

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION 1985

Attached is a schedule detailing for each of the 98 divisions the 1981 and 1985 County Council election results. The schedule includes candidates names, electorate, poll and majority. The 1985 election was fought on the same electoral divisions as that in 1981 with the exception of a small boundary change between Basildon Pitsea and Benfleet/Great Tarpots/Thundersley (in Castle Point District), and three very minor boundary adjustments elsewhere.

The results of earlier elections are summarised on the following pages. Only fifteen of the present divisions had precisely the same boundaries as those in the 1973 and 1977 election so a full comparison is not practicable.

1985 Election

The electorate totalled 1,156,227 with divisions ranging in size from 9100 (Hadleigh) to 15479 (Springfield). All 98 divisions were contested and there were 296 candidates. The summarised result of the election is as follows:

| Party | No. of Candidates | Votes polled | % of votes cast | Seats Won | % Swing 1981-1985 |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Conservative | 97 | 176168 | 39.8 | 45 | - 2.7 |
| Labour | 98 | 131019 | 29.6 | 29 | - 4.5 |
| Alliance | 86 | 129371 | 29.2 | 23 | + 9.1 |
| Ecology | 5 | 439 | 0.1 | 0) | |
| Res. Assoc. | 3 | 3215 | 0.7 | 1) | - 1.8 |
| Others | 7 | 2335 | 0.5 | 0) | |
| | 296 | 442547 | 100.0 | 98 | - |

Of the total electorate 38.3% voted. The highest poll was in Bocking division (49.5%) and the lowest was in Tilbury division (20.4%). The district with highest overall poll was Brentwood with 43.0% and the lowest was Thurrock with 26.7%.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 1973, 1977 and 1981

Local Government Reorganisation

At local government reorganisation Essex was divided into 95 county electoral divisions but two of them (Southend-on-Sea No. 6 and Southend-on-Sea No. 7) were two member divisions. The Council therefore consisted of 97 members. In the main the boundaries of the 84 divisions into which the former administrative county had been divided were unaltered and the 11 divisions formed out of the former county borough of Southend-on-Sea followed the boundaries of the then borough wards or groupings of them.

1973 Election

At the first election on 12 April 1973 the total electorate of the county was 992,149 and the electorates of the 95 divisions varied between 6,750 and 22,916.

All 97 seats were contested at that election and there were 223 candidates. The result of the election was as follows:

- 90 Conservative candidates polled 167,106 votes and won 50 seats
- 96 Labour candidates polled 158,618 votes and won 40 seats
- 16 Liberal candidates polled 24,976 votes and won 5 seats
- 21 other candidates polled 19,810 votes and won 2 seats.

Of the total electorate 37.3% voted and the highest poll (57.2%) was in the Southend-on-Sea No. 4 (St Clements) county electoral division and the lowest (18.0%) was in the Thurrock No. 5 (South Ockendon) division. At subsequent bye-elections to fill casual vacancies the Conservatives gained four seats from Labour.

1977 Election

The same 97 divisions applied for the election of the Council on 5 May 1977. The electorates then varied between 6,735 and 22,306. At that election four seats were uncontested and all returned Conservative candidates. There were 253 candidates for the remaining 93 contested seats and in these contested elections the position was:

- 93 Conservative candidates polled 257,703 votes and won 79 seats
- 85 Labour candidates polled 106,664 votes and won 12 seats
- 51 Liberal candidates polled 36,638 votes and won 2 seats
- 24 other candidates polled 13,367 votes and won no seats.

The electorate totalled 1,038,293 and 41.5% voted. The highest poll (59.2%) was in the Southend-on-Sea No. 4 (St Clements) division and the lowest (21.5%) was in the Thurrock No. 2 (Grays Thurrock) division. At the 1977 election the Conservatives gained 24 seats from the Labour Party, three from the Liberal Party, one from a Residents' Association and one from an Independent. The final state of the parties was therefore Conservative 83, Labour 12 and Liberal 2.

In the subsequent four bye-elections, one resulted in a gain for the Labour Party from Conservative.

1981 Election

Following a review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England initiated in 1979, on 6 February 1981 an order was made constituting 98 electoral divisions in the County, each electing one County Councillor. These were the divisions for the County Council election on 5 May 1981.

The electorate totalled 1,109,138 (with divisions ranging from 9,009 to 14,116) and all 98 divisions were contested. There were 298 candidates and the result of the election was as follows:-

98 Conservative candidates polled 197,573 votes (42.5%) and won 51 seats

98 Labour candidates polled 158,500 votes (34.1%) and won 32 seats

70 Liberal candidates polled 91,503 votes (19.7%) and won 13 seats

7 Ecology candidates polled 1,122 votes (0.2%) and won no seats

3 Social Democrat candidates polled 2,034 votes (0.4%) and won no seats

22 other candidates polled 13,929 votes (3.0%) and won 2 seats.

Of the total electorate, 41.9% voted. The highest poll (51.0%) was in the Saffron Walden division and the lowest (30.7%) was in the Tiptree division. The district with the highest overall poll was Uttlesford with 47.5% and the lowest was Thurrock Borough with 37.1%.

Nine by-elections have been held since May 1981, one resulting in a gain for Liberal from Conservative. Details are included on the attached schedule under the respective divisions. With one current vacancy (previously held by Labour) the comparative position at April 1985 was therefore:

| | <u>May 1981</u> | <u>April 1985</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Conservative | 51 | 50 |
| Labour | 32 | 31 |
| Liberal | 13 | 14 |
| Independent | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> |
| | 98 | 97 + 1 vacancy |

BASILDON DISTRICT

Divisions 10
 Electors 119098
 Voted 45267 38.0
 Highest Poll Wickford 47.6%
 Lowest Poll Basildon Pitsea 30.5%

| Party | No. of Candidates | Votes polled | % votes cast | Seats won |
|-------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Con | 10 | 14386 | 31.8 | 3 |
| Lab | 10 | 18235 | 40.3 | 6 |
| All | 10 | 11830 | 26.1 | 1 |
| Res | 1 | 816 | 1.8 | 0 |

Basildon Crouch Division

1981 election 8815 electors 46.3% poll

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|-----------|---------|------|
| FERRISS | Lib | 764 |
| MARSHALL | Con | 1387 |
| OPPENHEIM | Eco | 35 |
| REED | Lab | 990 |
| STARK | Ind Con | 907 |

Elected MARSHALL Con Majority 397

1985 election 9998 electors 36.0% poll

| | | |
|-----------------|-----|------|
| BALL Tony | Con | 1643 |
| CREGG Martin J | Lab | 814 |
| PALMER Graham S | All | 1146 |

Elected BALL Con Majority 497

Basildon Fryerns Division

1981 election 10968 electors 34.5% poll

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|-----------|-----|------|
| ARCHIBALD | Lab | 2589 |
| BAKER | Res | 80 |
| CHAMBERS | Lib | 499 |
| WILLETT | Con | 617 |

Elected ARCHIBALD Lab Majority 1972

1985 election 10638 electors 30.4% poll

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|--------------------|-----|------|
| ARCHIBALD William | Lab | 2300 |
| PENVERE Gladys R P | Con | 487 |
| SMITH John W | All | 442 |

Elected ARCHIBALD Lab Majority 1813

Basildon Gloucester Park Division

1981 election 12585 electors 43.4% poll

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| COSTELLO | Lab | 3691 |
| SHERIDAN | Con | 819 |
| WHITE | Lib | 952 |

Elected COSTELLO Lab Majority 2739

By-Election March 1982 12493 electors 34.6% poll

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|-----------|-----|------|
| BATCHELOR | Lab | 2563 |
| BUTLER | All | 1232 |
| LANE | Con | 532 |

Elected BATCHELOR Lab Majority 1331

By-Election October 1982 12493 electors 26.6% poll

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| BASSETT | All | 827 |
| LANE | Con | 556 |
| PRIMMER | Lab | 1935 |

Elected PRIMMER Lab Majority 1108

1985 election 12383 electors 35.5% poll

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|-------------------|-----|------|
| CHAMBERS Mark S | All | 702 |
| HARBOTT Ian | Con | 815 |
| PRIMMER William C | Lab | 2885 |

Elected PRIMMER Lab Majority 2070

Basildon Laindon Division

1981 election 8479 electors 41.0% poll

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|-------|-----|------|
| BOLT | Lab | 1490 |
| LANE | Con | 819 |
| PAYNE | Lib | 1163 |

Elected BOLT Lab Majority 327

1985 election 11140 electors 37.7% poll

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| BOLT Rachel M H | Lab | 2081 |
| LANE Ernest A | Con | 823 |
| NEIL Kevin M | All | 1296 |

Elected BOLT Lab Majority 785

Basildon Pitsea Division

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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| <u>1981 election</u> | <u>13475 electors</u> | | <u>37.9% poll</u> |
| | DINES | Con | 1370 |
| | HAWKSWORTH | Lib | 589 |
| | OLIVER | Lab | 3151 |
| Elected | OLIVER | Lab | Majority: 1781 |
| <u>1985 election</u> | <u>15462 electors</u> | | <u>30.5% poll</u> |
| | JENNINGS Mark E | Con | 1113 |
| | MAGUIRE Michael H | All | 589 |
| | MARTIN SMITH Geoffrey | Lab | 3007 |
| Elected | MARTIN-SMITH | Lab | Majority 1894 |

Basildon Vange Division

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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| <u>1981 election</u> | <u>13100 electors</u> | | <u>37.2% poll</u> |
| | BELL | Lib | 613 |
| | MILLER | Lab | 3178 |
| | THOMAS | Eco | 130 |
| | WHITE | Con | 949 |
| Elected: | MILLER | Lab | Majority: 2229 |
| <u>1985 election</u> | <u>13252 electors</u> | | <u>32.1% poll</u> |
| | BIRCH Michael | All | 575 |
| | MILLER George J | Lab | 2898 |
| | WHITE Alan | Con | 782 |
| Elected | MILLER | Lab | Majority 2116 |

Basildon Westley Heights Division

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| <u>1981 election</u> | <u>10727 electors</u> | | <u>40.1% poll</u> |
| | ILESLEY | Con | 1591 |
| | MAXEY | Lab | 2080 |
| | WILLIAMS | Lib | 1062 |
| Elected | MAXEY | Lab | Majority 489 |
| <u>1985 election</u> | <u>11049 electors</u> | | <u>44.5% poll</u> |
| | DINES Elizabeth A | Con | 1440 |
| | EVANS Rosemary I | Lab | 2061 |
| | WHITE Joseph W | All | 1417 |
| Elected | EVANS | Lab | Majority 621 |

Billericay North Division

1981 election 10240 electors 47.8% poll

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|------------|-----|------|
| GREENFIELD | Con | 2600 |
| STANSFIELD | Res | 1917 |
| WILSON | Lab | 381 |

Elected GREENFIELD Con Majority 683

1985 election 11833 electors 42.4% poll

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|---------------------|-----|------|
| BANTON Alan J | All | 1261 |
| GREENFIELD Lilian I | Con | 3310 |
| HARLOW Irene L | Lab | 450 |

Elected GREENFIELD Con Majority 2049

Billericay South Division

1981 election 12553 electors 42.9% poll

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|---------|-----|------|
| CHAPMAN | Lib | 826 |
| JONES | Con | 1764 |
| LYNCH | Lab | 913 |
| WILKINS | Res | 1876 |

Elected WILKINS Res Majority 112

1985 election 12616 electors 46.2% poll

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|---------------------|-----|------|
| CRONKSHAW Grahame | All | 1595 |
| KEMP John G B | Lab | 919 |
| MARSHALL Ronald A E | Con | 2498 |
| WILKINS Horace E | Res | 816 |

Elected MARSHALL Con Majority 903

Wickford Division

1981 election 9998 electors 42.1% poll

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| PALMER | Lib | 781 |
| PRIMMER | Lab | 1289 |
| MICKELBOROUGH | Con | 2143 |

Elected MICKELBOROUGH Con Majority 854

1985 election 10727 electors 47.6% poll

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| AUVRAY Raymond M | All | 2807 |
| MICKELBOROUGH Eileen | Con | 1475 |
| WILSON Christopher M | Lab | 820 |

BRAINTREE DISTRICT

Divisions 7
 Electors 86266
 Voted 36572 42.4
 Highest poll Bocking 49.5%
 Lowest poll Witham South 37.1%

| Party | No. of candidates | Votes polled | % votes cast | Seats won |
|-------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Con | 7 | 14923 | 40.8 | 4 |
| Lab | 7 | 11376 | 31.1 | 2 |
| All | 7 | 10273 | 28.1 | 1 |

Bocking Division

1981 election 11802 electors 48.0% poll

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| HALL | Lab | 2177 |
| ROSS | Lib | 1279 |
| SEBAG-MONTEFIORE | Con | 2208 |

Elected SEBAG-MONTEFIORE Con Majority 31

1985 election 11924 electors 49.5% poll

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| COMFORT Angela L | Con | 2373 |
| NICHOLSON Hugh P | All | 979 |
| WHITE Peter H | Lab | 2548 |

Elected WHITE Lab Majority 175

Braintree East Division

1981 election 12233 electors 45.1% poll

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| DIXON SMITH | Con | 2176 |
| KEELING | Lib | 1571 |
| OLIVER | Lab | 1774 |

Elected DIXON SMITH Con Majority 393

1985 election 12697 electors 42.5% poll

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| DIXON SMITH Robert W | Con | 2315 |
| PAPWORTH Christopher | All | 1407 |
| PAY Robert M | Lab | 1677 |

Elected DIXON SMITH Con Majority 638

Braintree West Division

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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|------|
| <u>1981 election</u> | <u>12295 electors</u> | | <u>46.9% poll</u> | |
| | AMIES | Con | | 2122 |
| | GRICE | Lib | | 2166 |
| | SHIRVINGTON | Lab | | 1473 |
| Elected | GRICE | Lib | Majority | 44 |
| <u>1985 election</u> | <u>13104 electors</u> | | <u>44.1% poll</u> | |
| | GRICE David A | All | | 2913 |
| | KERLOGUE Sylvia | Lab | | 931 |
| | RENDER John W | Con | | 1936 |
| Elected | GRICE | All | Majority | 977 |

Halstead Division

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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|------|
| <u>1981 election</u> | <u>12037 electors</u> | | <u>42.0% poll</u> | |
| | DIXEY | Lab | | 2131 |
| | JOYCE | Con | | 2923 |
| Elected | JOYCE | Con | Majority | 792 |
| <u>1985 election</u> | <u>12676 electors</u> | | <u>42.5% poll</u> | |
| | BIRD Anthony K | All | | 1095 |
| | DIXEY Robert A | Lab | | 1767 |
| | JOYCE Olive J | Con | | 2522 |
| Elected | JOYCE | Con | Majority | 755 |

Hedingham Division

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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|------|
| <u>1981 election</u> | <u>10946 electors</u> | | <u>39.8% poll</u> | |
| | ALSTON | Lab | | 1533 |
| | WATERER | Con | | 2826 |
| Elected | WATERER | Con | Majority | 1293 |
| <u>1985 election</u> | <u>11424 electors</u> | | <u>43.5% poll</u> | |
| | CHAMBERLAIN Honor | All | | 1425 |
| | STURGES Alan G | Lab | | 1018 |
| | WATERER Geoffrey C | Con | | 2531 |
| Elected | WATERER | Con | Majority | 1106 |

Witham Northern Division

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| <u>1981 election</u> | <u>12233 electors</u> | | <u>43.5% poll</u> |
| | ALLAN | Con | 1757 |
| | LYON | Lab | 2323 |
| | SLOWMAN | Lib | 1186 |

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|---------|------|-----|----------|-----|
| Elected | LYON | Lab | Majority | 566 |
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| <u>1985 election</u> | <u>12668 electors</u> | | <u>37.6% poll</u> |
| | FAULKNER John | All | 1251 |
| | GILTHORPE Patricia E | Con | 1481 |
| | LYON Joan M | Lab | 2037 |

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| Elected | LYON | Lab | Majority | 556 |
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Witham Southern Division

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| <u>1981 election</u> | <u>11241 electors</u> | | <u>38.2% poll</u> |
| | FOY | Lab | 2098 |
| | WILLETTS | Con | 2193 |

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|---------|----------|-----|----------|----|
| Elected | WILLETTS | Con | Majority | 95 |
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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| <u>1985 election</u> | <u>11773 electors</u> | | <u>37.1% poll</u> |
| | BLOWER Kathryn M | Lab | 1398 |
| | HOWARD Donald | All | 1203 |
| | WILLETTS Dennis | Con | 1765 |

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|---------|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| Elected | WILLETTS | Con | Majority | 367 |
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BRENTWOOD DISTRICT

Divisions 5
 Electors 55963
 Voted 25206 45.0
 Highest poll Brentwood South 49.2%
 Lowest poll Brentwood Hutton 38.4%

| Party | No. of candidates | Votes polled | % votes cast | Seats won |
|-------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Con | 5 | 11682 | 46.3 | 4 |
| Lab | 5 | 4717 | 18.7 | 0 |
| All | 5 | 8807 | 34.9 | 1 |

Brentwood Central Division

1981 election 10270 electors 45.7% poll

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|---------|-----|------|
| EDWARDS | Lab | 1042 |
| HUTTON | Con | 2262 |
| LONGMAN | Lib | 1389 |

Elected HUTTON Con Majority 873

1985 election 10133 electors 47.4% poll

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|-------------------|-----|------|
| DIMMOCK Gordon T | Lab | 659 |
| HUTTON Margaret D | Con | 2151 |
| YATES Eunice | All | 1989 |

Elected HUTTON Con Majority 162

Brentwood Hutton Division

1981 election 11790 electors 44.1% poll

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| DONNELLY | Con | 2956 |
| HALL | Lib | 1262 |
| WACEY | Lab | 985 |

Elected DONNELLY Con Majority 1694

1985 election 12033 electors 38.4% poll

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| BROWN Terence M | All | 1497 |
| COZENS Charles R | Lab | 750 |
| DONNELLY Anthony L | Con | 2368 |

Elected DONNELLY Con Majority 871

Brentwood North Division

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|---------------|-------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1981 election | 9486 electors | | 44.9% poll |
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| | AMOR | Lib | 987 |
| | JAGO | Con | 2230 |
| | SOUTHGATE | Lab | 1044 |
| Elected | JAGO | Con | Majority 1186 |
| 1985 election | 9593 electors | | 41.1% poll |
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| | GOTTESMANN Rona M | All | 1311 |
| | JAGO Leonard F | Con | 1997 |
| | SOUTHGATE Lily I | Lab | 635 |
| Elected | JAGO | Con | Majority 686 |

Brentwood Rural Division

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1981 election | 12026 electors | | 45.1% poll |
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| | JONES | Con | 3106 |
| | NICHOLAS | Lab | 742 |
| | SULLIVAN | Lib | 1581 |
| Elected | JONES | Con | Majority 1525 |
| 1985 election | 12670 electors | | 48.7% poll |
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| | BROWN Rita H | Con | 2759 |
| | HARDY Derek M | All | 2790 |
| | TATTERSALL Richard J | Lab | 620 |
| Elected | HARDY | All | Majority 31 |

Brentwood South Division

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|---------------|--------------------|-----|--------------|
| 1981 election | 11439 electors | | 47.5% poll |
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| | DWYER | Lib | 779 |
| | HAYWARD | Con | 2590 |
| | REDELL | Lab | 2420 |
| Elected | HAYWARD | Con | Majority 170 |
| 1985 election | 11534 electors | | 49.2% poll |
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| | HAYWARD Janet M | Con | 2407 |
| | MAXEY Cornelius R | Lab | 2053 |
| | McFARLAND Robert S | All | 1220 |
| Elected | HAYWARD | Con | Majority 354 |

CASTLE POINT DISTRICT

Divisions 6
 Electors 66306
 Voted 22771 34.3
 Highest poll Hadleigh 40.7%
 Lowest poll Canvey Island East 30.0%

| Party | No. of candidates | Votes polled | % votes cast | Seats won |
|-------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Con | 6 | 11398 | 50.1 | 5 |
| Lab | 6 | 7216 | 31.7 | 1 |
| All | 6 | 4157 | 18.3 | 0 |

Benfleet Division

1981 election 9827 electors 42.6% poll

| | | |
|----------|-----|------|
| ATKIN | Lib | 939 |
| PIKE | Con | 2223 |
| PRENTICE | Lab | 1022 |

Elected PIKE Con Majority 1201

1985 election 9989 electors 38.4% poll

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|------------------|-----|------|
| ATKIN Timothy J | All | 777 |
| REEVES Jillian M | Con | 2144 |
| WILSON Brian | Lab | 913 |

Elected REEVES Con Majority 1231

Canvey Island East Division

1981 election 13215 electors 33.3% poll

| | | |
|----------|---------|------|
| ASHWORTH | Con | 1707 |
| BENNETT | Soc Dem | 912 |
| NISBET | Lab | 1782 |

Elected NISBET Lab Majority 75

1985 election 13909 electors 30.0% poll

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|----------------------|-----|------|
| JOHNSTON Frederick D | All | 780 |
| NISBET Dennis J | Lab | 1704 |
| PATTERSON Arthur A S | Con | 1694 |

Elected NISBET Lab Majority 10

Canvey Island West Division

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|---------------|----------------|---------|--------------|
| 1981 election | 12571 electors | | 34.9% poll |
| | CHITTY | Lib | 413 |
| | PERRIN | Soc Dem | 548 |
| | SHAW | Lab | 2081 |
| | WOOD | Con | 1345 |
| Elected | SHAW | Lab | Majority 736 |

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|---------------|------------------|-----|--------------|
| 1985 election | 12839 electors | | 33.7% poll |
| | HOWARD Raymond C | Con | 1961 |
| | MILLER Kenneth M | All | 520 |
| | SHAW Dorothy E | Lab | 1845 |
| Elected | HOWARD | Con | Majority 116 |

Great Tarpots Division

| | | | |
|---------------|---------------|-----|--------------|
| 1981 election | 9846 electors | | 39.4% poll |
| | AUVACHE | Lab | 1495 |
| | BRUM | Con | 1700 |
| | MICHEL | Lib | 684 |
| Elected | BRUM | Con | Majority 205 |

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|---------------|------------------|-----|--------------|
| 1985 election | 10702 electors | | 32.1% poll |
| | BIRCH Alwyn | All | 634 |
| | BRUM William E | Con | 1507 |
| | WRIGHT Anthony N | Lab | 1293 |
| Elected | BRUM | Con | Majority 214 |

Hadleigh Division

| | | | |
|---------------|---------------|-----|---------------|
| 1981 election | 9099 electors | | 46.4% poll |
| | NEWTON | Lib | 860 |
| | OTTINO | Lab | 754 |
| | WILLIAMS | Con | 2607 |
| Elected | WILLIAMS | Con | Majority 1747 |

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|---------------|-------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1985 election | 9100 electors | | 40.7% poll |
| | CARR Graham M | Lab | 620 |
| | NEWTON David F | All | 723 |
| | WILLIAMS Ronald M | Con | 2365 |
| Elected | WILLIAMS | Con | Majority 1642 |

Thundersley Division

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|---------------|---------------|-----|---------------|
| 1981 election | 9295 electors | | 43.7% poll |
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| | AMEY | Lab | 1146 |
| | MEGGISON | Con | 2188 |
| | PENNY | Lib | 732 |
| Elected | MEGGISON | Con | Majority 1042 |

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|------------------------------|---------------|-----|--------------|
| By-Election December 1981 | 9295 electors | | 20.0% poll |
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| | GALLIENNE | Con | 720 |
| | PENNY | All | 894 |
| | TURNER | Lab | 248 |
| Elected | PENNY | All | Majority 174 |

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|---------------|--------------------|-----|--------------|
| 1985 election | 9767 electors | | 33.7% poll |
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| | GAZZARD Joseph F A | Con | 1727 |
| | MICHEL Robin L | All | 723 |
| | PAYNE John | Lab | 841 |
| Elected | GAZZARD | Con | Majority 886 |

CHELMSFORD BOROUGH

Divisions 9
 Electors 111874
 Voted 45743 40.9
 Highest poll Chelmsford South 46.9%
 Lowest poll W. Ferrers & Danbury 35.5%

| Party | No. of candidates | Votes polled | % votes cast | Seats won |
|-------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Con | 9 | 18749 | 41.0 | 4 |
| Lab | 9 | 7037 | 15.4 | 0 |
| All | 9 | 19957 | 43.6 | 5 |

Broomfield and Writtle Division

1981 election 10476 electors 48.8% poll

| | | |
|-----------|-----|------|
| BLISS | Lab | 1102 |
| GUMBLETON | Lib | 1372 |
| PLATT | Con | 2635 |

Elected PLATT Con Majority 1263

1985 election 11115 electors 40.2% poll

| | | |
|------------------|-----|------|
| MORPHEW Stephen | Lab | 892 |
| PERRY Betty M L | All | 1224 |
| ROSE Michael S S | Con | 2353 |

Elected ROSE Con Majority 1129

Chelmsford East Division

1981 election 12784 electors 44.3% poll

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| ABERDOUR | Con | 1952 |
| KNIGHT | Lib | 3041 |
| PLAYFORD | Lab | 668 |

Elected KNIGHT Lib Majority 1089

1985 election 12766 electors 44.4% poll

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| KIMBERLIN David M | Con | 2346 |
| KNIGHT Aleck S | All | 2527 |
| PLAYFORD Clive E | Lab | 792 |

Elected KNIGHT All Majority 181

Chelmsford North Division

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|---------------|---------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1981 election | 10258 electors | | 48.9% poll |
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| | KING | Con | 1309 |
| | McEVADDY | Lab | 875 |
| | SMITH-HUGHES | Lib | 2828 |
| Elected | SMITH-HUGHES | Lib | Majority 1519 |
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| 1985 election | 10527 electors | | 42.5% poll |
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| | CHAD Roy K | Lab | 1048 |
| | LEWIS Anne K C | Con | 1189 |
| | SMITH-HUGHES Thomas | All | 2235 |
| Elected | SMITH-HUGHES | All | Majority 1046 |

Chelmsford South Division

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|---------------|--------------------|-----|--------------|
| 1981 election | 11057 electors | | 49.3% poll |
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| | COKER | Con | 2139 |
| | HARMER | Lib | 2488 |
| | LONGDEN | Lab | 827 |
| Elected | HARMER | Lib | Majority 349 |
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| 1985 election | 11367 electors | | 46.9% poll |
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| | BROWNFIELD Karen E | Lab | 634 |
| | HARMER Robert F | All | 2755 |
| | SOUTH Colin H | Con | 1945 |
| Elected | HARMER | All | Majority 810 |

Chelmsford West Division

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|---------------|------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1981 election | 9971 electors | | 50.3% poll |
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| | CRONIN | Lab | 1095 |
| | MARTIN | Con | 1389 |
| | RIDGEWELL | Lib | 2530 |
| Elected | RIDGEWELL | Lib | Majority 1141 |
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| 1985 election | 9999 electors | | 43.2% poll |
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| | ALLEN George E E | All | 1962 |
| | UNWIN Richard C | Con | 1230 |
| | WRIGHT William F | Lab | 1123 |
| Elected | ALLEN | All | Majority 732 |

Great Baddow Division

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|---------------|------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1981 election | 10441 electors | | 47.9% poll |
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| | BEARD | Lib | 2469 |
| | INCE | Con | 1858 |
| | SHINN | Lab | 631 |
| | WILSON | Ind | 42 |
| Elected | BEARD | Lib | Majority 611 |
| 1985 election | 10704 electors | | 45.9% poll |
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| | BEARD Joan E | All | 2713 |
| | BRISBANE Susan A | Lab | 517 |
| | KING Leslie W H | Con | 1678 |
| Elected | BEARD | All | Majority 1035 |

Springfield Division

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|--------------------------|--------------------|-----|--------------|
| 1981 election | 12478 electors | | 44.8% poll |
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| | BURGESS | Lib | 2153 |
| | CLARK | Lab | 844 |
| | HOW | Con | 2587 |
| Elected | HOW | Con | Majority 434 |
| By-Election July 1984 | 14723 electors | | 35.1% poll |
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| | DAVEY | All | 2184 |
| | GORE | Con | 2504 |
| | HUSSEY | Lab | 474 |
| Elected | GORE | Con | Majority 320 |
| 1985 election | 15479 electors | | 38.2% poll |
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| | DAVEY Wilfred | All | 2579 |
| | GORE Christopher S | Con | 2780 |
| | HUSSEY Richard S | Lab | 553 |
| Elected | GORE | Con | Majority 201 |

Stock Division

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|---------------|----------------|-----|---------------|
| 1981 election | 14116 electors | | 41.8% poll |
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| | BLISS | Lab | 1033 |
| | CLARK | Lib | 1709 |
| | WHITE | Con | 3154 |
| Elected | WHITE | Con | Majority 1445 |
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| 1985 election | 14604 electors | | 35.9% poll |
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| | SARGENT Jane A | Lab | 908 |
| | WHITE Paul E W | Con | 2668 |
| | WYATT Jean M | All | 1663 |
| Elected | WHITE | Con | Majority 1005 |
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Woodham Ferrers and Danbury Division

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|---------------|-------------------|-----|--------------|
| 1981 election | 11780 electors | | 38.8% poll |
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| | BENDER | Lib | 1698 |
| | CHATFIELD | Con | 2408 |
| | SKEATES | Lab | 464 |
| Elected | CHATFIELD | Con | Majority 710 |
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| 1985 election | 15313 electors | | 35.5% poll |
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| | CHATFIELD David J | Con | 2560 |
| | LONG David G | Lab | 570 |
| | RICHARDS Robert G | All | 2299 |
| Elected | CHATFIELD | Con | Majority 261 |
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COLCHESTER BOROUGH

Divisions 9
 Electors 105370
 Voted 42345 40.2
 Highest poll Drury 46.2%
 Lowest poll Wivenhoe St. Andrews 30.8%

| Party | No. of candidates | Votes polled | % votes cast | Seats won |
|-------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Con | 9 | 16855 | 39.8 | 5 |
| Lab | 9 | 11121 | 26.3 | 1 |
| All | 9 | 14369 | 33.9 | 3 |

Constable Division

1981 election 10021 electors 41.9% poll

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| HICKSON | Con | 2947 |
| KENT | Lab | 1253 |

Elected HICKSON Con Majority 1694

By-Election February 1983 10350 electors 34.8% poll

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| BEARMAN | All | 835 |
| PENROSE | Con | 2450 |
| PRICE | Lab | 315 |

Elected PENROSE Con Majority 1615

1985 election 10510 electors 43.4% poll

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| CHURCH Jennifer A | Lab | 693 |
| CLOVER Anthony H | Con | 2711 |
| COOK Michael H | All | 1154 |

Elected CLOVER Con Majority 1557

Drury Division

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|---------------|----------------|-----|---------------|
| 1981 election | 12600 electors | | 46.5% poll |
| | GRAVES | Lab | 1128 |
| | HUNT | Lib | 1738 |
| | LAMBERTH | Con | 2988 |
| Elected | LAMBERTH | Con | Majority 1250 |

Drury Division

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|---------------|--------------------|-----|--------------|
| 1985 election | 12973 electors | | 46.2% poll |
| | BEER Jane A V | Lab | 748 |
| | LAMBERTH Derek A P | Con | 2706 |
| | SANDFORD Westley E | All | 2546 |
| Elected | LAMBERTH | Con | Majority 160 |

Maypole Division

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|---------------|----------------|-----|---------------|
| 1981 election | 11636 electors | | 35.3% poll |
| | FOSTER | Con | 1027 |
| | FRASER | Lab | 2167 |
| | SPYVEE | Lib | 908 |
| Elected | FRASER | Lab | Majority 1140 |

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| 1985 election | 12128 electors | | 36.7% poll |
| | BOBER Gillian A | Lab | 1765 |
| | CAMPBELL Mark | All | 1936 |
| | Last Michael J | Con | 755 |
| Elected | CAMPBELL | All | Majority 171 |

Mersea and Stanway Division

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|---------------|----------------|-----|---------------|
| 1981 election | 11589 electors | | 39.5% poll |
| | COX | Eco | 292 |
| | FAIRHEAD | Con | 3247 |
| | TAYLOR | Lab | 1035 |
| Elected | Fairhead | Con | Majority 2212 |

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| 1985 election | 13088 electors | | 39.4% poll |
| | FAIRHEAD Richard G | Con | 3076 |
| | FIELDSEND Andrew F | Lab | 838 |
| | GOSS David L | All | 1244 |
| Elected | FAIRHEAD | Con | Majority 1832 |

Old Heath Division

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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| <u>1981 election</u> | <u>11255 electors</u> | | <u>39.7% poll</u> |
| | BAKER | Eco | 267 |
| | COOMBES | Lab | 2707 |
| | STEGGALL | Con | 1489 |

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| Elected | COOMBES | Lab | Majority | 1218 |
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| <u>1985 election</u> | <u>11650 electors</u> | | <u>45.9% poll</u> |
| | BOWDIDGE Patricia M | Con | 1047 |
| | STEVENS Ann | All | 2398 |
| | WILLIAMS Douglas M | Lab | 1900 |

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| Elected | STEVENS | All | Majority | 498 |
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Park Division

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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| <u>1981 election</u> | <u>10162 electors</u> | | <u>42.0% poll</u> |
| | GAWTHROP | Con | 2196 |
| | HILLS | Lab | 2073 |

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|---------|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| Elected | GAWTHROP | Con | Majority | 123 |
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| <u>1985 election</u> | <u>10218 electors</u> | | <u>44.7% poll</u> |
| | GAWTHROP Edna M | Con | 1814 |
| | HALL Christopher B | All | 1523 |
| | SMITH Martin J | Lab | 1227 |

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|---------|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| Elected | GAWTHROP | Con | Majority | 291 |
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Parsons Heath Division

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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| <u>1981 election</u> | <u>10312 electors</u> | | <u>41.5% poll</u> |
| | KENT | Lab | 2238 |
| | ROOTS | Con | 2046 |

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|---------|------|-----|----------|-----|
| Elected | KENT | Lab | Majority | 192 |
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| <u>1985 election</u> | <u>11251 electors</u> | | <u>41.8% poll</u> |
| | HAYMAN Alan G | All | 1679 |
| | KENT Sydney T | Lab | 1485 |
| | ROOTS Michael D C | Con | 1541 |

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|---------|--------|-----|----------|-----|
| Elected | HAYMAN | All | Majority | 138 |
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Tiptree Division

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|---------------|------------------|-----|--------------|
| 1981 election | 11148 electors | | 30.7% poll |
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| | MORECROFT | Lab | 1346 |
| | THORNTON | Con | 2077 |
| Elected | THORNTON | Con | 731 |
| 1985 election | 11412 electors | | 33.4% poll |
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| | HATTON Andrew S | All | 1244 |
| | INNES Peter | Con | 1880 |
| | SLODZIK Stevan M | Lab | 693 |
| Elected | INNES | Con | Majority 636 |
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Wivenhoe St Andrews Division

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|---------------|-------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1981 election | 11100 electors | | 35.4% poll |
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| | BRYAN | Lab | 2485 |
| | JENNINGS | Con | 1439 |
| Elected | BRYAN | Lab | Majority 1046 |
| 1985 election | 12140 electors | | 30.8% poll |
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| | HOLLEY Yvonne M | All | 645 |
| | LORD Roger G | Con | 1325 |
| | STAPLETON Brian L | Lab | 1772 |
| Elected | STAPLETON | Lab | Majority 447 |