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May 2023 elections: update on party names, descriptions and emblems

[Our guidance for Returning Officers](#) sets out what the legislation provides for in relation to changes to and deletions and additions of party names, descriptions and emblems.

For the May 2023 polls, we have advised on [our website](#) that registration applications received after 5pm on Friday 20 January 2023 may not be processed in time to take effect for the May 2023 elections. We have also made clear that applications that do not contain the required statutory information submitted before that date are also unlikely to be processed in time.

As we have done previously, we will include regular updates in future Bulletins of changes made to existing party names, descriptions and emblems and of any new parties, up to the close of nominations.

When receiving nominations, Returning Officers must check that the party name or any description given on a nomination form, as well as the requested emblem, is [registered with us](#) and that the details provided match the registration. To ensure that you are viewing the most up-to-date information, you may need to delete your browser history or refresh the page. If you are unsure how to do this, your IT team should be able to advise you.

The [online registers of parties](#) refresh automatically overnight to reflect updates made the previous day. From Monday 27 March to Tuesday 4 April, we will also run an additional daily register refresh.

Please [contact us](#) if you have any queries about the information contained on the registers.

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New resources to support those with local elections in England on 4 May are now available for you to download.

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EA Bulletins are issued on a regular basis. They are one of our key channels for communicating with Returning Officers, Electoral Registration Officers and their staff. Past issues of Bulletins for England, Scotland and Wales are available [here](#). You can also [subscribe to the EA Bulletins](#).

Please [keep us informed](#) of any staff changes within your team. This will help us to keep our mailing lists up-to-date.

We are sending you this newsletter as it contains important information about the Electoral Commission's work which is relevant to you. The newsletter forms part of the Electoral Commission's public task which has its basis in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000. We will manage your personal information and contact details in line with the General Data Protection Regulation and UK

Running a bath? Doing your laundry? Waiting for your kettle to boil? To encourage as many people as possible to register to vote, we will once again be running our 'Got 5?' voter registration campaign. It asks people to use those spare minutes they might have to register to vote – it only takes 5 minutes.

We've created a range of [Got 5? digital and print resources](#) to help you promote voter registration and raise awareness.

Voter ID partner resources

Our voter ID resources are also available to download from our website.

We have created [general resources](#) which you can use to raise awareness of the change and amplify the main messages of the campaign.

[Tailored resources for key groups](#) are also available which will help those who are most likely to need additional support to prepare for the new voter ID requirement. These resources include information for blind and partially sighted people (plain text, braille and audio formats), Deaf people (BSL) and people with learning disabilities (Easy Read).

Your Vote is Yours Alone campaign – resources available

As part of our 'Your Vote is Yours Alone' campaign, which we are delivering in partnership with Crimestoppers to raise awareness of and help prevent electoral fraud, we have produced a suite of resources.

The resources, which feature postal voting and voting in a polling station, highlight what constitutes electoral fraud and aim to empower people to protect their vote and report any concerns to Crimestoppers.

Help prevent electoral fraud and raise awareness by sharing our resources which are [available to download from our website](#):

- videos
- posters
- leaflets
- online banners
- template social media posts and images

The posters and leaflets are also available in Punjabi, Urdu and Bengali.

May 2023 elections: call for polling station data

This year we're once again running the polling station finder, in partnership with Democracy Club, to help make sure voters have access to accurate and timely information about how and where they can vote.

We need your updated polling station information to make sure voters head to the right polling station. By having this information easily available online, it should help to reduce the number of calls you'll get from voters looking for this information.

data protection legislation as outlined in our privacy notice (<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/privacy-notice>)

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, you may [unsubscribe](#) at any time.

Providing your data is straightforward. You can export the data from your EMS, and then upload it using Democracy Club's [easy-to-use tool](#). Alternatively, you can still email it to pollingstations@democracyclub.org.uk.

[Detailed instructions are available for each supplier](#), if you need them.

To make sure we have time to change the information, we ask that you send your polling station data as soon as possible, if you've not done so already.

If you'd like to see the polling station finder on your own website, you can embed [our election widget](#).

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