

Notice of Election

Dorset Council

Election of Councillors

for the Dorset Council Wards listed below

Dorset Council Ward	Number of Councillors to be elected	Dorset Council Ward	Number of Councillors to be elected
Beacon Ward	One	Beaminster Ward	One
Blackmore Vale Ward	One	Blandford Ward	Two
Bridport Ward	Three	Chalk Valleys Ward	One
Charminster St Mary`s Ward	One	Chesil Bank Ward	One
Chickerell Ward	Two	Colehill and Wimborne Minster East Ward	Two
Corfe Mullen Ward	Two	Cranborne and Alderholt Ward	One
Cranborne Chase Ward	One	Crossways Ward	One
Dorchester East Ward	Two	Dorchester Poundbury Ward	One
Dorchester West Ward	Two	Eggardon Ward	One
Ferndown North Ward	Two	Ferndown South Ward	Two
Gillingham Ward	Three	Hill Forts and Upper Tarrants Ward	One
Littlemoor and Preston Ward	Two	Lyme and Charmouth Ward	One
Lytchett Matravers and Upton Ward	Three	Marshwood Vale Ward	One
Melcombe Regis Ward	One	Portland Ward	Three
Puddletown and Lower Winterborne Ward	One	Radipole Ward	Two
Rodwell and Wyke Ward	Three	Shaftesbury Town Ward	Two
Sherborne East Ward	One	Sherborne Rural Ward	One
Sherborne West Ward	One	South East Purbeck Ward	One
St Leonards and St Ives Ward	Two	Stalbridge and Marnhull Ward	One
Stour and Allen Vale Ward	One	Sturminster Newton Ward	One
Swanage Ward	Two	Upwey and Broadwey Ward	One
Verwood Ward	Three	Wareham Ward	Two
West Moors and Three Legged Cross Ward	Two	West Parley Ward	One
West Purbeck Ward	Two	Westham Ward	Two
Wimborne Minster Ward	Two	Winterborne and Broadmayne Ward	One
Winterborne North Ward	One	Yetminster Ward	One

1. Nomination papers must be hand delivered to the Returning Officer, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ between 9.30am and 4.30pm on any working day after the date of publication of this Notice (excluding bank holidays) but no later than 4pm on Friday 5 April 2024. Some additional appointments will be available in the evenings and also at locations in Blandford Forum, Wareham and Wimborne. Details can be found at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/dorset-council-elections-on-2-may-2024-information-for-candidates>. Please make an appointment to deliver your nomination papers by telephoning Electoral Services on 01305 838299 or emailing elections@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.
2. Nomination papers may be obtained from the offices of the Returning Officer, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ during the times stated above or can be downloaded from <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-and-agents-local-government-elections-england/nominations/completing-your-nomination-papers/nomination-form>.
3. If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 2 May 2024.
4. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ by 12 midnight on Tuesday 16 April 2024. Apply online to register to vote or download an application form at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.
5. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes and amendments or cancellations of proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ by 5pm on Wednesday 17 April 2024. Apply online to vote by post or download an application form at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>.
6. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector’s Document valid for this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ by 5pm on Wednesday 24 April 2024. Apply online for a Voter Authority Certificate or download an application form at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>.
7. New applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ by 5pm on Wednesday 24 April 2024. Apply online to vote by proxy or download an application form at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote>.
8. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ by 5pm on Thursday 2 May 2024. Download an application form at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/proxy-voting-application-forms>.

Dated Monday 11 March 2024
Matt Prosser, Returning Officer