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By-election results: 1997-2000

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I Summary

A. By-election results

There have been 17 by-elections since the 1997 General Election. The results are summarised below with full results given in the following pages.

By-election winner, swing, change in share of the vote and turnout									
Great Britain									
	Result	Winner	Swing since 1997 General Election	change in share of vote since 1997:				Turnout	
				Con	Lab	LDem	SNP/PC		
Uxbridge	Con hold	J Randall	5.0% Lab to Con	+7.6%	-2.5%	-5.3%			55.5%
Paisley South	Lab hold	D Alexander	11.2% Lab to SNP	-1.7%	-13.4%	+1.6%	+9.1%		43.1%
Beckenham	Con hold	J Lait +	2.6% Con to Lab	-1.2%	+4.0%	+0.2%			43.6%
Winchester ^(a)	LD	M Oaten	19.8% Con to LDem	-13.6%	-8.8%	+26.0%			68.7%
Leeds Central	Lab hold	H Benn	20.5% Lab to LDem	-1.4%	-21.4%	+19.6%			59.6%
Eddisbury	Con hold	S O'Brien	1.1% Lab to Con	+2.3%	+0.0%	+0.6%			51.4%
Hamilton South	Lab hold	B Tynan	22.6% Lab to SNP	-1.4%	-28.7%	-1.9%	+16.4%		41.3%
Wigan	Lab hold	N Turner	6.1% Lab to LDem	+1.1%	-9.0%	+3.3%			25.0%
Kensington and Chelsea	Con hold	M Portillo	4.4% Lab to Con	+2.8%	-5.9%	-5.9%			29.7%
Ceredigion	PC hold	S Thomas	8.2% Lab to LDem	+1.6%	-9.9%	+6.5%	+1.1%		45.6%
Romsey	LD gain	S Gidley +	12.6% Con to LDem	-4.0%	-14.8%	+21.1%			55.5%
Tottenham	Lab hold	D Lammy	12.1% Lab to LDem	+0.3%	-15.8%	+8.3%			25.4%
Glasgow, Anniesland	Lab hold	J Robertson	6.7% Lab to SNP	-0.6%	-9.7%	+0.8%	+3.7%		38.4%
Preston	Lab hold	M Hendrick	9.1% Lab to Con	+3.1%	-15.1%	+1.5%			29.6%
West Bromwich West ^(b)	Lab	A Bailey	n/a		27.6%
Falkirk West	Lab hold	E Joyce	16.2% Lab to SNP	-3.8%	-15.8%	-2.0%	+16.5%		36.2%
Northern Ireland									
	Result	Winner	Swing since 1997 General Election	change in share of vote since 1997:					Turnout
				DUP	UUP	SDLP	SF	Alliance	
South Antrim ^(c)	DUP gain	W McCrea	30.1% UUP to DUP	+38.0%	-22.2%	-4.7%	+3.0%	-5.0%	43.0%

+ indicates a woman

(a) General election result (LDem gain from Con) successfully challenged and election re-run.

(b) Constituency was won in 1997 by the Speaker. The major parties did not contest the constituency at that election. On the basis of notional results for the current constituency boundaries, Labour would have won West Bromwich West in 1992.

(c) There was no Democratic Unionist candidate in South Antrim at the 1997 general election

Percentages may not sum to zero because of candidates from other parties.

The figures given for swing should be used with care as they do not take account of the often complex flows of votes between the parties. Swing is defined as the average of one party's gain and another's loss in shares of vote between the 1997 general election and the by-election.

Of the 17 by-elections, only two, Romsey and South Antrim, resulted in a change in winning party compared with the 1997 General Election.

The Winchester "by-election" was technically a re-run of the 1997 General Election in that constituency. The original result, a Liberal Democrat gain from Conservative with a majority of two votes, was challenged and a writ for a re-run issued. Technically, this election was not a by-election and is therefore not a gain. West Bromwich West was not contested by the major parties in 1997, when it was won by The Speaker. As Labour

would have been likely to have won the seat in 1997, it is not classed as a "Labour gain" here.

On the results so far, this is the first Parliament since 1951-55 where the party in Government has not lost a seat at a by-election. The Conservative win in Uxbridge was their first at a by-election since February 1989.

Two of the winning candidates were women - Jacqui Lait and Sandra Gidley - as were two of those leaving Parliament: Audrey Wise and Betty Boothroyd. Therefore, there is a total of 120 women MPs, the same as at the 1997 General Election, although the total did reach 122 after the Romsey by-election.

Ten of the by-elections were caused by the death of the sitting Member of Parliament, while six were due to resignations.

B. Share of the vote

Table 1 shows the share of the vote by country at by-elections since the 1997 General Election.

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Share of vote by country at by-elections since 1997 General Election

Country	Number of by-elections	Con	Lab	LibDem	PC/SNP	Other
England	11	35.9%	30.0%	28.8%		5.3%
Wales	1	16.5%	14.4%	23.0%	42.8%	3.3%
Scotland	4	8.3%	44.2%	6.6%	31.7%	9.1%
Great Britain	16	29.1%	32.0%	23.9%	9.1%	6.0%
United Kingdom	17	27.0%	29.7%	22.2%	8.5%	12.6%
Change in share since General Election ^(a) (percentage points)						
England		+1.2%	-13.1%	+11.2%		+0.7%
Wales		+1.6%	-9.9%	+6.5%	+1.1%	+0.6%
Scotland		-1.9%	-16.7%	-0.1%	+11.2%	+7.6%
Great Britain		+0.7%	-13.8%	+8.5%	+2.4%	+2.2%
United Kingdom		+0.2%	-13.5%	+7.7%	+2.2%	+3.4%

(a) Excludes West Bromwich West constituency

Across all 17 by-elections, Labour's share of the votes cast was around 30%. Excluding the West Bromwich West result, Labour's share was 13.5 percentage points lower than in the same constituencies at the General Election. The Conservatives' share increased by around one percentage point. The Liberal Democrat share was 7.7 percentage points higher in the by-elections while, in Scotland, the SNP increased their share by 11.2 percentage points.

C. Turnout

Average turnout across all 17 by-elections was 40.2%. This was 26.7 percentage points lower than the average for the same constituencies at the 1997 General Election. The lowest turnout was 19.6% in Leeds Central. This was the lowest turnout at a by-election in the UK since 1945.

Table 2

Change in turnout since 1997 General Election			
<u>Country</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>By-elections</u>	<i>Change in turnout (percentage points)</i>
England	66.6%	39.6%	-26.9%
Wales	73.9%	45.6%	-28.3%
Scotland	69.1%	39.7%	-29.4%
Great Britain	67.5%	40.0%	-27.5%
Northern Ireland	57.9%	43.0%	-14.9%
United Kingdom	66.8%	40.2%	-26.7%

D. Notes and sources

Turnout is calculated as the number of valid votes cast (i.e. excluding spoilt ballot papers) as a percentage of the electorate.

Most returning officers were able to provide exact eligible **electorates** for polling day. These have been used where available. For a few constituencies, returning officers were only able to provide figures for total electorates as first published. In these cases an estimate of the eligible electorate on polling day has been used. This was estimated by applying the proportion of the year that the register had been in force to the number of attainers. These electorates are marked '#' in the tables.

Swing is defined as the average of one party's gain and another's loss in the share of the vote between the 1997 general election and the by- election.

General Election results are taken from C Rallings and M Thrasher *Britain Votes 6* while the by-election results were provided directly by returning officers.

Key to tables * indicates a lost deposit (less than 5 per cent of the total votes cast)

+ indicates a woman candidate

indicates an electorate calculated using the 'electoral calculator'

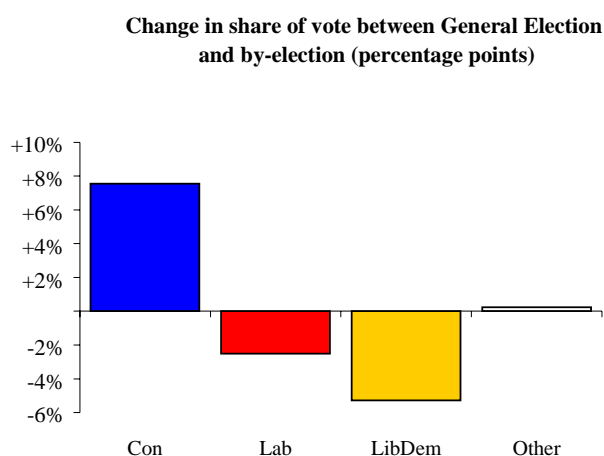
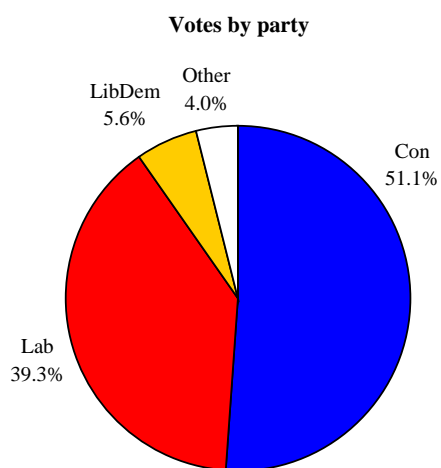
II Results by constituency

1. Uxbridge - 31 July 1997

(death of Sir Michael Shersby on 8 May 1997)

Conservative hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
J Randall	Conservative	16,288	51.1%	18,095	43.6%	+7.6%
A Slaughter	Labour	12,522	39.3%	17,371	41.8%	-2.5%
K Kerr	Liberal Democrat	1,792	5.6%	4,528	10.9%	-5.3%
Other (8 candidates - see below)		1,265 *	4.0%	1,551 *	3.7%	+0.2%
Majority of winning candidate						
		3,766	11.8%	724	1.7%	
Total valid votes						
		31,867		41,545		
Electorate						
		57,446		57,414		
Turnout						
		55.5%		72.4%		
Other candidates						
D Sutch	Official Monster Raving Loony Party	396 *	1.2%			
J Leonard +	Socialist	259 *	0.8%			
F Taylor +	British National	205 *	0.6%			
I Anderson	National Democrat	157 *	0.5%			
J McAuley	National Front	110 *	0.3%			
H Middleton	Original Liberal	69 *	0.2%			
J Feisenberger	UK Independence	39 *	0.1%			
R Carroll	Emerald Rainbow Islands Dream Ticket	30 *	0.1%			



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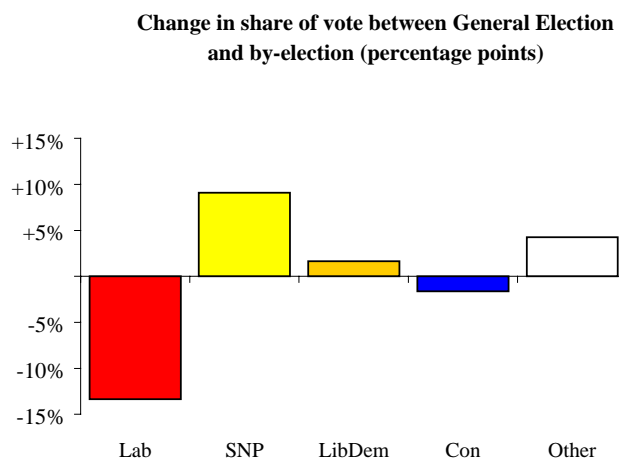
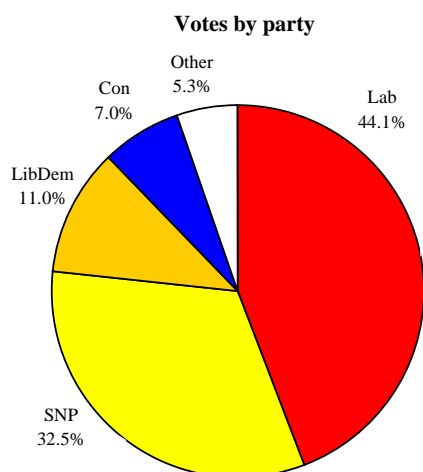
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2. Paisley South - 6 November 1997

(death of Gordon McMaster on 28 July 1997)

Labour hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
D Alexander	Labour	10,346	44.1%	21,482	57.5%	-13.4%
I Blackford	Scottish National	7,615	32.5%	8,732	23.4%	+9.1%
E McCartin +	Liberal Democrat	2,582	11.0%	3,500	9.4%	+1.6%
S Laidlaw +	Conservative	1,643	7.0%	3,237	8.7%	-1.7%
Other (5 candidates - see below)		1,249 *	5.3%	400 *	1.1%	+4.3%
Majority of winning candidate		2,731	11.7%	12,750	34.1%	
Total valid votes		23,435		37,351		
Electorate		54,386 #		54,040		
Turnout		43.1%		69.1%		
Other candidates						
J Deighan	Pro Life Alliance	578 *	2.5%			
F Curran +	Scottish Socialist Alliance - Fighting Corruption	306 *	1.3%			
C McLauchlan	Scottish Independent Labour - Justified and Ancient	155 *	0.7%			
C Herriot	Socialist Labour	153 *	0.7%			
K Blair	Natural Law	57 *	0.2%			



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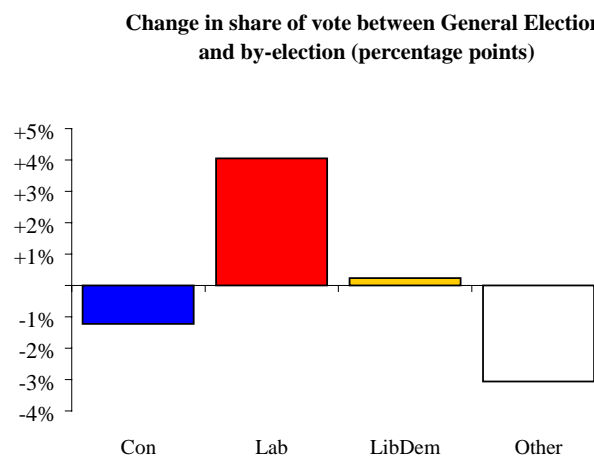
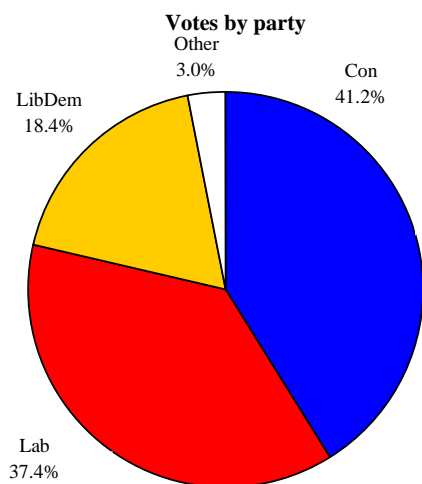
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3. Beckenham - 20 November 1997

(resignation of Piers Merchant on 21 October 1997)

Conservative hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
J Lait +	Conservative	13,162	41.2%	23,084	42.5%	-1.2%
R Hughes	Labour	11,935	37.4%	18,131	33.4%	+4.0%
R Vetterlein +	Liberal Democrat	5,864	18.4%	9,858	18.1%	+0.2%
Other (5 candidates - see below)		947 *	3.0%	3,277 *	6.0%	-3.1%
Majority of winning candidate		1,227	3.8%	4,953	9.1%	
Total valid votes		31,908		54,350		
Electorate		73,232 #		73,126		
Turnout		43.6%		74.3%		
Other candidates						
P Rimmer	Liberal	330 *	1.0%			
J McAuley	National Front	267 *	0.8%			
L Mead	New Britain, Referendum	237 *	0.7%			
T Campion	Social Foundation	69 *	0.2%			
J Small	Natural Law	44 *	0.1%			



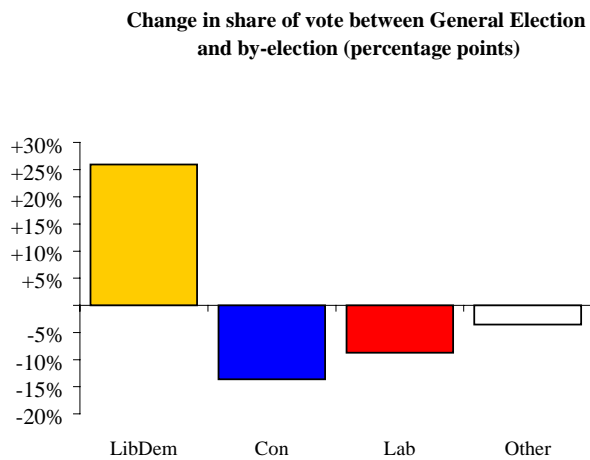
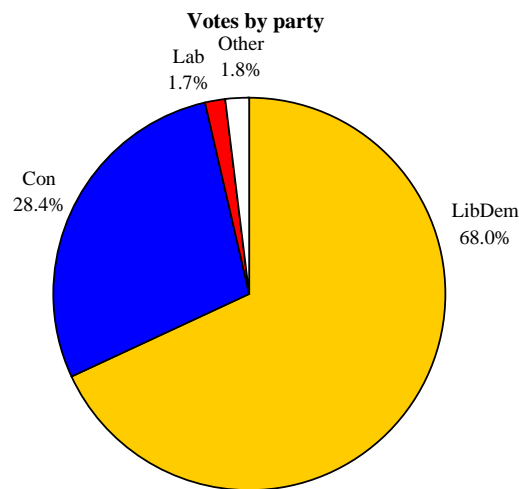
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Liberal Democrat

4. Winchester - 20 November 1997

(General Election result challenged, Election Petition, writ moved on 28 October 1997)

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
M Oaten	Liberal Democrat	37,006	68.0%	26,100	42.1%	+26.0%
G Malone	Conservative	15,450	28.4%	26,098	42.1%	-13.6%
P Davies	Labour	944 *	1.7%	6,528	10.5%	-8.8%
Other (5 candidates - see below)		984 *	1.8%	3,328 *	5.4%	-3.6%
Majority of winning candidate		21,556	39.6%	2	0.0%	
Total valid votes		54,384		62,054		
Electorate		79,116		79,272		
Turnout		68.7%		78.3%		
Other candidates						
R Page	UK Independence	521 *	1.0%			
D Sutch	Official Monster Raving Loony	316 *	0.6%			
R Huggett	Literal Democrat Mark Here To Win	59 *	0.1%			
R Barry +	Natural Law	48 *	0.1%			
R Everest	Euro Conservative	40 *	0.1%			



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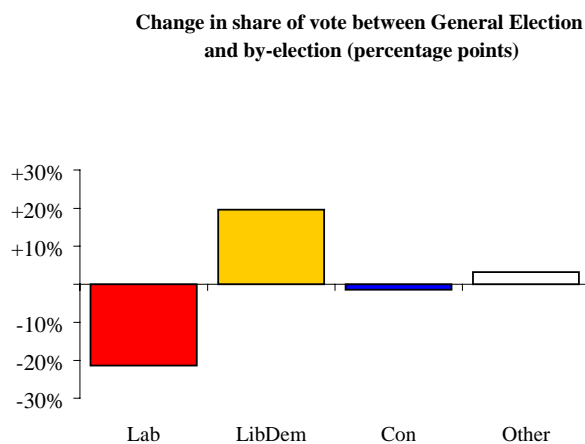
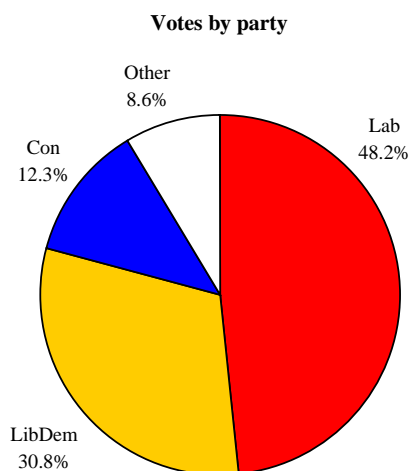
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5. Leeds Central - 10 June 1999

(death of Derek Fatchett on 9 May 1999)

Labour hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
H Benn	Labour	6,361	48.2%	25,766	69.6%	-21.4%
P Wild	Liberal Democrat	4,068	30.8%	4,164	11.3%	+19.6%
E Wild	Conservative	1,618	12.3%	5,077	13.7%	-1.4%
Other (4 candidates - see below)		1,140 *	8.6%	2,002 *	5.4%	+3.2%
Majority of winning candidate		2,293	17.4%	20,689	55.9%	
Total valid votes		13,187		37,009		
Electorate		67,280		68,309		
Turnout		19.6%		54.2%		
Other candidates						
D Blackburn	Green	478 *	3.6%			
R Northgreaves	UK Independence	353 *	2.7%			
C Hill	Left Alliance	258 *	2.0%			
J Fitzgerald	Equal Parenting Campaign	51 *	0.4%			



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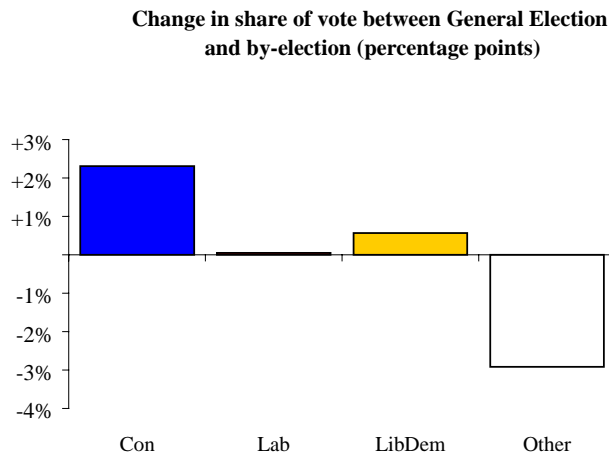
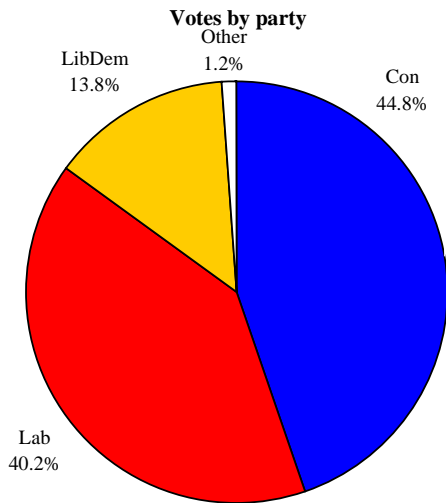
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6. Eddisbury - 22 July 1999

Conservative hold

(resignation of Rt Hon Sir Alastair Goodlad on 28 June 1999)

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
S O'Brien	Conservative	15,465	44.8%	21,027	42.5%	+2.3%
M Hanson +	Labour	13,859	40.2%	19,842	40.1%	+0.0%
P Roberts	Liberal Democrat	4,757	13.8%	6,540	13.2%	+0.6%
Other (3 candidates - see below)		416 *	1.2%	2,041 *	4.1%	-2.9%
Majority of winning candidate		1,606	4.7%	1,185	2.4%	
Total valid votes		34,497		49,450		
Electorate		67,086		65,394		
Turnout		51.4%		75.6%		
Other candidates						
A Hope	Official Monster Raving Loony	238 *	0.7%			
D Grice +	Natural Law	98 *	0.3%			
R Everest	Euro Conservative	80 *	0.2%			



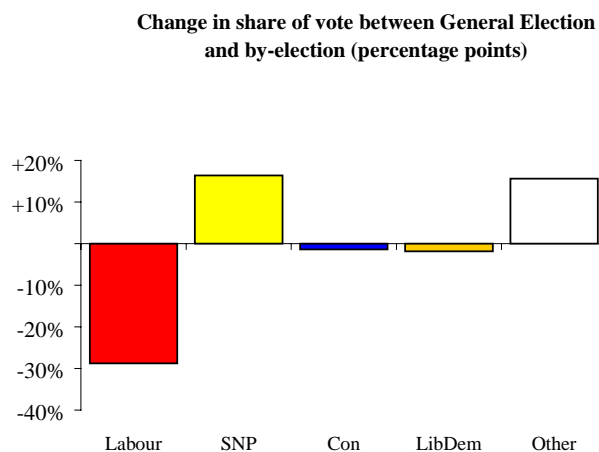
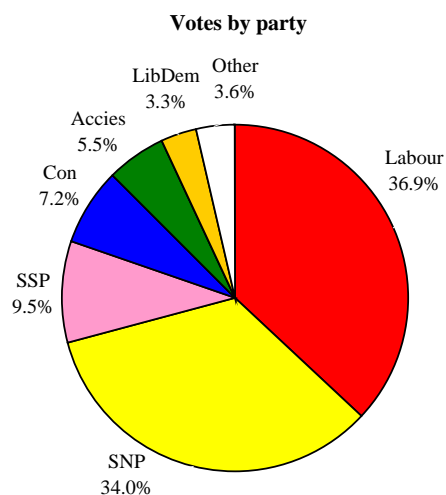
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7. Hamilton South - 23 September 1999

Labour hold

(elevation to peerage of Rt Hon George Robertson on 24 August 1999)

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
B Tynan	Labour	7,172	36.9%	21,709	65.6%	-28.7%
A Ewing +	Scottish National	6,616	34.0%	5,831	17.6%	+16.4%
S Blackall +	Scottish Socialist	1,847	9.5%			+9.5%
C Ferguson	Conservative	1,406	7.2%	2,858	8.6%	-1.4%
S Mungall	Hamilton Accies Home, Watson Away	1,075	5.5%			+5.5%
M MacLaren +	Liberal Democrat	634 *	3.3%	1,693	5.1%	-1.9%
Other (6 candidates - see below)		704 *	3.6%	1,000 *	3.0%	+0.6%
Majority of winning candidate		556	2.9%	15,878	48.0%	
Total valid votes		19,454		33,091		
Electorate		47,081		46,562		
Turnout		41.3%		71.1%		
Other candidates						
M Burns +	Pro Life Alliance	257 *	1.3%			
T Dewar	Socialist Labour	238 *	1.2%			
J Reid	Scottish Unionist	113 *	0.6%			
A McConnachie	UK Independence	61 *	0.3%			
G Stidolph	Natural Law	18 *	0.1%			
J Drummond Moray	Status Quo	17 *	0.1%			



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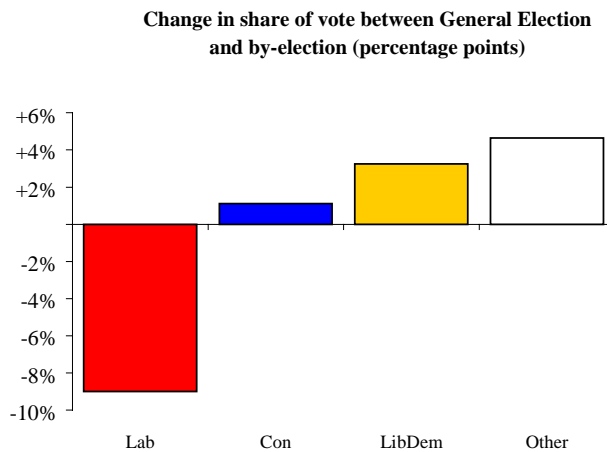
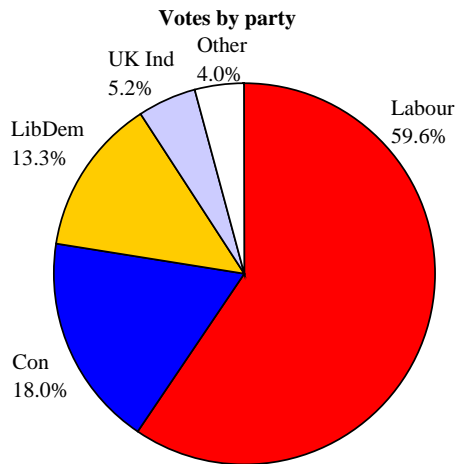
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8. Wigan - 23 September 1999

(death of Roger Stott on 8 August 1999)

Labour hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
N Turner	Labour	9,641	59.6%	30,043	68.6%	-9.0%
T Peet	Conservative	2,912	18.0%	7,400	16.9%	+1.1%
J Rule	Liberal Democrat	2,148	13.3%	4,390	10.0%	+3.3%
J Whittaker	UK Independence	834	5.2%			+5.2%
Other (5 candidates - see below)		652 *	4.0%	1,986 *	4.5%	-0.5%
Majority of winning candidate		6,729	41.6%	22,643	51.7%	
Total valid votes		16,187		43,819		
Electorate		64,775		64,689		
Turnout		25.0%		67.7%		
Other candidates						
W Kelly	Socialist Labour	240 *	1.5%			
C Maile	Independent Green	190 *	1.2%			
S Ebbs	National Democratic Resistance	100 *	0.6%			
P Davis	Natural Law	64 *	0.4%			
D Braid	Independent	58 *	0.4%			



'Other' includes UK Independence Party as they did not stand in the 1997 election.

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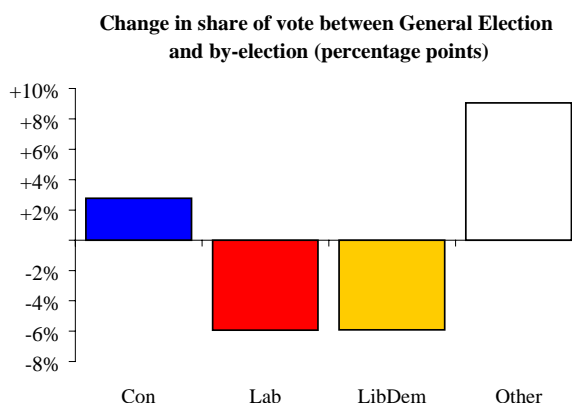
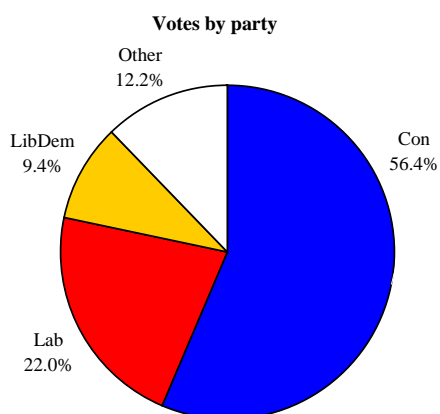
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9. Kensington and Chelsea - 25 November 1999

Conservative hold

(death of Rt Hon Alan Clark on 4 September 1999)

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
M Portillo	Conservative	11,004	56.4%	19,887	53.6%	+2.8%
R Atkinson	Labour	4,298	22.0%	10,368	28.0%	-5.9%
R Woodthorpe Browne	Liberal Democrat	1,831	9.4%	5,668	15.3%	-5.9%
Other (15 candidates - see below)		2,380 *	12.2%	1,165 *	3.1%	+9.1%
Majority of winning candidate		6,706	34.4%	9,519	25.7%	
Total valid votes		19,513		37,088		
Electorate		65,806		67,786		
Turnout		29.7%		54.7%		
Other candidates						
J Stevens	Pro Euro Conservative	740 *	3.8%			
D Hockney	UK Independence	450 *	2.3%			
H Charlton	Green	446 *	2.3%			
C de Vere Beauclerk	Democratic	182 *	0.9%			
C Paisley	Legalise Cannabis Alliance	141 *	0.7%			
M Irwin	Campaign for Living Will Legislation	97 *	0.5%			
G Oliver	UK Pensioners	75 *	0.4%			
S Scott-Fawcett	Referendum	57 *	0.3%			
L Hodges	Daily and Sunday Sport	48 *	0.2%			
G Valente	Natural Law	35 *	0.2%			
L Lovebucket	People's net dream ticket	26 *	0.1%			
J Davies	Independent Environmentalist: Stop Climatic Change	24 *	0.1%			
P May	Equal Parenting	24 *	0.1%			
A Hope	Official Monster Raving Loony	20 *	0.1%			
T Samuelson	Stop Tobacco Companies Farming Our Children	15 *	0.1%			



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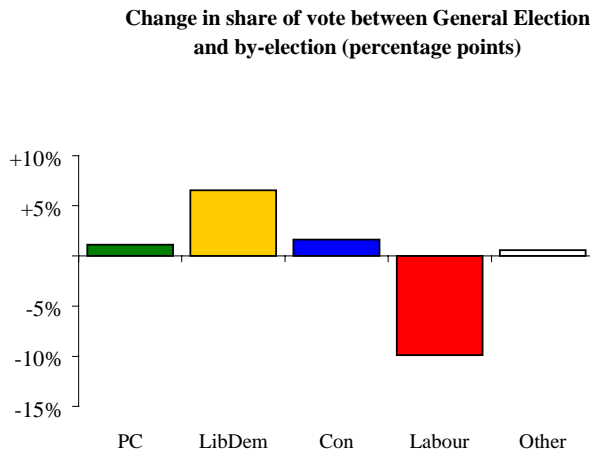
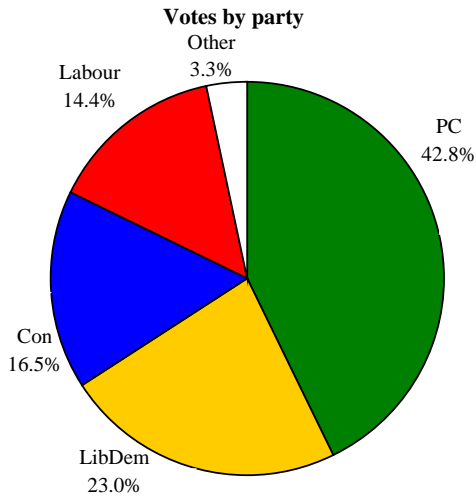
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10. Ceredigion - 3 February 2000

Plaid Cymru hold

(resignation of Cynog Dafis on 10 January 2000)

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
S Thomas	Plaid Cymru	10,716	42.8%	16,728	41.6%	+1.1%
M Williams	Liberal Democrat	5,768	23.0%	6,616	16.5%	+6.5%
P Davies	Conservative	4,138	16.5%	5,983	14.9%	+1.6%
M Battle +	Labour	3,612	14.4%	9,767	24.3%	-9.9%
Other (3 candidates - see below)		831 *	3.3%	1,092 *	2.7%	+0.6%
Majority of winning candidate		4,948	19.7%	6,961	17.3%	
Total valid votes		25,065		40,186		
Electorate		55,025		54,378		
Turnout		45.6%		73.9%		
Other candidates						
J Bufton	UK Independence	487 *	1.9%			
J Berkeley Davies	Independent Green	289 *	1.2%			
M Shipton	"Wales on Sunday": Match Funding Now	55 *	0.2%			



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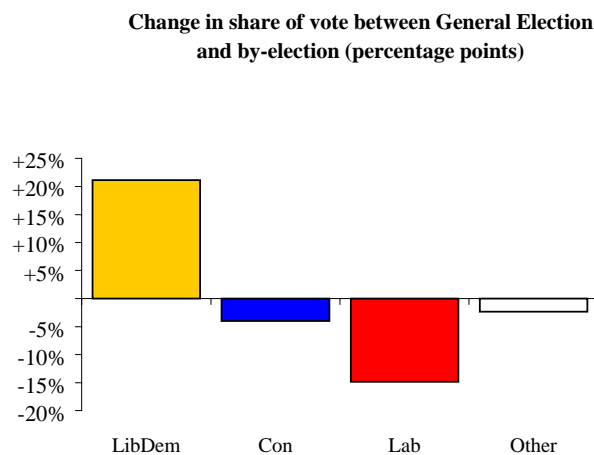
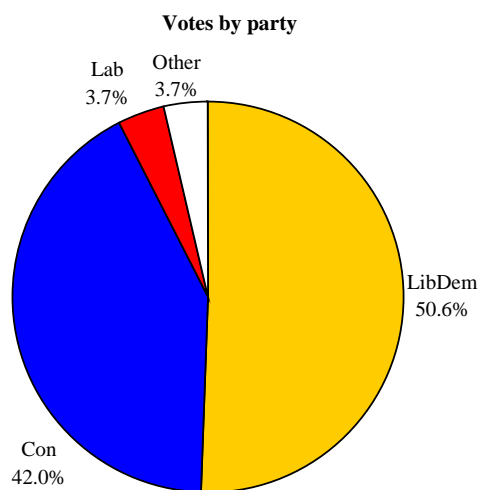
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11. Romsey - 4 May 2000

(death of Sir Michael Colvin on 24 February 2000)

Liberal Democrat gain

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
S Gidley +	Liberal Democrat	19,571	50.6%	15,249	29.4%	+21.1%
T Palmer	Conservative	16,260	42.0%	23,834	46.0%	-4.0%
A Howard	Labour	1,451 *	3.7%	9,623	18.6%	-14.8%
Other (3 candidates - see below)		1,427 *	3.7%	3,115 *	6.0%	-2.3%
Majority of winning candidate						
		3,311	8.6%	8,585	16.6%	
Total valid votes						
		38,709		51,821		
Electorate						
		69,701		67,866		
Turnout						
		55.5%		76.4%		
Other candidates						
G Rankin-Moore	UK Independence	901 *	2.3%			
D Large	Legalise Cannabis Alliance	417 *	1.1%			
T Lamont	Independent	109 *	0.3%			



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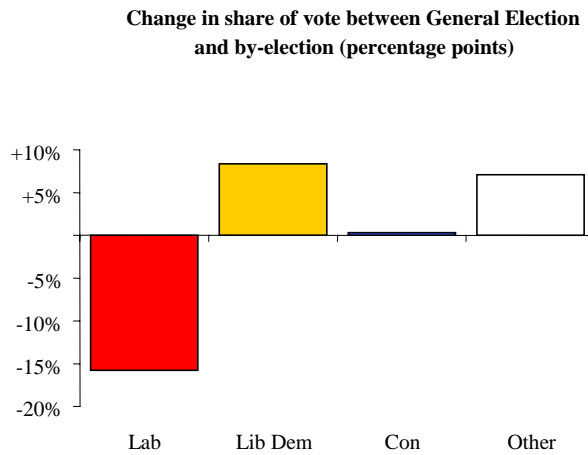
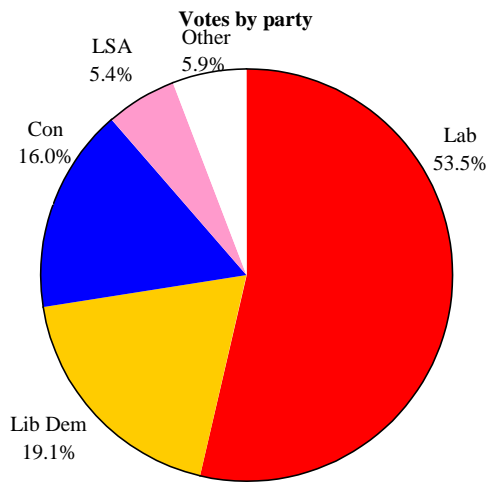
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12. Tottenham - 22 June 2000

(death of Bernie Grant on 8 April 2000)

Labour hold

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
D Lammy	Labour	8,785	53.5%	26,121	69.3%	-15.8%
D Hames	Liberal Democrat	3,139	19.1%	4,064	10.8%	+8.3%
J Ellison +	Conservative	2,634	16.0%	5,921	15.7%	+0.3%
W Bennett	London Socialist Alliance	885	5.4%			
Other (4 candidates - see below)		974 *	5.9%	1,598 *	4.2%	+1.7%
Majority of winning candidate		5,646	34.4%	20,200	53.6%	
Total valid votes		16,417		37,704		
Electorate		64,554		66,251		
Turnout		25.4%		56.9%		
Other candidates						
P Budge	Green	606 *	3.7%			
E Basarik	Reform 2000 Anti-VAT	177 *	1.1%			
A Tanna	UK Independence	136 *	0.8%			
D De Braam	Independent Conservative	55 *	0.3%			



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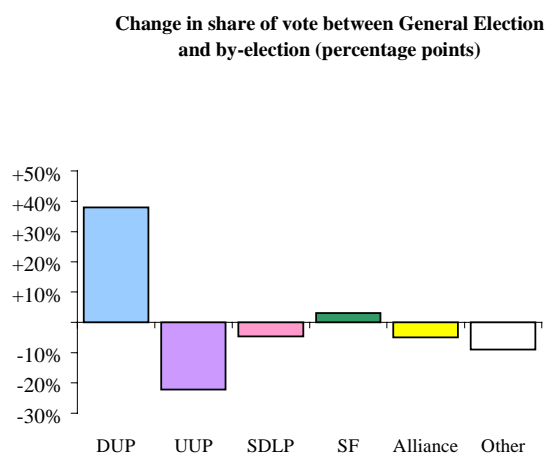
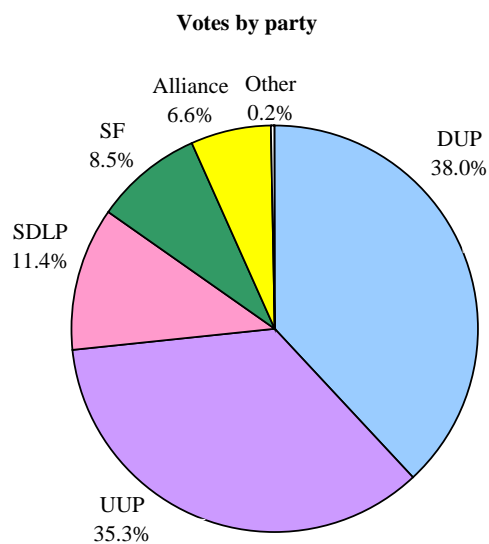
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13. South Antrim - 21 September 2000

(death of Clifford Forsythe on 27 April 2000)

DUP gain

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
W McCrea	Democratic Unionist	11,601	38.0%			+38.0%
D Burnside	Ulster Unionist	10,779	35.3%	23,108	57.5%	-22.2%
D McClelland	SDLP	3,496	11.4%	6,497	16.2%	-4.7%
M Meehan	Sinn Fein	2,611	8.5%	2,229	5.5%	+3.0%
D Ford	Alliance	2,031	6.6%	4,668	11.6%	-5.0%
Other (1 candidate - see below)		49 *	0.2%	3,693 *	9.2%	-9.0%
Majority of winning candidate		822	2.7%	16,611	41.3%	
Total valid votes		30,567		40,195		
Electorate		71,047		69,414		
Turnout		43.0%		57.9%		
Other candidates						
D Collins	Natural Law	49 *	0.2%			



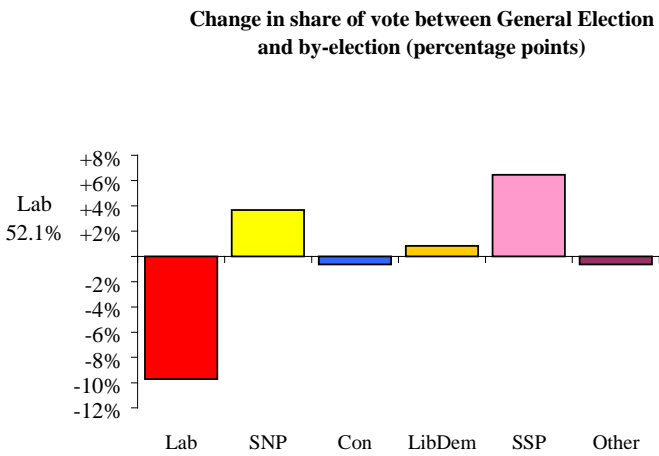
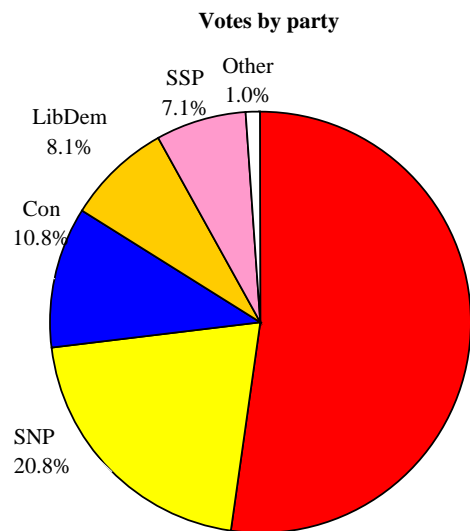
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14. Glasgow, Anniesland - 23 November 2000

Labour hold

(death of Rt Hon Donald Dewar on 11 October 2000)

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
J Robertson	Labour	10,539	52.1%	20,951	61.8%	-9.7%
G Thoms	Scottish National	4,202	20.8%	5,797	17.1%	+3.7%
D Luckhurst +	Conservative	2,188	10.8%	3,881	11.5%	-0.6%
C McGinty	Liberal Democrat	1,630	8.1%	2,453	7.2%	+0.8%
C McCarthy	Scottish Socialist	1,441	7.1%	229	0.7%	+6.5%
Others (1 candidate - see below)		212 *	1.0%	568 *	1.7%	-0.6%
Majority of winning candidate		6,337	31.4%	17,070	50.4%	
Total valid votes		20,212		33,879		
Electorate		52,609		53,112		
Turnout		38.4%		63.8%		
Other candidates						
W Lyden	Family	212 *	1.0%			



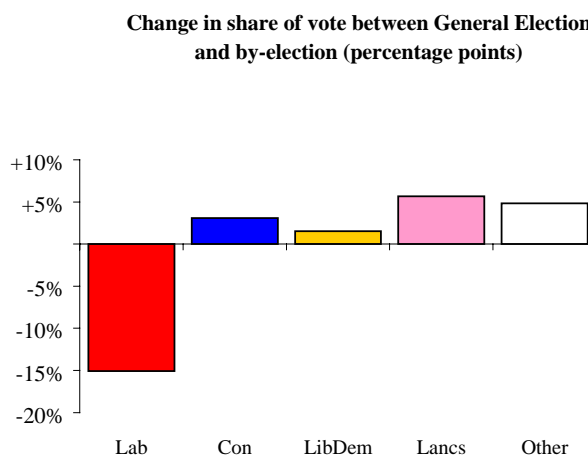
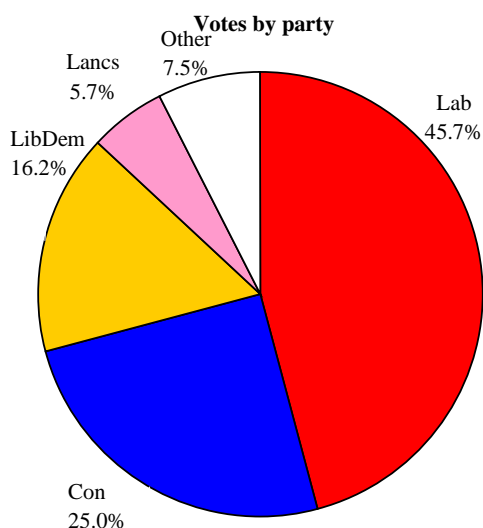
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15. Preston - 23 November 2000

Labour hold

(death of Audrey Wise on 2 September 2000)

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
M Hendrick	Labour	9,765	45.7%	29,220	60.8%	-15.1%
G O'Hare	Conservative	5,339	25.0%	10,540	21.9%	+3.1%
W Chadwick	Liberal Democrat	3,454	16.2%	7,045	14.7%	+1.5%
T Cartwright	Lancashire Socialist Alliance	1,210	5.7%			+5.7%
Other (5 candidates - see below)		1,595 *	7.5%	1,269 *	2.6%	+4.8%
Majority of winning candidate		4,426	20.7%	18,680	38.9%	
Total valid votes		21,363		48,074		
Electorate		72,229		73,097		
Turnout		29.6%		65.8%		
Other candidates						
G Beaman	UK Independence	458 *	2.1%			
R Merrick	Green	441 *	2.1%			
P Garrett	Preston Alliance - Christian People's Alliance	416 *	1.9%			
C Jackson	British National	229 *	1.1%			
D Franklin-Braid	Battle of Britain Christian Alliance	51 *	0.2%			



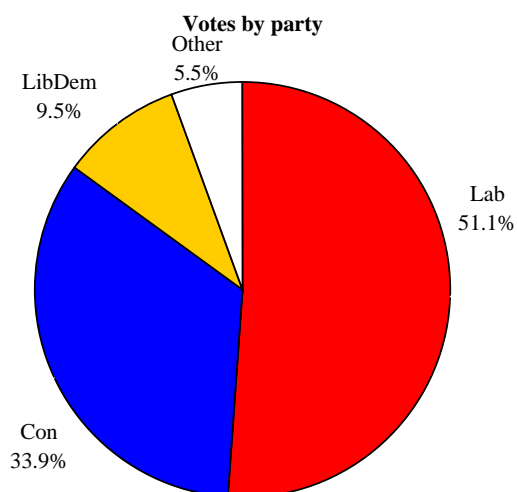
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16. West Bromwich West - 23 November 2000**Labour win**

(Resignation of Rt Hon Betty Boothroyd on 23 October 2000)

The major parties did not contest this seat at the 1997 General Election when it was won by Betty Boothroyd who stood as Speaker of the House of Commons.

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election	
		Number	%	Number	%
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit					
A Bailey	Labour	9,640	51.1%		
K Bissell +	Conservative	6,408	33.9%		
S Smith +	Liberal Democrat	1,791	9.5%		
Other (2 candidates - see below)		1,040 *	5.5%	36,696	100.0%
Majority of winning candidate		3,232	17.1%	15,423	42.0%
Total valid votes		18,879		36,696	
Electorate		68,408		67,513	
Turnout		27.6%		54.4%	
Other candidates					
N Griffin	British National	794 *	4.2%		
J Oakton	UK Independence	246 *	1.3%		



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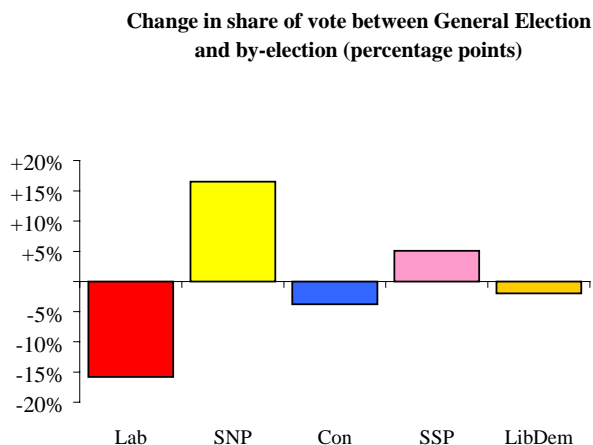
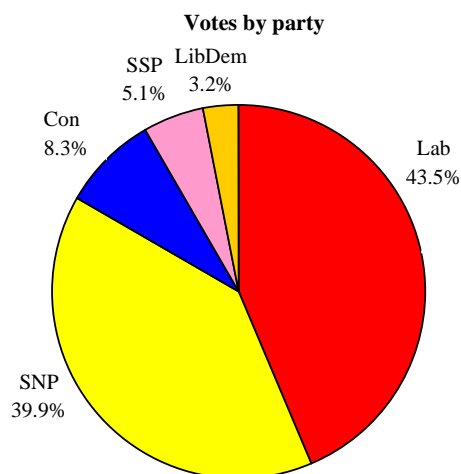
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17. Falkirk West - 21 December 2000

Labour hold

(resignation of Dennis Canavan on 11 November 2000)

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
Main parties and candidates retaining deposit						
E Joyce	Labour	8,492	43.5%	22,772	59.3%	-15.8%
D Kerr	Scottish National	7,787	39.9%	8,989	23.4%	+16.5%
C Stevenson	Conservative	1,621	8.3%	4,639	12.1%	-3.8%
I Hunter	Scottish Socialist	989	5.1%			+5.1%
H O'Donnell	Liberal Democrat	615	3.2% *	1,970	5.1%	-2.0%
Majority of winning candidate		705	3.6%	13,783	35.9%	
Total valid votes		19,504		38,370		
Electorate		53,851 #		52,850		
Turnout				72.6%		



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