



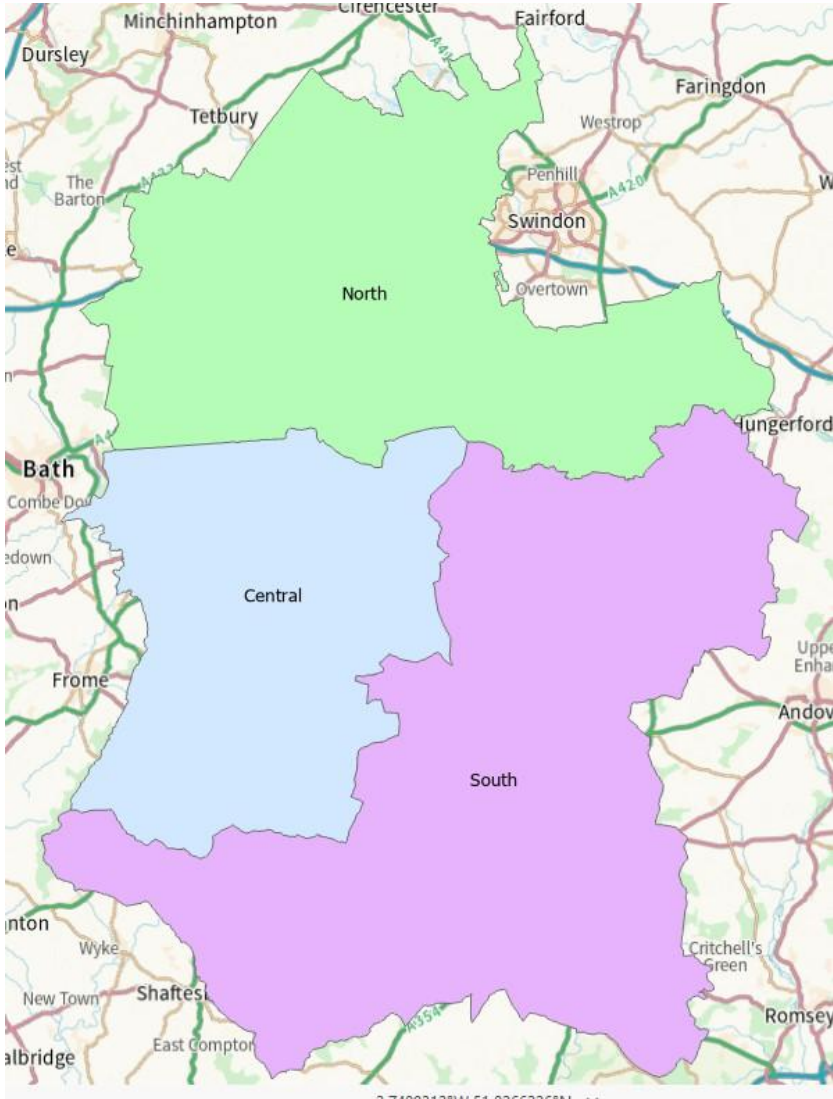
# Local Elections

Thursday 1 May 2025

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- 98 Wiltshire Council seats
- 308 town/parish areas
- 2118 town/parish seats
- Approx 5 Neighbourhood Planning Referendums

# Allocation of areas



## Key dates and links

- Notice of Election – 11 March
- Nominations delivered 10-4pm Wednesday 12 March to 4pm Wednesday 2 April
- All existing councillors retire on Tuesday 6 May
- New councillors take office Tuesday 6 May
- Candidate and agents webinar 6pm Tuesday 11 February
- Statement of persons nominated 4pm Thursday 3 April
- Online booking system to deliver nominations
- [Local elections - Wiltshire Council](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections) (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections)
- [Guidance for Candidates at Parish council elections in England | Electoral Commission](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-parish-council-elections-england) (www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-parish-council-elections-england)

# Standing as a candidate- parish elections

- Electoral Commission guidance –
  - eligibility, disqualifications (Elections Act 2022)
- Must complete:
  - PARISH nomination paper
  - consent to nomination (7 pages)
  - home address (2 pages)
- Political party candidates– certificate of authorisation, use of emblem
- Must be hand delivered to designated council office
- Delivered by candidate or someone they trust
- Earliest date becomes a candidate 25 March

# Nomination form

- Complete top sections before two subscribers sign
- Subscribers must be on **1 March** electoral register
- Subscriber must be registered in the parish area (eg if parish warded then that ward)
- Description - can be left blank, one of the political party name or one of their descriptions\*, independent, or up to six words\*\*

\* must be authorised by political party certificate of authorisation

\*\* a description that is not likely to lead electors to associate the candidate with a registered political party

<b>1a – Nomination paper</b>		Office use only			
<b>Parish election in England</b>		Date received	Time received	Initials	No
*ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS for the					
		*[ward of the] if applicable			
*parish of *Delete whichever is inappropriate					
Date of election:					

We, the undersigned, being local government electors for the said \*ward/parish do hereby nominate the under-mentioned person as a candidate at the said election.

<b>Candidate's Details</b>	
Candidate's surname	Mr/Mrs/Miss/ Ms/Dr/Other
Other forenames in full	
Commonly used surname (if any)	
Commonly used forenames (if any)	
Description (if any) Use no more than six words	

	Signature	Print name	Electoral number	
			Polling District	Elector Number
Proposer				
Seconder				

# Consent to nomination

- All SEVEN pages must be submitted
- Qualifications - complete all that apply (strike out ones that do not apply)
- Cannot sign earlier than one calendar month before deadline to submit
- Witness- can be anyone but must match home address form
- Candidate date of birth- at least 18 years old



1c – Candidate’s consent to nomination		Office use only			
Parish elections in England		Date received	Time received	Initials	No
*You must declare that you meet at least one of the listed <a href="#">qualification(s)</a> below and may declare more than one qualification if applicable. To do this, strike through any that do not apply. Any qualification(s) that apply must match the information given on your home address form.					
Date of election:					
I (name in full):					
hereby consent to my nomination as a candidate for election as councillor for the:				* <a href="#">ward</a> [if applicable]	
of the *parish of:					
I declare that on the day of my nomination, I am qualified and that, if there is a poll on the day of election, I will be qualified to be so elected by virtue of being on that day or those days a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen, or an EU citizen with retained rights, who has attained the age of 18 years and that:					
*a. I am registered as a local government elector for the area of the parish named above; or					
*b. I have, during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day or those days occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the parish named above; or					
*c. my principal or only place of work during those 12 months has been in the parish named above; or					
*d. I have during the whole of those 12 months resided in that parish named above or within 4.8 kilometres of it.					
I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am not disqualified for being elected by reason of any disqualification set out in, or decision made under, sections 80 or 81A of the Local Government Act 1972 or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011, or section 30 of the Elections Act 2022 (copies of which are printed overleaf).					
Note 1: A candidate who is qualified by more than one qualification may complete any of those which may apply. Note 2: Disqualifications set out under s.81A of the Local Government Act 1972 only apply to a person who is subject to any relevant notification requirements, or a relevant order, made on or after 28 June 2022.					
Date of birth:		Signature:		Date of consent:	
Witness: I confirm the above-mentioned candidate signed the declaration in my presence.					
Witness (name in full):					
Witness’s signature:					

# Home address form

- Complete name and address
- Enter all addresses (in full) relevant to each qualification selected on the consent to nomination
- Full name and address of witness (must be same person on consent to nomination form)
- If suppressing home address – use "Wiltshire" as relevant area on part 2

<b>1b – Home address form</b>		Office use only			
<b>Parish elections in England</b>		Date received	Time received	Initials	No
*ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS for the					
		*[ward of the] if applicable			
parish of *Delete whichever is inappropriate					
Date of election:					

You must complete Part 1

Only complete Part 2 if you do not wish your home address to be made public

<b>Part 1: To be completed by all candidates in England</b>	
Full name of candidate	
Home address (in full)	
Qualifying address: Add your qualifying address, or qualifying addresses (in full) to each of the relevant qualifications below (you can complete more than one qualification).	
Qualifications that apply (tick those which apply)	Address
(a) I am registered as a local government elector for the area of the parish named above	
(b) I have, during the whole of the preceding 12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the parish named above	
(c) my principal or only place of work during the preceding 12 months has been in the parish named above	
(d) I have during the whole of the preceding 12 months resided in the parish named above or within 4.8 kilometres of it.	
Witness details	
Full name of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form	
Full home address of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form	

**Part 2: To be completed only if you do not wish your home address to be made public.**

**Note: Please submit this part (part 2) of the home address form with your nomination papers, even if your home address is to be made public.**

If you request that your home address is not made public then your address will not appear on the statement of persons nominated, notice of poll or the ballot paper. Instead the name of the relevant area in which your home address is situated (or country, if outside the UK), as explained below, will appear on the statement of persons nominated, notice of poll and the ballot papers.

Statement: I require my home address not to be made public

The relevant area my home address is situated in:	(insert name of relevant area) <sup>2</sup>
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OR

My home address is situated outside the UK. My home address is situated in:	(insert name of country)
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Signature of candidate (only required where Part 2 above has been completed)

Candidate's signature:

Date:

Deliver both Parts 1 and 2 with the nomination form to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations

<sup>2</sup> the name of the "relevant area" in which your home address is situated (if your home address is in the UK)

- **For home addresses in England:**
  - if the address is within a district for which there is a district council, that district;
  - if the address is within a county in which there are no districts with councils, that county;
  - if the address is within a London borough, that London borough;
  - if the address is within the City of London (including the Inner and Middle Temples), the City of London; and
  - if the address is within the Isles of Scilly, the Isles of Scilly
- **For home addresses in Wales:**
  - if the address is within a county, that county;
  - if the address is within a county borough, that county borough
- **For home addresses in Scotland:**
  - the local government area in which the address is situated
- **For home addresses in Northern Ireland:**
  - the local government district in which the address is situated

Note: The relevant area should be given in the format described above and is not the ward or parish, nor should the local authority name be given in full

# Political party candidates

- Complete certificate of authorisation
- Registered description /political party name MUST match nomination form exactly
- Registered description /political party name MUST be registered with Electoral Commission
- Candidate can request use of registered political party emblem by completing form

<b>2 – Certificate of authorisation</b>	Office use only			
	<b>Parish elections in England</b>	Date received	Time received	Initials

To accompany the nomination of a candidate standing on behalf of a registered political party. (Note: candidates standing on behalf of two or more parties require a certificate from each party and each must allow the same registered joint description to be used).

This certificate must be issued by the registered Nominating Officer of the party or by a person authorised to sign on their behalf.

This certificate authorises the candidate to use a specific registered description or the name of the party as registered with the Electoral Commission, or to use 'any registered description or the party name as registered with the Electoral Commission'.

This authorised party name or description can then be included by the candidate on the nomination form. It is this which will appear as their description on the ballot paper. Party names and registered descriptions are listed on the Electoral Commission's website ([HYPERLINK "http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk"](http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk)).

Details of candidate to be authorised and the allowed description/party name	
[Ward]/parish name:	Date of election:
The candidate (name in full):	
Name of political party:	Political party registered with the Electoral Commission
I hereby certify that the candidate may include the following registered description or party name in their nomination form:	
Note: it is an offence to sign this form if you are not the party's registered nominating officer or authorised to do so by the party's registered nominating officer	
Signature of party's registered Nominating Officer (or person authorised by the registered Nominating Officer):	
Name of person signing this form:	
Date:	

This form must be delivered to the Returning Officer by no later than **4pm** on the last day to deliver nominations.

<b>3 – Request for a party emblem</b>	Office use only			
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This form is for a candidate of a political party who is subject to a certificate of authorisation and who wishes to have a party emblem printed on the ballot paper next to their name.

Party emblems are listed on the Electoral Commission's website ([{{HYPERLINK "http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk"}}](http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk)).

**This form must be signed by the candidate.**

<b>Candidate's request for use of an emblem</b>			
[Ward]/parish name:		Date of election:	
Candidate name in full:			
I request that the ballot paper shall contain, against my name, the following registered emblem (please identify which emblem if the party has registered more than one):			
Emblem to be used (Please use name or description as on the <a href="http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk">{{HYPERLINK "http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk"}}</a> ):			
Candidate's signature:			
Date:			

This form is only effective if delivered for a candidate standing on behalf of a political party to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations.

Candidates standing on behalf of more than one political party and using a joint description may choose one emblem from one of the parties that you are standing for. Please indicate the name of the party and the emblem name in the 'Emblem to be used' box above.

# Submitting nominations

- Refer to notice of election for where nominations can be delivered
- Please use the booking system for appointments
- An informal check is provided at the appointment before formal submission
- Multiple nominations – contact us and we can book a longer appointment
- Deliver by hand - candidate or some they trust



# Points to note

- Complete the parish/parish ward name and date of election at the top of each document
- Contact details for candidates
- Name and address of subscribers
- Candidates can stand in more than one parish if eligible
- Candidates can stand in more than one ward of SAME parish but must withdraw by the withdrawal deadline (4pm on Wednesday 2 April) so only remains nominated in one ward

# After close of nominations

- Statement of persons nominated published 4pm on Thursday 3 April

## **Contested elections**

- Take place on 1 May and combined with any other election in same area on that day
- Further information for candidates and agents at contested elections regarding the election process including the count will follow after 3 April

# After close of nominations (continued)

## **Uncontested elections**

- Candidates are duly elected
- Candidates must complete and submit election expenses forms including NIL returns

## **Quorate**

- Unfilled seats can be filled by co-option

## **Inquorate**

- We will contact you in due course after 3 April as further election to be scheduled for unfilled seats

# Information

- Please refer to website for information and to download statutory notices for your noticeboards:
- [Local elections - Wiltshire Council \(www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections\)](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections)
- General queries: [elections@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@wiltshire.gov.uk)
- Candidate queries: [candidates@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:candidates@wiltshire.gov.uk)
- Requests for Electoral Registers: [registerrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:registerrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk)

# Questions?

