

## ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – 18 MAY 2015

### ELECTIONS 7 MAY 2015 – REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The quadrennial elections for members of the District Council and Parish and Town Councils in New Forest District took place on 7 May 2015. The elections were combined with the elections for members of Parliament for the New Forest East and New Forest West Parliamentary Constituencies.
- 1.2 Notices of election for the 60 seats on the District Council and the 350 seats on the Parish and Town Councils were published on 27 March 2015. The number of candidates validly nominated were:
- District Council - 156  
Parish/Town Councils - 396
- 1.3 At the elections in May 2011, there were 147 candidates for District Council seats and 374 for Parish/Town Councils.

#### 2. POLLS – 7 MAY 2015

- 2.1 There were contests in 32 of the 34 District Wards and in 12 parishes/towns with a total 29 parish/town ward contests. Two candidates, were elected unopposed to the District Council, namely, Cllr William Dow in the Forest North West Ward and Cllr Emma Lane in the Ringwood East & Sopley Ward. 198 Parish/Town candidates were elected unopposed. There were elections in the following parishes/towns:
- Ashurst & Colbury Parish Council  
Bransgore Parish Council  
Copythorne (Copythorne North Ward)  
Hythe & Dibden (Butts Ash Ward; Dibden Ward; Dibden Purlieu Ward; Hythe East Ward; Furzedown Ward; Hythe West Ward; Langdown Ward)  
Fawley Parish Council (Blackfield & Langley Ward; Hardley Ward; Holbury Ward)  
Lymington & Pennington Town Council (Buckland Ward; Lymington Town Ward; Pennington Ward)  
Netley Marsh (Netley Marsh North Ward)  
New Milton (Barton Ward; Bashley Ward; Fernhill Ward; Milton Ward)  
Ringwood (Ringwood South Ward)  
Sway Parish Council  
Totton & Eling Town Council (Totton Central Ward; Totton East Ward; Totton North Ward; Totton South Ward; Totton West Ward)  
Whitsbury Parish Council
- 2.2 Polling took place at 104 polling stations across the District. Postal ballot papers were issued to 20,521 electors, with 14,050 postal papers being included in the count. 1.9% of the postal votes returned were rejected on opening because of incorrectly completed, or no, postal voting statements, signatures and dates of birth not matching, no ballot papers, or other irregularities. These postal votes were not included in the count. 1.32%

of all ballot papers included in the count were rejected, This is higher than the figure of 1% in 2011.

- 2.3 Verification of the Parliamentary, District and Parish elections took place at two sites – Applemore Health & Leisure and New Milton Health & Leisure – on the night of 7 May. The verification was followed by the count of the Parliamentary votes. The count of the District & Parish votes was held on Friday 8 May at Applemore Health & Leisure.

### **3. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION RESULTS**

- 3.1 The following were elected:

New Forest East	Julian Murray Lewis
New Forest West	Desmond Angus Swayne

The turnouts were:

New Forest East:	68.27%
New Forest West	69.54%

### **4. DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS**

- 4.1 The results are shown in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The overall percentage poll for the District Council elections was 68.15% This is higher than the 44.93% at the 2011 elections, when the elections were combined with the referendum on changes to the voting system at Parliamentary elections.

### **5. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS**

- 5.1 All Parish/Town Council election results are on the District Council's website at: <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/16210/Elections-2015---Results>
- 5.2 The overall percentage poll for the Parish Council elections was 66.14%.
- 5.3 Where insufficient nominations were received to fill all the vacant seats, the Parish or Town Council may within 35 days of the election, co-opt members to fill the vacancies. Any person co-opted must meet the normal qualification rules for membership of a Parish or Town Council. If co-option is not undertaken within 35 days the District Council may appoint persons to serve on the parish/town council, or may order further elections to be held to fill the vacancies.

**6. RECOMMENDED:**

6.1 That the report of the Returning Officer be noted.

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**Background Papers:**

Published documents

## APPENDIX 1

### District Council Election Results - 7 May 2015

#### ASHURST, COPYTHORNE SOUTH & NETLEY MARSH WARD (2 seats)

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
DAY Peter Anthony	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	840
KERSHAW Kenneth John	Labour Party	594
PUTTOCK Leslie Raymond	The Conservative Party Candidate	1992 <b>ELECTED</b>
SOPOWSKI Peter William Joseph	Labour Party	506
TIPP Derek Brian	The Conservative Party Candidate	1689 <b>ELECTED</b>

Turnout: 73.40%

#### BARTON WARD (2 seats)

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
BECK Goff	Conservative Party Candidate	1959 <b>ELECTED</b>
O`SULLIVAN Alan Dennis	Conservative Party Candidate	1946 <b>ELECTED</b>
TERRY Peter Simon	Labour Party	558
VASILESCO Ann	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	986

Turnout: 71.6%

#### BASHLEY WARD (1 seat)

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
BAILEY Gwen	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	323
PHILLIPS Martin	Labour Party	200
TUNGATE Neil	Conservative Party Candidate	1070 <b>ELECTED</b>

Turnout: 71.8%

#### BECTON WARD (2 seats)

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
BAILEY Paul Hamilton	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	761
BLUNDEN Geoffrey	Conservative Party Candidate	1290 <b>ELECTED</b>
DAVIES Wyn	Liberal Democrats	561
WARD Christine Vivienne	Conservative Party Candidate	1350 <b>ELECTED</b>

Turnout: 65.9%

#### **BOLDRE & SWAY WARD (2 seats)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
GREENWOOD Tom	Green Party	973
RICKMAN Barry	The Conservative Party Candidate	2352 <b>ELECTED</b>
WISE Colin Arthur	The Conservative Party Candidate	1629 <b>ELECTED</b>

Turnout: 72.60%

#### **BRAMSHAW, COPYTHORNE NORTH & MINSTEAD WARD (1 seat)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
ANDREWS Diane Elizabeth	The Conservative Party Candidate	1222 <b>ELECTED</b>
GRAY Tony	The Green Party	359

Turnout: 74.25%

#### **BRANSGORE & BURLEY WARD (2 seats)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
CURWAIN Brian Peter	Labour Party	464
FRAMPTON Richard Leslie	Conservative Party Candidate	2386 <b>ELECTED</b>
STEELE Mark Anthony	Conservative Party Candidate	1805 <b>ELECTED</b>
THURSTON Colin	The Green Party	740

Turnout: 73.6%

#### **BROCKENHURST & FOREST SOUTH EAST WARD (2 seats)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
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BEAUMONT John Robert	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	682
HARRIS Michael Ross	The Conservative Party Candidate	1964 <b>ELECTED</b>
HOLDING Maureen Doris	The Conservative Party Candidate	1934 <b>ELECTED</b>
MELLOR Henry	Green Party Candidate	801
MURTON Bramley James	Labour Party	498

Turnout: 71.55%

#### **BUCKLAND WARD (1 seat)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
JEARRAD Ted		304
OLLIFF-COOPER John Mark	Conservative Party Candidate	812 <b>ELECTED</b>
TENNANT Bernard	Labour Party	244
VINCENT Brenda	Liberal Democrats	231

Turnout: 58.99%

#### **BUTTS ASH & DIBDEN PURLIEU WARD (2 seats)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
ARMSTRONG Peter James	The Conservative Party Candidate	1398 <b>ELECTED</b>
BINNS James Edward	The Conservative Party Candidate	1426 <b>ELECTED</b>
DALE David Leonard	Labour Party	374
MONAGHAN Lorraine	Liberal Democrats	945
ROGERS Peter Charles Victor	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	515
TRIBE Chris	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	412
WADE Malcolm	Liberal Democrat	1175

Turnout: 69.31%

**DIBDEN & HYTHE EAST WARD (2 seats)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
ANDREWS Bill	The Conservative Party Candidate	1151 <b>ELECTED</b>
CAPLEN Edward Martyn Glen David	The Green Party	361
HARRISON Chris	Liberal Democrats	1058
POOLE Dan	The Conservative Party Candidate	1274 <b>ELECTED</b>
WADE Stan	Liberal Democrats	942
WILSON Phil	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	658

Turnout: 68.38%

**DOWNLANDS & FOREST WARD (1 seat)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
HERON Edward John	Conservative Party Candidate	1436 <b>ELECTED</b>
TOYNTON Paul Edward	Labour Party	394

Turnout: 76.7%

**FAWLEY, BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY WARD (2 seats)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
GULLIVER Gill	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	1118
MCDERMOTT Lin	Liberal Democrat	334
MCEVOY Alexis Ellen	The Conservative Party Candidate	1551 <b>ELECTED</b>
WAPPET Bob	The Conservative Party Candidate	1402 <b>ELECTED</b>
WEST Ronan	Liberal Democrat	519
WILLIAMS Paul	Labour Party	452

Turnout: 70.54%

**FERNHILL WARD (2 seats)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast	
CLEARY Jill Lauran	The Conservative Party Candidate	1533	<b>ELECTED</b>
SHORT Stephen Paul	Labour Party		634
WARD John George	The Conservative Party Candidate	1384	<b>ELECTED</b>
WILKINS Marlene	UK Independence Party (UKIP)		933

Turnout: 62.8%

**FORDINGBRIDGE WARD (2 seats)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast	
BELLOWS Roxy	Conservative Party Candidate	1997	<b>ELECTED</b>
CAKEBREAD David Rhys	Labour Party		826
RASEY Sid	UK Independence Party (UKIP)		636
RASEY Wendy	UK Independence Party (UKIP)		541
SEVIER Ann	Conservative Party Candidate	1917	<b>ELECTED</b>
WARD Jane	Trade Unionists And Socialist Coalition		294

Turnout: 70.4%

**FOREST NORTH WEST WARD (1 seat)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	
Dow, Bill	Conservative Party Candidate	Uncontested - <b>Elected</b>

**FURZEDOWN & HARDLEY WARD (1 seat)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
CLARK Mark	Liberal Democrat	569



CRISELL Kate	The Conservative Party Candidate	617	<b>ELECTED</b>
THOMAS Paul Wayne	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	479	

Turnout: 62.04%

#### **HOLBURY & NORTH BLACKFIELD WARD (2 seats)**

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Description (if any)</b>	<b>Votes Cast</b>	
ALVEY Alan Rutherford	The Conservative Party Candidate	1152	<b>ELECTED</b>
GLASS Allan Thomas	The Conservative Party Candidate	1204	<b>ELECTED</b>
PEARCE-SMITH Phillip Gordon	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	856	
READ Sally-Jane	Liberal Democrat	541	
SMITH Brenda	Liberal Democrat	315	
WILLIAMS Tina	Labour Party	577	

Turnout: 60.25%

#### **HORDLE WARD (2 seats)**

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Description (if any)</b>	<b>Votes Cast</b>	
CARPENTER Fran	Conservative Party Candidate	1543	<b>ELECTED</b>
LINNEY Ian Thomas	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	1080	
LOVELACE Penny	Conservative Party Candidate	1810	<b>ELECTED</b>
STOCKS Pamela Elizabeth	Labour Party	562	

Turnout: 73.7%

#### **HYTHE WEST & LANGDOWN WARD (2 seats)**

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Description (if any)</b>	<b>Votes Cast</b>	
CLARK Rebecca	Liberal Democrat	1225	
GILLAM Patricia	Labour Party	503	

THORNE Bev	Conservative Party Candidate	1459	<b>ELECTED</b>
WADE Alex	Liberal Democrats	1348	<b>ELECTED</b>
WEBB Tom	The Conservative Party Candidate	1184	

Turnout: 69.28%

#### **LYMINGTON TOWN WARD (2 seats)**

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Description (if any)</b>	<b>Votes Cast</b>	
ENGLAND Jacqui	Independent	1343	
LE PORT Gary	Labour Party	472	
PENSON Alan Keith	Conservative Party Candidate	1439	<b>ELECTED</b>
ROSTAND Anna Michelle	Conservative Party Candidate	1785	<b>ELECTED</b>
WOODFORD Mike	Independent	934	

Turnout: 69.7%

#### **LYNDHURST WARD (1 seat)**

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Description (if any)</b>	<b>Votes Cast</b>	
BURDEN Ged	The Green Party	373	
FAWKES Philip Francis	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	326	
WYETH Pat	The Conservative Party Candidate	1079	<b>ELECTED</b>

Turnout: 72.19%

#### **MARCHWOOD WARD (2 seats)**

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Description (if any)</b>	<b>Votes Cast</b>	
BENNISON Sue	The Conservative Party Candidate	1232	<b>ELECTED</b>
BOVEY Jane	Liberal Democrats	771	

BOVEY Martin	Liberal Democrats	628
EVANS Bill	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	673
HOARE Alison Jane	The Conservative Party Candidate	1488 <b>ELECTED</b>
SWALES Roy	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	491

Turnout: 66.16%

#### **MILFORD WARD (2 seats)**

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Description (if any)</b>	<b>Votes Cast</b>
BEETON Sophie Victoria	Conservative Party Candidate	2282 <b>ELECTED</b>
COAKES Amy	Labour Party	582
KENDAL Mel	Conservative Party Candidate	2232 <b>ELECTED</b>

Turnout: 73.8%

#### **MILTON WARD (2 seats)**

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Description (if any)</b>	<b>Votes Cast</b>
BAKER Judith Mary	Liberal Democrats	770
CLARKE Steve	Conservative Party Candidate	1635 <b>ELECTED</b>
DAVIES Stephen Paul	Conservative Party Candidate	1727 <b>ELECTED</b>
HEXTER Caroline Ruth	Labour Party	715

Turnout: 61.6%

**PENNINGTON WARD (2 seats)**

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Description (if any)</b>	<b>Votes Cast</b>
DAVIES Jack	Liberal Democrats	832
HUMPHREYS Margaret Ellen	Labour Party	552
JACKMAN Penny	Conservative Party Candidate	1413 <b>ELECTED</b>
MCGEORGE Nicholas	Liberal Democrats	586
WHITE Michael Lindsay	Conservative Party Candidate	1505 <b>ELECTED</b>

Turnout: 63%

**RINGWOOD EAST & SOPLEY WARD (1 seat)**

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Description (if any)</b>	<b>Votes Cast</b>
LANE Emma Louise	Conservative Party Candidate	Elected - uncontested

**RINGWOOD NORTH WARD (2 seats)**

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Description (if any)</b>	<b>Votes Cast</b>
FORD Christine	Conservative Party Candidate	1801 <b>ELECTED</b>
KELLEHER Peter Gerard	Labour Party	1445
MILLS Roz	UK Independence Party (UK IP)	868
ROWE Timothy Albert James	The Green Party	720
THIERRY Michael Hamilton	Conservative Party Candidate	1706 <b>ELECTED</b>

Turnout: 69.4%

**RINGWOOD SOUTH WARD (2 seats)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
HERON Jeremy David	Conservative Party Candidate	1639 <b>ELECTED</b>
KONCZAK Julian Adam	The Green Party	988
RIPPON-SWAINE Steve	Conservative Party Candidate	1680 <b>ELECTED</b>
WILLIAMS Desmond Richard	Labour Party	791

Turnout: 64%

**TOTTON CENTRAL WARD (2 seats)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
CERASOLI Louise	The Conservative Party Candidate	1461 <b>ELECTED</b>
GOODFELLOW Alan	The Labour Party Candidate	621
LUCAS Brian Dennis	The Conservative Party Candidate	1126 <b>ELECTED</b>
O'DRISCOLL Callum Sebastian	The Green Party	464
ORCHARD Frances May	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	598
SCRIVENS Ron	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	581

Turnout: 67.38%

**TOTTON EAST WARD (2 seats)**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
BRUNSDON Alex	Liberal Democrats	632
COOMBES Ian Charles	The Conservative Party Candidate	1155 <b>ELECTED</b>
DAVIS Arthur Henry George	The Conservative Party Candidate	1018 <b>ELECTED</b>
FIELD Helen Mary	The Green Party	273
MENHENNET Bob	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	691
MORAN David John	Labour Party	399

ROGERS Bill	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	720
SHAW Jacquie	Liberal Democrats	533
TIDBURY Joanna Patricia	Green Party Candidate	229
WALKER Jean Dianne	Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition	40

Turnout: 64.98%

#### TOTTON NORTH WARD (2 seats)

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast	
BRITTON Dean Antony	The Conservative Party Candidate	1291	<b>ELECTED</b>
GRIST Martin Anthony	Labour Party	470	
MARTIN Julie Lorraine	Liberal Democrats	492	
MOLYNEUX Ian Ross	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	638	
MOLYNEUX Mel	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	590	
PENMAN Neville	The Conservative Party Candidate	1099	<b>ELECTED</b>
PRATT Diane Patricia	Liberal Democrats	440	

Turnout: 61.42%

#### TOTTON SOUTH WARD (2 seats)

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast	
BARRETT Graham Charles	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	536	
CHELL Elizabeth	Labour Party	304	
HARRIS Len	The Conservative Party Candidate	979	<b>ELECTED</b>
HARRISON David	Liberal Democrats	1348	<b>ELECTED</b>
LEGG Donna-Marie	UK Independence Party	485	
RACKHAM Caroline Louise	Liberal Democrats	603	

SOUTHGATE Michael	The Conservative Party Candidate	829
WEEKS Alan	The Green Party	262
WEEKS Lorella Estelle	The Green Party	178

Turnout: 66.91%

#### TOTTEN WEST WARD (2 seats)

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Votes Cast
BROOKS Di	The Conservative Party Candidate	1322 <b>ELECTED</b>
DANCE Peter Francis John	Labour Party	566
LAGDON Chris	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	715
RUSSELL David John	The Conservative Party Candidate	1031 <b>ELECTED</b>

Turnout: 63.31%

Average Turnout: 68.15%