

**ANNUAL COUNCIL
21 MAY 2003**

**BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 1 MAY 2003
(The Returning Officer)**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Full Borough and Parish/Town Council elections were held on 1 May 2003.
- 1.2 Following the Periodic Electoral Review which was concluded in September 2002, new warding arrangements came into effect on 1 May which provided for 42 members to be elected from 18 wards, arranged as follows:
- 12 x Two Member Wards
6 x Three Member Wards
- 1.3 One hundred candidates contested the 42 seats on the Borough Council. Of those 100 candidates, the representation of the various parties was as follows:
- 42 Conservative
31 Labour
17 Liberal Democrat
7 Green
2 Independent
1 UKIP
- 1.4 In addition, 129 candidates were nominated for seats on parish/parish wards. Elections were held in 5 of the 6 parishes, with 18 parish/wards in all being contested.

2 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Election Process

- 2.1 A major impact in this year's elections was the increased number of postal vote applications. In the 2000 election, approximately 1400 postal votes were requested whereas this year a total of 8,456 were issued for the Borough (6,636 for the Parish/Town elections). The issues took place over 15, 16 and 17 April in order that as many postal ballot papers as possible were delivered before the Easter week-end.
- 2.2 Opening of the returned postal ballot papers was undertaken on three occasions in advance of the election, with the remaining postal ballots returned either during the day of election or at the polling stations, being opened at the Count. Although this part of the process went extremely well, it will need to be assessed in the light of the impact on the other election processes that are also going on at the same time and which led to considerable pressure being built up towards the day of poll. This is an issue which is causing similar difficulties in many local authorities.

- 2.3 52.3% of postal votes overall were returned with Bullbrook ward recording the highest return at 59%.
- 2.4 On polling day 50 polling stations were in use between 8am and 9pm. Poll cards had previously been issued which contained polling station location maps to assist those electors whose warding arrangements and polling station venue had changed following the Review.

Counting of the Votes

- 2.5 The verification of the ballot boxes and count of the Borough votes was held at close of poll at Bracknell Sport & Leisure Centre. The last declaration was made at 1.30pm, following recounts in a number of wards.
- 2.6 The counting of the parish/Town Council Votes took place at the same venue commencing at 9.15 am on 2 May. This was concluded by noon.
- 2.7 A list of persons elected to serve as councillors for the 18 wards of the Borough is attached at **Annex A**.

Turnout

- 2.8 The average turnout in the election was 31.4% compared with 30% in 2000. The highest turnout was in Bullbrook ward at 36%. Attached at **Annex B** is a breakdown of the votes cast and percentage turnout by Ward.

Background Papers

Ballot verification papers

Ballot Paper accounts

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BRACKNELL FOREST BOROUGH COUNCIL

ELECTION RESULTS
(1 May 2003)

| WARD | CANDIDATE | NUMBER OF VOTES |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Ascot | Ian Richard Campbell-Grant (Liberal Democrat) | 149 |
| | Jonathan Peter Cross (Liberal Democrat) | 188 |
| | Robert Edward Draper (Labour) | 204 |
| | Anne Kay Haydon (Conservative) | 706* |
| | Dorothy Andrea Susan Hayes (Conservative) | 712* |
| | Derek Norman Wall (Green) | 146 |
| Binfield with Warfield | Hilary Doyle (Independent) | 560 |
| | David John Fawcett (Labour) | 570 |
| | John Bruce Harrison (Conservative) | 1127* |
| | Kevin Alan Harvey (Independent) | 417 |
| | Michael John Hawkins (Liberal Democrat) | 676 |
| | Ian William Leake (Conservative) | 1055* |
| | Terry Mills (Conservative) | 1159* |
| Bullbrook | David George Excell (Labour) | 450 |
| | Ronald Henry Hanson (Liberal Democrat) | 230 |
| | Iain Alexander McCracken (Conservative) | 715* |
| | Edward Michael Sargeant (Conservative) | 713* |
| | Allan Hylton Scorer (Labour) | 395 |
| Central Sandhurst | Lawrence John Alan Boxall (UKIP) | 190 |
| | Teresa Marie Burchnall-Wood (Green) | 177 |
| | Peter Laurie North (Conservative) | 548* |
| | Stephen Pope (Liberal Democrat) | 335 |
| | Sylvia Maria Ruth Trevis (Labour & Co-operative) | 270 |
| | Alan Frederick Ward (Conservative) | 631* |
| College Town | Raymond William Earwicker (Liberal Democrat) | 510* |
| | Robert Cecil Edger (Conservative) | 540* |
| | Reginald Peter John Hodge (Liberal Democrat) | 472 |
| | Raymond Simonds (Conservative) | 505 |
| Crown Wood | Roy John Bailey (Labour) | 563 |
| | Marc Brunel-Walker (Conservative) | 725* |
| | Colin Reginald Dudley (Conservative) | 692* |
| | Paul Lynton Harper (Green) | 194 |
| | Wilford Theophilus Holness (Labour) | 612 |
| | Robert Charles Osborne (Conservative) | 648* |
| | Joyce Edna Still (Labour) | 529 |

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| Crowthorne | James George Finnie (Conservative) | 744* |
| | James Jeffrey Retallic (Liberal Democrat) | 322 |
| | Anne Barbara Swann (Liberal Democrat) | 382 |
| | Graham Edward Stuart Vertigen (Labour) | 263 |
| | Robert Hugh Wade (Conservative) | 649* |
| Great Hollands North | Langdon Richard Jones (Labour) | 490* |
| | Amanda Collette McLean (Conservative) | 250 |
| | Jeananne Margaret Shillcock (Labour) | 498* |
| | Nicholas Peter Skinner (Conservative) | 228 |
| Great Hollands South | Michael John Adams (Labour) | 614* |
| | Jennifer Ann McCracken (Conservative) | 599 |
| | John Stefan Piasecki (Labour) | 604* |
| | Lars Fredrick Arthur Swann (Conservative) | 552 |
| Hanworth | Charles Walter Baily (Conservative) | 939* |
| | Paul Charles Bennett (Green) | 205 |
| | Gillian Margaret Birch (Conservative) | 871* |
| | Alan Sydney Browne (Conservative) | 861* |
| | David Andrew Collins (Green) | 243 |
| | Lorraine Kerry de Laune (Liberal Democrat) | 222 |
| | Evelyn May Hughes (Liberal Democrat) | 232 |
| | Janet Hazel Keene (Labour) | 633 |
| | James Lawrence Walsh (Labour) | 566 |
| | David Henry Young (Green) | 302 |
| Harmans Water | Geoffrey Leslie Freeman (Labour & Co-operative) | 535 |
| | Alec Keene (Labour & Co-operative) | 494 |
| | Ian Christopher Douglas Mihell (Conservative) | 1082* |
| | Shelagh Rosemary Pile (Conservative) | 1122* |
| | Christopher Richard Martin Turrell (Conservative) | 1067* |
| | John Kenneth Wright (Labour & Co-operative) | 500 |
| Little Sandhurst and Wellington | Paul David Bettison (Conservative) | 806* |
| | Dale Philip Birch (Conservative) | 776* |
| | John Robert Delbridge (Labour) | 357 |
| | Jonathan George Keen (Labour) | 330 |
| Old Bracknell | Maureen Elizabeth Beadsley (Labour) | 628* |
| | Michael John Beadsley (Labour) | 624* |
| | Andrew Duncan Blatchford (Conservative) | 534 |
| | Isabel Margaret Mattick (Conservative) | 565 |
| | Gillian Annette Nicholas (Green) | 79 |
| | Lesley Marion Tooze (Liberal Democrat) | 126 |
| Owlsmoor | David Mohammed (Liberal Democrat) | 348 |
| | Richard Hugh Thomas (Conservative) | 580* |
| | Brian David Wilson (Labour & Co-operative) | 309 |
| | David James Worrall (Conservative) | 582* |

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| Priestwood and Garth | Aileen Moira Aveling (Liberal Democrat) | 237 |
| | Alvin Edwin Finch (Conservative) | 935* |
| | Dennis Rueben Good (Labour) | 780 |
| | Tony Packham (Conservative) | 1038* |
| | Jacqueline Doris Sylvia Ryder (Conservative) | 1000* |
| | Amanda Jane Williams (Labour) | 769 |
| | Colin Terence Williams (Labour) | 692 |

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| Warfield Harvest Ride | Gareth Michael Barnard (Conservative) | 1078* |
| | Patricia Eira Brown (Labour) | 303 |
| | Marian Donald Langton (Labour) | 367 |
| | Robert Lauchlan McLean (Conservative) | 994* |
| | John Clifton Thompson (Conservative) | 909* |
| | Martyn Jon Towle (Liberal Democrat) | 500 |

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| Wildridings and Central | Emma Catherine Duncan Barnard (Conservative) | 603* |
| | Philip Grayson (Conservative) | 609* |
| | Austin John McCormack (Labour) | 524 |
| | Richard Francis Mills (Labour) | 504 |

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| Winkfield and Cranbourne | Mary Patricia Ballin (Conservative) | 807* |
| | Anthony Malcolm House (Labour) | 160 |
| | Alan Harold Kendall (Conservative) | 802* |
| | David James Maxwell (Liberal Democrat) | 231 |
| | Stuart Stanley Tarrant (Liberal Democrat) | 357 |

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WARDS, TURNOUT AND CANDIDATES**

| | Ward Seats | Electorate | Votes | Turnout | Candidates |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Ascot | 2 | 3931 | 2107 | 29.43% | 6 |
| Binfield with Warfield | 3 | 5854 | 5571 | 34.37% | 7 |
| Bullbrook | 2 | 3718 | 2509 | 36.04% | 5 |
| Central Sandhurst | 2 | 4011 | 2155 | 29.72% | 6 |
| College Town | 2 | 3665 | 2034 | 29.28% | 4 |
| Crown Wood | 3 | 5829 | 3977 | 25.42% | 7 |
| Crowthorne | 2 | 3679 | 2363 | 34.33% | 5 |
| Gt Hollands North | 2 | 3025 | 1484 | 26.15% | 4 |
| Gt Hollands South | 2 | 3878 | 2380 | 31.92% | 4 |
| Hanworth | 3 | 6386 | 5086 | 30.30% | 10 |
| Harmans Water | 3 | 5192 | 4816 | 32.57% | 6 |
| Little Sandhurst & Wellington | 2 | 3889 | 2279 | 30.75% | 4 |
| Old Bracknell | 2 | 3740 | 2566 | 35.53% | 6 |
| Owlsmoor | 2 | 3946 | 1824 | 26.63% | 4 |
| Priestwood & Garth | 3 | 5554 | 5459 | 35.61% | 7 |
| Warfield Harvest Ride | 3 | 5442 | 4153 | 27.67% | 6 |
| Wildridings & Central | 2 | 3356 | 2258 | 34.95% | 4 |
| Winkfield & Cranbourne | 2 | 3721 | 2362 | 34.91% | 5 |
| | 42 | 78,816 | | 31.35% | 100 |