

Doubtful ballot papers – allowed votes (three-member wards)

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Election of councillors to [insert the name of the county or county borough council]

Vote for no more than three candidates by putting a cross [X] in the box next to each of your choices.

BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Barber, Boots and Grey
Cirencester case, *Eley v. Durant* and Rule 56(3)(c).

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
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MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Barber, Grey and Hood
Rule 56(3)(c).

Election of councillors to [insert the name of the county or county borough council]

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
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CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Boots, Hood and Miller
Ruff e v. Rogers and Rule 56(3)(b).

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Barber, Hood and Miller
Rule 56(3)(b).

Election of councillors to [insert the name of the county or county borough council]

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
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MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Barber, Clover and Hood
Berwick-upon-Tweed case and Rule 56(3)(a).

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
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MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Clover, Grey and Miller
Rule 56(3)(b).

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BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
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HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Barber, Grey and Miller
Rule 56(3)(a) and (b).

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BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Miller, Clover and Boots
[provided there are no other candidates by the name of Miller, Clover or Boots] – *Ruff e v. Rogers*. Rule 56(3)(a) and (b).

Doubtful ballot papers – rejected votes (three-member wards)

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CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject
Voter's intention uncertain.
Buckrose case and Rule 56(1)(d).

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Reject
Voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons*, South Newington case and Rule 56(1)(c).

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Reject
Voter's intention uncertain. *Rowe v. Cox* and Rule 56(1)(d).

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Reject
Voting for more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for. Rule 56(1)(b).

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Reject
Void for uncertainty. Rule 56(1)(d).

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