

# Council By-elections

March 2026

**POLLING  
STATION**

**WAY IN** →

**DISABLED  
ACCESS** →

**CCTV in  
Operation**

**ACTIVE  
SECURITY  
GROUP  
0800  
7312361**

**SALUSBURY  
ROOMS**

**POLLING  
STATION**

**PLEASE  
SWITCH OFF  
MOBILE  
PHONES**

**PUSH GREEN  
BUTTON TO  
EXIT**



**NO SMOKING**  
It's against the law to  
smoke in these premises

**Fire exit  
Keep clear**

**OPENING TIMES  
7.00am - 10.00pm**

Note that as long as you are in the polling station, or in a queue outside, before 10.00am you will be entitled to apply for a ballot paper

# By-elections summary: March 2026

Wards in bold represent gains

Ward	Council	Date	T/O	Con	Lab	LD	Grn	Ref	PC	Ind	Oth
● <b>Coggeshall</b>	Braintree	05.03	37.1	17.2	20.3	3.1		<b>30.7</b>		28.7	
● <b>Murton</b>	Durham	05.03	24.9	3.1	<b>50.6</b>	1.9	4.8	39.6			
● <b>Hextable</b>	Sevenoaks	05.03	47.2	<b>38.9</b>		23.8	4.0	26.3		7.0	
● Thrupp	Stroud	05.03	41.3	7.3	5.8	2.8	<b>67.5</b>	16.5			0.3
● <b>Spital</b>	Tamworth	05.03	26.2	19.4	16.6		20.4	<b>43.6</b>			
● The Beeches	Cotswold	12.03	33.8	16.5	0.9	<b>52.7</b>	7.2	22.7			
● <b>Aigburth</b>	Liverpool	12.03	42.7	0.5	10.2	36.7	<b>45.0</b>	7.0		0.7	
● <b>Sleaford Westholme</b>	North Kesteven	12.03	26.1	15.0		2.2	10.2	<b>45.1</b>		11.3	16.1
● <b>Abingdon Abbey Northcote</b>	Vale of White Horse	12.03	31.6	6.8	3.2	<b>43.7</b>	32.5	13.8			
● Penrith South	W'mrland & Furness	12.03	23.5	10.0		<b>43.1</b>	13.0	33.9			
● <b>Milford Hakin</b>	Pembrokeshire	17.03	32.7	21.8	4.1	8.6	12.9	<b>27.1</b>		25.6	
● Axholme Central	North Lincolnshire	26.03	31.2	<b>49.2</b>	5.5	1.5	8.3	35.5			
● <b>Brumby</b>	North Lincolnshire	26.03	17.4	7.5	27.9	3.2	9.1	<b>52.3</b>			
● Halstead, Knockholt & Badg Mt.	Sevenoaks	26.03	45.0	<b>44.2</b>		20.9	5.1	29.8			
● <b>Stanford</b>	Vale of White Horse	26.03	43.4	<b>45.9</b>	1.0	27.2	7.9	18.0			

# Outcomes

## Conservatives net +2

**held (2)** Axholme Central | Halstead, Knockholt and Badgers' Mount

**gained (2)** Hextable | Stanford

**lost (0)**

## Labour net -1

**held (0)**

**gained (1)** Murton

**lost (2)** Brumby | Spital

## Reform UK net +4

**held (0)**

**gained (5)** Brumby | Coggeshall | Milford, Hakin | Sleaford Westholme | Spital

**lost (1)** Murton

## Liberal Democrats net -1

**held (2)** Penrith South | The Beeches

**gained (1)** Abingdon Abbey Northcourt

**lost (2)** Aigburth | Stanford

## Greens net 0

**held (1)** Thrupp

**gained (1)** Aigburth

**lost (1)** Abingdon Abbey Northcourt

## Independents, no description and Residents' Associations net -4

**held (0)**

**gained (0)**

**lost (4)** Coggeshall | Hextable | Milford, Hakin | Sleaford Westholme

## Thursday 5 March

### Coggeshall

Braintree  
resignation of Cllr Tom Walsh, Ind  
Electorate %Turnout 4,872 37.1



<b>Nathan W.J. Robins</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>30.7</b>
Sarah Neal	Lab	366	20.3 + 4.6
India J. Jayatilake	Con	311	17.2 - 12.1
Colin Riches	Ind	517	28.7
Barry J. Fleet	LD	55	3.1

### Murton

Durham  
resignation of Cllr David Cumming, Ref  
Electorate %Turnout 7,979 24.9



<b>Julie A. Griffiths</b>	<b>Lab</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>50.6 +18.2</b>
Theo S. Bell	Ref	786	39.6 - 4.2
Dorothy A. Luckhurst	Con	61	3.1 - 2.3
Isaac T. Short	Grn	95	4.8
Neil P. Thompson	LD	38	1.9 - 2.5

### Hextable

Sevenoaks  
death of Cllr Darren Kitchener, Ind  
Electorate %Turnout 3,281 47.2



<b>Lee Allen</b>	<b>Con</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>38.9 +23.4</b>
Daniel Kersten	Ref	406	26.3
Ashley F.E. Wassall	LD	367	23.8
Jackie Griffiths	Ind	108	7.0
Oliver Young	Grn	62	4.0

### Thrupp

Stroud  
resignation of Cllr Beki Aldam, Grn  
Electorate %Turnout 1,944 41.3

<b>Helen Elliott-Boult</b>	<b>Grn</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>67.5 + 3.1</b>
Michael A. Rees	Ref	132	16.5
Mick Fealty	Lab	46	5.8 - 12.3
Anthony P. Pilkington	Con	58	7.3 - 10.2
Raffy Chiswick	LD	22	2.8
Lucian Aeris	UKIP	2	0.3

### Spital

Tamworth  
death of Marion Couchman, Lab  
Electorate %Turnout 6,314 26.2



<b>Wayne Luca</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>43.6</b>
Stephen I. Andrews	Grn	337	20.4
Brett B. Beetham	Con	319	19.4 - 18.8
Steve Holland	Lab	273	16.6 - 23.3

## Thursday 12 March

### The Beeches

Cotswold  
resignation of Cllr Nigel Robbins, LD  
Electorate %Turnout 2,195 33.8

<b>Paul D. Evans</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>52.7 - 2.8</b>
Mackenzie J. Vaughan	Ref	168	22.7
Ben Shaw	Con	122	16.5 - 17.8
Bob Irving	Grn	53	7.2 - 2.9
Joshua Littler-Jennings	Lab	7	0.9

### Aigburth

Liverpool  
resignation of Cllr Dave Antrobus, LD  
Electorate %Turnout 4,071 42.7



<b>Paul Ruddick</b>	<b>Grn</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>45.0 +29.5</b>
Dave Thomas	LD	637	36.7 - 13.6
Jim Davies	Lab	177	10.2 - 21.7
Harry Gallimore-King	Ref	121	7.0
Craig V. Carden	Ind	12	0.7
Chris Hall	Con	8	0.5 - 1.8

### Sleaford Westholme

North Kesteven  
resignation of Cllr Ann Mear, Lincs Ind  
Electorate %Turnout 2,068 26.1



<b>Sandy Buchanan</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>45.1</b>
Dave Darmon	L Ind	87	16.1
Mark Webster	Con	81	15.0
Ian Leach	Grn	55	10.2
Anthony Brand	Ind	49	9.1
Susan E. Hislop	LD	12	2.2
Alex Tugwell	Ind	12	2.2

None of the parties or independents standing in this by-election contested the council elections in 2023. Ind Mear polled 76.8 last time and Lab 23.2

### Abingdon Abbey

Northcourt  
Vale of White Horse  
resignation of Cllr Cheryl Briggs, Grn  
Electorate %Turnout 4,693 31.6



<b>Caleb D. Pell</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>43.7 + 1.9</b>
Aidan T. Reilly	Grn	480	32.5 - 3.3
Luis E. Prado	Ref	204	13.8
Chris Palmer	Con	101	6.8 - 5.7
Stephen E.D. Webb	Lab	47	3.2 - 6.5

### Penrith South

Westmorland and Furness  
resignation of Cllr Virginia Taylor, LD  
Electorate %Turnout 7,398 23.5

<b>Barbara Jayson</b>	<b>LD</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>43.1 - 3.5</b>
Michael J. Houston	Ref	588	33.9
Emilia L. Hoffmann	Grn	225	13.0 + 2.1
Maiki Tolmie	Con	174	10.0 - 15.2

## Tuesday 17 March

### Milford Hakin

Pembrokeshire  
death of Cllr Mike Stoddart, Ind  
Electorate %Turnout 2,022 32.7



<b>Scott Thorley</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>27.1</b>
Brian Taylor	Con	144	21.8 + 0.5
Lee J. Bridges	Ind	106	16.0
Sam Booth	Grn	85	12.9
Sam Warden	LD	57	8.6
Duncan Edwards	Ind	52	7.9
Nicola C. Hartevelde	Lab	27	4.1
Derrick Abbott	Ind	11	1.7

[winning Ind polled 78.7 in 2022]

## Thursday 26 March

### Axholme Central

North Lincolnshire  
death of Cllr David Robinson, Con  
Electorate %Turnout 6,032 31.2

<b>Caroline A. Finch</b>	<b>Con</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>49.2 - 21.1</b>
Gerrad Farmer	Ref	668	35.5
Alex Ellis	Grn	157	8.3
Matthew T. Rawcliffe	Lab	103	5.5 - 24.2
Michael D. Shaw	LD	28	1.5

### Brumby

North Lincolnshire  
death of Cllr Sue Armitage, Lab  
Electorate %Turnout 8,477 17.4



<b>Ellen Dew</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>52.3</b>
Thomas W. Smith	Lab	410	27.9 - 43.5
Sam P. Hewson	Grn	133	9.1
Joanne L. Saunby	Con	110	7.5 - 21.1
Alan Kelly	LD	47	3.2

### Halstead, Knockholt and Badgers Mount

Sevenoaks  
death of Cllr Gary Williamson, Con  
Electorate %Turnout 2,829 45.0

<b>Tony Marshall</b>	<b>Con</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>44.2 - 22.1</b>
George Pender	Ref	378	29.8
Stephen J. Maines	LD	266	20.9 - 12.8
Robert E. Royston	Grn	65	5.1

### Stanford

Vale of White Horse  
resignation of Cllr Sue Caul, LD  
Electorate %Turnout 3,345 43.4



<b>Lee Evans</b>	<b>Con</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>45.9 + 2.5</b>
Adrian V.R. Bettridge	LD	395	27.2 - 17.0
Sarah Von Simson	Ref	261	18.0
Jacob J. Yung	Grn	115	7.9 - 4.5
Rob Blundell	Lab	14	1.0