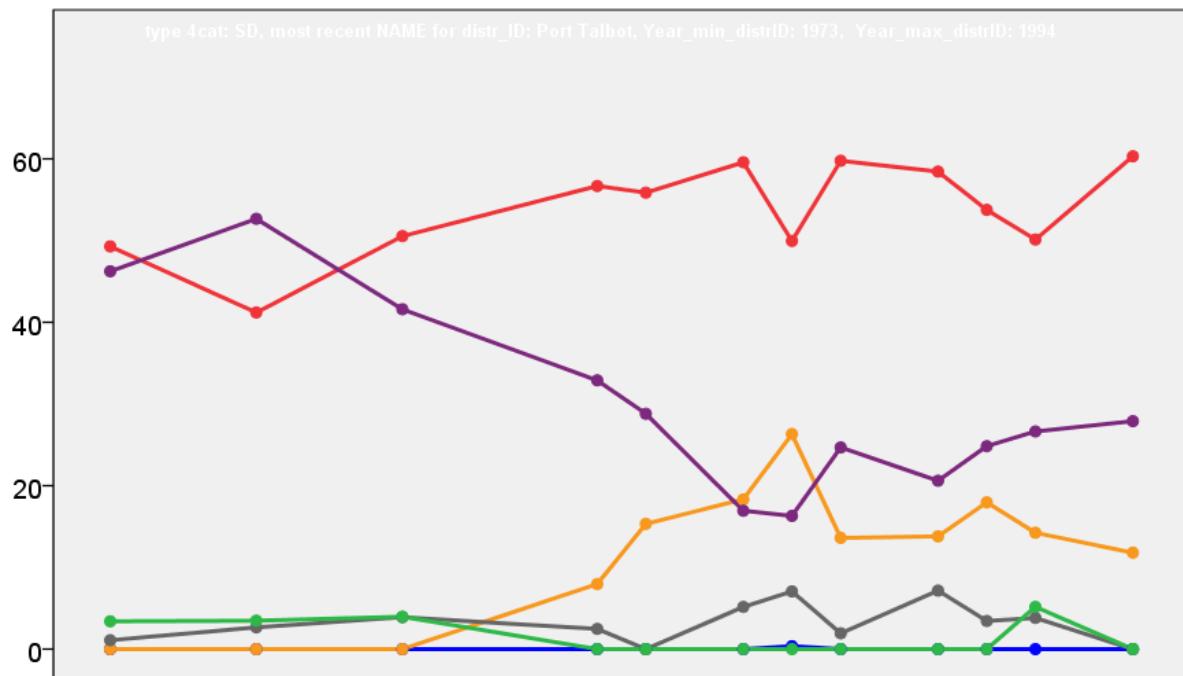


# Port Talbot Welsh District Council Elections Results 1973-1991



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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).

## Port Talbot 1973

### Aberavon (5507)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
Mainwaring P.	Lab	1,504	57.3
Charles M.	Lab	1,497	-
Letts E.	Lab	1,235	-
Johnson T.	Rate	902	34.3
Jones D.	Rate	851	-
Lee J.	Rate	788	-
Toomey J.	Comm	221	8.4
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>22.9</b>

### Aberavon North (6357)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
Jenkins C.	Rate	1,767	51.0
Mort W.	Lab	1,699	49.0
Rees D.	Lab	1,626	-
Carter L.	Rate	1,514	-
Mescall A.	Rate	1,496	-
Smith W.	Lab	1,412	-
	<b>Turnout</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>

### Aberavon South (4224)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
Jones W.	Lab	0	0.0
Roche T.	Lab	0	-
Kingdom V.	Lab	0	-

**Turnout** 0.0 0.0

### Baglan (6250)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
Harris W.	Rate	1,372	58.9
Jones W.	Rate	1,340	-
Prescott E.	Rate	1,295	-
Tucker M.	Lab	958	41.1
Wright C.	Lab	901	-
Bradford H.	Lab	865	-

**Turnout** 37.3 17.8

### Bryn & Cwmavon (1495)<sup>2</sup>

		vote	share
Nicholas K.	Lab	0	-
Evans H.	Lab	0	0.0

**Turnout** 0.0 0.0

### Cwmavon (3687)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
John T.	Prog Lab	1,355	32.6
Morgan R.	Lab	1,297	31.2
Jones G.	Lab	1,105	-
Evans A.	Lab	1,033	-
John B.	Rate	847	20.4
Jones L.	PC	654	15.7
Thomas C.	Prog Lab	648	-
Mainwaring M.	PC	472	-

**Turnout** 112.6 1.4

### Cymmer (3016)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
Williams E.	Lab	0	-
Lewis E.	Lab	0	-
Hall H.	Lab	0	0.0

**Turnout** 0.0 0.0

### Sandfields East (3985)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
Weaver-Charles D.	Rate	1,447	53.6
Thomas S.	Rate	1,390	-
Victory M.	Rate	1,357	-
Snook F.	Lab	1,006	37.2
Rees J.	Lab	834	-
Jones G.	Lab	760	-
Dummer W.	Ind Lab	249	9.2

**Turnout** 67.8 16.3

### Sandfields West (3903)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
James L.	Lab	1,477	52.8
Griffiths G.	Lab	1,387	-
Penhale G.	Rate	1,319	47.2
Heycock L.	Lab	1,285	-

**Turnout** 71.6 5.7

### Taibach (2405)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
Owen E.	Lab	1,039	44.6
Rees T.	Lab	959	-
Morgans T.	Lab	880	-
Charles W.	Rate	726	31.2
Jones G.	Prog Lab	562	24.2

**Turnout** 96.8 13.5

### Ward 11 (1092)

		vote	share
Powell A.	Lab	494	70.4
Walters M.	Ind	208	29.6

**Turnout** 64.3 40.7

## Port Talbot 1976

### Aberavon (5516)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
Johnson T.	Rate	1,379	49.0
Stanton L.	Rate	1,356	-
Charles M.	Lab	1,279	45.4
Guy T.	Rate	1,236	-
Mainwaring P.	Lab	1,217	-
Letts E.	Lab	1,060	-
Tomey J.	Comm	158	5.6

**Turnout** 51.1 3.6

### Aberavon North (6367)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
Mescall A.	Rate	2,135	51.7
Jenkins C.	Rate	1,948	-
Wheatley A.	Rate	1,577	-
Thomas T.	Lab	1,199	29.0
Rees D.	Lab	1,075	-
Jones G.	Lab	982	-
Walford N.	PC	799	19.3

**Turnout** 64.9 22.6

### Aberavon South (4231)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
Roche T.	Lab	1,124	53.0
Thomas B.	Rate	997	47.0
Kingdom V.	Lab	956	-
Hyatt B.	Rate	921	-
Matthews J.	Rate	919	-
Thomas P.	Lab	830	-

**Turnout** 50.1 6.0

### Baglan (6260)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
Harris W.	Rate	1,796	72.2
Jones W.	Rate	1,716	-
Prescott E.	Rate	1,672	-
Tucker M.	Lab	690	27.8
Wright C.	Lab	637	-
Goddger A.	Lab	565	-

**Turnout** 39.7 44.5

### Bryn & Cwmavon (1498)<sup>2</sup>

		vote	share
Evans D.	Lab	529	52.7
Nicholas K.	Lab	491	-
James G.	Rate	475	47.3
Hewson G.	Rate	446	-

**Turnout** 67.0 5.4

### Cwmavon (3693)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
Jones G.	Lab	1,445	61.1
Morgan R.	Lab	1,398	-
Evans A.	Lab	1,335	-
John B.	Rate	921	38.9
Ludbrook H.	Rate	632	-

**Turnout** 64.1 22.1

### Cymmer (3021)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
Williams E.	Lab	814	57.2
Lewis E.	Lab	792	-
Goodridge M.	Ind	610	42.8
Hall H.	Lab	594	-

**Turnout** 47.1 14.3

### Sandfields East (3992)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
Thomas S.	Rate	1,990	77.8
Victory M.	Rate	1,727	-
Hughes A.	Rate	1,708	-
Phillips D.	Lab	569	22.2
Hill J.	Lab	491	-
Rees D.	Lab	419	-

**Turnout** 64.1 55.5

### Sandfields West (3909)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share
Penhale G.	Rate	1,517	58.7
Davies H.	Rate	1,443	-
Bowerman R.	Rate	1,266	-
James L.	Lab	1,067	41.3
Heycock L.	Lab	742	-
Griffiths G.	Lab	629	-

**Turnout** 66.1 17.4

### Taibach (2409)<sup>3</sup>

		vote	share





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## Port Talbot 1979

Ward 1 () <sup>3</sup>		
	vote	share
Jenkins C.	Rate 2,688	53.8
Mescall A.	Rate 2,542	-
Wheatley A.	Rate 2,350	-
Harris M.	Lab 2,305	46.2
Rees D.	Lab 2,005	-
Kearle D.	Lab 1,963	-
	<b>Turnout</b>	0.0 7.7

Ward 10 () <sup>2</sup>		
	vote	share
Nicholas K.	Lab 777	58.5
Evans D.	Lab 765	-
James G.	R & T 552	41.5
	<b>Turnout</b>	0.0 16.9

Ward 11 (1711)		
	vote	share
Coleman R.	Lab 0	0.0
	<b>Turnout</b>	0.0 0.0

Ward 2 () <sup>3</sup>		
	vote	share
Roche T.	Lab 2,119	59.9
Kingdom V.	Lab 1,721	-
Johnson K.	Lab 1,645	-
Carey L.	NEW TEN1,417	40.1
Thomas B.	NEW TEN1,173	-
Harris J.	NEW TEN 985	-
	<b>Turnout</b>	0.0 19.9

Ward 3 () <sup>3</sup>		
	vote	share
Crowley T.	Lab 2,474	62.5
Mears H.	Lab 2,310	-
Cooper G.	Lab 2,253	-
Stanton L.	NEW TEN1,485	37.5
Johnson T.	NEW TEN1,458	-
Guy T.	NEW TEN1,230	-
	<b>Turnout</b>	0.0 25.0

Ward 4 () <sup>3</sup>		
	vote	share
Harris W.	NEW TEN2,292	47.6
Prescott E.	NEW TEN2,280	-
Thomas R.	NEW TEN1,920	-
Goodger A.	Lab 1,877	39.0
Greenfield R.	Lab 1,857	-
Wright C.	Lab 1,622	-
Edwards K.	PC 646	13.4
	<b>Turnout</b>	0.0 8.6

Ward 5 () <sup>3</sup>		
	vote	share
Jones G.	Lab 2,237	65.0
Morgan R.	Lab 2,183	-
Evans A.	Lab 2,093	-
John B.	Rate 818	23.8
Ludbrook H.	Rate 538	-
Thomas J.	PC 387	11.2
	<b>Turnout</b>	0.0 41.2

Ward 6 () <sup>3</sup>		
	vote	share
Thomas S.	Rate 2,022	64.6
Weaver-Charles J.	Rate 1,753	-
Hughes A.	Rate 1,751	-
Collins T.	Lab 835	26.7
Lewis D.	Lab 791	-
Rees D.	Lab 743	-
Gleaves M.	PC 272	8.7
	<b>Turnout</b>	0.0 37.9

### Ward 7 ()<sup>3</sup>

	vote	share
Charles W.	Rate 1,038	51.4
Owen E.	Lab 982	48.6
Morgans T.	Lab 892	-
Wilkinson R.	Rate 853	-
Parnall P.	Rate 828	-
Southall D.	Lab 828	-

**Turnout** 0.0 2.8

### Ward 8 ()<sup>3</sup>

	vote	share
Owen C.	Lab 1,545	52.9
Lewis D.	Lab 1,544	-
Parry W.	Lab 1,482	-
Bowerman R.	Rate 1,378	47.1
Davies H.	Rate 1,335	-
Penhale G.	Rate 1,157	-

**Turnout** 0.0 5.7

### Margam (1422)

	vote	share
Owen E.	Lab 512	53.5
Charles W.	Rate 445	46.5

**Turnout** 67.3 7.0

### Port Talbot (4512)<sup>3</sup>

	vote	share
Thomas S.	Rate 1,536	65.2
Hughes A.	Rate 1,362	-
Weaver-Charles J. Ms.	Rate 1,346	-
Rees D.	Lab 820	34.8
Foley G.	Lab 794	-
Hare P. Ms.	Lab 744	-

**Turnout** 52.2 30.4

### Sandfields East (5042)<sup>4</sup>

	vote	share
Crowley N.	Lab 1,992	62.3
Mears H. Ms.	Lab 1,849	-
Cooper G.	Lab 1,771	-
James L. Ms.	Lab 1,637	-
Johnson T.	ALL 613	19.2
Roberts J.	Rate 593	18.5
Staton R.	ALL 542	-
Bellingham J.	ALL 449	-

**Turnout** 63.4 43.1

### Sandfields West (5723)<sup>5</sup>

	vote	share
Harris W.	Lab 1,664	58.1
Wright C.	Lab 1,546	-
Goodger A.	Lab 1,541	-
Jones D.	Lab 1,523	-
Price G.	Lab 1,503	-
Prescott E.	Rate 1,201	41.9
Jones W.	Rate 1,037	-
Thomas R.	Rate 980	-
Powell D.	Rate 884	-
Davies E.	Rate 759	-

**Turnout** 50.1 16.2

### Taibach (3969)<sup>3</sup>

	vote	share
Owen C.	Lab 1,292	53.5
Parry W.	Lab 1,153	-
Lewis D.	Lab 1,097	-
Wilkinson R.	Rate 652	27.0
Davies G.	ALL 472	19.5
Colburn A.	ALL 441	-

**Turnout** 60.9 26.5

## Port Talbot 1984

### Aberavon (4566)

	vote	share
Kingdon V.*	Lab 1,198	69.3
Johnson T.	Lib/SDP 531	30.7

**Turnout** 37.9 38.6

### Baglan (5705)<sup>2</sup>

	vote	share
Mescall A. Ms.*	Rate 1,223	45.2
Owen D.*	Lab 1,068	39.5
Tallamy J.*	Rate 1,057	-
Hare P.	Lab 949	-
Larsen A.	Lib/SDP 413	15.3
Roberts L.	Lib/SDP 405	-

**Turnout** 47.4 5.7

### Bryn & Cwmavon (4946)

	vote	share
Morgans T*	Lab 1,460	66.6
Harris M. Ms.	Lib/SDP 731	33.4

**Turnout** 44.3 33.3

**Port Talbot (4514)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Weaver-Charles J. Ms.*	Rate	1,240	60.1
Foley G.	Lab	823	39.9

Turnout 45.7 20.2

**Sandfields East (5044)<sup>2</sup>**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
James L. Ms.*	Lab	0	0.0
Cooper G.*	Lab	0	-

Turnout 0.0 0.0

**Sandfields West (5726)<sup>2</sup>**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Price G.*	Lab	1,555	69.5
Jones G.*	Lab	1,520	-
Prescott E.	Rate	684	30.5

Thomas B.	Rate	613	-
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Turnout 39.1 38.9

**Taibach (3969)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Lewis D.*	Lab	0	0.0

Turnout 0.0 0.0

**Port Talbot 1986****Aberavon (4571)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Johnson K.*	Lab	1,033	56.6
Taylor A.	ALL	791	43.4

Turnout 39.9 13.3

**Baglan (5711)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Rees L.	Lab	1,395	52.9
Jenkins C.*	Rate	1,243	47.1

Turnout 46.2 5.8

**Bryn & Cwmavon (4951)<sup>2</sup>**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Jones G.*	Lab	1,492	65.6
Williams C.*	Lab	1,405	-
Harris M. Ms.	ALL	781	34.4
Parnall D.	ALL	693	-

Turnout 45.9 31.3

**Cymmer (2633)<sup>2</sup>**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Lewis E.*	Lab	791	52.7
Goodridge M. Ms.	Ind	709	47.3
Stokes D.	Lab	574	-

Turnout 57.0 5.5

**Port Talbot (4519)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Hughes A.*	Rate	1,085	59.5
Hare P. Ms.	Lab	740	40.5

Turnout 40.4 18.9

**Sandfields East (5049)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Mears H. Ms.	Lab	0	0.0

Turnout 0.0 0.0

**Sandfields West (5732)<sup>2</sup>**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Goodger E.*	Lab	1,496	75.2
Wright C.*	Lab	1,486	-
Prescott G.	ALL	494	24.8

Johnson T.	ALL	387	-
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Turnout 34.7 50.4

**Taibach (3969)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Parry H.*	Lab	1,242	73.3
Thomas H.	ALL	453	26.7

Turnout 42.7 46.5

**Port Talbot 1987**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Taylor A.	ALL	1,407	59.3
Roche T.*	Lab	967	40.7

Turnout 51.9 18.5

**Baglan (5714)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Wheatley A.*	Rate	1,661	56.5
Golding M. Ms.	Lab	1,281	43.5

Turnout 51.5 12.9

**Brym & Cwmavon (4953)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Morgan R.*	Lab	1,487	51.7
Harris M. Ms.	ALL	949	33.0
Anquetil D.	Ind	440	15.3

Turnout 58.1 18.7

**Cymmer (2634)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Goodridge M. Ms.*	Ind	1,042	72.8
Davies J.	Lab	390	27.2

Turnout 54.4 45.5

**Gwynfi (1286)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Evans D.*	Lab	605	69.3
James G.	Rate	268	30.7

Turnout 67.9 38.6

**Margam (1425)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Frost M.*	ALL	520	53.7
Merriman G.	Lab	272	28.1
Wilkinson W.	Rate	99	10.2
Morris W.	Con	77	8.0

Turnout 67.9 25.6

**Port Talbot (4521)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Thomas S.*	Rate	1,391	61.1
Hulse B.	Lab	886	38.9

Turnout 50.4 22.2

**Sandfields East (5052)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Crowley T.	Lab	1,722	62.8
Morris C.	ALL	1,018	37.2

Turnout 54.2 25.7

**Sandfields West (5735)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Harris W.*	Lab	1,614	63.8
Prescott E.	ALL	916	36.2

Turnout 44.1 27.6

**Taibach (3969)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Owen C.*	Lab	1,252	63.8
Thomas H.	ALL	709	36.2

Turnout 49.4 27.7

**Port Talbot 1988****Aberavon (4576)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Madden M. Ms.	Lab	1,066	50.8
Johnson T.	SDP	838	39.9
Kingdom V. Ms.*	Ind Lab	196	9.3

Turnout 45.9 10.9

**Baglan (5717)<sup>2</sup>**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Owen D.	Lab	1,387	55.0
Golding M. Ms.	Lab	1,213	-
Mescall A. Ms.*	Rate	1,136	45.0

Turnout 42.5 9.9

**Bryn & Cwmavon (4956)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Morgans T.	Lab	1,568	62.3
Harris M. Ms.	SLD	947	37.7

Turnout 50.7 24.7

**Cymmer (2636)**

		<b>vote</b>	<b>share</b>
Stokes D.	Lab	664	66.6
Sedgebeer H. Ms.	Ind	333	33.4

Turnout 37.8 33.2

**Port Talbot (4524)**

		**vote**	**share**



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## Port Talbot 1990

Aberavon (4529)			
		vote	share
Johnson K.*	Lab	1,160	51.4
Dinham J.	SDP	1,096	48.6
	<b>Turnout</b>	49.8	2.8
Baglan (5711)			
		vote	share
Sullivan S.	Rate	1,432	50.0
Rees L.*	Lab	1,431	50.0
	<b>Turnout</b>	50.1	0.0
Brym & Cwmavon (4944) <sup>2</sup>			
		vote	share
Jones G.*	Lab	1,568	51.8
Roblin B.	Lab	1,526	-
Harris M. Ms.	SLD	1,460	48.2
	<b>Turnout</b>	46.1	3.6
Cymmer (2555)			
		vote	share
Stokes D.*	Lab	815	65.2
Stead J.	Ind	435	34.8
	<b>Turnout</b>	48.9	30.4
Port Talbot (4511)			
		vote	share
David S.	Lab	1,107	52.0
Hughes A.*	Rate	1,022	48.0
	<b>Turnout</b>	47.2	4.0
Sandfields East (5020)			
		vote	share
Mears H. Ms.*	Lab	2,047	75.0
Morris C.	SDP	420	15.4
Kirk B.	Ind	139	5.1
Morrison J. Ms.	SLD	124	4.5
	<b>Turnout</b>	54.4	59.6
Sandfields West (5672) <sup>2</sup>			
		vote	share
Goodger A.*	Lab	1,879	61.6
Wright C.*	Lab	1,869	-
Jones W.	Ind	805	26.4
Phillips M.	SLD	368	12.1
	<b>Turnout</b>	43.4	35.2
Taibach (3891)			
		vote	share
Thomas R.	Lab	1,254	63.9
Jones J.	SLD	708	36.1
	<b>Turnout</b>	50.4	27.8

## Port Talbot 1991

Aberavon (4529)			
		vote	share
Taylor A.*	SDP	1,394	59.7
O'Brien J.	Lab	941	40.3
	<b>Turnout</b>	51.6	19.4
Baglan (5686)			
		vote	share
Wheatley A.*	Rate	1,633	56.9
Rees L.	Lab	1,239	43.1
	<b>Turnout</b>	50.7	13.7
Brym & Cwmavon (4949)			
		vote	share
Harris M. Ms.	LD	1,484	51.9
Rees D.	Lab	1,375	48.1
	<b>Turnout</b>	57.0	3.8
Cymmer (2561)			
		vote	share
Goodridge M. Ms.*	Ind	647	51.0
Rowles J. Ms.	Lab	622	49.0
	<b>Turnout</b>	49.8	2.0
Glyncoed (1000)			
		vote	share
Rawlings H.*	Lab	0	0.0
	<b>Turnout</b>	0.0	0.0
Gwynfi (1289)			
		vote	share
Evans D.*	Lab	0	0.0
	<b>Turnout</b>	0.0	0.0
Margam (1428)			
		vote	share
Mason S.	Lab	400	52.2
Thomas H.*	LD	367	47.8
	<b>Turnout</b>	53.7	4.3
Port Talbot (4457)			
		vote	share
Thomas S.*	Rate	1,320	62.0
Davies G.	Lab	809	38.0
	<b>Turnout</b>	47.8	24.0
Sandfields East (5056)			
		vote	share
Crowley T.*	Lab	1,802	72.9
Morrison J. Ms.	LD	671	27.1
	<b>Turnout</b>	49.1	45.7
Sandfields West (5531)			
		vote	share
Harris W.*	Lab	1,745	79.6
Phillips M.	LD	446	20.4
	<b>Turnout</b>	39.8	59.3
Taibach (3873)			
		vote	share
Owen C.*	Lab	1,170	61.5
Crofts J.	LD	409	21.5
Ward T.	Ind Lab	322	16.9
	<b>Turnout</b>	49.2	40.0



