

Notice of Election

UK Parliamentary General Election

for the West Dorset Constituency

1. An election is to be held for a Member of Parliament for the West Dorset Constituency.
2. Nomination papers must be hand delivered to the Acting Returning Officer at Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ between 10am and 4pm on any working day after the date of publication of this Notice but no later than 4pm on Friday 7 June 2024. Please make an appointment to deliver your nomination papers by telephoning Electoral Services on 01305 838299 or emailing elections@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.
3. Nomination papers may be obtained from the offices of the Acting Returning Officer, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ or can be downloaded from <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-and-agents-uk-parliamentary-general-elections-great-britain/nominations/completing-your-nomination-papers/nomination-form>.
4. A deposit of £500 is payable with each nomination paper submitted and this is returnable if the candidate polls more than 5% of the total valid votes cast in the Constituency. Deposits may be paid by cash (legal tender), by debit card or by BACS payment to DC Income Account, Sort Code 60-07-01, Account Number 59190019.
5. If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 4 July 2024.
6. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on Tuesday 18 June 2024. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.
7. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes and amendments or cancellations of proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ by 5pm on Wednesday 19 June 2024. Apply online to vote by post or download a form: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>.
8. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector's Document valid for this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ by 5pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024. Apply online for a Voter Authority Certificate or download a form: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>.
9. New applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ by 5pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024. Apply online to vote by proxy or download a form: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote>.
10. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ by 5pm on Thursday 4 July 2024. The physical incapacity must have occurred after 5pm on Wednesday, 26 June 2024. To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024. Download an application form: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/proxy-voting-application-forms>.

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Matt Prosser, Acting Returning Officer

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