOUR	534
HOUSDEN, Christopher Gerard	CONSERVATIVE	1328 (Elected)
JONES, Allan Henry	CONSERVATIVE	1337 (Elected)
LEGGETT, Denise Margaret	LABOUR	494
RUMNEY, Philip Cecil	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	317
TIBBETTS, Richard Kenneth	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	298
WILSHIRE, Kenneth John	LABOUR	467
	(Rejected ballot papers	15)

Majority (third over fourth): 794

Change: No change

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD
7.5.98:	57.25%	8.21%	21.42%	13.11%
5.5.94:	56.79%	6.34%	17.60%	19.49%

Swings from 1994:
 Con to Lab: 1.68%
 LD to Con: 3.42%
 LD to Lab: 5.10%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
AA	3115	1189	38.17
AB	922	347	37.64
AC	1852	704	38.01
Postal votes	169	85	50.30
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Totals	6058	2325	38.38
(1994 totals	5929	2663	44.91)

Ward electorate includes: 168 postal voters; 1 postal proxy; 26 proxy voters
 (1994: 166 postal voters; 3 postal proxies; 27 proxy voters)

WEST BARNES WARD

RESULT OF POLL

Candidate	Description	Votes (Elected)
BATCHELOR, Linda	CONSERVATIVE	816
DAVIDSON, Julian	GREEN	145
DYSART, Iain Desmond St Clair	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	1317 (Elected)
EDWARDS, Barry Llewellyn Thomas	LABOUR	916
HARRIS, Nicholas Paul	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	1251 (Elected)
JESSOP, David	CONSERVATIVE	799
LOUGHRAN, Patrick Joseph	LABOUR	855
NIXON, Stephen Kynvin	LABOUR	882
SCOTT, Roderick Frank	CONSERVATIVE	780
WILLOTT, Jennifer Nancy	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT (Rejected ballot papers	1360 (Elected) 11)

Majority (third over fourth): 335

Change: No change

Party vote shares:	Con	Gre	Lab	LD	IRes
7.5.98:	25.45%	4.62%	28.19%	41.74%	-
5.5.94:	26.59%	5.15%	27.24%	33.76%	7.26%

Swings from 1994:
 Con to Lab: 1.05%
 Con to LD: 4.56%
 Lab to LD: 3.52%

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

Polling district	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
JA	2082	824	39.58
JB	2861	1419	49.60
JC	1994	927	46.49
Postal votes	76	53	69.74
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Totals	7013	3223	45.96
(1994 totals	6976	3804	54.53)

Ward electorate includes: 75 postal voters; 1 postal proxy; 22 proxy voters
 (1994: 61 postal voters; 2 postal proxies; 24 proxy voters)

GREATER LONDON REFERENDUM - 7 MAY 1998

The **question** asked at the referendum was:

Are you in favour of the government's proposals for a Greater London Authority, made up of an elected mayor and a separately elected assembly?

RESULT OF POLL

Answer	Votes	Share
Within Merton :		
YES	35418	72.20%
NO	13635	27.80%
(Rejected ballot papers	513)	

Within **Greater London**:

YES	1230715	72.01%
NO	478413	27.99%
(Rejected ballot papers	6170)	

ELECTORATE AND TURNOUT

	Electorate	Those who voted	Percentage
Within Merton	130656	49566	37.94
Within Greater London	5014396	1735298	34.61