

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 |
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| 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 |

- 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.
- 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>.
- If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 2 May 2024.
- 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>.
- 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>.
- 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>.
- 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>.
- 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

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