

# By-elections 2005 - 2010

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This research paper provides the results of the 14 by-elections held during the 2005-10 Parliament.

Since 2005, 9 of the 14 by-elections have been won by the incumbent party. There has been a net gain to the Conservatives of two seats, after wins in Norwich North, and Crewe and Nantwich; a net gain of one seat to the Liberal Democrats, following a win in Dunfermline and West Fife; and a net gain of one seat to the SNP after victory in Glasgow East. All of these seats were previously held by Labour. Thus, after accounting for their win in Glasgow North East (previously held by former Speaker Michael Martin), Labour saw a net loss of three seats over this period.

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## Summary

### By-elections 2005-10, summary results

	Constituency	Date	Result
 	Cheadle	15 July 2005	L Dem hold
 	Livingston	29 September 2005	Lab hold
 	Dunfermline & W Fife	09 February 2006	L Dem gain
 	Blaenau Gwent	29 June 2006	Ind hold
 	Bromley & Chislehurst	29 June 2006	Con hold
 	Ealing, Southall	19 July 2007	Lab hold
 	Sedgefield	19 July 2007	Lab hold
 	Crewe & Nantwich	22 May 2008	Con gain
 	Henley	26 June 2008	Con hold
 	Haltemprice & Howden	10 July 2008	Con hold
 	Glasgow East	24 July 2008	SNP gain
 	Glenrothes	06 November 2008	Lab hold
 	Norwich North	23 July 2009	Con gain
 	Glasgow North East	12 November 2009	Lab win

Labour held 4 seats (Livingston, Ealing, Southall, Sedgefield and Glenrothes) but lost Dunfermline & W Fife to the Liberal Democrats, Crewe & Nantwich and Norwich North to the Conservatives and Glasgow East to the Scottish National Party. They won Glasgow North East, following the resignation of House of Commons Speaker Michael Martin. The Conservatives held 3 seats (Bromley & Chislehurst, Henley and Haltemprice & Howden) whilst the Liberal Democrats held Cheadle and an Independent held Blaenau Gwent.

At the 2010 General Election, Labour held Livingston, Ealing, Southall, Sedgefield, Glenrothes and Glasgow North East but regained Dunfermline & W Fife from the Liberal Democrats, Blaenau Gwent from an Independent and Glasgow East from the Scottish National Party. The Conservatives retained Bromley & Chislehurst, Crewe & Nantwich, Henley, Haltemprice & Howden, and Norwich North. The Liberal Democrats held Cheadle.

Results for by-elections held in the 2001-05 Parliament are available in House of Commons Library [Research Paper 05/34](#)

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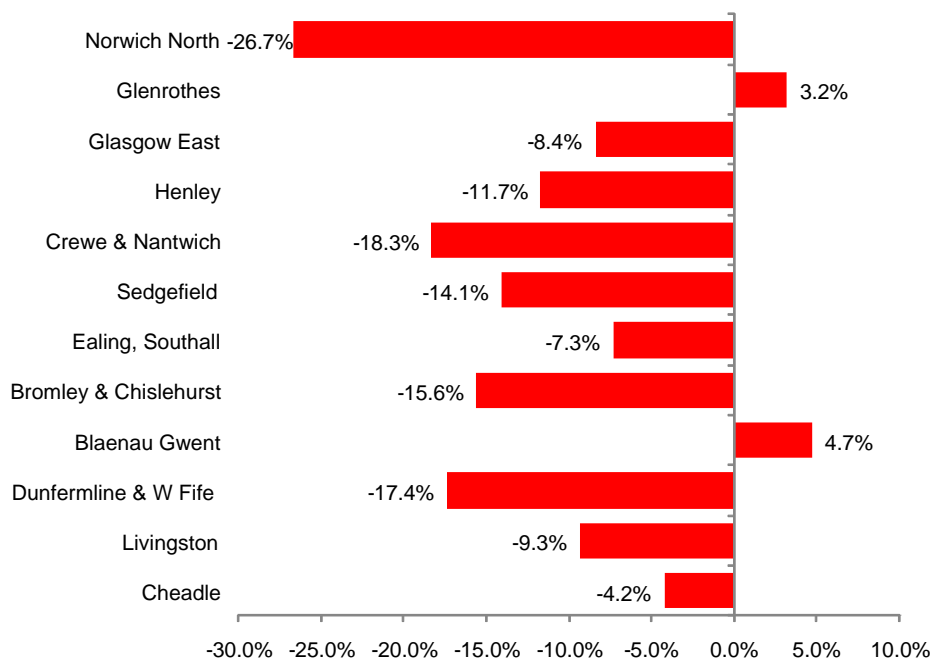
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## 1 Introduction

There were 14 by-elections during the 2005-10 Parliament. The results are summarised below, with the full results given over the following pages.

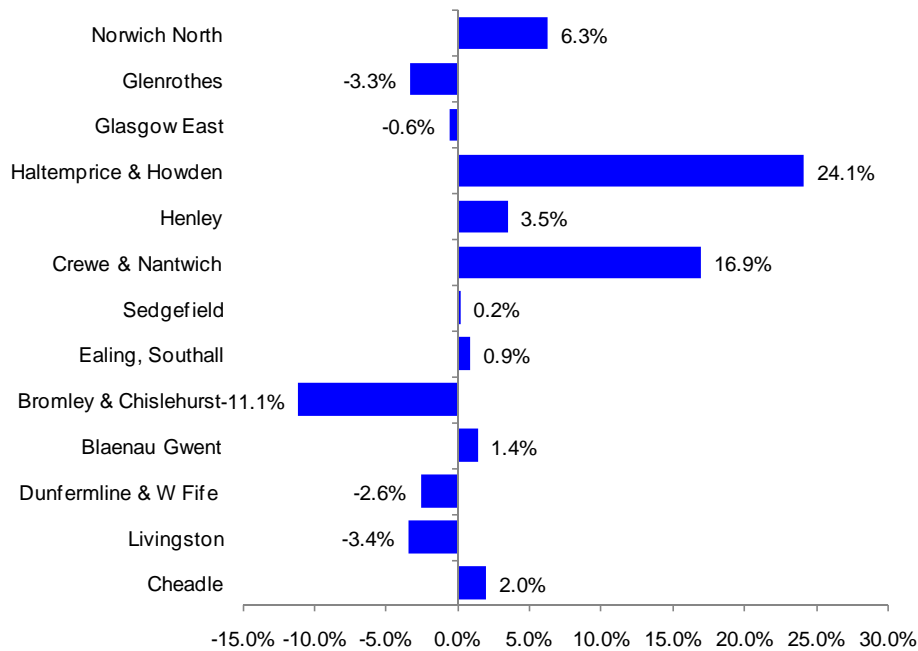
Labour saw the largest loss of all the main parties in Norwich North (-26.7% points) with the Conservative candidate Chloe Smith winning the seat, making her the country's youngest MP. In only two constituencies did they see their share of the vote increase; Glenrothes (3.2% points) and Blaenau Gwent (4.7% points).

### Change in Labour vote share at by-elections (% points difference from 2005)



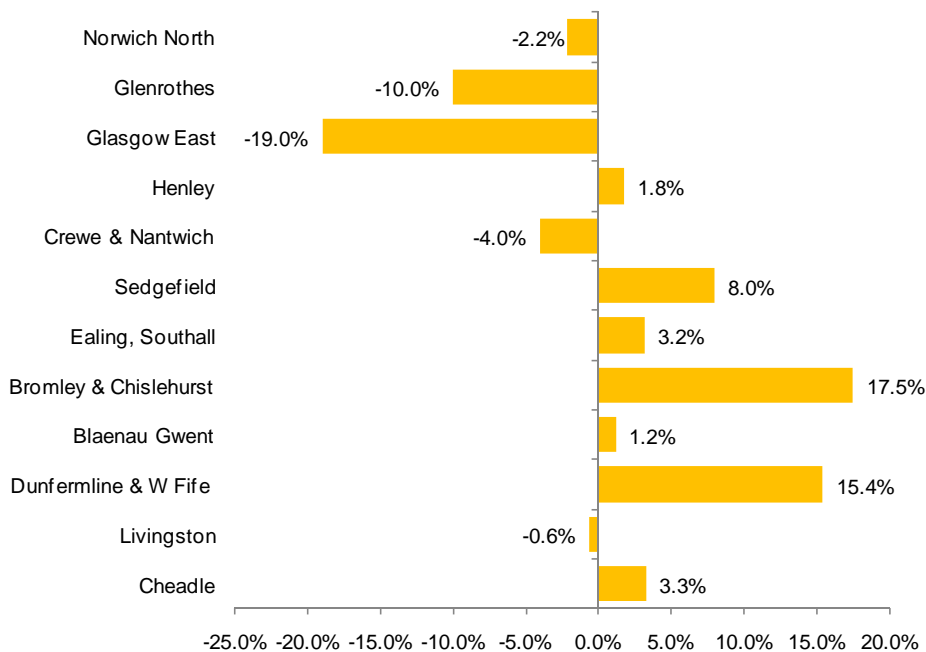
In contrast, the Conservative share of the vote rose in eight of the fourteen constituencies where by-elections took place, the largest by 24.1% in Haltemprice & Howden. Their share of the vote fell by 11.1% in Bromley & Chislehurst, where the Liberal Democrats gained a 17.5% share.

**Change in Conservative vote share at by-elections (% points difference from 2005)**



The Liberal Democrats experienced their biggest fall in the share of the votes in Glasgow East (-19%), allowing the SNP to gain their largest increase in votes of 26.0%, winning the seat. Their share of the vote fell in five out of the fourteen constituencies.

**Change in Liberal Democrat vote share at by-elections (% points difference from 2005)**



## By-elections 2005-10, summary results

Constituency	Result	Winner	Swing since 2005		change in share of vote since 2005					Turnout percent
			percentage points		percentage points					
			%	From/To	L Dem	Con	Lab	SNP/PC	Other	
Cheadle	L Dem hold	Mark Hunter	3.8%	Lab to L Dem	3.3%	2.0%	-4.2%	...	-1.1%	55.2%
Livingston	Lab hold	Jim Devine	10.2%	Lab to SNP	-0.6%	-3.4%	-9.3%	11.1%	2.2%	38.6%
Dunfermline & W Fife	L Dem gain	Willie Rennie	16.4%	Lab to L Dem	15.4%	-2.6%	-17.4%	1.8%	2.8%	48.7%
Blaenau Gwent	Ind hold	Dai Davies	6.3%	Other to Lab	1.2%	1.4%	4.7%	4.1%	-11.4%	51.7%
Bromley & Chislehurst	Con hold	Robert Neill	14.3%	Con to L Dem	17.5%	-11.1%	-15.6%	...	9.2%	40.5%
Ealing, Southall	Lab hold	Virendra Sharma	5.3%	Lab to L Dem	3.2%	0.9%	-7.3%	...	3.2%	42.9%
Sedgefield	Lab hold	Philip Wilson	11.5%	Lab to L Dem	8.0%	0.2%	-14.1%	...	5.8%	41.5%
Crewe & Nantwich	Con gain	Edward Timpson	17.6%	Lab to Con	-4.0%	16.9%	-18.3%	...	5.4%	57.7%
Henley	Con hold	John Howell	7.6%	Lab to Con	1.8%	3.5%	-11.7%	...	6.4%	50.3%
Haltemprice & Howden	Con hold	David Davis	24.1%	Other to Con	...	24.1%	...	...	-24.0%	34.1%
Glasgow East	SNP gain	John Mason	22.6%	L Dem to SNP	-19.0%	-0.6%	-8.4%	26.1%	1.9%	42.2%
Glenrothes	Lab hold	Lindsay Roy	6.6%	L Dem to Lab	-10.0%	-3.3%	3.2%	13.1%	-3.0%	52.3%
Norwich North	Con gain	Chloe Smith	16.5%	Lab to Con	-2.2%	6.3%	-26.7%	...	23.3%	45.8%
Glasgow North East	Lab win	Willie Bain	...	...	...	...	...	2.3%	...	33.0%

Labour had previously won 8 of the 14 constituencies in the 2005 General Election, with the Conservatives taking 3, the Liberal Democrats 1 and an Independent also winning 1. Labour retained 4 constituencies in the by-elections that followed, and lost 4 - Dunfermline & West Fife to the Liberal Democrats, Crewe & Nantwich and Norwich North to the Conservatives, and Glasgow East to the SNP.

The largest swing against Labour was in Crewe & Nantwich in May 2008 where the Conservative candidate Edward Timpson overturned a 7,078 Labour majority on a 17.6% swing. The smallest swing against Labour was of 3.8% towards the Liberal Democrats, in Cheadle, the first by-election of the Parliament in July 2005. The Labour share of the vote fell from 8.8% at the 2005 General Election to 4.6% at the by-election. The Liberal Democrats increased their vote share from 48.9% to 52.2%

Eight of the fourteen by-elections were caused by the death of the sitting MP. The remaining six were due to resignations, notably Tony Blair in Sedgefield (July 2007) following his resignation as Prime Minister and Boris Johnson in Henley (June 2008) who was later elected as Mayor of London.

Average by-election turnout during the 2005-10 Parliament was 45.3%. This was 15.2% points lower than the average turnout in the same constituencies in the 2005 General Election. The lowest by-election turnout was recorded in Glasgow North East (33.0%) and the highest was in Crewe & Nantwich (57.7%). The largest difference between turnout at the 2005 General Election and the by-election occurred in Haltemprice & Howden, where the MP David Davis resigned his seat in order to force a by-election, with the intention of provoking a debate on the erosion of civil liberties. He was re-elected unopposed by Labour or the Liberal Democrats.

Across all fourteen by-elections, Labour's share of the votes cast was 27.8%, which was 7% points lower than in the 2005 General Election. In contrast, the Conservatives' vote share increased, but only by 0.4%, with the Liberal Democrats also increasing their share by 1.6% to 19.0%. The Scottish National and Plaid Cymru parties also saw their share of the vote rise by 3.9% points to 10.4%.



**By-elections 2005-10, share of the vote by party**

	<b>Con</b>		<b>Lab</b>		<b>L Dem</b>		<b>SNP/PC</b>		<b>Other</b>	
	<b>%</b>	<b>votes</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>votes</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>votes</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>votes</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>votes</b>
Cheadle	42.4%	15,936	4.6%	1,739	52.2%	19,593	...	...	8.0%	299
Livingston	6.8%	1,993	41.8%	12,319	14.8%	4,362	32.7%	9,639	3.9%	1,164
Dunfermline & W Fife	7.8%	2,702	30.6%	10,591	35.8%	12,391	21.0%	7,261	4.7%	1,633
Blaenau Gwent	3.7%	1,013	37.0%	10,059	5.4%	1,477	6.5%	1,755	47.4%	12,861
Bromley & Chislehurst	40.0%	11,621	7.5%	2,171	37.8%	10,988	...	...	15.6%	4,518
Ealing, Southall	22.5%	8,230	41.5%	15,188	27.6%	10,118	...	...	8.4%	3,082
Sedgefield	14.6%	4,082	44.8%	12,528	19.9%	5,572	...	...	21.6%	5,780
Crewe & Nantwich	49.5%	20,539	30.6%	12,679	14.6%	6,040	...	...	5.4%	22,401
Henley	56.9%	19,796	3.1%	1,066	27.8%	9,680	...	...	12.2%	4,219
Haltemprice & Howden	71.6%	17,113	...	...	...	...	...	...	27.5%	6,798
Glasgow East	6.3%	1,639	41.7%	10,912	3.5%	915	43.1%	11,277	5.5%	1,431
Glenrothes	3.8%	1,381	55.1%	19,946	2.6%	947	36.5%	13,209	2.0%	712
Norwich North	39.5%	13,591	18.2%	6,243	14.0%	4,803	...	...	28.3%	9,740
Glasgow North East	5.2%	1,075	59.4%	12,231	2.3%	474	20.0%	4,120	13.1%	2,695
<i>Total</i>	26.2%	120,711	27.7%	127,672	19.0%	87,360	10.3%	47,261	16.8%	77,333

At the 2010 General Election, held on 6 May 2010, Labour retained Livingston, Ealing, Southall, Sedgefield, Glenrothes and Glasgow North East. They regained three seats – Dunfermline & West Fife from the Liberal Democrats, Blaenau Gwent from an Independent and Glasgow East from the SNP. The Conservatives retained all five of their seats won in the by-elections (Bromley & Chislehurst, Crewe & Nantwich, Henley, Haltemprice & Howden and Norwich North) whilst the Liberal Democrats held Cheadle.

## 2 Results by constituency

### 2.1 Cheadle – 15 July 2005

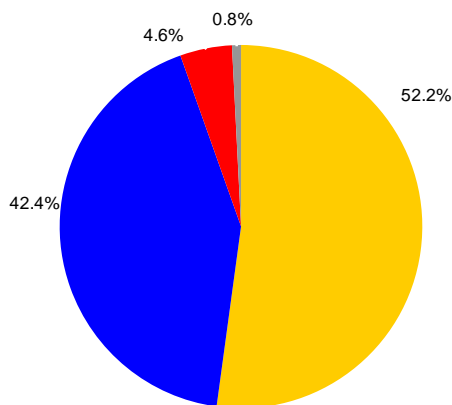
#### 2.1 Cheadle - 15 July 2005

**Lib Dem hold**

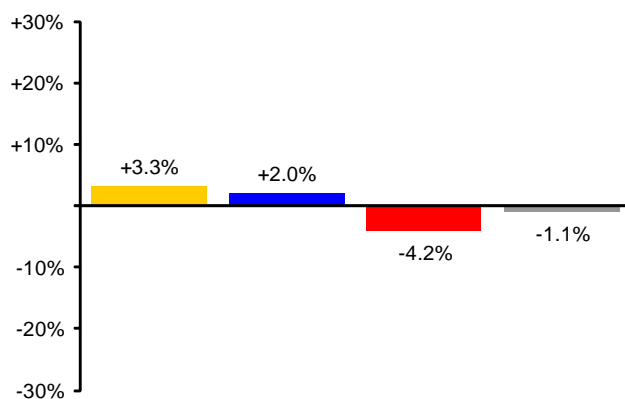
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By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Main parties and candidates retaining deposit</b>						
Mark Hunter	Liberal Democrat	19,593	52.2%	23,189	48.9%	+3.3%
Stephen Day	Conservative	15,936	42.4%	19,169	40.4%	+2.0%
Martin Miller	Labour	1,739 *	4.6%	4,169	8.8%	-4.2%
Other (2 candidates - see below)		299	0.8%	910	1.9%	-1.1%
Majority of winning candidate		3,657	9.7%	4,020	8.5%	
Total poll		37,567		47,437		
Electorate		68,051		68,082		
Turnout		55.2%		69.7%		
<b>Other candidates</b>						
Leslie Leggett	Veritas	218 *	0.6%			
John Allman	Alliance for Change - Suffering Little Children	81 *	0.2%			

Votes by party



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



## 2.2 Livingston – 29 September 2005

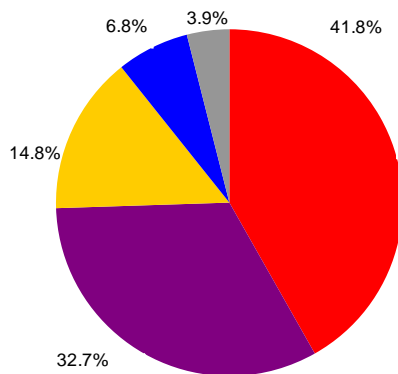
### 2.2 Livingston - 29 September 2005

**Labour hold**

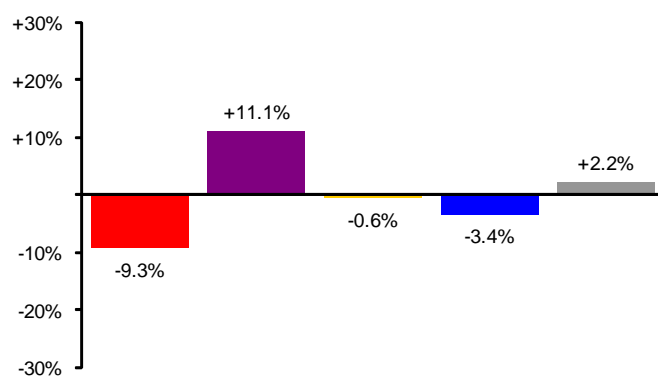
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By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Main parties and candidates retaining deposit</b>						
Jim Devine	Labour	12,319	41.8%	22,657	51.1%	-9.3%
Angela Consttance	SNP	9,639	32.7%	9,560	21.6%	+11.1%
Charles Dundas	Liberal Democrat	4,362	14.8%	6,832	15.4%	-0.6%
Gordon Lindhurst	Conservative	1,993	6.8%	4,499	10.1%	-3.4%
Other (6 candidates - see below)		1,164	3.9%	789	1.8%	+2.2%
Majority of winning candidate		2,680	9.1%	13,097	29.5%	
Total poll		29,477		44,337		
Electorate		76,365		75,798		
Turnout		38.6%		58.5%		
<b>Other candidates</b>						
David Robertson	Green	529 *	1.8%			
Steve Nimmo	Scottish Socialist Party	407 *	1.4%			
Peter Adams	UKIP	108 *	0.4%			
Melville Brown	Independent	55 *	0.2%			
John Allman	Alliance for Change	33 *	0.1%			
Brian Gardner	Socialist Party of GB	32 *	0.1%			

Votes by party



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



### 2.3 Dunfermline & W Fife – 9 February 2006

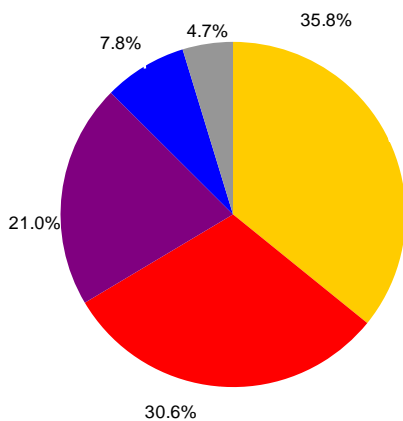
#### 2.3 Dunfermline & W Fife - 9 February 2006

**Liberal Democrat gain**

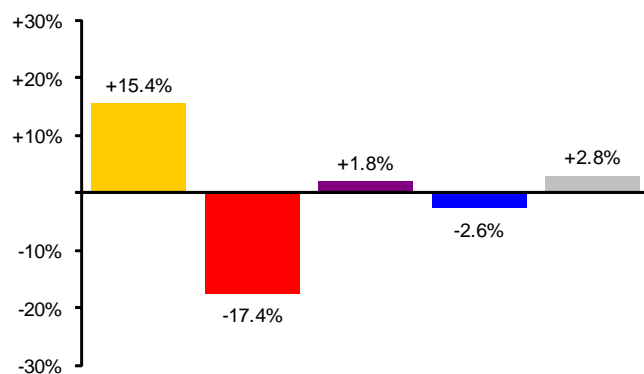
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By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Main parties and candidates retaining deposit</b>						
Willie Rennie	Liberal Democrat	12,391	35.8%	8,549	20.4%	+15.4%
Catherine Stihler	Labour	10,591	30.6%	20,111	48.1%	-17.4%
Douglas Chapman	SNP	7,261	21.0%	8,026	19.2%	+1.8%
Carrie Ruxton	Conservative	2,702	7.8%	4,376	10.5%	-2.6%
Other (5 candidates - see below)		1,633	4.7%	789	1.9%	+2.8%
Majority of winning candidate		1,800	5.2%	11,562	27.6%	
Total poll		34,578		41,851		
Electorate		71,017		70,775		
Turnout		48.7%		59.9%		
<b>Other candidates</b>						
John McAllion	Scottish Socialist Party	537 *	1.6%	689		
James Hargreaves	Scottish Christian Party	411 *	1.2%			
Thomas Minogue	Abolish Forth Bridge Tolls	374 *	1.1%			
Ian Borland	UKIP Scotland	208 *	0.6%	643		
Dick Rodgers	The Common Good	103 *	0.3%			

Votes by party



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



2.4 Blaenau Gwent – 29 June 2006

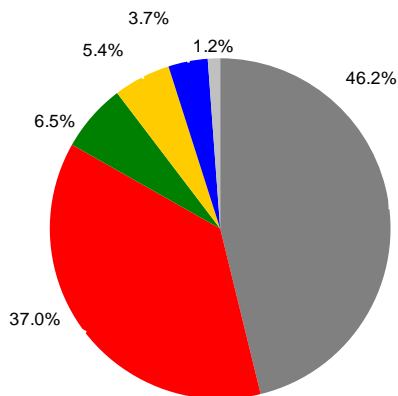
2.4 Blaenau Gwent - 29 June 2006

Independent hold

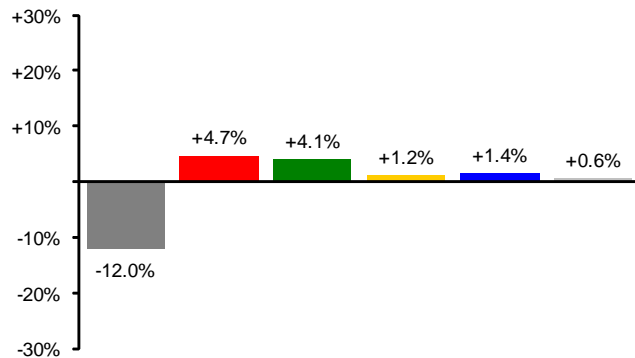
(death of Peter Law on 25 April 2006 - by election writ moved on 6 June 2006)

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Main parties and candidates retaining deposit</b>						
Dai Davies	Independent	12,543	46.2%	20,505	58.2%	-12.0%
Owen Smith	Labour	10,059	37.0%	11,384	32.3%	+4.7%
Steffan Lewis	Plaid Cymru	1,755	6.5%	843 *	2.4%	+4.1%
Amy Kitcher	Liberal Democrat	1,477	5.4%	1,511 *	4.3%	+1.2%
Margrit Williams	Conservative	1,013 *	3.7%	816 *	2.3%	+1.4%
Other (1 candidate - see below)		318	1.2%	192	0.5%	+0.6%
Majority of winning candidate		2,484	9.1%	9,121	25.9%	
Total poll		27,165		35,251		
Electorate		52,512		53,301		
Turnout		51.7%		66.1%		
<b>Other candidates</b>						
Alan Hope	Official Monster Raving Loony	318 *	1.2%			

Votes by party



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



## 2.5 Bromley & Chislehurst – 29 June 2006

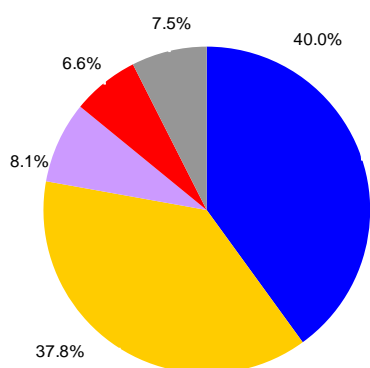
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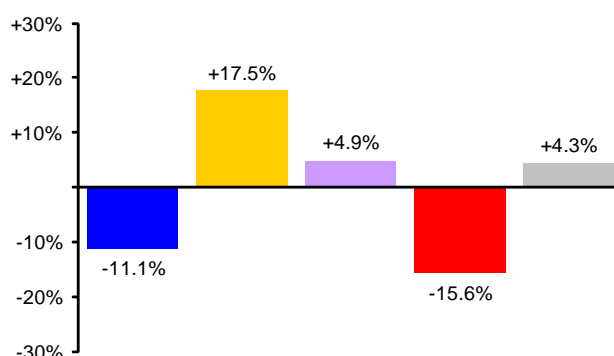
**Conservative hold**

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Main parties and candidates retaining deposit</b>						
Robert Neill	Conservative	11,621	40.0%	23,583	51.1%	-11.1%
Benjamin Abbotts	Liberal Democrat	10,988	37.8%	9,368	20.3%	+17.5%
Nigel Farage	UKIP	2,347	8.1%	1,475 *	3.2%	+4.9%
Rachel Reeves	Labour	1,925	6.6%	10,241	22.2%	-15.6%
Other (7 candidates - see below)		2,171	7.5%	1,470	3.2%	+4.3%
Majority of winning candidate		633	2.2%	13,342	28.9%	
Total poll		29,052		46,137		
Electorate		71,818		71,137		
Turnout		40.5%		64.9%		
<b>Other candidates</b>						
Ann Garrett	Green	811 *	2.8%	1,470 *		
Paul Winnett	National Front Britain	476 *	1.6%			
John Hemming-Clarke	Independent	442 *	1.5%			
Steven Uncles	English Democrats	212 *	0.7%			
John Cartwright	Official Monster Raving Loony	132 *	0.5%			
Nick Hadziannis	Independent	65 *	0.2%			
Anne Besley	Money Reform	33 *	0.1%			

Votes by party



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



**2.6 Ealing, Southall – 19 July 2007**

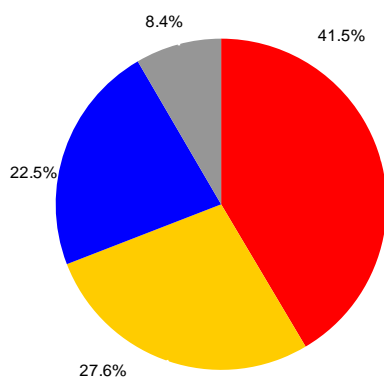
**2.6 Ealing, Southall - 19 July 2007**

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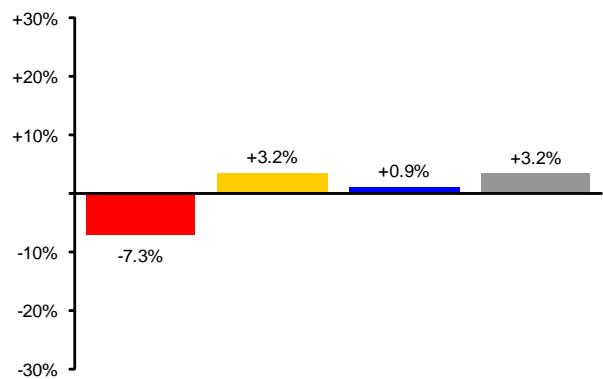
**Labour hold**

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Main parties and candidates retaining deposit</b>						
Virendra Kumar Sharma	Labour	15,188	41.5%	22,937	48.8%	-7.3%
Nigel Bakhai	Liberal Democrat	10,118	27.6%	11,497	24.4%	+3.2%
Tony Lit	Conservative	8,230	22.5%	10,147	21.6%	+0.9%
Other (9 candidates - see below)		3,082	8.4%	2,464	5.2%	+3.2%
Majority of winning candidate						
		5,070	13.8%	11,440	24.3%	
Total poll		36,618		47,045		
Electorate		85,262		83,471		
Turnout		42.9%		56.4%		
<b>Other candidates</b>						
Sarah Janet Edwards	Green	1,135 *	3.1%	2,175		
SalvindernSingh Dhillon	Respect, Peace, Justice, Equality	588 *	1.6%			
K.T. Rajan	UKIP	285 *	0.8%			
Yaqub Masih	Christian Party	280 *	0.8%			
Kuldeep Singh Grewal	Independent	275 *	0.8%			
John Sydney Cartwright	Offical Monster Raving Loony	188 *	0.5%			
Sati Chaggar	English Democrats	152 *	0.4%			
Jasdev Singh Rai	Independent	92 *	0.3%			
Gulbash Singh	Independent	87 *	0.2%			
Malkiat Bilku	Worker Revolutionary Party			289 *		

**Votes by party**



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



## 2.7 Sedgefield – 19 July 2007

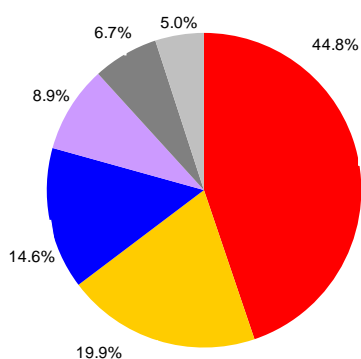
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**Labour hold**

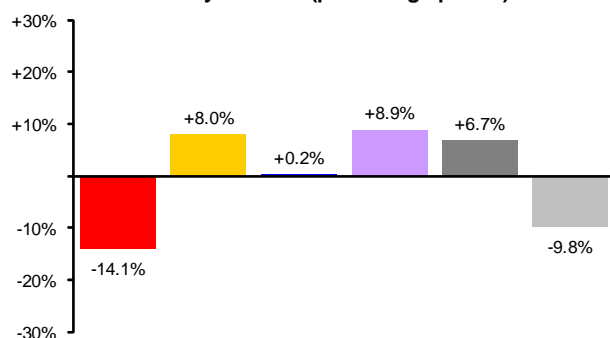
(resignation of Rt Hon Tony Blair on 27 June 2007 - by election writ moved on 28 June 2007)

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Main parties and candidates retaining deposit</b>						
Philip Wilson	Labour	12,528	44.8%	24,429	58.9%	-14.1%
Greg Stone	Liberal Democrat	5,572	19.9%	4,935	11.9%	+8.0%
Graham Michael Robb	Conservative	4,082	14.6%	5,972	14.4%	+0.2%
Andrew Spence	British National Party	2,494 **	8.9%	...	0.0%	+8.9%
Paul Gittins	Independent	1,885	6.7%	...	0.0%	+6.7%
Other (6 candidates - see below)		1,401	5.0%	6,147	14.8%	-9.8%
Majority of winning candidate		6,956	24.9%	18,457	44.5%	
Total poll		27,962		41,483		
Electorate		67,314		67,175		
Turnout		41.5%		61.8%		
<b>Other candidates</b>						
Toby Horton	UKIP	536 *	1.9%			
Christopher Michael Haine	Green	348 *	1.2%			
Stepen Paul Gash	English Democrats	177 *	0.6%			
Tim Grainger	Christian Party	177 *	0.6%			
Alan "Howling Laud" Hope	Offical Monster Raving Loony	129 *	0.5%			
Norman Scarth	Anti-Crime Party	34 *	0.1%			

Votes by party



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





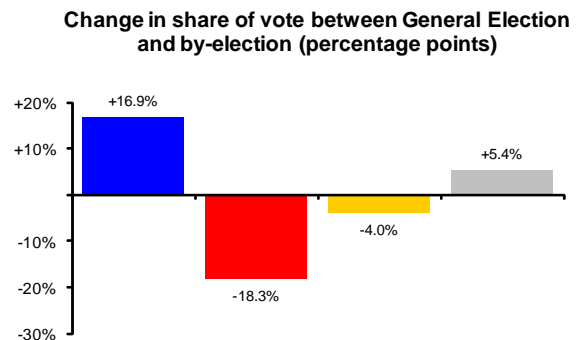
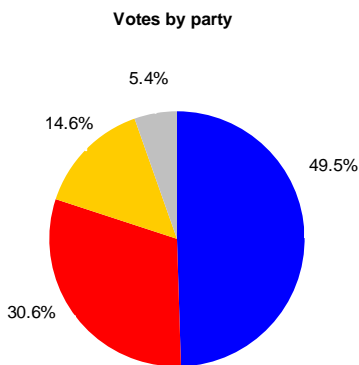
## 2.8 Crewe & Nantwich – 22 May 2008

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(death of Gwyneth Dunwoody on 17 April 2008 - by election writ moved on 30 April 2008)

**Conservative gain**

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Main parties and candidates retaining deposit</b>						
Edward Timpson	Conservative	20,539	49.5%	14,162	32.6%	+16.9%
Tamsin Dunwoody	Labour	12,679	30.6%	21,240	48.8%	-18.3%
Elizabeth Shenton	Liberal Democrat	6,040	14.6%	8,083	18.6%	-4.0%
Other (7 candidates - see below)		2,240	5.4%	...	0.0%	+5.4%
Majority of winning candidate		7,860	18.9%	6,079	14.0%	
Total poll		41,498		43,485		
Electorate		71,963		72,055		
Turnout		57.7%		60.3%		
<b>Other candidates</b>						
Mike Nattrass	UKIP	922	* 2.2%			
Robert Andrew Smith	Green	359	* 0.9%			
David Alan Roberts	English Democrats	275	* 0.7%			
The Flying Brick	The Official Monster Raving Loony	236	* 0.6%			
Mark Walklate	Independent	217	* 0.5%			
Paul Richard Thorogood	Cut Tax on Petrol and Diesel	118	* 0.3%			
Gemma Dawn Garrett	Independent	113	* 0.3%			



## 2.9 Henley – 26 June 2008

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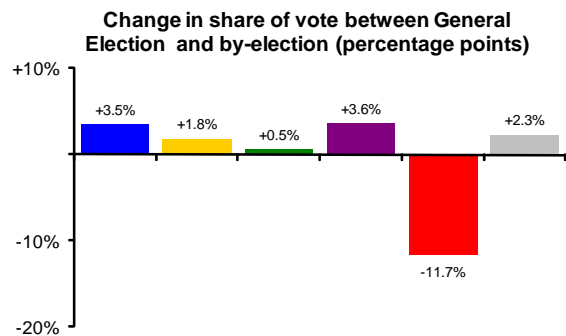
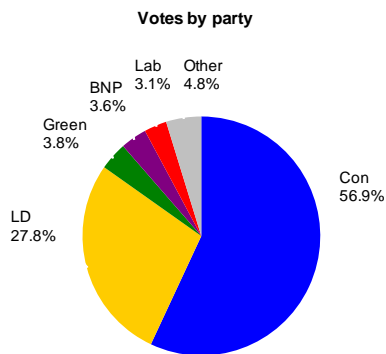
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**Conservative hold**

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Main parties and candidates retaining deposit</b>						
John Howell	Conservative	19,796	56.9%	24,894	53.5%	+3.5%
Stephen Kearney	Liberal Democrat	9,680	27.8%	12,101	26.0%	+1.8%
Mark Stevenson	Greens	1,321 *	3.8%	1,518	3.3%	+0.5%
Timothy Rait	British National Party	1,243 *	3.6%	...		+3.6%
Richard McKenzie	Labour	1,066 *	3.1%	6,862	14.7%	-11.7%
Other (7 candidates - see below)		1,655	4.8%	1,162	2.5%	+2.3%
Majority of winning candidate		10,116	29.1%	12,793	27.5%	
Total poll		34,761		46,537		
Electorate		69,086		67,684		
Turnout		50.3%		68.8%		

#### Other candidates

Chris Adams	UK Independence Party	843 *	2.4%
Bananaman Owen	Monster Raving Loony Party	242 *	0.7%
Derek Allpass	English Democrats	157 *	0.5%
Amanda Harrington	Independent (Miss Great Britain Party)	128 *	0.4%
Dick Rodgers	The Common Good	121 *	0.3%
Louise Cole	Independent (Miss Great Britain Party)	91 *	0.3%
Harry Bear	The Fur Play Party	73 *	0.2%



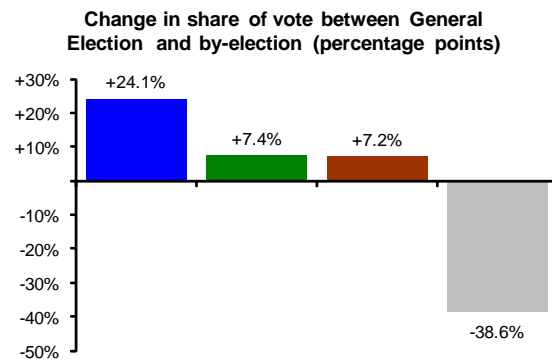
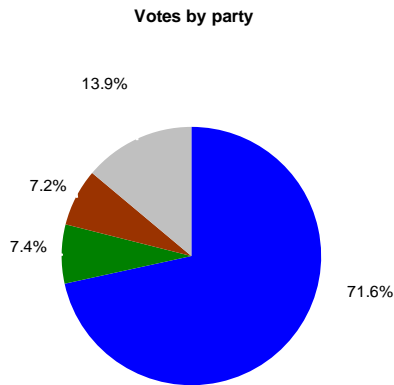
**2.10 Haltemprice & Howden – 10 July 2008**

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(resignation of David Davis - by election writ moved on 20 June 2008)

**Conservative hold**

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Main parties and candidates retaining deposit</b>						
David Michael Davis	Conservative	17,113	71.6%	22,792	47.5%	+24.1%
Shan Oakes	Green	1,758	7.4%	...	0.0%	+7.4%
Joanne Robinson	English Democrats	1,714	7.2%	...	0.0%	+7.2%
Other (23 candidates - see below)		3,326	13.9%	25,237	52.5%	-38.6%
Majority of winning candidate		15,355	64.2%	5,116	10.7%	
Total poll		23,911		48,029		
Electorate		70,100		68,913		
Turnout		34.1%		69.7%		
<b>Other candidates</b>						
Tess Culnane	National Front Britain for the British	544 *	2.3%			
Gemma Dawn Garrett	Miss Great Britain Party	521 *	2.2%			
Jill Saward	Independent	492 *	2.1%			
Mad Cow Girl	The Official Monster Raving Loony Party	412 *	1.7%			
Walter Edward Sweeney	Independent	238 *	1.0%			
John Nicholson	Independent	162 *	0.7%			
David Craig	Independent	135 *	0.6%			
David Pinder	The New Party	135 *	0.6%			
David Icke	No party listed	110 *	0.5%			
Other ( 14 candidates)		577 *	2.4%			



2.11 Glasgow East – 24 July 2008

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(resignation of David Marshall - by election writ moved on 1 July 2008)

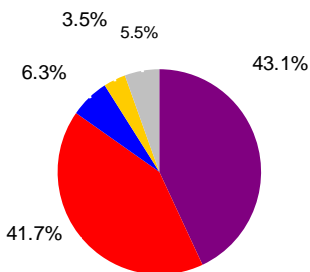
**SNP Gain**

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Main parties and candidates retaining deposit</b>						
John Mason	SNP	11,277	43.1%	5,268	17.0%	+26.1%
Margaret Curran	Labour	10,912	41.7%	18,775	60.7%	-19.0%
Davena Rankin	Conservative	1,639	6.3%	2,135	6.9%	-0.6%
Ian Robertson	Liberal Democrat	915 *	3.5%	3,665	11.8%	-8.4%
Other (5 candidates - see below)		1,431	5.5%	1,096	3.5%	+1.9%
Majority of winning candidate		365	1.4%	13,507	43.7%	
Total poll		26,174		30,939		
Electorate		62,051		63,946		
Turnout		42.2%		48.4%		

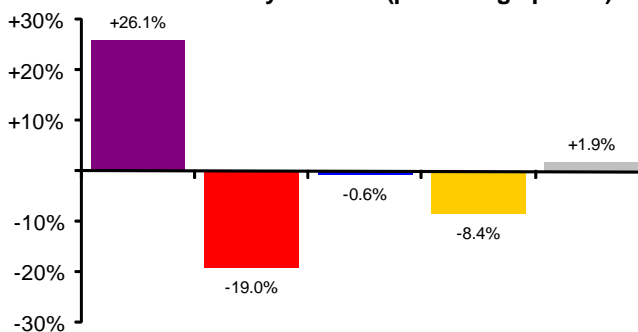
**Other candidates**

Frances Curran	Scottish Socialist Party	555 *	2.1%
Tricia McLeish	Solidarity	512 *	2.0%
Dr Eileen Duke	Scottish Greens	232 *	0.9%
Chris Creighton	Independent	67 *	0.3%
Hamish Howitt	Freedom 4 Choice	65 *	0.2%

Votes by party



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



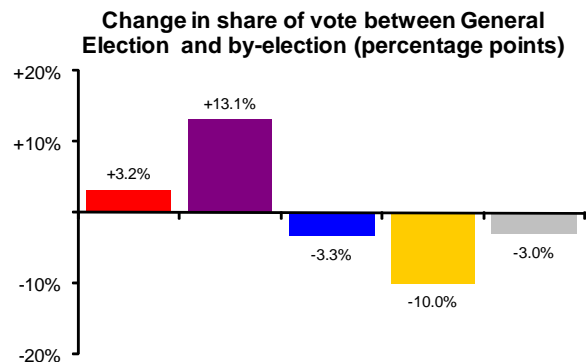
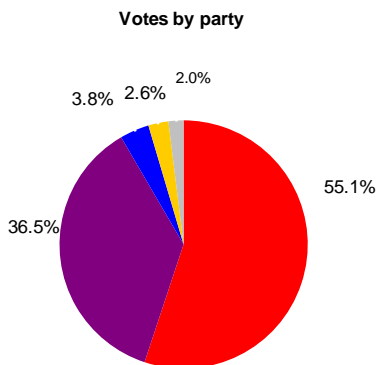
2.12 Glenrothes – 6 November 2008

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(death of John MacDougall - by election writ moved on 13 October 2008)

**Labour hold**

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Main parties and candidates retaining deposit</b>						
Lindsay Roy	Labour	19,946	55.1%	19,395	51.9%	+3.2%
Peter Grant	SNP	13,209	36.5%	8,731	23.4%	+13.1%
Maurice Golden	Conservative	1,381 *	3.8%	2,651	7.1%	-3.3%
Harry Wills	Liberal Democrat	947 *	2.6%	4,728	12.7%	-10.0%
Other (4 candidates - see below)		712	2.0%	1,861	5.0%	-3.0%
Majority of winning candidate		6,737	18.6%	10,664	28.5%	
Total poll		36,195		37,366		
Electorate		69,155		67,054		
Turnout		52.3%		55.7%		
<b>Other candidates</b>						
Jim Parker	Scottish Senior Citizens Unity Party	296 *	0.8%			
Morag Balfour	Scottish Socialists Party	212 *	0.6%			
Kris Seunarine	UKIP	117 *	0.3%			
Louise McLeary	Solidarity	87 *	0.2%			



## 2.13 Norwich North – 23 July 2009

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**Conservative gain**

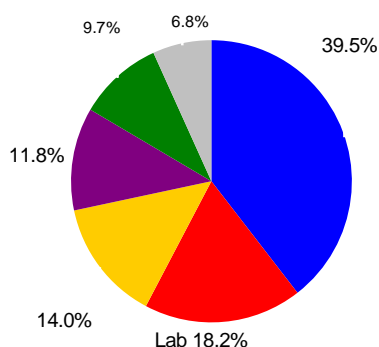
(resignation of Dr Ian Gibson on 5 June 2009 - by election writ moved on 30 June 2009)

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Main parties and candidates retaining deposit</b>						
Chloe Smith	Conservative	13,591	39.5%	15,638	33.2%	+6.3%
Chris Ostrowski	Labour	6,243	18.2%	21,097	44.9%	-26.7%
April Pond	Liberal Democrat	4,803	14.0%	7,616	16.2%	-2.2%
Glenn Tingle	UK Independence Party	4,068	11.8%	1,122	2.4%	+9.4%
Rupert Read	Green	3,350	9.7%	1,252	2.7%	+7.1%
Other (7 candidates - see below)		2,322	6.8%			+6.8%
Majority of winning candidate		7,348	21.4%	5,459	11.6%	
Total poll		34,377		47,033		
Electorate		75,124		77,621		
Turnout		45.8%		60.6%		

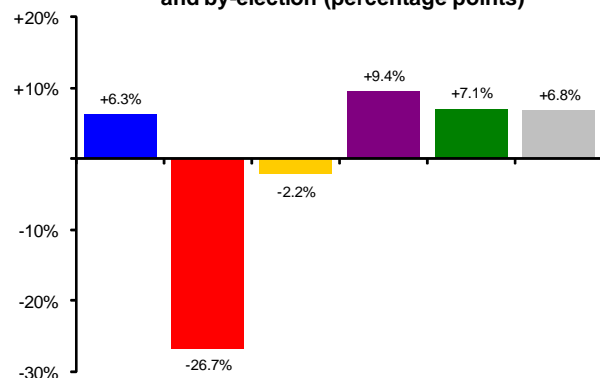
#### Other candidates

Peter Baggs	Independent	23 *	0.1%
Thomas Burridge	Libertarian Party	36 *	0.1%
Anne Fryatt	None of The Above Party	59 *	0.2%
Bill Holden	Independent	166 *	0.5%
Laud Howling	The Official Monster Raving Loony Party	144 *	0.4%
Craig Murray	Put An Honest Man into Parliament	953 *	2.8%
Robert West	British National Party	941 *	2.7%

Votes by party



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



## 2.14 Glasgow North East – 12 November 2009

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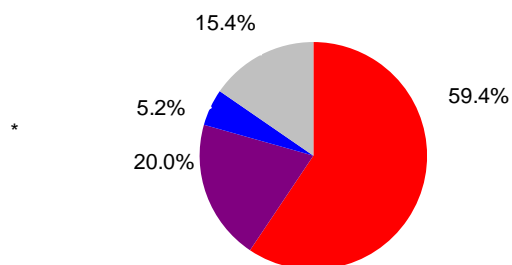
(resignation of Rt Hon Michael Martin on 21 June 2009)

**Labour win**

The major parties did not contest this seat at the 2005 General Election except the Scottish National Party, when it was won by Michael Martin who stood as the Speaker of the House of Commons.

By-election candidate	Party	Votes at by-election		Votes at General Election		Change in share of vote (percentage points)
		Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Main parties and candidates retaining deposit</b>						
Willie Bain	Labour	12,231	59.4%		0.0%	
David Kerr	SNP	4,120	20.0%	5,019	17.7%	+2.3%
Ruth Davidson	Conservative	1,075	5.2%		0.0%	
Other (8 candidates - see below)		3,169	15.4%	23,399	82.3%	
Majority of winning candidate		8,111	39.4%	10,134	35.7%	
Total poll		20,595		28,418		
Electorate		62,475		62,106		
Turnout		33.0%		45.8%		
<b>Other candidates</b>						
Charlie Baillie	BNP	1,013	* 4.9%	920		
Tommy Sheridan	Solidarity Party	794	* 3.9%			
Eileen Baxendale	Liberal Democrat	474	* 2.3%			
David Doherty	Scottish Green Party	332	* 1.6%			
John Smeaton	The Jury Team	258	* 1.3%			
Kevin McVey	Scottish Socialist Party	152	* 0.7%	1,402		
Mikey Hughes	Independent	54	* 0.3%	622		
Louise McDaid	Socialist Labour Party	47	* 0.2%			
Mev Brown	Independent	32	* 0.2%			
Colin Campbell	The Individuals Labour and Tory (Tilt)	13	* 0.1%			

Votes by party



\* includes 15,153 votes for Michael Martin, Speaker of the House of Commons