

# Chairman's Announcements

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## Stand as a unitary, town or parish councillor in May

Do you have the desire to help and become involved in your community?

Do you have time to give?

Do you like a different challenge every day?

...If so, it might be time for you to stand as a local councillor.

### **Elections are taking place on 6 May 2021 for Unitary, Town and Parish Councils – it's not too late to be nominated!**

#### **Unitary Elections**

Find out more about what it is like to be a Wiltshire unitary councillor, by visiting [Becoming a councillor - Wiltshire Council](#) where you will find FAQs, including details of how to manage the role around work commitments.

See a video from the [Local Government Association](#) about why you should consider standing.

The role can be flexible around existing commitments and unitary councillors are currently paid an allowance of £13,833 per year for spent on the role. A carers allowance is also available to help towards care for a dependent whilst you undertake some council duties, such as attending meetings.

#### **Parish and Town Council elections**

A parish councillor is immersed in the local community and it can be a really rewarding role. Find information and videos from parish councillors about their experiences with the National Association of Local Councils [Elections — #MakeAChange \(nalc.gov.uk\)](#), or get in touch with your local parish council.

#### **What next?**

Details of how to run for election are available at:

For the unitary elections visit [Unitary elections - Wiltshire Council](#)

For the Town and Parish Elections visit [Town and parish elections - Wiltshire Council](#)

The [Local Government Association](#) and [Electoral Commission](#) also have lots of useful guidance.