

8 November 2023

Hereditary peers' by-election

This notice confirms the arrangements for the by-election following the death of Lord Brougham and Vaux on 27 August 2023.

Electors

Lord Brougham and Vaux was one of the 15 hereditary peers elected by the whole House from among those ready to serve as Deputy Speakers. Under Standing Order 9(7), his successor will therefore be elected by the whole House, although there is no expectation that they will serve as a Deputy Speaker.

Lord Brougham and Vaux was originally elected as a Conservative, and, in accordance with an informal agreement between the parties and groups in the House of Lords, it is expected that his successor will sit as a Conservative member of the House.

All members of the House who have taken the oath of allegiance or made the solemn affirmation to King Charles III on or before 16 November 2023 are eligible to vote, except those who are: subject to statutory disqualification; suspended from the service of the House; or on leave of absence.

Candidates

Those eligible to be candidates are hereditary peers on the register maintained by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

The deadline for registration of candidature was 12 noon on 31 October 2023. 14 candidates registered to stand in this by-election; a list is on page 3. Candidates were invited but not required to submit a written statement of up to 75 words; those statements are on pages 3 to 5.

Voting timetable

This by-election will be conducted using electronic means.

An email containing full voting instructions and link to the online voting website will be sent to the parliamentary email address of each member eligible to vote around 8am on Tuesday 21 November from takepart@cesvotes.com. The subject line will be: "Brougham and Vaux by-election – voting link.". The email will contain instructions on how votes can be cast online, along with a link to the secure website (which will be active from 10am).

Voting will take place online from 10am on Tuesday 21 November 2023 until 5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2023. It is expected that the result will be announced in the chamber on Thursday 23 November 2023.

No electors registered for postal votes so no ballot papers will be sent by post for this by-election.

Voting system

The by-election will be conducted via a secret ballot. The Alternative Vote system will be used.

Voters will place the name of the candidate they most strongly support at the top of the digital ballot paper, then place their next most favoured candidate below, and so on. Voters may cast as many or as few votes as they wish. To be elected, the successful candidate must receive at least as many votes as all the other candidates put together. In the event of this not happening after first preference votes have been allocated, the votes of the candidates receiving the lowest number of first preference votes will be shared out according to the second preference marked on them. This will be repeated until one candidate has at least half of the total valid votes.

Results

The electronic count will be overseen by Civica Election Services.

The result will be announced in the House of Lords chamber by the Clerk of the Parliaments at a convenient moment (likely to be after oral questions) on Thursday 23 November 2023.

The full results, including the number of first-preference votes cast for each candidate and the position after each transfer of votes, will be available in the Printed Paper Office soon after the announcement by the Clerk of the Parliaments. The results will also be published online at www.parliament.uk.

SIMON BURTON
Clerk of the Parliaments

List of candidates

Annaly, L. (Conservative)
Ashbourne, L. (Conservative)
Baillieu, L. (Conservative)
Bristol, M. (Conservative)
Camoys, L. (Conservative)
Eglinton and Winton, E. (Conservative)
Elibank, L. (Conservative)
Falmouth, V. (Conservative)
Hamilton of Dalzell, L. (Conservative)
Hazlerigg, L. (Conservative)
Mountgarret, V. (Conservative)
Napier and Ettrick, L. (Conservative)
Rossmore, L. (Conservative)
Windlesham, L. (Conservative)

Candidature statements

Annaly, L. (Conservative)

Short Service Commission Royal Hussars 4 years

RARO 8 years

Previously member of House from 1991

Government Whip 1994

Conservative District Councillor 2007-2010

Steward for BHS 2006-2020

Logistics Driver 2007-2023 – Delivering & demonstrating vehicles nationwide on remuneration close to minimum wage

Ashbourne, L. (Conservative)

Experienced and highly regarded mining financial professional from a Naval family with considerable media experience (used to host LBC's 'Dawn Traders'). Resident in the division bell area and a party member for over three decades, I have extensive knowledge and experience in the fields of mining, finance, science, history, Ireland and Africa (inter alia). I am seeking election to be a part of the solution that finally arrests 80 years of relative British decline.

Baillieu, L. (Conservative)

I am a Conservative Party member, who wishes to become a working member of the House. For 45 years I worked in banking and financial consulting in Australia (17 years), in Hong Kong (5 years), covering China, Taiwan, and the Philippines, and in Russia and Ukraine (23 years). I have wide experience of cross border negotiations in parts of the world which are now politically significant. Interests: The Commonwealth, and International Trade.

Bristol, M. (Conservative)

I run a successful property technology company which I founded 8 years ago. Previously lived and worked in the Baltic States for 8 years. Also worked within the UK residential and commercial property sector. Involved with 6 wide-ranging charities in Suffolk, one of which I founded. Other interests include heritage, countryside, and international relations. Aged 44, I live in London, and am willing and able to commit fully and energetically to the House if elected.

Camoyo, L. (Conservative)

My 26 years' experience in investment and foreign affairs, including running my own business advising on Western engagement in China (based in Beijing from 2010-15) follows my time in the Foreign Office (Afghanistan, Iran, India and Counter Terrorism). A founder of the UK's premier film studio planned for Marlow and chairman of a Nepalese nature conservation charity, I would look to contribute on foreign affairs, finance, nature conservation and the creative economy.

Eglinton and Winton, E. (Conservative)

In the last year I have been a regular attendee at ACP meetings; renewed my Party membership, attended the Scottish Party Conference in Glasgow in April.

A former Royal Navy Officer I believe in national defence, strong immigration policy, healthy and sustainable economic growth with fit for-purpose-services.

I am also a keen supporter of the Union.

I look forward to being an active & full-time member of the House and the Party.

Elibank, L. (Conservative)

In my career I have worked in the Technology sector and Energy sector and I am currently working for Reading University as a fundraiser. The latter two have given me considerable insight into the challenges of addressing climate change.

I am a lifelong Conservative supporter and I would hope to be a diligent, effective and collegiate member of the House.

Falmouth, V. (Conservative)

I have a passion creating activity, in manufacturing, the voluntary sector and the first English tea plantation. VP Cornwall Community Foundation, President of Young People Cornwall and Trustee National Maritime Museum Cornwall. Proprietor of a group of companies employing some 650 people delivering B2B labelling solutions including wristbands (HM Queen's Lying in State), electromagnetic coils for the automotive industry among others. Major emphasis on bringing suppliers back to the UK with focus on exports.

Hamilton of Dalzell, L. (Conservative)

Chartered Accountant, managed finance teams for Deutsche Post/DHL.

Developed family estate in Shropshire into a thriving diversified business encompassing retail, hospitality, commercial property and a significant regenerative arable and livestock farming enterprise.

Creating environmental improvements and wetlands.

Passionate about the rural community, a Deputy Lieutenant and involved with local voluntary organisations.

Dedicated Conservative Party member, serving as President of the South Shropshire association, campaigning for MPs and councillors and a contributor to Conservative Home.

Hazlerigg, L. (Conservative)

Successful entrepreneur who founded the Noisily Festival of Music and Arts and Floan, a POS finance business. Previous experience in renewables, passionate for sustainability; and driven by a desire to make palliative care a right. I feel that with my direct experience, I would be able to offer fresh and practical insight to these areas which need help to grow and flourish. 36, London-based, Frequent attendee at the ACP and driven to make a difference.

Mountgarret, V. (Conservative)

The honour and the privilege of this position is not underestimated. I have time to commit to the House as evidenced by multiple and numerous attendances at the Wednesday meetings. I bring domestic and international business experience to the table, I am well

travelled. My downtime is often spent with my four children, two of whom I raised as a sole custodian.

Napier and Etrick, L. (Conservative)

My life experience as someone who has succeeded in business despite significant challenges due to severe hearing impairments since my birth, would enable me to make a distinctive and valuable contribution to the House. However, I believe this difference will bring a much needed balance to the House, especially at a time when society is continuously becoming more divisive and complex. I am 60. I live near Cambridge but I commute to London. Diligent attendee.

Rossmore, L. (Conservative)

Age 40, live in London and run my own business.

- Visited Ukraine in May, to film long-form interviews with Zelensky's Economic Advisor, the best firearms instructor in the country, and a potential future president.
- Set up a scholarship at Cambridge in August, and enlisted the Chief Mars Landing Engineer at SpaceX and the founder of the London Institute for Mathematical Sciences as mentors.
- Teach music like a language online to 40,000 students.

Windlesham, L. (Conservative)

I am honoured to announce my candidacy for the forthcoming by-election. With extensive experience in financial services, I am an accomplished professional who is passionately interested in climate change and the transition to Net Zero.

If elected, I would play an active role in scrutinising and revising legislation, as well as promoting honesty, transparency, accountability and effective governance.

I humbly request your support in allowing me to be of service to our great nation.