

## REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS 2024

### ONLINE RESPONSES RECEIVED

POLLING DISTRICT	RESPONDANT	POLLING STATION	COMMENT
NA	Cllr Alvington Parish Council	Memorial Hall, Knapp Lane, Alvington	<p>We consider the Memorial Hall to continue to be highly suitable, as it is centrally located with dedicated parking, disabled access, and toilet facilities. We do not consider there to be alternative suitable locations.</p> <p>However, in the light of the climate crisis, and the electricity bill, we and the Memorial Hall Trusts are perturbed by the practice of opening all the doors fully, and having the heating turned up to maximum. Whilst we recognise the importance of appearing open and welcoming, the double-doors allow some degree of common sense in keeping in the heat and reducing our carbon footprint. We would ask the election authority to consider how best to strike a more sensible balance.</p>
ND	Resident comment	Memorial Hall, High Street, Aylburton	Great, super
ND	Resident comment	Memorial Hall, High Street, Aylburton	Village hall is centrally conventional for villagers, no need for any change. A cross roads across A48 would make for a safer environment.
	Town Clerk Cinderford Town Council		Cinderford Town Council considered the information at their meeting on 12.11.2024 and Councillors had no comments.
NJ	Coleford Area Partnership	The Main Place, Old Station Way, Coleford	<p>The Main Place is fully compliant with DDA Regulations.</p> <p>You currently rent the Main Hall on the First Floor and also the Meeting Room in the Community Enterprise Area of the Main Place.</p> <p>This is also situated on the First Floor. Both stations are accessed by stairs and a lift which can be operated manually if this becomes necessary.</p>
NJ	Resident comment	The Main Place, Old Station Way, Coleford	I have lived in Coleford since September 2023 so this was the first time I had to go to the polling station. As a newcomer I did not recognise the address provided for the polling station and mapping apps were not very helpful as they pointed to the car park of the doctor's surgery. But when I walked to that location, I could see signs to the polling station so found it

			<p>okay once I had that indicator. In the polling station the signs for where to go was good so I was easily able to find the desk I needed to visit to cast my vote.</p>
NM	Resident comment	Band Room, Drybrook	<p>I mentioned the ramp in the band room at Drybrook. Even now when I look at it I am amazed that it ends in a shallow step and is still called a disabled entrance. Would it be possible for some users to be involved in assessing access, not only wheelchair but walking frame/tripod users and people with sight problems in your consultation?</p>
NM	Parish Clerk Drybrook Parish Council	Band Room, Drybrook	<p>Drybrook Parish Council would like to add the following comments to the District Council's review of Polling Stations.</p> <p>The Parish Council would be happy for The Band Room to continue to be used as the local Polling Station, however they would like to receive further assistance from the District Council in making the car park more accessible on Polling Day.</p>
NM & NN	District Councillor for Mitcheldean, Ruardean and Drybrook	Band Room, Drybrook And Ruardean Baptist Chapel Ruardean	<p>With reference to the Drybrook Polling Station - the Band Room. Access to the Band Room is via the District Council run car park. This car park is often congested due to its unofficial use by commercial vans and by long term parking by those who use it as a park-and-ride car park to take the bus into Gloucester or wherever. It is difficult to think of an alternative venue that meets all the criteria for a polling station. However, convenient car parking is essential for this community to participate in voting as the topography of the village along with the demography of the community makes car use very relevant. Could the District Council consider placing signs up the day/week before polling to indicate that the District Council car park is to be used for polling only on election day? In addition, there is a shallow step up into the hall that can cause a problem for wheel chairs. A temporary ramp could solve the problem? If no suitable alternative polling station venue can be found, perhaps we could encourage the management of the hall to consider making the entrance more accessible on a permanent basis?</p> <p>I personally have been voting in the Ruardean Hill Baptist Chapel polling station for 33 years. I believe that it complies with all the criteria required for a polling station and I see no alternative that can match it. I have also</p>

			never been made aware of any complaints, other than the room can be cold for polling officers on election day - but extra heating is available. I strongly recommend its retention.
NO	Resident comment	Memorial Hall, Forest Road, Ruardean Woodside	Good local venue, walking distance, parking, slope for access, in middle of community, large hall to ensure privacy when voting. Very suitable venue.
NQ	Resident comment	Parish Hall, Ledbury Road, Dymock	Historical venue, well known throughout village, adequate parking close by.
OC	Resident comment	Mackenzie Hall, Mill Hill, Brockweir	Excellent location- very convenient to where we live as it is less than 10 minutes away. Suitable for voting with disabled access and parking and well known to all residents. Car parking is restricted, but the polling station is rarely busy and there is parking on the road if necessary
OE	Resident comment	Village Hall, North Road, Huntley	The village hall is an excellent location for a polling station with ample parking and effective lighting and heating
OE	Resident comment	Village Hall, North Road, Huntley	Easy parking in hall car park & gentle slope and new front door gives easy access to wheelchairs etc
OK	Resident comment	Memorial Hall, Central Lydbrook	<p>The Memorial Hall is situated in a convenient location to serve the whole village, being more or less central. Parking could be better, as there is very limited space for cars on the road, and almost none at the actual premises. However, most people tend to walk, so this is not generally an issue. The Hall is well maintained, the heating adequate, and the kitchen facilities for staff working should be fine, as a new kitchen was recently fitted. Lighting is bright and spread well. There is disabled access. There is also free internet via a Wi-Fi hub. There are toilets for both genders and for the disabled.</p> <p>I'm not aware of any other suitable location for a polling station within the village, though I expect the local primary school might be suitable. As I've never been in the building, I can't really comment. But it suffers from the same lack of parking as the hall.</p>
OE	Resident comment	Village Hall, North Road, Huntley	Currently at Huntley Village Hall - a very central village location - has it's own newly resurfaced carpark - wheelchair accessible wide entrance doors (recently installed) - sufficient space for polling signage both internal and external - there are no other suitable venues in the village that tick all the boxes :)

OE	- Huntley Village Hall Management Committee	Village Hall, North Road, Huntley	Huntley village hall is sited in the middle of our Village, it has a medium sized car park, disabled access, fire escape exits, it has a large hall which will cater for at least 100 people should there ever be a surge of voters. It is warm and well-lit and has comfortable chairs for the election officials.
OE	Resident comment	Village Hall, North Road, Huntley	Convenient location in centre of village Good parking adjacent to VH Easy access disabled / wheelchair users with a ramped entrance and wide entrance door High elderly demographic needs all the above Central location lower carbon emissions, can be walked to from all points of the village Recently upgraded and well-maintained venue, pleasant to use No other venue is so well equipped for this purpose
OI	Resident comment	The Latchen Room, Latchen, Longhope	A very suitable location within the village - it is well known and is easily accessible.
OI	Resident comment	The Latchen Room, Latchen, Longhope	Location is very convenient in centre of village. It's easily accessible by car and adequate onsite parking is available. On street parking also available immediately outside though frankly more people should be walking. It is wheelchair friendly through the main entrance with toilet facilities available. It is also accessible via a main bus route with bus stop outside. It is probably the best location in the locality
OL	Member of Lydbrook Parish Council and Labour Party	Memorial Hall, Central Lydbrook	The requirement for electors in the OL (Joys Green) register to vote at Lydbrook Memorial Hall is unacceptable. Voters without access to private transport have to walk from Joys Green to Lydbrook. This involves walking down a steep road without a footway. It is dangerous for fit able-bodied electors, but totally impossible for elderly voters and those with mobility issues. A postal vote is not appropriate for those undecided electors who do not wish to cast their vote until the campaigns are finished. There is no obvious premise that could be used, but it is entirely possible for the authority to set up a temporary polling station, for example in a caravan.
OL	Lydbrook Parish Council	Memorial Hall, Central Lydbrook,	The Council feels that Joys Green should have a polling station as residents currently have to vote in Lydbrook which is a difficult place to get to without a vehicle. The residents had a polling station until the local school closed. We do not know of a suitable alternative, apart from a temporary structure and that may prove difficult to site.

			It was then felt that Worrall Hill was in a similar position, being above Lydbrook and quite a difficult walk. There is a social club that could be a suitable venue for a polling station.
OM	Resident comment	Primrose Hill Church Hall, Primrose Hill, Lydney	Very close walking distance to where I live. Ramp for wheelchair users, parking on the road doesn't seem to be a problem. Ideal place for polling station inside and out.
ON	Resident comment	Lydney Community Centre, Naas Lane, Lydney	This Polling Station is just right for me
ON	Resident comment	Lydney Community Centre, Naas Lane, Lydney	I have a postal vote now as I do not like going to the polling station. This is no reflection on any one there /location- I have always gone there until recently. It is a perfectly useful & good for purpose building.
OT	Parish Clerk Newland Parish Council	Clearwell Memorial Hall	Request the re-introduction of an additional Polling Station in Newland Village Room, as previously.
OSA	Resident comment	Community Centre, Ross Road, Newent	We have to travel by car to this polling station and it would be much more convenient to use polling Station on Upleadon. Our neighbours use Upleadon and we could walk to it or get a lift.
OU	Resident comment	Village Hall, Redbrook	The Village Hall is completely inaccessible for a wheelchair user or a person with any significant walking difficulty. There is no drop-off point, the road outside the Hall is on a severe slope with a dangerous camber.  This venue is completely unsuitable as a community venue, let alone a Polling Station.
OU	Resident comment	Village Hall, Redbrook	Utterly useless inaccessible venue. It should be condemned - not used for a democratic voting process.
PA	Resident comment	Ruardean War Memorial Hall, High Street, Ruardean	Not easy to walk to voting centre for elderly resident.
PBX	Resident comment	Memorial Hall, Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge	There's only on street parking but from what I've seen many people seem to walk to the hall on polling day and parking doesn't seem to be a problem. The polling station is conveniently located for me as within walking distance. I'm not aware of another suitable premises in Ruspidge - the school possibly if they don't mind closing for the day but that is at the far edge of Ruspidge so not a convenient walk for me.
PHA	Resident comment	Village Hall, All Saints Road, May Hill	Currently, the only Polling Station in the Taynton Parish is at May Hill Village Hall. You will see from the interactive map, that this is on the

			southern boundary of the parish and a very long way from the centre. It is also difficult to travel to, involving a very narrow single vehicle lane. Unfortunately, the only other suitable venue, Taynton and Tibberton Village Hall is at the eastern end of the village and, for the residents of the parish who live on May Hill, also involves the very narrow lane. I wonder if both venues could be used - both have excellent parking and other facilities.
PI	Resident comment	Church Room, Tibberton	Very convenient for Tibberton residents. It also helps keep the hall in use. Parking has always been ok for me; I park on the road.
PJ	Resident comment	Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, King Alfreds Road, Sedbury	Good centre location, parking for those that need it. Fully accessible building
PP	Resident comment	The West Dean Centre, High Street, Bream	Excellent location, easy and ample parking, also has a bus stop very close, facilities good. please do not change it!
PSA	Resident comment	Berry Hill Institute, Lakers Road, Berry Hill	The polling station is very useful, there is wheelchair access, plenty of parking and it is in walkable distance for me, very suitable. There are no premises that are nearer or better for me and the polling station is well-situated, reachable by people in the area. It is a large venue, giving privacy that is required.
PV	Resident comment	Parkend Memorial Hall, Folly Road, Parkend	Very convenient. Excellent parking. Don't know about accessibility.
PX	Resident comment	Viney St Swithins Sports and Social Club, Viney Hill	I had no problem accessing the polling station and there was plenty of parking. I live in Lower Yorkley by the Cricket Pitch, so getting there would be difficult if I could not drive.
PY	Resident comment	Woolaston Memorial Hall, Swains Field	The hall is conveniently located a 7-8 minute walk away, or a 3-4 minute drive. There is adequate parking with disabled/wheelchair access. It is very suitable for voting as it has sufficient space for several private booths. It has kitchen facilities for the staff who are there during the day, as well as suitable bathroom facilities suitable for everyone. There are no other suitable facilities