



# Review of polling districts, places and stations 2022

## Background information

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### General Information

- The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places. The next compulsory review should have been concluded 31 January 2020, subsequent compulsory reviews must be carried out every 5 years. (The next compulsory review is due to start 1 October 2023 and completed by 31 January 2025)
- Due to the number of elections held in 2019 and the coronavirus pandemic we did not complete the last compulsory review, as a result we are conducting a full review of polling districts, places and station this year. The last review took place in 2014.
- The local authority is responsible for designating polling districts and polling places whilst the (Acting) Returning Officer is responsible for decisions on polling stations.
- A **polling district** is a geographical area. Each parish/parish ward must be a separate polling district. A good starting point is to include the whole parish/parish ward as one polling district. If this is too large, in order to provide easy access, the area can be split into smaller polling districts. Forest of Dean is currently divided into 71 Polling Districts.
- A **polling place** is the area or building in which a polling station is located and should be within the polling district unless it is not possible to find a suitable place.
- A **polling station** is the actual room or building where polling takes place. This information is available on the notice of poll and communicated to electors via their poll card.

### How the review is conducted

The Council announces that the review is to take place. The (Acting) Returning Officer must be consulted on the current arrangements and must make representations on the existing polling stations used. The (Acting) Returning Officers' comments must be published within 30 days of receipt.

Councillors, local political parties, residents and views from such persons who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises will also be invited to submit their representations and comment on the (Acting) Returning Officer's representations.

The final decision on polling districts and polling places is made by the council and the final decision on the situation of polling stations rests with the Returning Officer.

### Accessibility

- A polling station should be within reasonable walking distance for most electors.
- All polling stations should have access facilities for disabled elector including wheelchair users.
- There are various building regulations which determine how adaptations can be made and it is not always possible for the owners of buildings to make permanent structural changes.
- Where permanent facilities are not possible, the Council tries to make temporary provision, usually by means of a portable ramp. However, it must be remembered that

on occasion, these ramps can cause a hazard and thus it is not always a practical solution.

## **Practical Considerations**

- When selecting a polling station there are some basic criteria which need to be considered:
  - Geographically central for the majority of the electorate
  - Appropriate for democratic use
  - Health & Safety arrangements
  - Enough useable space
  - Exclusive use
  - Access (including parking)
  - Welfare facilities for staff
  - Cost
- There are no legislative limits on the number of polling stations an authority can provide; however a polling station should not have more than 2,500 electors allocated to it. There are currently 71 polling stations, with some acting as double stations.

## **What is not covered by the review**

Boundaries of the parliamentary constituency, county council divisions, district council wards or parish and parish wards.

## **Timetable for the Review**

Formal review notice published	Monday 23 May 2022
Review period commences	Monday 23 May 2022
(Acting) Returning Officers' comments published	Not later than Friday 27 May 2022
Representations to be received by	Monday 4 July 2022
Report to Council	Thursday 21 July 2022
Revised arrangements come into force	Thursday 1 December 2022

## **Making Comments**

Representations on the current arrangements of polling districts, places and stations are welcome, however, it should be borne in mind that each parish/parish ward must be a separate polling district. Ward boundaries cannot be changed as part of the review.

Comments do not have to be restricted to alternative proposals - support for the current arrangements are also welcome. When making representations it would be helpful to the Council for you to provide as much relevant information as you can about your current polling place including how conveniently it is located in relation to where you live, whether there is adequate parking, what access is like for disabled and/or wheelchair users and how suitable overall it is for voting. Please also indicate whether there are any other suitable premises that could be used.

Comments should be made in writing to: Electoral Services, Forest of Dean District Council, High Street, Coleford, GL16 8HG or by e-mail [elections@fdean.gov.uk](mailto:elections@fdean.gov.uk) no later than **5 pm on**

**Monday 4 July 2022.** Alternatively using the online form, which is available from our website [www.fdean.gov.uk](http://www.fdean.gov.uk).

## **Current Arrangements**

Current polling places, districts and stations together with the electorate figures used for this review are based on the 1 May 2022 electoral register. It is also worth noting that the electorate means the total electors for the polling station and includes those who have a postal vote in place. [Appendix A](#)

An [interactive map](#) is available to assist you with your submission. Further information about the review can be found on our website [here](#).

## Appendix A

Current polling places together with information on the number of registered electors allocated to each polling station is detailed below. It is also worth noting that the electorate is the total electors for the polling station and includes those who have a postal vote in place.

Parish/ Parish Ward	Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electorate
Alvington	NA	Alvington	Memorial Hall, Knapp Lane, Alvington, GL15 6BH	492
Awre*	NC	Blakeney	Blakeney and District Recreation Centre, Blakeney, GL15 4DW	1165
	NCA	Awre	Village Hall, Awre, GL14 1EL	165
Aylburton	ND	Aylburton	Memorial Hall, High Street, Aylburton, GL15 6DL	560
Blaisdon	NE	Blaisdon	Village Hall Blaisdon GL17 0AH	212
Bromsberrow	NF	Bromsberrow	Village Hall, Albright Lane, Bromsberrow, HR8 1RU	347
Churcham	NH	Churcham	Kings Head Inn, Birdwood, GL19 3EF	553
Cinderford East Ward*	NIXA	Cinderford East	Baptist Church, Commercial Street, Cinderford, GL14 2RP	816
	NIXB	Cinderford East	Sheltered Housing Scheme, Worcester Road, Cinderford, GL14 2XB	1024
	NIZ	Cinderford East	Wesley Hall, Belle Vue Road, Cinderford, GL14 2AB	1566
Cinderford West Ward*	NIX	Cinderford West	Grouped Housing Scheme, Rowandean, Cinderford, GL14 2XP	1313
	NIXC	Cinderford West	Grouped Accommodation Crawshay Place, Off Valley Road, Cinderford, GL14 2EW	1588
Cinderford North	NIY	Steam Mills	Cinderford Bowling Club, Steam Mills, Cinderford, GL14 3JD	223
Coleford Central Ward	NJ	Coleford	The Main Place, Old Station Way, Coleford, GL16 8RH	2921
Coleford East Ward*	NJA	Coalway	Coalway Methodist Hall, Old Road, Coalway, GL16 7JJ	1220
	NJB	Milkwall	Recreation Hall, Station Road, Milkwall, GL16 7LJ	1149
	NJC	Coleford East	Training Room, The Main Place, Old Station Way, Coleford, GL16 8RH	644
Coleford Mile End & Broadwell Ward	NJD	Mile End & Broadwell	Evergreen Hall, Speech House Road, Broadwell, GL16 7BG	1380
Corse	NK	Corse	Village Hall, Gloucester Road, Corse GL19 3RQ	515

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Drybrook Village Ward	NM	Drybrook	Band Room, Drybrook, GL17 9BS	1454
Drybrook Ruardean Hill Ward*	NN	Ruardean Hill	Baptist Chapel, Baptist Way, Ruardean Hill, GL17 9AR	520
	NO	Ruardean Woodside	Memorial Hall, Forest Road, Ruardean, Woodside, GL17 9XR	511
Dymock	NQ	Dymock	Parish Hall, Ledbury Road, Dymock, GL18 2AG	995
Gorsley and Kilcot	NX	Gorsley	Christ Church, Gorsley, HR9 7SP	225
English Bicknor	NY	English Bicknor	Village Hall, Ross Road, English Bicknor, GL16 7PD	336
Hartpury	OA	Hartpury	Village Hall, Over Old Road, Hartpury, GL19 3BJ	657
Hewelsfield and Brockweir	OC	Brockweir	Mackenzie Hall, Mill Hill, Brockweir, NP16 7NW	373
Huntley	OE	Huntley	Village Hall, North Road, Huntley, GL19 3DU	884
Kempley	OF	Kempley	Village Hall, Kempley, GL18 2BP	249
Littledean	OG	Littledean	The Community Centre, Roman Way, Off Beech Way, Littledean, GL14 3NB	1018
Longhope	OI	Longhope	The Latchen Room, Latchen, Longhope, GL17 0QE	1279
Lydbrook*	OK	Lydbrook	Memorial Hall, Central Lydbrook, Lydbrook, GL17 9PP	1084
	OL	Joys Green	Joys Green Centre, School Road, Joys Green, GL17 9QX	727
Lydney East Ward	ON	Lydney East	Lydney Community Centre, Naas Lane, Lydney, GL15 5AT	4757
Lydney North Ward	OM	Lydney North	Primrose Hill Church Hall, Primrose Hill, Lydney, GL15 5SF	1694
Lydney West Ward	OO	Lydney West	Lydney Town Hall, High Street, Lydney GL15 5DY	1392
Mitcheldean North Ward	OR	Mitcheldean North Ward	Community Centre, The Playing Fields, Mitcheldean, GL17 0BE	1894
Mitcheldean South Ward	ORA	Mitcheldean South Ward	Community Centre, The Playing Fields, Mitcheldean, GL17 0BE	243
Newent Central Ward	OS	Newent Central	Newent Memorial Hall Bury Bar Lane Newent GL18 1PT	3502
Newent North East	OSA	Newent North East	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Ross Road, Newent, GL18 1BG	1064
Newent South West	OSB	Newent South West	Village Hall, Cliffords Mesne, Newent GL18 1JN	325

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Newland*	OT	Clearwell	Clearwell Memorial Hall, High Street, Clearwell, GL16 8JS	524
	OU	Redbrook	Village Hall, Redbrook, NP25 4LY	323
Newnham	OV	Newnham	The Armoury Hall, Dean Road, Newnham, GL14 1AB	1088
Oxenhall Parish Meeting	OX	Oxenhall	Parish Hall, Oxenhall, GL18 1RN	194
Pauntley	OY	Pauntley	Pauntley Green Village Hall, Brand Green, Pauntley, GL19 3JD	257
Redmarley	OZ	Redmarley	Village Hall, Redmarley, GL19 3HS	680
Ruardean	PA	Ruardean	Ruardean War Memorial Hall, High Street, Ruardean, GL17 9US	1141
Rudford & Highleadon	PB	Rudford & Highleadon	Rudford & Highleadon Village Hall, Buttermilk Lane, Rudford, GL2 8DY	231
Ruspidge & Soudley West Ward	PBX	Ruspidge	Memorial Hall, Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge, GL14 3AE	1843
Ruspidge & Soudley East Ward	PBY	Soudley	Village Hall, Lower Road, Soudley, GL14 2TZ	415
Staunton Coleford	PD	Staunton Coleford	Village Hall, Staunton, Coleford, GL16 8NX	243
Staunton Gloucester	PE	Staunton Gloucester	Staunton Garden Centre, Staunton Cross, Ledbury Road, Staunton, Gloucester, GL19 3QA	636
St Briavels*	PF	St Briavels	St Briavels Assembly Rooms, East Street, St Briavels, GL15 6TG	970
	PG	Brockweir	Mackenzie Hall, Mill Hill, Brockweir, NP16 7NW	87
Taynton	PHA	May Hill	Village Hall, All Saints Road, May Hill, GL17 0NL	357
Tibberton	PI	Tibberton	Church Room, Tibberton, GL19 3AF	496
Tidenham*	PJ	Sedbury & Beachley	Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, King Alfreds Road, Sedbury, NP16 7AG	2418
	PK	Tutshill	War Memorial Hall, Coleford Road, Tutshill, NP16 7BN	2043
Upleadon	PN	Upleadon	Village Hall, Gloucester Road, Upleadon, GL18 1EJ	221
West Dean – Berry Hill Ward	PS	Berry Hill	Berry Hill Institute, Lakers Road, Berry Hill, GL16 7QU	1293
West Dean – Bream Ward	PP	Bream	The West Dean Centre, High Street, Bream, GL15 6JW	2575

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West Dean – Christchurch Ward	PSA	Christchurch	Berry Hill Institute, Lakers Road, Berry Hill, GL16 7QU	745
West Dean – Ellwood and Sling Ward	PQ	Sling	Sling Recreation & Social Club, Sling, GL16 8JG	897
West Dean – Parkend Ward*	PUA	Whitecroft	Memorial Hall, Parkend Road, Whitecroft, GL15 4PA	699
	PV	Parkend	Parkend Memorial Hall, Folly Road, Parkend, GL15 4JF	467
West Dean – Pillowell Ward*	PU	Pillowell	Pillowell Village Hall, Upper Road, Pillowell GL15 4QZ	285
	PW	Yorkley	Community Centre, Bailey Hill, Yorkley, GL15 4RS	1057
	PX	Viney Hill	Viney St Swithins Sports and Social Club, Viney Hill, GL15 4NF	394
Westbury-on- Severn	PO	Westbury-on- Severn	Westbury-on-Severn Parish Hall, Rodley Road, Westbury-on-Severn, GL14 1PF	1410
Woolaston	PY	Woolaston	Woolaston Memorial Hall, Swains Field, Woolaston, GL15 6SU	1020

\*denotes where a parish/parish ward is split into smaller polling district



