

# DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

## Election of a County Councillor for

Hardwick  
on Thursday 7 May 2026

I, Rachael Mann, being the Deputy Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BURKE Sheila	Reform UK	747
MOORE Judith Mary commonly known as MOORE Judith	Labour and Co-operative Party	353
PORTER James William commonly known as PORTER James	Liberal Democrat	214
ROUT Richard Raydon	Local Conservatives	1701 Elected
STARLING Grahame Peter commonly known as STARLING Grahame	Green Party	544

\* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	0
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	2
E rejected in part	0
Total	2

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 6923

Ballot Papers Issued: 3561

Turnout: 51.44%

And I do hereby declare that, Richard Raydon Rout is duly elected.

Dated Friday 8 May 2026

Ian Gallin  
Deputy Returning Officer