



**Elections 2023 Briefing for candidates and agents**



# What we will cover today

- who's who
- key dates of the election timetable
- staying safe and legal
- qualifications
- disqualifications
- nominations
- agents
- postal votes
- the poll
- counting of votes
- candidate spending
- voter ID
- contacts

# Who's Who

## For District & Parish Elections in 2023

- The Returning Officer is the person responsible for running the elections the Returning Officers is Paul Wilson
- The Electoral Registration Officer is responsible for maintaining the register of electors and absent voters' lists. The Electoral Registration Officer is James McLaughlin.
- The person who manages the Elections Team at Derbyshire Dales District Council is Jason Spencer

Details on the best way contact us will be provided later.

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# Election Timetable - Key Dates

- Parish Notice of Election - 21 March 2023
- District Notice of Election - 23 March 2023
- Nominations Open - 21 & 23 March 2023
- Close of Nominations - 4pm on 4 April 2023
- Statement of Persons Nominated - 5 April 2023
- Deadline for Register applications - 17 April 2023
- Post-nomination briefing - 6pm on 18 April 2023
- Deadline for new postal votes - 5pm on 18 April 2023
- Notice of Poll published on or before 25 April 2023
- Last date to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate - 25 April 2023
- Deadline for new in person proxies - 25 April
- Appointment of counting and polling agents - 26 April 2023
- Polling day - 4 May 2023

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# Staying Safe and Legal

- Claire Lee - Economic Crime Unit, Derbyshire Constabulary

# Derbyshire Constabulary Economic Crime Unit

## Single point of contact within the Police for allegations of unlawful conduct by candidates, agents and volunteers

### Elections Act 2022

- Notable changes for this election; voter ID, notional spending and candidate intimidation
- Further changes coming for future elections particularly the introduction of imprints for digital media

### Making a report of unlawful conduct

- Report via the Returning Officer or their staff who will make a referral to Police if appropriate
- You must be willing to provide a statement, cooperate with an investigation and attend court to give evidence
- We will not investigate hearsay, third party allegations and/or unsubstantiated rumours for political gain

### How to avoid committing the most common offences that we investigate

- Don't put yourself in a situation where your honesty, professionalism or integrity is in question
- Familiarise yourself with Representation of the People Act 1983 and Elections Act 2022
- Information on your nomination forms must be accurate
- Ensure the proposer and seconder know they are signing a nomination form, who they are signing it for and that their name could be made public
- Imprints must appear in the correct format on your electoral material
- Behave responsibly on social media – do not comment on other peoples' private lives, it could constitute an offence of making false statements
- Return your expenses forms by the deadline
- Observe campaigning rules at polling stations and do not interfere with people's ability to vote

## OUR PRIORITIES



Vulnerability



Fighting  
Crime



Our  
People



Prevention and  
Partnerships



Responsive and  
Visible Policing



Service to  
the Public



Trust and  
Legitimacy

Making Derbyshire Safer **Together**



# Staying Safe - Covid Considerations

- Not the same level of equipment as elections in 2021 & 2022
- As Covid has not gone completely we will still :
  - be providing hand sanitiser and masks in polling stations for general use
  - have staff who may wish to wear masks
  - encouraging regular cleaning
- In person voters will need to remove masks/face coverings for voter ID checks

# Nominations.....Candidate Qualifications

- Candidates must satisfy criteria on the day they are nominated and on polling day:
  - be at least 18 years of age
  - be a British, qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or national of an EU member state.
- Also at least one of the following:
  - Registered local government elector for local authority area
  - Occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises in the local authority area during the whole 12 months preceding nomination
  - Principal or only place of work (including unpaid) during last 12 months in local authority area
  - Lived in the local authority area during the last 12 month

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# Nominations.....Disqualifications

- A person cannot be a candidate if they:
  - are employed by the local authority or hold a paid office under the authority (including joint boards or committees). Candidates may be 'employed by the local authority' if they work at certain schools, fire services, police or health services
  - are subject of a Bankruptcy Restrictions Order (or interim restrictions order) in England or Wales
  - have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (inc. suspended sentence) without option of a fine, during the 5 years before polling day
  - are serving a disqualification due to being found guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court
  - hold a politically restricted post

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# Nominations.....Submitting Nomination Papers

- Nomination papers can be submitted between 10am and 4pm on any working day after the notice of election.
- The documents that must be submitted by all candidates by 4pm on 4 April are
  - the nomination form
  - their home address form
  - the consent to nomination
- Party candidates will also need to submit, by on 4pm on 4 April:
  - A certificate authorising the use of a party name/ registered description on the ballot paper
  - A written request to use one of the party's emblems on the ballot paper (optional)

# Nominations.....Submitting Nomination Papers

- Take care when completing your nomination papers, as mistakes may invalidate your nomination
- Complete nomination papers early and arrange for us to provide an informal check - [ro@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:ro@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)
- The nomination form, home address form and consent to nomination must be delivered by hand and cannot be submitted by post, fax, email or other electronic means.

# 1a Nomination Paper (Header)

<b>1a – Nomination paper</b>		Office use only			
<b>Local government election in England</b>		Date received	Time received	Initials	No
*ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS / <u>A COUNCILLOR</u> for the					
<u>Clearvale</u>	<u>electoral division</u> ward of the				
county/district/London borough of *Delete whichever is inappropriate	<u>Southmarsh</u>				
Date of election:	<u>5 May 2022</u>				

<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					
<u>North</u>	*[ward of the] if applicable				
*parish of *Delete whichever is inappropriate	<u>Clearvale</u>				
Date of election:	<u>5 May 2022</u>				

# 1a Nomination Paper (Candidates Details)

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

Candidate's Details		
Candidate's surname	<i>Smith</i>	<del>Mr/Mrs/Miss/</del> <i>Ms/Dr/Other</i>
Other forenames in full	<i>Joseph</i>	
Commonly used surname (if any)		
Commonly used forenames (if any)	<i>Jo</i>	
Description (if any) Use no more than six words (see note 5)	<i>Gold party candidate</i>	

# Nominations.....The Nomination Form

- Include your full name
- Optional: use commonly used name box if commonly known by a name other than actual name and wish to use it instead. But you cannot use your first name as a commonly used name to exclude your middle name.
- Description field - 3 options:
  - leave blank
  - Independent
  - party candidates can use party name or description authorised by a certificate issued by or on behalf of the Nominating Officer

# 1a Nomination Paper (Subscribers)

	Signature	Print name	Electoral number	
			Polling District	Elector Number
Proposer	<i>S Jones</i>	<i>Sarah Jones</i>	<i>AE</i>	<i>123</i>
Seconder	<i>T Jones</i>	<i>Tom Jones</i>	<i>AE</i>	<i>124</i>

# Nominations.....The Nomination Form

- Subscribers only two subscribers are required.
- They must sign & print their names. Check details of subscribers against electoral register.
- Only ask subscribers to sign after completing the name, address and description fields on the form.
- When collecting signatures, it is important that you follow the latest government guidelines on social distancing, face coverings and hand hygiene, as well as the latest government guidelines on local restrictions
- Data protection requirements





# 1b Home Address Form (Header)

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<i>Clearvale</i>		* <del>electoral division</del> /ward of the			
* <del>county</del> /district/ <del>London borough</del> of		<i>Southmarsh</i>			
*Delete whichever is inappropriate					
Date of election:	<i>5 May 2022</i>				

<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					
<i>North</i>		*[ward of the] if applicable			
parish of		<i>Clearvale</i>			
*Delete whichever is inappropriate		<i>~~~~~</i>			
Date of election:	<i>5 May 2022</i>				

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# 1b Home Address Form (Part 1)

Part 1: To be completed by all candidates in England	
Full name of candidate	Joseph Smith
Home address (in full)	1 Forest Lane Southfold, S99 1ZW
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 *county/district/London borough named above ✓	1 Forest Lane Southfold, S99 1ZW
(b) I have during the whole of the preceding 12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the area named above	
(c) my principal or only place of work during the preceding 12 months has been in the *county/district/London borough named above ✓	Dr Jo's Medical Practice 1 High Street, Northfold, S99 2AB
(d) I have during the whole of the preceding 12 months resided in the *county/district or London borough named above	
Witness details	
Full name of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form	Sidney Jackson Brown
Full home address of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form	3 Forest Lane Southfold, S99 1ZW

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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 ✓	Dr Jo's Medical Practice 1 High Street, Northfold, S99 2AB
(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	Sidney Jackson Brown
Full home address of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form	3 Forest Lane, Southfold, S99 1ZW

# Nominations.....The Home Address Form

Part 1 of the home address form must state:

- your full name and home address in full
- your qualifying address, or, where you have declared on your consent to nomination that you meet more than one qualification, your qualifying addresses
- which of the qualifications your qualifying address or addresses relate to (a, b, c and/or d)
- the full name and the home address in full of the witness to your consent to nomination

# 1b Home Address Form (Part 2)

<b>Part 2: To be completed only if you do not wish your home address to be made public.</b>	
<b>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.</b>	
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:	<i>Southmarsh</i> (insert name of relevant area) <sup>1</sup>
OR	
My home address is situated outside the UK. My home address is situated in:	(insert name of country)
Signature of candidate (only required where Part 2 above has been completed)	
Candidate's signature:	<i>J Smith</i>
Date:	<i>31 March 2022</i>

# Nominations.....The Home Address Form

Part 2 of the home address form must be completed if you do not want your address to be made public:

- If you complete it must include:
- The name of the relevant area in which your home address is situated (if your home address is in the UK),
- if you live outside the UK, the name of the country in which your home address is situated.

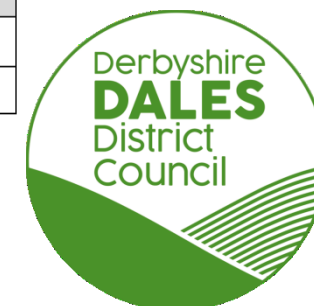
# 1c Consent to Nomination

1c – Candidate's consent to nomination		Office use only			
Local government elections in England		Date received	Time received	Initials	No
<p>*You must declare that you meet at least one of the listed qualification(s) below. 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.</p>					
Date of election:	5 May 2022				
I (name in full):	Joseph Smith				
hereby consent to my nomination as a candidate for election as councillor for the:	Clearvale	*electoral division/ ward			
of the *county/district/London borough of:	Southmarsh				
<p>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 or a citizen of a Member State of the European Union, who has attained the age of 18 years and that:</p>					
*a. I am registered as a local government elector for the area of the *county/district/London borough named above; or					
<del>*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 area named above; or</del>					
*c. my principal or only place of work during those 12 months has been in the *county/district/London borough named above; or					
<del>*d. I have during the whole of those 12 months resided in the *county/district or London borough named above.</del>					
<p>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, section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 (copies of which are printed overleaf), and I do not hold a politically restricted post, within the meaning of Part 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, under a local authority, within the meaning of that Part.</p>					
Date of birth:	Signature:		Date of consent:		
23 04 1990	J.Smith		18 March 2022		
Witness: I confirm the above-mentioned candidate signed the declaration in my presence.					
Witness (name in full):		Sidney Jackson Brown			
Witness's signature:		S J Brown			

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<p>*You must declare that you meet at least one of the listed qualification(s) below. 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.</p>					
Date of election:	5 May 2022				
I (name in full):	Joseph Smith				
hereby consent to my nomination as a candidate for election as councillor for the:	North	* ward [if applicable]			
of the *parish of:	Clearvale				
<p>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 or a citizen of a Member State of the European Union, who has attained the age of 18 years and that:</p>					
*a. I am registered as a local government elector for the area of the parish named above; or					
<del>*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</del>					
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Witness (name in full):		Sidney Jackson Brown			
Witness's signature:		S J Brown			

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# Nominations.....The Consent to Nomination Form

Must include:

- name
- which area standing in
- confirmation of qualification(s) that apply (at least 1, but select all that apply)
- date of birth & signature
- date of consent
- witness' name and signature



## 2 Certificate of Authorisation

Details of candidate to be authorised and the allowed description/ <del>party name</del>			
Ward/ <del>division</del> name:	<i>Clearvale</i>	Date of election:	<i>5 May 2022</i>
The candidate (name in full):	<i>Joseph Smith</i>		
Name of political party:	<i>Gold party</i> 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:	<i>Gold party candidate</i>		
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):	<i>H Robertson</i>		
Name of person signing this form:	<i>Hugh Robertson</i>		
Date:	<i>31 March 2022</i>		



# Nominations.....Certificate of Authorisation

Party candidates must have written permission to use the party name/description from the Nominating Officer (or a person authorised to act on their behalf)

The certificate may:

- allow the use of the party name or a particular description
- allow candidate to choose whether to use the party name or any of the descriptions registered with the Electoral Commission

Must be submitted by 4pm on 4 April

# 3 Emblem Request Form

Candidate's request for use of an emblem			
Ward/division name:	Clearvale	Date of election:	5 May 2022
Candidate name in full:	Joseph Smith		
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="#">Electoral Commission's website</a> ):	Gold medal - England version (ID 999)		
Candidate's signature:	J. Smith		
Date:	31 March 2022		

# Nominations.....Emblem Request Form

- Party candidates can ask for an emblem to be printed on the ballot paper
- Emblem request form must be submitted by 4pm 4 April
- Party candidates should supply an electronic version of the emblem to the Returning Officer if required

# Nominations.....Joint Candidates

- Nominated by more than one party
- May use registered joint descriptions
- must be supported by certificate of authorisation from each party
- May use one emblem of one of the parties but there are no joint emblems

# 4 Agent Notification Form

<b>Candidate's notification of their election agent</b>	
I, (Candidate name in full):	<i>Joseph Smith</i>
Hereby declare that the name and address of my election agent is:	
Agent's name:	<i>Emma White</i>
Agent's address (in full):	<i>10 Marine Road, Whitecoast, W12 3AB</i>
The office address of my election agent to which all claims, notices, legal process and the other documents may be sent is:	
Agent's office address (in full):	<i>Gold Party Office, 8 Main Street, Northfold, S99 3XY</i>
Candidate's signature (or of person authorised to act on behalf of candidate):	<i>JSmith</i>
Date:	<i>31 March 2022</i>
<b>Confirmation of acceptance by election agent</b>	
I [agent named above] confirm my acceptance as the election agent for the above named candidate. I understand that I must carry out my duties according to law. I understand that there are penalties if I fail to fulfil my duties according to law.	
Agent's signature:	<i>EB White</i>
Date:	<i>31 March 2022</i>

<b>Agent's other details in case of query (optional – will not be published)</b>	
Home telephone:	<i>01742 555555</i>
Work telephone:	<i>01742 444444</i>
Mobile telephone:	<i>09777 444444</i>
Email address:	<i>3bwh1te5544@goldpartymail.co.uk</i>

# Nominations.....Election Agents

- Responsible for the proper management of your election campaign; particularly its financial management.
- Notification of appointment must reach the RO by 4pm on 4 April. The form is included in nomination pack.
- You will become your own agent by default if none is appointed.

# Nominations.....Other Agents

- Other agents can be appointed to attend postal vote openings, polling stations and the count on your behalf:
- You must give notice in writing of any people appointed as polling and counting agents by 26 April
- The appointment of postal voting agents attending a particular opening session must be made before the start of the session. We will give 48 hours' notice.

# Close of Nominations

Following the deadline for nominations there are two possible outcomes

- Notice of Uncontested Election
- Notice of Poll

If not all Parish Seats are filled and the Parish is quorate then the remaining vacancies can be filled by co-option



# Access to electoral register and absent voting lists

- Access by candidates - once you officially become a candidate:
- Earliest on which candidates can obtain copies is the last date for of publication of notice of election if you, or others declared yourself a candidate
- Once you or others have declared yourself a candidate after this date / date you submit your nomination papers
- Make written request to the ERO - forms are available from the elections team
- Only use data for permitted purposes...
  - to complete the nomination form
  - to help you campaign
  - to check that donations/loans are permissible

# Electoral Registration

- As a candidate you are uniquely placed to encourage people to register to vote.
- You should encourage people to register as soon as possible.
- The deadline for applying for the election is Monday 17 April.
- Individuals can apply to register online at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> . It only takes a few minutes.

# Electoral Registration

- When discussing registering to vote with individuals, you will need to make them aware that they will need to provide:
  - their National Insurance number
  - date of birth and address
- People who do not have / cannot retrieve their National Insurance number can still register, but they may need to provide further information. If so, they will be contacted by the ERO

# Absent Voting

- If you are encouraging people who don't have a postal (or proxy) vote to apply for one, make sure you explain that they will only qualify for one in time for the elections if they are (or will be) registered in time to vote at the elections.

# Campaigning....Dos and Don'ts

- Do follow guidance produced by the UK Government on campaigning in the current public health context
- Do use imprints on all your campaign material, including websites.
- Do comply with planning rules relating to advertising hoardings and large banners.
- Do make sure outdoor posters are removed 2 weeks after the election.
- Do not produce material that looks like a poll card.
- Do not pay people to display your adverts (unless they display adverts as part of their normal business).

# Campaigning....Code of Conduct

- Campaigners are an essential element of a healthy democracy, but their activities should not bring into question the integrity of the electoral process.
- Electoral registration and absent vote applications:
  - Ensure forms fully conform to the requirements of electoral law
  - Include the ERO's address for the return of forms
  - Ensure unaltered applications are sent to ERO within two working days.
  - Make sure electors understand implications of applying for an absent vote.
  - Do not encourage postal ballot pack redirection.
  - Do not encourage electors to appoint a campaigner as proxy.

# Campaigning....Code of Conduct

- Postal ballot packs:
  - Never touch a postal ballot paper
  - Never observe electors completing their postal vote.
  - Never handle or take any completed ballot paper or postal ballot pack from voters
- Campaigning outside polling stations:
  - You are allowed to put your messages to voters on polling day, including public spaces outside polling places.
  - Keep access to polling places and the pavements around polling places clear to allow voters to enter.

## Postal Votes - Key Dates

- 14 April      Postal vote packs for existing postal voters will be handed to Royal Mail.
- 17 April      Postal vote opening will start.
- 18 April      Deadline for new applications/changes.
- 24 April      Postal vote packs for new applications handed to Royal Mail.
- 27 April      First date voters can apply for a replacement pack.



# Polling Day - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

- Polling stations open from 7am to 10pm
- Voters should be encouraged to check their poll card before polling day, to see if their polling station has changed since previous elections
- Office open 8am to 6pm for queries or problems relating to the administration of the election
- for queries relating to election finance issues, contact the Electoral Commission (contact details shown later)
- Voters in the polling station or in a queue outside the polling station at 10 pm can apply for a ballot paper
- Postal votes - can be handed into polling stations within district or delivered to the elections office until 10pm.
- A person in a queue at a polling station at 10pm waiting to hand in a postal vote can do so after 10pm.

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# Polling Day – Verification & Counting

- Wirksworth Leisure Centre, Hannage way, Off Water Lane, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, DE4 4JG
- Count and Verification Timings
  - Verification from 10pm 4 May
  - District Council Count from 10am 5 May
  - Parish Council Counts from 2pm 5 May
- Count centre will open to candidates and agents from 10pm on 4 May and 9.45am and 1.45pm on 5 May.
- Candidates, election agents, counting agents and one other person appointed by the candidate are entitled to attend.

# Candidate Spending - Guidance

- Defined as certain expenses 'used for the purposes of the candidate's election' during the regulated period.
- Responsibility of election agent
- Limit on expenses:
  - £806 + 7 pence per elector in ward/division on register in force in March
  - reduced for joint candidates
- Must get and keep receipts (over £20)
- Eligible Expenses include:
  - Advertising
  - Unsolicited material sent to voters
  - Public meetings

# Candidate Spending - Returns

- Returns due 35 calendar days after result of election
- Returns made public by Returning Officer
- Sample of returns may be reviewed by the Electoral Commission
- Failure to submit a spending return is a criminal offence enforceable by police
- No spending will be reimbursed

# Elections Act 2022 – Voter ID?

## Voter ID

- Requires voters to show photographic ID at polling stations before a ballot paper is issued
- Requires Electoral Registration Officer to issue free elector identification documents to registered electors who apply for one
- Forms of existing photo ID listed in the secondary legislation

# Acceptable forms of Photo ID

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or an EEA state
- Biometric immigration document
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- Blue Badge
- National identity card issued by an EEA state
- Older Person's Bus Pass
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- Oyster 60+ Card
- Freedom Pass
- Voter Authority Certificate or a temporary Voter Authority Certificate

# Photo ID that cannot be accepted

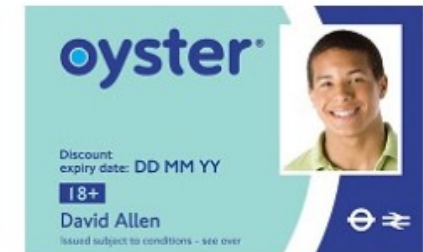
Any Photo ID not on the prescribed list so

- No Railcards (6-17 Saver, 16-25 Railcard, 26-30 Railcard, Disabled Persons Railcard, Family & Friends Railcard, Network Railcard, Senior Railcard, Two Together Railcard, Veterans Railcard)
- No other travel cards
- No work or student passes
- No photocopies of any ID Documents
- No photo ID on a mobile devices

**Counts as ID**



**Does not count as ID**



# Elections Act 2022 – Voter ID?

- Requires voters to show photographic ID at polling stations before a ballot paper is issued
- Requires Electoral Registration Officer to issue free elector identification documents to registered electors who apply for one
- Forms of existing photo ID listed in the secondary legislation
- A Voter Authority Certificate (VAC)
- A Temporary Voter Authority Certificate (TVAC)
- Anonymous Electors Document (AED)
- Only the Presiding Officer or Poll Clerk have the authority to inspect ID
- The Presiding Officer must refuse an elector a ballot paper if they think that the ID does not look like the elector or suspects the documents are forged.



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# QUESTIONS?

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