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GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS, 9 APRIL 1992

This paper presents some analyses of voting in the general election held on 9 April 1992. It is based on the definitive results which are published in *Britain Votes 5*, by Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher (Dartmouth 1993).

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The 1992 General Election set several records. More votes were cast than ever before and a single party received more than 14 million votes for the first time. More women (571) stood than ever before and the 60 elected were twice the number elected at any previous election except in 1987. Of these 60, 20 were Conservative, 37 Labour, two Liberal Democrat and one Scottish National Party. Turnout at the election, at 77.7 per cent, was the highest since February 1974 and some individual constituency turnouts - notably the 86.1 per cent recorded in North West Leicestershire and Monmouth - were exceptionally high.

The seats that changed hands at the election, **compared with 1987**, were as follows.

Conservative gains from Labour: Aberdeen South.

Conservative gains from Liberal Democrat: Brecon & Radnor and Southport.

Labour gains from Conservative: Barrow & Furness, Birmingham Northfield, Birmingham Selly Oak, Birmingham Yardley, Bristol East, Cambridge, Cannock & Burntwood, Cardiff Central, Croydon North West, Darlington, Delyn, Dulwich, Ellesmere Port & Neston, Feltham & Heston, Hampstead & Highgate, Hornsey & Wood Green, Hyndburn, Ilford South, Ipswich, Kingswood, Lewisham East, Lewisham West, North Warwickshire, Nottingham East, Nottingham South, Nuneaton, Pembroke, Pendle, Rossendale & Darwen, Sherwood, Southampton Itchen, Stockport, Streatham, Thurrock, Wallasey, Walthamstow, Warrington South, West Lancashire, Wolverhampton North East and York.

Labour gains from SDP: Greenwich, Plymouth Devonport and Woolwich.

Liberal Democrat gains from Conservative: Bath, Cheltenham, North Cornwall and North Devon.

Plaid Cymru gain from Liberal Democrat: Ceredigion & Pembroke North.

SDLP gain from Sinn Fein: Belfast West.

In addition, the Conservatives regained several seats lost at by-elections between 1987 and 1992: Langbaugh, Monmouth, Mid Staffordshire and Vale of Glamorgan from Labour; and Eastbourne, Kincardine & Deeside and Ribble Valley from the Liberal Democrats. Labour regained Glasgow Govan from the SNP and also three former Labour seats where the sitting Member had changed party allegiance: Coventry South East, Dunfermline West and Liverpool Broadgreen.

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Table 1
Summary of voting

Party	Votes	% share of votes	Candidates	MPs elected	Lost deposits
Conservative (a)	14,093,007	41.9%	645	336	4
Labour	11,560,484	34.4%	634	271	1
Liberal Democrat	5,999,606	17.8%	632	20	11
Scottish National	629,564	1.9%	72	3	-
Plaid Cymru (b)	156,796	0.5%	38	4	23
Green (b)	170,047	0.5%	253	-	253
Liberal	64,744	0.2%	73	-	72
Natural Law	62,888	0.2%	309	-	309
Ulster Unionist	271,049	0.8%	13	9	-
Democratic Unionist	103,039	0.3%	7	3	-
Popular Unionist	19,305	0.1%	1	1	-
SDLP	184,445	0.5%	13	4	-
Sinn Fein	78,291	0.2%	14	-	5
Alliance	68,665	0.2%	16	-	5
Others	152,144	0.5%	229	-	218
TOTAL	33,614,074	100.0%	2,949	651	901

(a) Includes 11 candidates in Northern Ireland, four of whom lost their deposits.

(b) Plaid Cymru totals include three joint Plaid Cymru/Green candidates.

The average turnout nationally was 77.7 per cent.

Table 2
Votes cast for major parties by region

	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP/PC	Other	Total
ENGLAND	12,796,772	9,551,910	5,398,293	-	401,531	28,148,506
North	603,893	914,712	281,236	-	8,704	1,808,545
Yorks & Humber	1,084,242	1,267,515	481,260	-	25,240	2,858,257
East Midlands	1,149,514	922,397	376,608	-	18,037	2,466,556
East Anglia	635,754	348,353	242,984	-	18,424	1,245,515
Greater London	1,630,333	1,332,424	543,741	-	89,344	3,595,842
Rest of SE	3,519,149	1,341,299	1,507,305	-	88,118	6,455,871
South West	1,387,923	561,836	916,763	-	52,191	2,918,713
West Midlands	1,390,246	1,203,351	466,228	-	45,124	3,104,949
North West	1,395,718	1,660,023	582,168	-	56,349	3,694,258
WALES (a)	499,677	865,663	217,457	156,747	9,233	1,748,777
SCOTLAND	751,950	1,142,911	383,856	629,564	23,417	2,931,698
N. IRELAND (b)	44,608	-	-	-	740,485	785,093

(a) Plaid Cymru totals include three joint Plaid Cymru/Green candidates.

(b) Table 5 gives a breakdown of voting in Northern Ireland.

UNITED KINGDOM	42.8%	35.2%	18.3%	2.4%	1.3%	100.0%
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Table 3
Percentage distribution of votes cast for major parties by region

	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP/PC	Other	Total
ENGLAND	45.5%	33.9%	19.2%	-	1.4%	100.0%
North	33.4%	50.6%	15.6%	-	0.5%	100.0%
Yorks & Humber	37.9%	44.3%	16.8%	-	0.9%	100.0%
East Midlands	46.6%	37.4%	15.3%	-	0.7%	100.0%
East Anglia	51.0%	28.0%	19.5%	-	1.5%	100.0%
Greater London	45.3%	37.1%	15.1%	-	2.5%	100.0%
Rest of SE	54.5%	20.8%	23.3%	-	1.4%	100.0%
South West	47.6%	19.2%	31.4%	-	1.8%	100.0%
West Midlands	44.8%	38.8%	15.0%	-	1.5%	100.0%
North West	37.8%	44.9%	15.8%	-	1.5%	100.0%
WALES (a)	28.6%	49.5%	12.4%	9.0%	0.5%	100.0%
SCOTLAND	25.6%	39.0%	13.1%	21.5%	0.8%	100.0%
N. IRELAND (a)	5.7%	-	-	-	94.3%	100.0%

(a) Plaid Cymru totals include three joint Plaid Cymru/Green candidates.

(b) Table 5 gives a breakdown of voting in Northern Ireland.

Table 4

Changes since June 1987 in major parties' share of the vote, by region

	Con	Lab	Lib Dem (a)	SNP/PC	Other
ENGLAND	-0.8%	+4.4%	-4.7%	-	+1.0%
North	+1.1%	+4.2%	-5.5%	-	+0.2%
Yorks & Humber	+0.5%	+3.7%	-4.8%	-	+0.6%
East Midlands	-2.0%	+7.4%	-5.7%	-	+0.3%
East Anglia	-1.1%	+6.3%	-6.2%	-	+1.0%
Greater London (b)	-1.2%	+5.6%	-6.2%	-	+1.7%
Rest of SE	-1.1%	+4.0%	-3.8%	-	+0.9%
South West	-3.0%	+3.3%	-1.6%	-	+1.3%
West Midlands	-0.8%	+5.5%	-5.8%	-	+1.1%
North West	-0.2%	+3.7%	-4.8%	-	+1.3%
WALES (c)	-0.9%	+4.4%	-5.5%	+1.7%	+0.3%
SCOTLAND	+1.6%	-3.4%	-6.1%	+7.4%	+0.5%
GREAT BRITAIN	-0.5%	+3.7%	-4.8%	+0.7%	+0.9%

(a) Compared with votes for Liberal/SDP Alliance in 1987.

(b) Treats the former Speaker's seat as a Conservative one.

(c) Plaid Cymru totals include three joint Plaid Cymru/Green candidates.

Table 5
The results in Northern Ireland

Party	Votes	% share of votes	Candidates	MPs elected	Lost deposits
Ulster Unionist	271,049	34.5%	13	9	-
Democratic Unionist	103,039	13.1%	7	3	-
Popular Unionist	19,305	2.5%	1	1	-
Conservative	44,608	5.7%	11	-	4
Alliance	68,665	8.7%	16	-	5
SDLP	184,445	23.5%	13	4	-
Sinn Fein	78,291	10.0%	14	-	5
Workers Party	4,359	0.6%	8	-	8
Natural Law Party	2,147	0.3%	9	-	9
Other	9,185	1.2%	8	-	7
TOTAL	785,093	100.0%	100	17	38

The overall turnout was 69.8 per cent.

Table 6
Seats won by party in each region of Great Britain

	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP/PC	Total
ENGLAND	319	195	10	-	524
North	6	29	1	-	36
Yorks & Humber	20	34	-	-	54
East Midlands	28	14	-	-	42
East Anglia	17	3	-	-	20
Greater London	48	35	1	-	84
Rest of SE	106	3	-	-	109
South West	38	4	6	-	48
West Midlands	29	29	-	-	58
North West	27	44	2	-	73
WALES	6	27	1	4	38
SCOTLAND	11	49	9	3	72
GREAT BRITAIN	336	271	20	7	634

Table 7 shows the net change since the 1987 General Election in the number of seats won by each party in each region. Tables 8 and 9 show the gross changes in seats, analysed by the party gaining and the party losing. Table 8 shows changes from the 1987 General Election and Table 9 from the dissolution in March 1992.

Table 7
Change from 1987 in number of seats won by party in each region

	Con	Lab	Lib Dem (a)	SNP/PC	Total
ENGLAND (b)	-39	+40	-	-	+1
North	-2	+2	-	-	-
Yorks & Humber	-1	+1	-	-	-
East Midlands	-3	+3	-	-	-
East Anglia	-2	+2	-	-	-
Greater London	-10	+12	-2	-	-
Rest of SE (b)	-1	+2	-	-	+1
South West	-6	+3	+3	-	-
West Midlands	-7	+7	-	-	-
North West	-7	+8	-1	-	-
WALES	-2	+3	-2	+1	-
SCOTLAND	+1	-1	-	-	-
GREAT BRITAIN	-40	+42	-2	+1	+1

(a) Compared with Liberal/SDP Alliance seats in 1987.

(b) Includes one additional Conservative seat following division of Milton Keynes and treats the former Speaker's seat as a Conservative one.

Table 8
Changes in seats relative to June 1987

	Party gaining					Total
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	PC	SDLP	
<u>Party losing</u>						
Conservative	-	40	4	-	-	44
Labour	1	-	-	-	-	1
Liberal Democrat (a)	2	-	-	1	-	3
Social Democrat (a)	-	3	-	-	-	3
Sinn Fein	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	3	43	4	1	1	52

Party	Seats	Gains	Losses	Net gains
Con	336	3	44	-41
Lab	271	43	1	+42
Lib Dem (a)	20	4	3	+1
Soc Dem (a)	-	-	3	-3
SNP	3	-	-	-
PC	4	1	-	+1
UU	9	-	-	-
SDLP	4	1	-	+1
DUP	3	-	-	-
UPUP	1	-	-	-
SF	-	-	1	-1

(a) Liberal Democrat includes those SDP seats whose Members joined the Liberal Democratic Party.

The three remaining Social Democrat seats are shown separately.

(b) Includes the former Speaker. The additional seat in Milton Keynes is not included here.

Table 9
Changes in seats relative to dissolution in March 1992

	Party gaining					Total
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	PC	SDLP	
<u>Party losing</u>						
Conservative	-	40	4	-	-	44
Labour	5	-	-	-	-	5
Liberal Democrat	5	-	-	1	-	6
Social Democrat	-	3	-	-	-	3
SNP	-	2	-	-	-	2
Other (a)	-	2	-	-	-	2
Sinn Fein	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	10	47	4	1	1	63

Party	Seats	Gains	Losses	Net gains
Con (b)	336	10	44	-34
Lab	271	47	5	+42
Lib Dem	20	4	6	-2
Soc Dem	-	-	3	-3
SNP	3	-	2	-2
PC	4	1	-	+1
UU	9	-	-	-
SDLP	4	1	-	+1
DUP	3	-	-	-
UPUP	1	-	-	-
SF	-	-	1	-1
Other (a)	-	-	2	-2

(a) Dave Nellist and Terry Fields

(b) Includes the former Speaker. The additional seat in Milton Keynes is not included here.

The overall turnout in the 1992 General Election was 77.7 per cent, the highest since February 1974. The turnout in England was 78.0%, in Wales was 79.7%, in Scotland was 75.5% and in Northern Ireland was 69.8%.

Table 10 shows the highest and lowest turnouts in each of the four home countries.

Table 10
Highest and lowest turnouts (per cent)

ENGLAND			
1 North West Leicestershire	86.1	1 Peckham	53.8
2 Mid Staffordshire	85.6	2 Liverpool Riverside	54.6
3 Sherwood	85.5	3 Newham North West	56.0
4 Ribble Valley	85.0	4 Sheffield Central	56.1
5 West Derbyshire	85.0	5 Manchester Central	56.9
6 Hazel Grove	85.0	6 Newham South	60.2
7 Richmond and Barnes	84.9	7 Newham North East	60.3
8 Bury North	84.8	8 Manchester Gorton	60.8
9 South Derbyshire	84.7	9 Hackney North & Stoke Newington	61.2
10 Amber Valley	84.7	10 Leeds Central	61.3
WALES			
1 Monmouth	86.1	1 Swansea West	73.3
2 Brecon and Radnor	85.9	2 Cardiff Central	74.3
3 Cardiff North	84.1	3 Swansea East	75.6
4 Delyn	83.4	4 Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	75.8
5 Pembroke	82.9	5 Cynon Valley	76.5
SCOTLAND			
1 Ayr	83.0	1 Glasgow Central	63.0
2 Edinburgh West	82.6	2 Glasgow Maryhill	65.1
3 East Lothian	82.4	3 Glasgow Provan	65.3
4 Stirling	82.3	4 Orkney and Shetland	65.5
5 Strathkelvin and Bearsden	82.2	5 Glasgow Springburn	65.7
NORTHERN IRELAND			
1 South Down	80.8	1 East Antrim	62.4
2 Mid-Ulster	79.2	2 South Antrim	62.9
3 Fermanagh and South Tyrone	78.5	3 Belfast South	64.5
4 Newry and Armagh	77.9	4 Strangford	65.0
5 Belfast West	73.1	5 Belfast North	65.2

Table 11A

Largest and smallest absolute majorities, by party

LARGEST CONSERVATIVE MAJORITIES

1	John Major	Huntingdon	36,230	49.3%
2	Michael Mates	East Hampshire	29,165	39.4%
3	Andrew MacKay	East Berkshire	28,680	39.0%
4	Sir Michael Grylls	North West Surrey	28,394	43.4%
5=	Sir Norman Fowler	Sutton Coldfield	26,036	45.9%
	Michael Clark	Rochford	26,036	40.8%

LARGEST LABOUR MAJORITIES

1	Llewellyn Smith	Blaenau Gwent	30,067	69.2%
2	Joe Benton	Bootle	29,442	58.6%
3	Allan Rogers	Rhondda	28,816	62.7%
4	Peter Kilfoyle	Liverpool Walton	28,299	59.9%
5	Ted Rowlands	Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	26,713	60.3%

SMALLEST CONSERVATIVE MAJORITIES

1	Walter Sweeney	Vale of Glamorgan	19	0.0%
2	Michael Stern	Bristol North West	45	0.1%
3	Terry Dicks	Hayes & Harlington	53	0.1%
4	Phil Gallie	Ayr	85	0.2%
5	Jonathan Evans	Brecon & Radnor	130	0.3%

SMALLEST LABOUR MAJORITIES

1	Janet Anderson	Rossendale & Darwen	120	0.2%
2	Estelle Morris	Birmingham Yardley	162	0.4%
3	Mike Hall	Warrington South	191	0.3%
4	Jamie Cann	Ipswich	265	0.5%
5	Mike Gapes	Ilford South	402	0.9%

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT MAJORITIES

Largest	Simon Hughes	Southwark & Bermondsey	9,845	26.1%
Smallest	Malcolm Bruce	Gordon	274	0.5%

SNP/PLAID CYMRU MAJORITIES

Largest	Dafydd Wigley (PC)	Caernarfon	14,476	39.9%
Smallest	Andrew Welsh (SNP)	Angus East	954	2.0%

NORTHERN IRELAND MAJORITIES

Largest	Clifford Forsythe (UU)	South Antrim	24,559	58.1%
Smallest	Joe Hendron (SDLP)	Belfast West	589	1.5%

Table 11B
Largest and smallest percentage majorities, by party

LARGEST CONSERVATIVE MAJORITIES

1	John Major	Huntingdon	36,230	49.3%
2	Nicholas Scott	Chelsea	12,789	47.7%
3	Sir Norman Fowler	Sutton Coldfield	26,036	45.9%
4	Tim Smith	Beaconsfield	23,597	44.6%
5	John Wilkinson	Ruislip-Northwood	19,791	44.6%

LARGEST LABOUR MAJORITIES

1	Llewellyn Smith	Blaenau Gwent	30,067	69.2%
2	Bob Parry	Liverpool Riverside	17,437	64.4%
3	George Howarth	Knowsley North	22,403	63.1%
4	Terry Patchett	Barnsley East	24,777	63.0%
5	Allan Rogers	Rhondda	28,816	62.7%

SMALLEST CONSERVATIVE MAJORITIES

1	Walter Sweeney	Vale of Glamorgan	19	0.0%
2	Michael Stern	Bristol North West	45	0.1%
3	Terry Dicks	Hayes & Harlington	53	0.1%
4	Phil Gallie	Ayr	85	0.2%
5	Jonathan Evans	Brecon & Radnor	130	0.3%

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1	Janet Anderson	Rossendale & Darwen	120	0.2%
2	Mike Hall	Warrington South	191	0.3%
3	Estelle Morris	Birmingham Yardley	162	0.4%
4	Jamie Cann	Ipswich	265	0.5%
5	Alice Mahon	Halifax	478	0.8%

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Table 12
Highest and lowest shares of the vote, by party

CONSERVATIVE

1	Huntingdon	66.2%	1	Glasgow Provan	7.8%
2	Esher	65.4%	2	Rhondda	7.8%
3	Sutton Coldfield	65.2%	3	Western Isles	8.5%
4	Chelsea	65.1%	4	Glasgow Springburn	8.7%
5	East Hampshire	64.2%	5	Blaenau Gwent	9.8%
6	Beaconsfield	64.0%	6	Glasgow Govan	9.9%
7	North West Surrey	63.8%	7	Southwark & Bermondsey	10.1%
8	Croydon South	63.7%	8	Glasgow Maryhill	10.3%
9	Christchurch	63.5%	9	Liverpool Mossley Hill	10.3%
10	Ravensbourne	63.4%	10	Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	11.1%

LABOUR

1	Blaenau Gwent	79.0%	1	Eastbourne	4.6%
2	Knowsley North	77.5%	2	North East Fife	5.5%
3	Barnsley East	77.2%	3	Richmond & Barnes	5.8%
4	Liverpool Riverside	75.9%	4	North Devon	5.9%
5	Bootle	74.6%	5	Newbury	6.0%
6	Rhondda	74.5%	6	Isle of Wight	6.0%
7	Islwyn	74.3%	7	Cheltenham	6.4%
8	Easington	72.7%	8	South West Surrey	6.4%
9	Manchester Central	72.7%	9	Ribble Valley	6.5%
10	Liverpool Walton	72.4%	10	North Cornwall	6.6%

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

1	Southwark & Bermondsey	56.9%	1	Western Isles	3.4%
2	Yeovil	51.7%	2	Glasgow Govan	3.5%
3	Truro	50.5%	3	Glasgow Provan	4.0%
4	Bath	48.9%	4	Dundee East	4.0%
5	Montgomery	48.5%	5	Glasgow Springburn	4.1%
6	Liverpool Mossley Hill	47.9%	6	Knowsley North	4.3%
7	North Cornwall	47.4%	7	Ynys Môn	4.4%
8	Cheltenham	47.3%	8	Monklands East	4.6%
9	North Devon	47.1%	9	Carrick Cumnock & Doon Valley	4.7%
10	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	46.9%	10	Glasgow Garscadden	4.9%

PLAID CYMRU/SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY

1	Caernarfon	59.0%	1	Monmouth (a)	0.8%
2	Banff & Buchan	47.5%	2	Brecon & Radnor	0.9%
3	Moray	44.3%	3	Alyn & Deeside	1.1%
4	Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	44.0%	4	Newport West	1.4%
5	Angus East	40.1%	5	Cardiff South & Penarth	1.6%
6	North Tayside	37.5%	6	Newport East (a)	1.7%
7	Western Isles	37.2%	7	Cardiff Central	1.7%
8	Ynys Môn	37.1%	8	Cardiff North	1.9%
9	Glasgow Govan	37.1%	9	Vale of Glamorgan	2.1%
10	Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	36.4%	10	Delyn	2.5%

(a) Joint Plaid Cymru/Green candidate.

Table 12
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CONSERVATIVE				
1	Huntingdon	66.2%	1 Glasgow Provan	7.8%
2	Esher	65.4%	2 Rhondda	7.8%
3	Sutton Coldfield	65.2%	3 Western Isles	8.5%
4	Chelsea	65.1%	4 Glasgow Springburn	8.7%
5	East Hampshire	64.2%	5 Blaenau Gwent	9.8%
6	Beaconsfield	64.0%	6 Glasgow Govan	9.9%
7	North West Surrey	63.8%	7 Southwark & Bermondsey	10.1%
8	Croydon South	63.7%	8 Glasgow Maryhill	10.3%
9	Christchurch	63.5%	9 Liverpool Mossley Hill	10.3%
10	Ravensbourne	63.4%	10 Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	11.1%
LABOUR				
1	Blaenau Gwent	79.0%	1 Eastbourne	4.6%
2	Knowsley North	77.5%	2 North East Fife	5.5%
3	Barnsley East	77.2%	3 Richmond & Barnes	5.8%
4	Liverpool Riverside	75.9%	4 North Devon	5.9%
5	Bootle	74.6%	5 Newbury	6.0%
6	Rhondda	74.5%	6 Isle of Wight	6.0%
7	Islwyn	74.3%	7 Cheltenham	6.4%
8	Easington	72.7%	8 South West Surrey	6.4%
9	Manchester Central	72.7%	9 Ribble Valley	6.5%
10	Liverpool Walton	72.4%	10 North Cornwall	6.6%
LIBERAL DEMOCRAT				
1	Southwark & Bermondsey	56.9%	1 Western Isles	3.4%
2	Yeovil	51.7%	2 Glasgow Govan	3.5%
3	Truro	50.5%	3 Glasgow Provan	4.0%
4	Bath	48.9%	4 Dundee East	4.0%
5	Montgomery	48.5%	5 Glasgow Springburn	4.1%
6	Liverpool Mossley Hill	47.9%	6 Knowsley North	4.3%
7	North Cornwall	47.4%	7 Ynys Môn	4.4%
8	Cheltenham	47.3%	8 Monklands East	4.6%
9	North Devon	47.1%	9 Carrick Cumnock & Doon Valley	4.7%
10	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	46.9%	10 Glasgow Garscadden	4.9%
PLAID CYMRU/SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY				
1	Caernarfon	59.0%	1 Monmouth (a)	0.8%
2	Banff & Buchan	47.5%	2 Brecon & Radnor	0.9%
3	Moray	44.3%	3 Alyn & Deeside	1.1%
4	Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	44.0%	4 Newport West	1.4%
5	Angus East	40.1%	5 Cardiff South & Penarth	1.6%
6	North Tayside	37.5%	6 Newport East (a)	1.7%
7	Western Isles	37.2%	7 Cardiff Central	1.7%
8	Ynys Môn	37.1%	8 Cardiff North	1.9%
9	Glasgow Govan	37.1%	9 Vale of Glamorgan	2.1%
10	Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	36.4%	10 Delyn	2.5%

(a) Joint Plaid Cymru/Green candidate.

Table 13

Largest constituency changes since 1987 in main parties' share of the total vote

Increases		Decreases	
CONSERVATIVE (GB only)			
1 Stockton South	+10.2%	1 Hove	-9.9%
2 Great Grimsby	+7.8%	2 Leicester East	-8.8%
3 Eastwood	+7.3%	3 Ribble Valley	-8.5%
4 Newcastle upon Tyne North	+7.2%	4 Eastbourne	-8.3%
5 North East Cambridgeshire	+7.1%	5 Birmingham Yardley	-8.1%
6 Battersea	+6.2%	6 Chesterfield	-8.0%
7 Colne Valley	+5.6%	7 North Cornwall	-7.4%
8 Glasgow Rutherglen	+5.4%	8 Bradford North	-7.3%
9 Gordon	+5.1%	9 Liverpool Mossley Hill	-7.2%
10 Plymouth Devonport	+5.0%	10 Falmouth & Camborne	-7.0%
LABOUR			
1 Plymouth Devonport	+20.3%	1 Glasgow Pollok	-19.7%
2 Mansfield	+16.9%	2 Glasgow Govan	-15.9%
3 North West Norfolk	+16.1%	3 Edinburgh Leith	-15.1%
4 Mid Staffordshire	+15.0%	4 Coventry South East	-14.9%
5 Plymouth Drake	+14.5%	5 Ribble Valley	-11.2%
6 Exeter	+13.7%	6 Southwark & Bermondsey	-8.9%
7 Monmouth	+13.3%	7 Falkirk East	-8.1%
8 Ashfield	+13.2%	8 Cunninghame South	-7.9%
9 Tottenham	+12.9%	9 Aberdeen North	-7.6%
10 Norwich North	+12.6%	10 Glasgow Central	-7.3%
LIBERAL DEMOCRAT (a)			
1 Ribble Valley	+19.2%	1 Plymouth Devonport	-29.9%
2 Eastbourne	+13.0%	2 Leeds West	-24.7%
3 Birmingham Yardley	+9.5%	3 Stockton South	-18.8%
4 Southwark & Bermondsey	+9.4%	4 Plymouth Drake	-18.2%
5 Windsor & Maidenhead	+8.1%	5 North West Norfolk	-18.2%
6 Taunton	+7.1%	6 Western Isles	-17.3%
7 Bath	+6.3%	7 South East Staffordshire	-17.1%
8 Chesterfield	+6.2%	8 Stevenage	-15.9%
9 St. Ives	+6.2%	9 Plymouth Sutton	-15.4%
10 Newbury	+5.6%	10 Pembroke	-15.2%
SNP/PLAID CYMRU			
1 Glasgow Govan	+26.7%	1 Dundee East	-6.8%
2 Ceredigion & Pembroke North	+15.0%	2 Ynys Môn	-6.1%
3 Cunninghame South	+13.2%	3 Angus East	-2.3%
4 Kilmarnock & Loudoun	+12.5%	4 Islwyn	-0.9%
5 Edinburgh Leith	+12.4%	5 Conwy	-0.5%

(a) Compared with Liberal/SDP vote in 1987.

Table 14
 Candidates finishing in first, second, third and fourth places
 (Great Britain only)

	First place	Second place	Third place	Fourth place or lower	Total
Conservative	336	247	49	2	634
Labour	271	192	161	10	634
Liberal Democrat	20	154	389	69	632
Scottish National	3	36	27	6	72
Plaid Cymru	4	2	5	27	38
Other (a)	-	3	3	833	839
Total	634	634	634	947	2,849

(a) The candidates finishing second were Mr Cartwright (Soc Dem - Woolwich), Mrs Barnes (Soc Dem - Greenwich) and Mr Sheridan (Scottish Militant Labour - Glasgow Pollok).
 The candidates finishing third were Mr Nellist (Ind Lab - Coventry SE), Mr Fields (Soc Lab - Liverpool Broadgreen) and Mr Bidwell (True Lab - Ealing Southall).