

Buckinghamshire Elections 2021 Information

Elections are still planned to go ahead on Thursday 6 May 2021, there has been no further update from Government

The following elections are due to take place:

- Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)
- Buckinghamshire Council (all 147 seats)
- Town and Parish Councils (all 1200+ seats)
- Neighbourhood Planning Referendums (x2)

Key Dates for Electoral Process

Monday 22 March	Publication of Notice of Election (local elections)
Monday 29 March	Publication of Notice of Election for PCC
Thursday 8 April, 4pm	Deadline for receipt of nomination papers (including withdrawals) and notification of appointment of election agent
Friday 9 April, 4pm	Names of candidates standing for election published
Monday 19 April	Deadline for registering to vote
Tuesday 20 April, 5pm	Postal Vote application deadline (including postal proxy)
Tuesday 27 April, 5pm	Proxy vote application deadline
Tuesday 27 April	Notice of Poll
Thursday 6 May	Polling Day 7am – 10pm
Thursday 6 May	Verification, 10.15pm *
Friday 7 May	Principal Election Count, 10am *
Friday 7 May/ Saturday 8 May (10am)	Town & Parish Council Counts. Will take place at the conclusion of the principal election count. *
Thursday 3 June	Delivery of return as to election expenses

***NB Provisional Date & Time**

Local Election Nominations

- Nomination forms available from the Electoral Commission website (copy from Electoral Commission attached)
- Hard Copies of Nomination Forms will be sent to Clerks in late February
- Pre-election guidance on “purdah” will be provided to clerks (“purdah” starts on Monday 22 March to completion of polling day)
- Nomination forms must be **hand delivered (not emailed or posted)** to the relevant Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) area office on working days between 10am -4pm from **Monday 22 March to Thursday 8 April (4pm)**
- Nomination forms can be delivered by clerks (not good practice), collectively or individually or by candidate
- **Original signed** forms must be submitted
- Recommend early delivery of forms. The drop in system may involve a wait to be seen.

DRO Areas

Aylesbury Vale Election Areas, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF

Chiltern & South Bucks election Areas, King George V House, King George V Road, Amersham, HP6 5AW

Wycombe Election Areas, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BB

Election Costs

- Town and Parish councils will be invoiced the proportional costs relating to their council election once the polls are completed
- Estimated costs are available on request by emailing elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- Costs will vary depending on whether a council has a contested or uncontested election (this is where fewer nominations are received than the number of seats available)

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Guidance

- Electoral Commission: <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/>
- Local election timetable and guidance:
<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-england>
- Town/Parish clerks and candidates can contact the electoral registration team

Electoral Register Requests

- Town/parish clerks may request a free copy of the electoral register for their Town/Parish area by completing the relevant form and by posting/emailing it to the relevant elections team.
- Town/Parish Councillors may also request a free copy of the electoral register for the parish area or parish ward, if warded, they are elected to.
- Candidates, if not already councillors, may use [this form](#) to request a register.
- The register should be used by candidates to ensure that their nomination is properly subscribed (signed by a proposer and seconder) by two electors on the local government electoral register in the parish or, if the parish is warded, in the parish ward.
- Completed register request forms may be sent to elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk