



## Wiltshire local elections 2025

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### Background

- Local elections are taking place on Thursday 1 May 2025 and the polls will be open from 7am-10pm
  - They include the Wiltshire Council unitary election and the town and parish elections
  - There are 98 unitary councillor seats available
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### Key dates

- People have until 11 April to **register to vote** if they're not already. More details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.
  - People have until 5pm on 14 April to **apply for a postal vote**. More details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>.
  - People have until 5pm on 23 April to **apply for a new proxy vote**. More details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote>.
  - People have until 5pm on 23 April if they want to apply for a **Voter Authority Certificate** (if they don't have photo ID) <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>.
  - **Pre-election period** gets underway from 11 March (the period of time immediately before elections or referendums when specific restrictions on communications activity are in place).
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### Voter ID

- Voters need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations for the local elections.
  - Accepted forms of photo ID include passports, photographic driving licences, biometric immigration documents, and certain concessionary travel passes. A comprehensive list can be found at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-id](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-id).
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### Electoral areas and boundaries for elections taking place from 1 May 2025

Following Community Governance Reviews, some of the electoral areas in Wiltshire will change for these elections. An interactive map of the current and new boundaries

can be viewed at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/8167/Wiltshire-Electoral-Boundaries>.

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### **Information for prospective candidates – webinar on 11 February**

- On 11 February from 6pm-7pm Wiltshire Council is hosting a webinar to give prospective candidates and agents all the information they need ahead of May's local elections. It will be an opportunity for those considering standing for election and their representatives to hear from our election team directly, including the Returning Officer, and have any questions answered. More information and how to sign up is at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections>.
  - Publication of the Notice of Election takes place on 11 March 2025
  - The period for people to submit nominations is from 10am on 12 March until 4pm on 2 April (nominations can be delivered between the hours of 10am and 4pm on working days)
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### **Working at the election**

For anyone interested in applying to work to support the delivery of elections in Wiltshire, they should visit <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/election-jobs>.

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### **Key websites:**

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections> - Wiltshire Council local elections page  
<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> - register to vote  
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote> - apply for a postal vote  
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote> - apply for a proxy vote  
[www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-id](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-id) - Voter ID information  
<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/8167/Wiltshire-Electoral-Boundaries> - Wiltshire boundaries  
<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/> - Electoral Commission

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### **Additional information**

If anyone would like any information about the local elections, they should visit <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections>

People can also email [elections@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@wiltshire.gov.uk) with any queries or questions.

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