

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Changes to the Electoral Registration System
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Summary of announcement:

Over the summer, all Wiltshire residents will receive a letter through the post telling them about the biggest change to the electoral registration system in nearly 100 years.

The letter will explain that a new, more secure, system of Individual Electoral Registration is being introduced to replace the old Victorian system where the "head of household" registered everyone living in a property. Now, each individual will be responsible for registering themselves.

Many Wiltshire residents will automatically move onto the new electoral register. However, some will need to take action to join or remain on the register, which they will now also be able to do quickly and easily online. People will need to provide their National Insurance Number and date of birth when registering. This will be used to verify that the person making the application is who they say they are and will in turn reduce the risk of fraud and inaccurate entries on the register.

This summer the Electoral Commission is running a major advertising campaign that will raise awareness of the change to Individual Electoral Registration. Leaflets are also available here tonight for you to take away with you.

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