



## Conservative hereditary peers' by-election, February 2022: result

In the by-election following the retirement of Viscount Ridley, 36 valid votes were cast. All excepted hereditary peers belonging to the Conservative group, 45 in total, were eligible to vote.

On the first count, of the 10 candidates, 7 received one or more first-preference votes. There was one transfer of votes. The votes for the final 5 candidates were:

Lord Ashcombe	5
Viscount Camrose	6
Earl De La Warr	3
Earl of Limerick (Lord Foxford)	4
Lord Strathcarron	18

The successful candidate was therefore Lord Strathcarron.

Overleaf are details of the votes cast for each candidate. The left-hand column lists all candidates. The penultimate row shows the total number of votes. The last row shows the number of votes required for a candidate to be elected—i.e. half the total (rounded up if necessary).

### Note on the voting system

- The election was conducted using the alternative 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.
- If the vote for any one candidate equals or exceeds the votes for all the other candidates combined, that candidate is elected.
- Otherwise the votes for the candidate or candidates with fewest votes (or, in the event of a tie, fewest first-preference votes) are transferred to whichever of the continuing candidates is marked by that voter as their next available preference, and the votes thus transferred are added to the first-preference votes of those candidates. The process is repeated until one candidate has as many votes as all the other remaining candidates combined.
- 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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Distribution of votes

	<b>First- preference votes</b>	<b>I</b>
Ashcombe, L.	5	5
Biddulph, L.	0	<b>X</b>
Camrose, V.	6	6
De La Warr, E.	3	3
Dormer, L.	0	<b>X</b>
Dudley, E.	0	<b>X</b>
Limerick, E. (Foxford, L.),	3	4
Monckton of Brenchley, V.	1	<b>X</b>
Strathcarron, L.	17	18
Windlesham, L.	1	<b>X</b>
VOTES EXCLUDED AT EACH STAGE		0
TOTAL CONTINUING VOTES AT EACH STAGE		36
VOTES NEEDED IN ORDER TO BE ELECTED		18