

Hartlepool Borough Council

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Thursday 7 May 2026

Election of a Borough Councillor for HART WARD

I, Hayley Martin, being the 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*	
Joanne BANKS (commonly known as: Jo BANKS)	Independent	132	
Michael Andrew BROOKES (Commonly known as: Michael BROOKES)	Green Party candidate	189	
Stuart Alan CAMPBELL	Independent	68	
Robin COOK (commonly known as: Rob COOK)	Independent	205	
Brian COWIE	Reform UK	1128	Elected
Barry MCKINSTRAY	Liberal Democrats	46	
David NICHOLSON	Local Conservatives	186	
Jake Ethan SWINBURNE	Labour Party	535	

* 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	
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	3
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	
Total	3

And I do hereby declare that

Brian COWIE

is duly elected.

7th May 2026



Hayley Martin
Returning Officer