

Hartlepool Borough Council

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Thursday 7 May 2026

Election of a Borough Councillor for RURAL WEST 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*	
Thomas CASSIDY	Local Conservatives	840	
Simon Niall CRUTE	Green Party candidate	304	
Sara Kadry Mohamed HAMOUDA	Labour and Co-operative Party	578	
Richard Ian HUGHES (commonly known as: Richie HUGHES)	Reform UK	1309	Elected

* 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	10
Total	13

And I do hereby declare that

Richard Ian HUGHES (commonly known as: Richie HUGHES)

is duly elected.

7th May 2026



Hayley Martin
Returning Officer