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Parish Council Elections – Thursday 4th May 2023

All West Berkshire is taking part in the local elections taking place on Thursday 4th May 2023. This means that all the parish councils in this area, including your local councils of Frilsham, Hampstead Norreys and Yattendon, will be electing councillors to fill the seats on each council. There will also be elections taking place on this date to elect your District Councillor for West Berkshire Council.

The Facts

- Each Parish Council has a specific number of seats which need to be filled. For Frilsham this is 6 councillors, Hampstead Norreys 7 councillors and Yattendon 6 councillors.
- If the same number of people or less than there are seats put their name forward, each person will be automatically elected to the council in an 'uncontested election'.
- If more people put their names forward than there are seats available, an election will be held.

What Do Councillors Do?

- Represent your community and make sure its voice is heard.
- Serve your community, help solve problems and come up with ideas.
- Work with others including West Berkshire Council.
- Make decisions and make a difference.

How Do You Find Out More?

You can find out lots of information online or you can contact your Parish Clerk.

How To Stand For Election

To stand for the Parish Council you will need to complete an application form which must be signed by two people who are on the electoral register for the Parish Council area. The application pack is available here: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/media/5016>

For more information on the elections, please see <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england>

The notice of election will be displayed on Friday 24th March and you can deliver your nomination papers any time between 9am and 4pm between 24th March and the 4th April to the West Berkshire Council Office on Market Street in Newbury. **They must be delivered by hand** and not posted. West Berkshire Council is happy to check them before they are formally submitted.

How To Vote

From these local elections onwards, it will be a requirement to provide Voter ID if you are voting in person. You will not need this if you register for a postal vote. You can check what types of photo ID are accepted and find out how to obtain a voter authority certificate if you don't have valid photo ID (you need to apply by 5pm on Tuesday 25th April) here:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>



How to Contact Your Parish Council

For more information about your Parish Council, please contact the Clerk to your Parish as follows:

- Frilsham: Helen clerk@frilshamparish.org.uk
- Hampstead Norreys: Sarah clerk@hampsteadnorreysparishcouncil.org
- Yattendon: Sarah YattendonParish@gmail.com