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May 2019 polls: update on party names, descriptions and emblems

Since [Bulletin 242](#), we have made updates to the following parties:

- [Bath Northeast Somerset Independent Group \(BIG\)](#)
- [Link Party](#)

Since [Bulletin 242](#) the following parties have been deregistered:

- [British Centre Left Party \(BCLP\)](#)

You can find full details of what amendments have been made in our [list of recent decisions to approve or reject applied-for party names, descriptions and emblems](#).

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 on [the Commission's register of political parties](#) 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.

Should you have any questions about the registers, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).

Emblem zip file

A Zip file of emblem images is available [on our website](#). While the Zip file is a tool that can be used by your printer to prepare ballot papers, it is the information on the [Commission's register of political parties](#) that should be used for confirming which emblem to print on the ballot papers. **You should therefore ensure that you and your printers only download and use the Zip file once nominations have closed** and that all proofs of ballot papers are also checked against the Commission's register of political parties

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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

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May 2019 polls: 'Your Vote is Yours Alone' campaign launch

Further to [Bulletin 240](#), we will tomorrow (Wednesday 3 April) launch our 'Your Vote is Yours Alone' campaign ahead of the May 2019 polls.

The campaign, which we are delivering in partnership with the charity Crimestoppers and the Cabinet Office, aims to help voters understand the different types of electoral fraud offences that can take place in a polling station, or when completing a postal vote, and to empower people to protect their vote.

A suite of resources to raise awareness of and help prevent electoral fraud are available to download from our [Your Vote Matters](#) website. Since we issued Bulletin 240, we have now added a template press release that you can adapt and issue to local media.

Resources include:

- videos
- posters (available in English, Punjabi, Urdu and Bengali)
- leaflets (available in English and multi-lingual in English, Punjabi, Urdu and Bengali)
- online banners
- template social media posts and images
- template press release

May 2019 polls: further reminder of call for polling station data

As set out in [Bulletin 241](#), we're in the process of updating the polling station finder on [Your Vote Matters](#), ready for the local elections in May. This is so that voters can simply enter their postcode, and find out where they need to go to vote.

If you haven't done so already, please share your polling station data with us. You can export the data from your EMS, and email it to pollingstations@democracyclub.org.uk. There are [instructions](#) on how to do this if you're unsure.

To make sure we have time to update the information, we ask that you send your updates by not later than Friday 12 April.

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