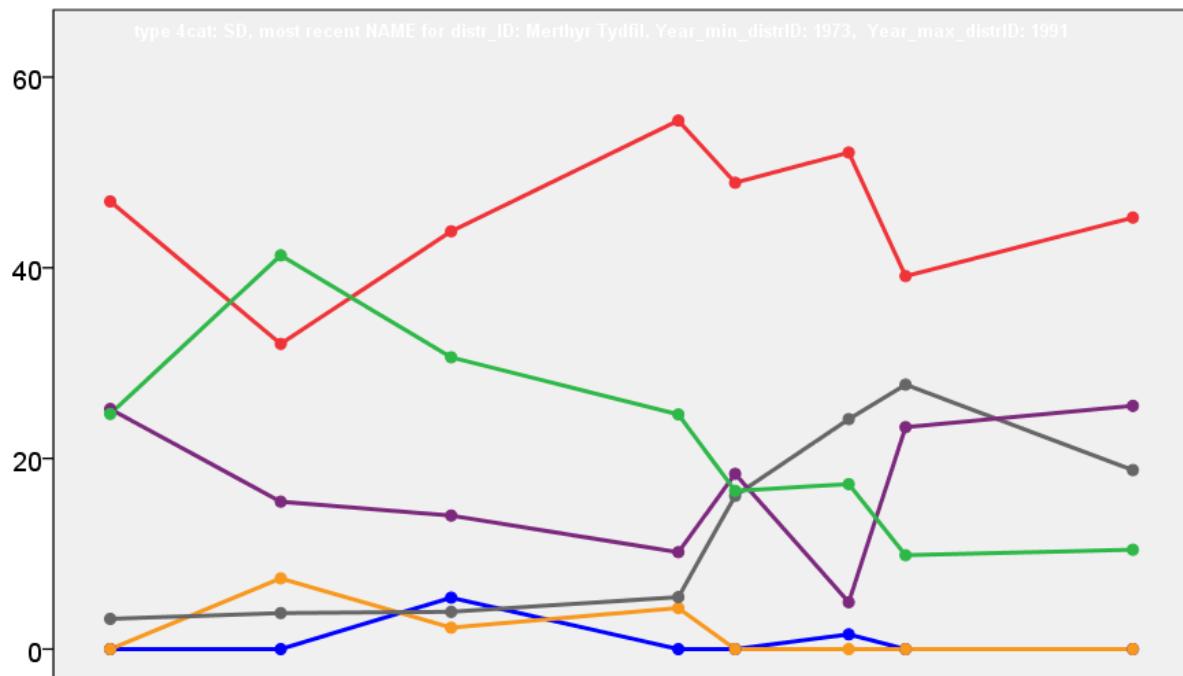


Merthyr Tydfil Welsh District Council Elections Results 1973-1991



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Front cover: the graph shows the distribution of percentage vote shares over the period covered by the results. The lines reflect the colours traditionally used by the three main parties. The grey line is the share obtained by Independent candidates while the purple line groups together the vote shares for all other parties.

Rear cover: the top graph shows the percentage share of council seats for the main parties as well as those won by Independents and other parties. The lines take account of any by-election changes (but not those resulting from elected councillors switching party allegiance) as well as the transfers of seats during the main round of local election.

The lower graph shows for each main round of local elections the overall percentage turnout (solid line), the percentage of women candidates standing at (dotted line) and the percentage of women among those elected (hashed line).

Merthyr Tydfil 1973

Bedlinog (2884)³

		vote	share
Cooke D.	Ind Lab	1,162	52.6
Bromley J.	Lab	1,047	47.4
Davies J.	Ind Lab	985	-
Davies B.	Lab	754	-
Roberts A.	Lab	738	-
Johnson E.	Ind Lab	634	-
Turnout	76.6	5.2	

Cyfartha (5003)³

		vote	share
Gablin T.	Lab	1,152	64.9
Morrison D.	Lab	1,066	-
Thomas K.	Lab	1,040	-
Davies G.	PC	622	35.1
Jones M.	PC	616	-
Llewellyn M.	PC	491	-
Turnout	35.5	29.9	

Dowlais (4745)³

		vote	share
Healy W.	Rate	1,511	40.5
Snead C.	Rate	1,329	-
Davies G.	Lab	1,216	32.6
Thomas R.	Lab	1,087	-
Davies D.	PC	1,001	26.9
Jonathan W.	Lab	952	-
Turnout	78.6	7.9	

Merthyr Vale (3255)³

		vote	share
Tudor W.	Lab	1,491	66.8
Cotter M.	Lab	1,344	-
Williams W.	Lab	1,272	-
Williams A.	PC	741	33.2
Price G.	PC	692	-
Burke P.	PC	662	-
Turnout	68.6	33.6	

Park Ward (8989)⁶

		vote	share
Foster P.	PC	2,168	39.7
Wigley E.	PC	1,949	-
Williams D.	Lab	1,754	32.1
Haynes L.	PC	1,653	-
Stanfield J.	Lab	1,630	-
Williams D.	PC	1,611	32.1
Rees T.	PC	1,599	-
Williams G.	Lab	1,582	-
Davies W.	PC	1,551	-
Jones A.	Comm	1,534	28.1
Hol M.	Lab	1,489	-
Moore R.	Lab	1,422	-
Strachan T.	Comm	545	-
Williams A.	Comm	540	-
Dennett C.	Comm	531	-
Turnout	60.7	7.6	

Penydarren (4792)³

		vote	share
Reddy J.	Lab	1,311	40.3
John A.	Lab	1,302	-
James D.	Rate	1,280	39.4
Jones R.	Lab	1,187	-
Davies G.	Rate	806	-
Davies J.	PC	660	20.3
Walters B.	PC	615	-
Turnout	67.8	1.0	

Plymouth Ward (4166)³

		vote	share
Richards B.	Lab	1,614	55.9
Handley J.	Lab	1,605	-
Jones D.	Lab	1,507	-
Griffiths G.	PC	1,273	44.1
Lewis D.	PC	1,144	-
Walters W.	PC	1,087	-
Turnout	69.3	11.8	

Town Ward (4901)³

		vote	share
Donavan D.	Lab	1,684	61.2
Thomas I.	Lab	1,511	-
Norman A.	Lab	1,421	-
Williams H.	PC	729	26.5
Sullivan M.	PC	544	-
Roberts W.	Comm	340	12.4
Dennett L.	Comm	186	-
Turnout	56.2	34.7	

Treharris (4262)³

		vote	share
Gurney A.	Lab	1,585	61.9
Farr A.	Lab	1,410	-
Gould G.	Lab	1,197	-
Shankland M.	Ind Lab	974	38.1
Turnout	60.0	23.9	

Vaynor (2568)³

		vote	share
John M.	Ind	925	38.2
Smith T.	Lab	838	34.6
Chambers M.	Lab	805	-
Morgan W.	Ind	716	-
Roberts D.	Ind Soc	542	22.4
Pratt S.	Ind	400	-
Rogers N.	Lab	400	-
Thomas S.	Comm	119	4.9
Thomas G.	Comm	66	-
Turnout	94.4	3.6	

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Bedlinog (2889)³

		vote	share
Cooke D.	Lab	967	55.0
Bromley J.	Lab	962	-
Davies V.	Lab	873	-
Jones D.	PC	790	45.0
Roberts G.	PC	633	-
Turnout	60.8	10.1	

Cyfartha (5011)³

		vote	share
Phillips M.	PC	1,734	54.9
Rees T.	PC	1,412	-
Edwards L.	PC	1,214	-
Gamlin T.	Lab	988	31.3
Thomas K.	Lab	843	-
Morrison D.	Lab	840	-
Williams D.	Lib	439	13.9
Turnout	63.1	23.6	

Dowlais (4753)³

		vote	share
Davies L.	PC	1,137	37.6
Rogers W.	PC	1,015	-
Healey W.	Rate	952	31.5
Davies G.	Lab	936	30.9
Jones P.	PC	908	-
Spead C.	Rate	744	-
Thomas R.	Lab	743	-
Fitton D.	Lab	689	-
Lewis D.	Rate	576	-
Turnout	63.6	6.1	

Merthyr Vale (3260)³

		vote	share
Tudor W.	Lab	1,107	54.3
Bartlett E.	PC	930	45.7
Price C.	PC	926	-
Cotter M.	Lab	894	-
Williams W.	Lab	892	-
Bowen C.	PC	794	-
Turnout	62.5	8.7	

Park Ward (9003)⁶

		vote	share
Foster G.	PC	2,300	39.8
Foster L.	PC	1,980	-
Thomas G.	PC	1,853	-
Matthews W.	PC	1,833	-
Morris M.	PC	1,769	-
Thomas W.	PC	1,722	-
Burns J.	Lab	1,609	27.8
Williams D.	Lab	1,434	-
Williams G.	Lab	1,384	-
Cleary J.	Lab	1,278	-
Lewis G.	Lab	1,249	-
Stanfield J.	Lab	1,244	-
Jones A.	Comm	978	16.9
Cooper G.	Lib	630	10.9
Strachan T.	Comm	372	-
Davies C.	Comm	319	-
Morgan E.	Ind	265	4.6
Turnout	64.2	12.0	

Penydarren (4800)³

		vote	share
James D.	Rate	1,171	36.4
Price N.	PC	942	29.3
Lennon A.	PC	850	-
Walters M.	PC	810	-
Jones R.	Lab	748	23.3
Davies G.	Rate	725	-
Jones A.	Lab	656	-
Barnett A.	Rate	582	-
Saunders P.	Lab	562	-
Lewis J.	Lib	354	11.0
Turnout	67.0	7.1	

Plymouth Ward (4173)³

		vote	share
Roberts E.	PC	2,469	62.7
Hancock B.	PC	1,613	-
Lewis D.	PC	1,611	-
Games D.	Lab	1,272	32.3
Richards B.	Lab	1,093	-
Jandley I.	Lab	1,084	-
Evans R.	Comm	199	5.1
Davies P.	Comm	92	-
Turnout	94.4	30.4	

Town Ward (4909)³

		vote	share
Donavan G.</			

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Bedlinog (2893)³

		vote	share
Bromley H.	Ind Lab	1,325	36.7
Davies J.	Lab	1,296	35.9
Thomas R.	Lab	1,086	-
Hawke J.	Lab	832	-
Cusack S.	Ind	545	15.1
Roberts G.	PC	446	12.3
Toner J.	PC	361	-
Blenkin G.	PC	209	-
	Turnout	124.9	0.8

Cyfartha (5018)³

		vote	share
Jones D.	Lab	1,915	45.4
Evans C.	Lab	1,704	-
Phillips M.	PC	1,671	39.6
Morrison D.	Lab	1,642	-
Edwards L.	PC	1,163	-
Rees T.	PC	1,022	-
Luke C.	Con	635	15.0
Pulman C.	Con	544	-
	Turnout	84.1	5.8

Dowlais (4760)³

		vote	share
Rogers W.	Lab	1,812	38.7
Thomas R.	Lab	1,751	-
Sullivan M.	Lab	1,512	-
Davies I.	PC	1,086	23.2
Evans C.	Rate	978	20.9
Healy W.	Ind Rate	803	17.2
Jones P.	PC	736	-
Evans R.	PC	673	-
	Turnout	98.3	15.5

Merthyr Vale (3264)³

		vote	share
Tovey D.	Lab	1,620	55.0
Davies P.	Lab	1,479	-
Jones E.	Lab	1,363	-
Bartlett E.	PC	1,326	45.0
Gough J.	PC	995	-
Price G.	PC	909	-
	Turnout	90.3	10.0

Park Ward (9016)⁶

		vote	share
Williams D.	Lab	2,996	32.7
Cleary J.	Lab	2,875	-
Randy R.	Lab	2,667	-
Foster G.	PC	2,566	28.0
Griffiths C.	Lab	2,543	-
Williams G.	Lab	2,464	-
Arthur B.	Lab	2,369	-
Matthews W.	PC	2,237	-
Foster L.	PC	2,145	-
Thomas G.	PC	1,813	-
Thomas W.	PC	1,738	-
Morris M.	PC	1,726	-
Jones A.	Comm	1,548	16.9
Thomas E.	Con	1,080	11.8
Cooper G.	Lib	976	10.6
Thomas C.	Con	880	-
Jones S.	Lib	850	-
	Turnout	101.7	4.7

Penydarren (4807)³

		vote	share
Saunders P.	Lab	1,710	39.7
James D.	Rate	1,705	39.5
Morgan W.	Lab	1,640	-
Jones D.	Lab	1,497	-
Davies R.	Rate	970	-
Davies G.	Rate	946	-
Price N.	PC	896	20.8
Herlihy T.	PC	586	-
	Turnout	89.7	0.1

Plymouth Ward (4179)³

		vote	share
Games D.	Lab	2,002	48.1
Roberts E.	PC	1,930	46.3
Jones H.	Lab	1,743	-
Handley J.	Lab	1,600	-
Lewis D.	PC	1,151	-
Foley C.	PC	1,095	-
Evans R.	Comm	233	5.6
	Turnout	99.7	1.7

Town Ward (4916)³

		vote	share
Donovan G.	Lab	2,020	47.9
Jones H.	Lab	1,976	-
Phelps W.	Lab	1,696	-
Howells R.	PC	1,297	30.7
Howells S.	PC	1,053	-
Pugh V.	PC	835	-
Davies D.	Con	623	14.8
Horne E.	Con	604	-
Bray F.	Con	560	-
Roberts T.	Comm	280	6.6
Dennett C.	Comm	179	-
	Turnout	85.8	17.1

Treharris (4275)³

		vote	share
Shankland M.	Lab	2,331	64.2
Richards T.	Lab	2,274	-
Evans G.	Lab	2,001	-
Moran M.	PC	1,299	35.8
	Turnout	84.9	28.4

Vaynor (2575)³

		vote	share
Chambers M.	Lab	1,287	40.4
John M.	Ind	1,151	36.1
Rogers C.	Lab	965	-
Protheroe V.	Lab	959	-
Evans A.	PC	746	23.4
Enoch W.	PC	720	-
	Turnout	123.7	4.3

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Bedlinog (2571)²

		vote	share
Bromley J.	Lab	1,131	69.8
Davies B.	Lab	759	-
Blunt G.	Ind Lab	490	30.2
	Turnout	63.0	39.5

Cyfarthfa (4734)³

		vote	share
Morrison D.	Lab	1,185	63.9
Evans C. Ms.	Lab	1,109	-
Thomas K.	Lab	1,051	-
Jones P.	PC	669	36.1
Rees T.	PC	648	-
	Turnout	39.2	27.8

Dowlais (5440)⁴

		vote	share
Rogers W.	Lab	1,592	44.0
Thomas R.	Lab	1,434	-
Lewis D.	Lab	1,319	-
Sullivan M.	Lab	1,277	-
Healy W.	Ind	727	20.1
Snead F.	Rate	672	18.6
Davies T.	PC	629	17.4
	Turnout	66.5	23.9

Gurnos (4261)⁴

		vote	share
Williams D.	Lab	875	59.0
Jarrett D.	Lab	854	-
Griffiths C.	Lab	850	-
Fennell H.	Lab	831	-
Foster L.	PC	608	41.0
Kendrick E.	PC	595	-
Morris M.	PC	522	-
Thomas D.	PC	496	-
	Turnout	34.8	18.0

Merthyr Vale (3232)²

		vote	share
Davies P.	Lab	1,457	61.7
Toley D.	Lab	1,102	-
Bartlett E.	PC	904	38.3
	Turnout	73.1	23.4

Park (3219)³

		vote	share
Williams G. Ms.	Lab	706	55.5
Jones J. Ms.	Lab	620	-
Randay R.	Lab	610	-
Foster G.	PC	566	44.5
Edwards L.	PC	539	-
	Turnout	39.5	11.0

Penydarren (4562)³

		vote	share
Morgan W.	Lab	1,214	38.5
Saunders P.	Lab	1,060	-
James D.	Rate	1,014	32.2
Keane M.	Lab	954	-
Jones A.	Comm	543	17.2
Edwards R.	ALL	381	12.1
Cooper G.	ALL	346	-
	Turnout	69.1	6.3

Plymouth (4027)³

		vote	share
Games D.	Lab	1,478	66.9
Handley J.	Lab	1,214	-
Tasker M.	Lab	1,067	-
Foley C.	PC	730	33.1
Owens G.	PC	634	-
	Turnout	54.8	33.9

Town (5330)⁴

		vote	share
Phelps W.	Lab	1,424	45.9
Clark T.	Lab	1	

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Cyfarthfa (4737)		
	vote	share
Phillips M. Ms.	Ind 1,447	65.2
Thomas K.*	Lab 774	34.8
Turnout	46.9	30.3
Dowlais (5442)²		
	vote	share
Thomas E.	Ind 980	37.2
Lewis D.*	Lab 892	33.8
Healy W.	Ind 887	-
Sullivan M.*	Ind Lab 764	29.0
Parker C.	Lab 762	-
Turnout	48.4	3.3
Gurnos (4263)²		
	vote	share
Fennell H.*	Lab 1,064	60.1
Herlihy J.	Lab 987	-
Foster G.	PC 705	39.9
Kendrick E.	PC 688	-
Turnout	41.5	20.3
Park (3220)		
	vote	share
Randay R.*	Lab 621	58.8
Morris M.	PC 435	41.2
Turnout	32.8	17.6
Penydarren (4564)		
	vote	share
James D.*	Rate 1,046	52.4
Keane M.	Lab 751	37.6
Jones A.	Comm 200	10.0
Turnout	43.8	14.8
Plymouth (4029)		
	vote	share
Tasker M.*	Lab 1,136	66.0
Foley C.	PC 584	34.0
Turnout	42.7	32.1
Town (5333)²		
	vote	share
Matthews L.*	Lab 1,184	60.3
Murphy N.*	Lab 1,122	-
Thomas W.	PC 781	39.7
Pugh V.	PC 751	-
Turnout	36.8	20.5
Treharris (4555)		
	vote	share
Shankland M. Ms.*	Lab 961	55.7
Galsworthy E.	Comm 764	44.3
Turnout	37.9	11.4

Merthyr Tydfil 1986

Bedlinog (2575)		
	vote	share
Davies B.*	Lab 0	0.0
Turnout	0.0	0.0
Cyfarthfa (4742)		
	vote	share
Cartwright W.	Ind 1,114	56.4
Morrison D.*	Lab 862	43.6
Turnout	41.7	12.8
Dowlais (5448)		
	vote	share
Healy W.	Ind 1,216	52.8
Thomas R.*	Lab 1,087	47.2
Turnout	42.3	5.6
Gurnos (4268)		
	vote	share
Jarrett D.	Lab 850	69.4
Kendrick E.	PC 374	30.6
Turnout	28.7	38.9
Merthyr Vale (3237)		
	vote	share
Tovey D.*	Lab 1,146	58.9
Bartlett E.	PC 801	41.1
Turnout	60.1	17.7
Park (3223)		
	vote	share
Jones J. Ms.*	Lab 488	45.7
Morris M.	PC 317	29.7
Screen H.	Con 263	24.6
Turnout	33.1	16.0
Penydarren (4569)		
	vote	share
Saunders P.*	Lab 808	49.1
Edwards R.	Rate 553	33.6
Jones A.	Comm 286	17.4
Turnout	36.0	15.5
Plymouth (4033)		
	vote	share
Handley J.*	Lab 921	52.8
Foley C.	PC 503	28.8
Jones D.	Ind 321	18.4
Turnout	43.3	24.0
Town (5338)		
	vote	share
Clark I.*	Lab 1,055	52.5
Thomas R.	PC 955	47.5
Turnout	37.7	5.0
Treharris (4560)		
	vote	share
Moran M.*	Lab 1,106	55.7
Goldsworthy E.	Ind 881	44.3
Turnout	43.6	11.3
Vaynor (2695)		
	vote	share
Wilson B.	Ind 579	51.1
Jenkins A.*	Lab 553	48.9
Turnout	42.0	2.3

Merthyr Tydfil 1987

Bedlinog (2576) ²		
	vote	share
Bromley J.	Lab 0	0.0
Davies B.	Lab 0	-
Turnout	0.0	0.0
Cyfarthfa (4744)³		
	vote	share
Phillips M. Ms.	Ind 1,686	60.9
Cartwright W.	Ind 1,299	-
Evans K.	Lab 1,081	39.1
Rees P.	Lab 1,013	-
Jones P.	Lab 987	-
Turnout	58.3	21.9
Dowlais (5451)⁴		
	vote	share
Healey W.	Rate 1,630	47.4
Thomas E.	Rate 1,425	-
Rogers W.	Lab 1,302	37.9
Thomas R.	Lab 1,085	-
Lewis D.	Lab 1,030	-
Williams T.	Rate 1,022	-
Harbord H.	Lab 1,000	-
Matthews S.	Rate 976	-
Sullivan M.	Ind 504	14.7
Turnout	63.0	9.5
Gurnos (4270)⁴		
	vote	share
Herlihy J.	Lab 0	0.0
Smith W.	Lab 0	-
Williams D.	Lab 0	-
Jarrett D.	Lab 0	-
Turnout	0.0	0.0
Merthyr Vale (3239)²		
	vote	share
Tovey D.	Lab 0	-
Davies M.	Lab 0	0.0
Turnout	0.0	0.0
Park (3225)³		
	vote	share
Thomas K. Ms.	Rate 755	42.5
Williams G. Ms.	Lab 608	34.2
Jones E.	Rate 597	-
Donovan J.	Lab 595	-
Randy R.	Lab 507	-
Morris M.	PC 415	23.3
Edwards L.	PC 379	-
Turnout	55.1	8.3
Penydarren (4571)³		
	vote	share
James D.	Rate 1,280	57.3
Saunders P.	Lab 952	42.7
Edwards D. Ms.	Rate 951	-
Keane M.	Lab 892	-
Mochan G.	Lab 808	-
Phillips D.	Rate 760	-
Turnout	48.8	14.7
Plymouth (4035)³		
	vote	share
Handley J.	Lab 0	-
Games D.	Lab 0	0.0
Tasker M.	Lab 0	-
Turnout	0.0	0.0

Town (5341) ⁴		
	vote	share
Thomas R.	PC 1,387	39.4
Mantle D.	Lab 1,239	35.2
Matthews L.	Lab 1,158	-
Lewis D.	Lab 1,127	-
Mochan H.	Lab 1,028	-
Jones R.	Ind 891	25.3
Gunter K.	Ind 850	-
Turnout	65.8	4.2

Treharris (4562) ³		
	vote	share
Gailsworthy E.	Ind 1,364	52.8
Evans G. Ms.	Lab 1,217	47.2
Shankland M. Ms.	Lab 1,142	-
Moran M.	Lab 1,091	-
Turnout	56.6	5.7

Vaynor (2696) ²		
	vote	share
Rogers C. Ms.	Lab 764	38.3
Wilson B.	Ind 635	31.8
Rogers N.	Ind Lab 598	29.9
Jenkins A.	Lab 437	-
Turnout	74.1	6.5

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Bedlinog (2582) ²		
	vote	share
Barrar R.	Anti PT 740	57.1
Roberts G.	Anti PT 654	-
Davies B.*	Lab 556	42.9
Williams H.	Lab 532	-
Turnout	49.0	14.2

Cyfarthfa (4754) ³		
	vote	share
Phillips M. Ms.*	Ind 1,622	44.2
Elliott L.	Res 1,160	31.6
Evans C. Ms.*	Lab 884	24.1
Cartwright W.*	Ind 874	-
Jones D.	Lab 758	-
Morrison D.	Lab 666	-
Turnout	51.6	12.6

Dowlais (5462) ⁴		
	vote	share
Healy W.*	Res 1,428	50.2
Rogers W.*	Lab 1,415	49.8
Thomas R.*	Lab 1,253	-
Thomas E.*	Res 1,155	-
Amos J.	Lab 1,116	-
Harbord H.	Lab 930	-
Turnout	45.1	0.5

Gurnos (4279) ⁴		
	vote	share
Smith W.*	Lab 946	60.0
Griffiths O.*	Lab 870	-
Jarrett D.*	Lab 837	-
Williams D.*	Lab 804	-
Rees T.	PC 630	40.0
Turnout	36.1	20.1

Merthyr Vale (3246) ²		
	vote	share
Jones E. Ms.	Lab 1,024	50.2
Sims E.	Lab 1,023	-
Edwards J.	Ind 1,014	49.8
Turnout	59.6	0.5

Park (3232) ³		
	vote	share
Williams G. Ms.*	Lab 689	50.3
Dawes J.	Lab 682	-
Thomas K. Ms.*	Res 681	49.7
Jones J. Ms.	Res 665	-
Griffiths C. Ms.	Lab 563	-
Turnout	42.2	0.6

Penydarren (4581) ³		
	vote	share
James D.*	Res 1,010	52.5
Saunders P.*	Lab 913	47.5
Edwards D. Ms.*	Res 754	-
Mochan G.	Lab 744	-
Sullivan M.	Lab 719	-
Edwards R.	Res 604	-
Turnout	39.6	5.0

Plymouth (4044) ³		
	vote	share
Games D.*	Lab 1,358	58.0
Jones K.	Lab 1,178	-
Handley J.*	Lab 920	-
Corson J. Ms.	PC 702	30.0
Tasker M.*	Ind Lab 281	12.0
Turnout	47.8	28.0

Town (5352) ⁴		
	vote	share
Thomas W.*	PC 1,203	38.7
Clark I.	Lab 1,001	32.2
Mathews L. Ms.*	Lab 988	-
Mantle D.*	Lab 918	-
Johnson J.	Res 906	29.1
Shead M.	PC 829	-
Jones R.	Res 811	-
Lewis D.*	Lab 759	-
Turnout	43.9	6.5

Treharris (4572) ³		
	vote	share
Galsworthy E.*	Ind 1,437	52.3
Evans G. Ms.*	Lab 1,309	47.7
Jones A.	Lab 1,171	-
Shankland M. Ms.*	Lab 1,030	-
Turnout	48.1	4.7

Vaynor (2702) ²		
	vote	share
Rogers C. Ms.*	Lab 911	64.8
Wilson B.*	Ind 494	35.2
Hart D.	Ind 449	-
Evans K.	Lab 433	-
Turnout	49.3	29.7

