







Doubtful ballot papers – allowed votes






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Case references can be found in Supporting a UK Parliamentary election – Dealing with doubtful ballot papers. Other references are to the UK Parliamentary Election Rules (Schedule 1 of the Representation of the People Act 1983).

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent | |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers |   |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent | |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party |   |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party |  |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum |  |

Allow for Boots – Cirencester case, Eley v Durant and Rule 47(2)(c)

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent | |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers |  |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent | |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party |  |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party |  |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum |   |



Allow for Miller – Woodward v Sarsons and Rule 47(2)(c)

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent | |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers |   |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent | |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party |  |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party |  |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum |  |






Allow for Boots – Rule 47(2)(c)

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent | |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers |  |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent | |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party |  |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party |   |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum |  |






Allow for Hood – Ruffle v Rogers and Rule 47(2)(b)

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent | |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers |  |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent | |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party |  |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party |  |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum |   |






Allow for Miller – West Bromwich case and Rule 47(2)(a)

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent | |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers |  |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent |  |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party |  |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party |  |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum |  |

Allow for Clover – Rule 47(2)(b)

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent |  |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers |  |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent | |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party |  |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party |  |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum |  |

Allow for Barber – Berwick-upon-Tweed case and Rule 47(2)(a)

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent | |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers |  |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent | |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party |   |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party |  |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum |  |

Allow for Grey – Rule 47(2)(b)

Doubtful ballot papers – rejected votes

Suggested examples of rejected votes are provided here. All of these examples are based on previous case law or taken from the specific rules for this election.

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Case references can be found in Supporting a UK Parliamentary election – Dealing with doubtful ballot papers. Other references are to the UK Parliamentary Election Rules (Schedule 1 of the Representation of the People Act 1983).

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--|-------|
| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent | X |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers | ⊙ |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent | |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party | ⊗ yes |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party | ⊂ |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum | ◇ |

Reject – voting for more than one candidate. Rule 47 (1)(b)

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent | |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers | ⊙ |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent | X |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party | ⊗ |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party | ⊂ |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum | ◇ |

Reject – voter's intention uncertain. Buckrose case and Rule 47(1)(d)

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent | X |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers | ⊙ |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent | |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party | ⊗ |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party | ⊂ |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum | ◇ |

Reject – voter can be identified. Woodward v Sarsons, South Newington case and Rule 47(1)(c)

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent | |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers | ⊙ |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent | X |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party | ⊗ |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party | ⊂ |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum | ◇ |

Reject – voting for more than one candidate. Rule 47(1)(b)

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent | |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers | ⊙ |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent | |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party | ⊗ |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party | ⊂ |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum | ◇ |

Reject – voter's intention uncertain. Rowe v Cox and Rule 47(1)(d)

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--|-----|
| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent | |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers | ⊙ X |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent | X |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party | ⊗ X |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party | ⊂ X |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum | ◇ X |

Reject – voting for more than one candidate. Rule 47(1)(b)

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| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent | |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers | ⊙ X |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent | |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party | ⊗ |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party | ⊂ |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum | ◇ |

Reject – voter can be identified. Woodward v Sarsons and Rule 47(1)(c)

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | BARBER Ali Barber 46 Anytown Close, Anytown AT34 8CY Independent | |
| 2 | BOOTS Dusty Boots 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT35 5XZ League of Line Dancers | ⊙ |
| 3 | CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover (address in the Any Town Constituency) Independent | |
| 4 | GREY Earl Grey (address in the Any Town Constituency) Mad Haber's Tea Party | ⊗ |
| 5 | HOOD Robin Hood (address in the Any Town Constituency) The Forest Party | ⊂ |
| 6 | MILLER Windy Miller 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 7EY Alternative Power Forum | ◇ |

Reject – voter's intention uncertain. Rule 47(1)(d)