

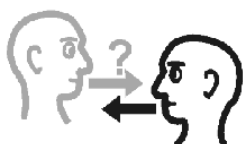
County Council Elections: easy read



This easy read document tells you about elections for new county councillors which will take place on 1 May 2025.

We will tell you about:

- [What county councillors are](#)
- [How councillors are chosen](#)
- [Who can vote](#)
- [What photo ID is accepted](#)
- [Where to get more information or help](#)



We have a [separate easy read document](#) about Nottinghamshire County Council and other types of local democracy.

What are County Councillors?

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County councillors are members of the council.



Nottinghamshire has 66 councillors, and each councillor represents 1 of 56 areas called electoral divisions.

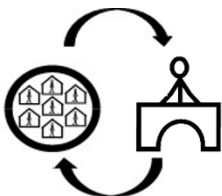


The role of county councillors is to:

- use their knowledge and views to make council decisions



- represent the interests of local people



- make sure that services the council provide are working well

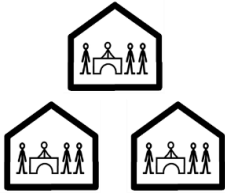


- help local people find services and information

They do this by:



- going to meetings and being on committees



- working closely with other organisations that are based in their area



- holding regular meetings (surgeries) so the public can tell them about problems, to ask or give advice.



Nottinghamshire County Council has a person who leads the council and represents it to other organisations.



After the election, all the councillors will vote to pick a person to be the leader of the council.

How are councillors chosen?



People vote for councillors every 4 years.



The next election will take place on
Thursday 1 May 2025.

**There is a strict timetable that covers
the election:**



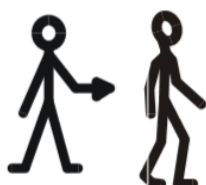
- **Friday 11 April**

This is the last date for you register to
vote.



- **Monday 14 April, 5:00 pm**

This the last date for you to apply for a
postal vote.



- **Wednesday 23 April, 5:00 pm**

The last date to ask to have someone
vote on your behalf.

- **Wednesday 23 April, 5:00 pm**

This is the last date you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.



You need to show photo Identification (ID) if you vote in person at a polling station. If you do not have this you can ask for a voter certificate instead.



A list of some [common types of valid ID documents](#) is shown later in this easy read document.



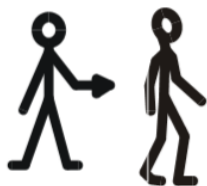
A polling station is the place where you can vote in person. They are often in buildings close to where you live for example, a school or a community centre.

The Voter Authority Certificate is free and you should take it with you to vote.



- **Thursday 1 May, 7 am to 10 pm**

This is when the polling stations are open for you to vote in person



- **Thursday 1 May, 5 pm**

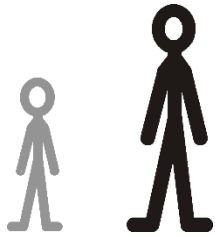
This is the last time that you can apply for an emergency proxy vote

Proxy voting means that if you can't vote in person, you can have someone you trust vote for you.



You can apply for an emergency proxy vote if you have a medical emergency, or have lost your photo ID or voter authority certificate, or because you are working away from home.

Who can vote?



You need to be over the age of 16 to register, but you won't be able to vote until your 18th birthday.



To vote in the county council elections, you also need to be a British citizen or an Irish citizen.

A citizen is a person who belongs to a particular country by birth or naturalisation.

You can also vote if you have permission to enter or stay in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man, or don't need permission, and you are:

- a Commonwealth citizen, or
- a citizen of Denmark, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal or Spain.

Citizens of other EU countries can vote if they have permission to enter or stay in the UK since 31 December 2020, and this has continued without a break.



You cannot vote in county council elections if you live abroad, or if you are in prison after being convicted of an offence.



If you meet the conditions, you can register to vote using [the online form](#) on the GOV.UK website.

What Photo ID is accepted?

You need to have photo ID to vote at a polling station. Not all types of photo ID can be used.

You can only use ID that is on the [list of acceptable ID managed by the Electoral Commission](#).



These include **driving licences** from:

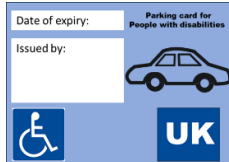
- the United kingdom (UK)
- the Channel Islands
- the Isle of Man
- an EEA state



You can also use **passports** from:

- the United Kingdom (UK)
- the Channel Islands
- the Isle of Man
- a British Overseas Territory
- an EEA state (including Irish passport card)
- a Commonwealth country

Other valid forms of photo ID include:



- A Blue Badge.



- Older or disabled persons bus pass funded by the UK Government.



- Identity card with the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card). PASS is the UK's national proof of age accreditation scheme.



- Biometric Immigration Documents, including eVisas.

Biometric means the document includes electronic details about the holder's fingerprints, eye scans, facial features or other identifying characteristics.



- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card).



- National identity card issued by an EEA state.

If you do not have photo ID from this list, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate.

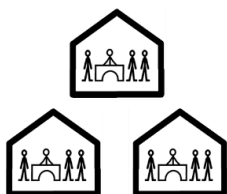


You can also apply for a Voter Authority Certificate if you no longer look like the photo on your ID, or if the name on your photo ID is different from your name on the electoral register.



You can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate using [the online form](#) at GOV.UK.

Where can I find more information or help?



Elections are managed by friendly and helpful staff in district and borough councils. They are very keen to help people to vote.



You can let them know before the election if you need help to vote, or if you have any questions.



You can find more information, including names of candidates, from your local district or borough council:

Ashfield



Each of these areas have 1 county councillor:

Ashfields

Hucknall North

Hucknall South

Hucknall West

Kirkby North

Kirkby South

Selston

Sutton Central and East

Sutton North

Sutton West

Read the [list of candidates here](#).

View details on [their website](#) or contact them by:

Online: [web form](#)

Telephone: 01623 457321

Email: regelec@ashfield.gov.uk

Bassetlaw

Each of these areas has 1 county councillor:

Blyth and Harworth

Misterton

Retford East

Retford West

Tuxford

Worksop East

Worksop North

Worksop South

Worksop West

Read the [list of candidates here](#).

View details on their [website](#) or contact them by

Online: Web form

Email: elections@bassetlaw.gov.uk

Broxtowe



Each of these areas has 1 or 2 county councillors.

Beeston Central and Rylands

(1 councillor)

Bramcote and Beeston North

(1 councillor)

Eastwood

(1 councillor)

Greasley and Brinsley

(1 councillor)

Nuthall and Kimberley

(1 councillor)

Stapleford and Broxtowe Central

(2 councillors)

Toton, Chilwell and Attenborough

(2 councillors)



Read the [list of candidates here](#).



View details on their [website](#) or contact them by

Phone: 0115 917 3294

Email: elections@broxtowe.gov.uk

Gedling



Each of these areas has 1 or 2 county councillors:

Arnold North

(2 councillors)

Arnold South

(2 councillors)

Calverton

(1 councillor)

Carlton East

(1 councillor)

Carlton West

(2 candidates)

Newstead

(1 councillor)



Read the [list of candidates here](#).

View details on their [website](#) or contact them by



Phone: 0115 901 3906

Email: elections@gedling.gov.uk

Mansfield



Each of these areas has 1 or 2 county councillors:

Mansfield East

(2 councillors)

Mansfield North

(2 councillors)

Mansfield South

(2 councillors)

Mansfield West

(2 councillors)

Warsop

(1 councillor)



Read the [list of candidates here](#).

View details on their [website](#) or contact them by email:



elections@mansfield.gov.uk

Newark and Sherwood



Each of these areas has 1 county councillor:

Balderton

Blidworth

Collingham

Farndon and Trent

Muskham and Farnsfield

Newark East

Newark West

Ollerton

Sherwood Forest

Southwell



Read the [list of candidates here](#).

View details on their [website](#) or contact them by



Phone: 01636 655222

Email: voting@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk

Rushcliffe



Each of these areas has 1 county councillor, unless stated:

Bingham East

Bingham West

Cotgrave

Keyworth

Leake and Ruddington

(two councillors)

Radcliffe on Trent

West Bridgford North

West Bridgford South

West Bridgford West



Read the [list of candidates here](#).

View details on their website or contact them by



Phone: 0115 981 9911

Email: elections@rushcliffe.gov.uk



My Vote My Voice is an advocacy group set up by United Response, Dimensions, Mencap and Ambitious About Autism.



They have [a set of easy read documents](#) to make sure that everyone, including people with learning difficulties and autistic people, has the information and support they need to understand their right to vote.

Links in this document

- **Easy read guide to local democracy in Nottinghamshire**

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/local-democracy

- **GOV.UK – Register to vote**

gov.uk/register-to-vote

- **Electoral Commission – List of valid photo-id**

electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-

id/accepted-forms-photo-id

- **GOV.UK – Apply for voter recognition certificate**
gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate
- **Nottinghamshire County Council – lists of candidates**
 - **Ashfield**
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/153nmtgq/ashfieldstatementofpersonsnominated202505.pdf
 - **Bassetlaw**
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/ejfmjqe/bassetlawstatementsofpersonsnominated202505.pdf
 - **Broxtowe**
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/pw3bpziy/broxtowestatementofpersonsnominated202505.pdf
 - **Gedling**
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/gtafygfg/gedlingstatementofpersonsnominated202505.pdf
 - **Mansfield**
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/ffpljebc/mansfield

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- **Newark and Sherwood**

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/z5bfcc5t/newark
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- **Rushcliffe**

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/zcalnpky/rushcliff
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- **District and borough council elections webpages**

- **Ashfield**

www.ashfield.gov.uk/your-council/elections

- **Ashfield Contact Form**

www.ashfield.gov.uk/your-council/elections/contact-elections-team

- **Bassetlaw**

www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections-in-bassetlaw/elections-2025

- **Bassetlaw contact form**

selfservice.bassetlaw.gov.uk/renderform?t=164&k=1B11811078316726AAB94DD1F231C910A9E15884

- **Broxtowe**

www.broxtowe.gov.uk/for-you/elections-voting

- **Gedling**
www.gedling.gov.uk/elections
 - **Mansfield**
www.mansfield.gov.uk/elections-voting
 - **Newark and Sherwood**
www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/your-council/your-council/elections/1-may-2025-county-council-elections
 - **Rushcliffe**
www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/elections
 - **My Vote My Voice easy read election guidance**
myvotemyvoice.org.uk/how-politics-works
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For plain English web page versions of this information, go to:

[Nottinghamshire County Council elections | Nottinghamshire County Council](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/nottinghamshire-county-council-elections)

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