



Conservative hereditary peers' by-election, June 2021: result

In the by-election following the retirement of the Earl of Selborne, the retirement of Lord Denham and the non-attendance of Lord Selsdon during the 2019-21 Parliamentary session 36 valid votes were cast. All excepted hereditary peers belonging to the Conservative group, 43 in total, were eligible to vote.

The successful candidates were Lord Sandhurst, Earl of Leicester and Lord Altrincham

Overleaf are details of the votes cast for each candidate. Please note that the single transferable vote (STV) system was used for this by-election rather than the alternative vote (AV) system because more than one candidate was to be elected.

Note on the voting system

- The election was conducted using the single transferable vote system (also known as preferential voting).
- Under this system, voters rank in order as many candidates as they wish.
- Initially only first-preference votes are counted.
- To be elected a candidate must achieve the quota – this is determined by dividing the total number of valid votes cast by the number of positions to elect plus 1.
- If the vote for any one candidate equals or exceeds quota, that candidate is elected.
- If any such elected candidate has more votes than the quota, surplus votes are then transferred to other candidates proportionally based on their next indicated choice on all the ballots that had been received by that candidate.
- If no-one has exceeded the quota or after all surplus votes have been transferred, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and the votes are transferred to the next preferred candidate marked on each ballot.
- This process repeats until either every seat has been filled by candidates surpassing quota or until there are as many remaining seats as there are remaining candidates, at which point the remaining candidates are declared elected.
- Any ballot on which no further preference is marked is non-transferable.

The poll was conducted using electronic means and the count was conducted by Civica Election Services (formerly Electoral Reform Services).

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Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Distribution of votes

Candidates	First Preferences	Stage 2		Stage3		Stage 4		Stage 5		Stage 6	
		Exclusion of Dormer, L.; Wrottesley, L.; Biddulph, L.; Dundonald, E.; Napier, L. And Ettrick; Rowallan, L.; Stockton, E.; (MOUNTGARRET, L.), Mountgarret, V.; Elibank, L.; (FOXFORD, L.), Limerick, E.; Margadale, L.		Surplus of Sandhurst, L.		Exclusion of Carnavon, E.		Exclusion of Ashcombe, L.		Exclusion of Windlesham, L.	
Abergavenny, M.	3		3		3		3		3		3
Altrincham, L.	6		6	0.3	6.3		6.3		6.3	1	7.3
Ashcombe, L.	1		1		1		1	-1	-		-
Biddulph, L.	0	-			-		-		-		-
Carnarvon, E.	1		1		1	-1	-		-		-
De La Warr, E.	2		2		2		2		2		2
Dormer, L.	0	-			-		-		-		-
Dundonald, E.	0	-			-		-		-		-
Elibank, L.	0	-			-		-		-		-
Harlech, L.	4		4	0.1	4.1		4.1		4.1		4.1
Leicester, E.	7		7	0.3	7.3	1	8.3	1	9.3		9.3
(FOXFORD, L.), Limerick, E.	0	-			-		-		-		-
Margadale, L.	0	-			-		-		-		-
(MOUNTGARRET, L.), Mountgarret, V.	0	-			-		-		-		-
Napier And Ettrick, L.	0	-			-		-		-		-
Rowallan, L.	0	-			-		-		-		-
Sandhurst, L.	10		10	-1	9		9		9		9
Stockton, E.	0	-			-		-		-		-
Strathcarron, L.	1		1	0.3	1.3		1.3		1.3		1.3
Windlesham, L.	1		1		1		1		1	-1	-
Wrottesley, L.	0	-			-		-		-		-
Non-transferable			0		0		0		0		0
Totals	36		36		36		36		36		36

Distribution of votes continued...

Candidates	Stage 7		Stage 8		Stage 9		Result
	Exclusion of Strathcarron, L.		Exclusion of De La Warr, E.		Exclusion of Abergavenny, M.		
Abergavenny, M.		3		3	-3	-	
Altrincham, L.	0.3	7.6		7.6	2	9.6	Elected
Ashcombe, L.		-		-		-	
Biddulph, L.		-		-		-	
Carnarvon, E.		-		-		-	
De La Warr, E.		2	-2			-	
Dormer, L.		-		-		-	
Dundonald, E.		-		-		-	
Elibank, L.		-		-		-	
Harlech, L.	1	5.1	2	7.1		7.1	
Leicester, E.		9.3		9.3		9.3	Elected
(FOXFORD, L.), Limerick, E.		-		-		-	
Margadale, L.		-		-		-	
(MOUNTGARRET, L.), Mountgarret, V.		-		-		-	
Napier And Ettrick, L.		-		-		-	
Rowallan, L.		-		-		-	
Sandhurst, L.		9		9		9	Elected
Stockton, E.		-		-		-	
Strathcarron, L.	-1.3	-		-		-	
Windlesham, L.		-		-		-	
Wrottesley, L.		-		-		-	
Non-transferable		0		0	1	1	
Totals		36		36		36	