

Notice of Election

Dorset Council

Election of Councillors for the parish and town areas listed below

Parish or town area	Number of Councillors to be elected	Parish or town area	Number of Councillors to be elected
Abbotsbury Parish	Four	Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish	Nine
Alderholt Parish	Nine	Alton Pancras Parish	Two
Anderson Parish	One	Arne Parish	Eight
Ashmore Parish	Seven	Athelhampton and Puddletown Parish	Nine
Batcombe Parish	Two	Beaminster Town Council	Eleven
Beer Hackett Parish	Two	Bere Regis Parish	Eleven
Bettiscombe Parish	One	Bincombe Parish	Two
Bishop`s Caundle Parish	Seven	Blandford Forum Town Council - Blandford Badbury Heights Ward	Two
Blandford Forum Town Council - Blandford Central Ward	Six	Blandford Forum Town Council - Blandford Hilltop Ward	Two
Blandford Forum Town Council - Blandford Langton St Leonards Ward	Three	Blandford Forum Town Council - Blandford Old Town Ward	Three
Blandford St Mary Parish	Seven	Bourton Parish	Nine
Bradford Abbas Parish	Seven	Bradford Peverell Parish	Seven
Bridport Town Council - Bothenhampton and Walditch Ward	Three	Bridport Town Council - Bradpole Ward	Five
Bridport Town Council - Bridport Central Ward	Five	Bridport Town Council - Bridport West and Allington Ward	Five
Bridport Town Council - West Bay Ward	Two	Broadmayne Parish	Seven
Broadwindsor Parish - Blackdown Ward	Two	Broadwindsor Parish - Broadwindsor Ward	Six
Broadwindsor Parish - Drimpton Ward	Four	Bryanston Parish	Seven
Buckhorn Weston Parish	Five	Buckland Newton Parish	Nine
Burleston and Tolpuddle Parish	Three	Burstock Parish	Two
Burton Bradstock Parish	Eleven	Cann Parish	Seven
Castleton Parish	Two	Cattistock Parish	Seven
Cerne Abbas Parish	Seven	Chalbury Parish	One
Chaldon Herring Parish	Seven	Charlton Marshall Parish	Seven
Charminster Parish - Charminster North Ward	Five	Charminster Parish - Charminster South Ward	Seven
Charmouth Parish	Eleven	Cheselbourne Parish	Seven
Chetnole Parish	Six	Chettle Parish	Five
Chickerell Town Council - Charlestown and Littlesea Ward	Three	Chickerell Town Council - Chickerell Village Ward	Seven
Chideock Parish	Seven	Child Okeford Parish	Nine
Chilfrome Parish	Two	Church Knowle Parish	Nine
Colehill Parish - Colehill Hayes Ward	Three	Colehill Parish - Colehill Ward	Thirteen
Compton Abbas Parish	Seven	Compton Valence Parish	Two
Corfe Castle Parish	Eleven	Corfe Mullen Town Council	Fourteen
Corscombe Parish	Five	Cranborne Parish	Nine
Crichel Parish	Two	Crossways Parish	Eleven
Dewlish Parish	Seven	Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester East Ward	Five
Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester North Ward	Four	Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester Poundbury Ward	Four
Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester South Ward	Three	Dorchester Town Council - Dorchester West Ward	Four
Durweston Parish	Seven	East Chelborough Parish	One
East Lulworth Parish	Seven	East Orchard Parish	Four
East Stoke Parish	Seven	East Stour Parish	Seven
Edmondsham Parish	Three	Evershot Parish	Seven
Farnham Parish	Seven	Ferndown Town Council - Ferndown Ameysford Ward	Three
Ferndown Town Council - Ferndown Central North Ward	Two	Ferndown Town Council - Ferndown Central Ward	Three
Ferndown Town Council - Ferndown Hampreston and Longham Ward	Three	Ferndown Town Council - Ferndown Links South Ward	Two
Ferndown Town Council - Ferndown Links Ward	Three	Ferndown Town Council - Ferndown Stapehill Ward	One
Fleet Parish	Two	Folke Parish	Seven
Fontmell Magna Parish	Seven	Frampton Parish	Seven
Frome St Quintin Parish	Three	Frome Vauchurch Parish	Two
Gillingham Town Council - Gillingham Ham Ward	Three	Gillingham Town Council - Gillingham Milton on Stour Ward	One
Gillingham Town Council - Gillingham Rural Ward	One	Gillingham Town Council - Gillingham Town North Ward	Six
Gillingham Town Council - Gillingham Town South Ward	Three	Gillingham Town Council - Gillingham Wyke Ward	Four
Goathill Parish	One	Godmanstone Parish	Three
Gussage All Saints Parish	Two	Gussage St Michael Parish	Two
Halstock Parish	Five	Hammoon Parish	Two
Hazelbury Bryan Parish	Seven	Hermitage Parish	Two
Hilfield Parish	Two	Hilton Parish	Seven
Hinton Parish	Four	Hinton St Mary Parish	Five
Holnest Parish	Two	Holt Parish - Furzehill Ward	Two
Holt Parish - Holt Ward	Nine	Holwell Parish	Seven

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Horton Parish	Three	Ibberton Parish	Five
Iwerne Courtney (Shroton) Parish	Seven	Iwerne Minster Parish	Seven
Iwerne Stepleton Parish	One	Kington Magna Parish	Five
Langton Herring Parish	Two	Langton Matravers Parish	Nine
Leigh Parish	Seven	Leweston Parish	One
Lillington Parish	One	Litton Cheney Parish	Seven
Loders Parish	Ten	Long Bredy and Kingston Russell Parish	Eight
Longburton Parish	Five	Lydlinch Parish	Seven
Lyme Regis Town Council	Fourteen	Lytchett Matravers Parish	Eleven
Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council - Lytchett Minster and Upton East Ward	Seven	Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council - Lytchett Minster and Upton West Ward	Eight
Maiden Newton Parish	Seven	Manston Parish	Five
Margaret Marsh Parish	One	Marnhull Parish	Eleven
Marshwood Parish	Five	Melbury Abbas Parish	Four
Melbury Osmond Parish	Seven	Milborne St Andrew Parish	Seven
Milton Abbas Parish	Nine	Minterne Magna Parish	Seven
Morden Parish	Seven	Moreton Parish	Seven
Mosterton Parish	Five	Motcombe Parish	Eleven
Nether Cerne Parish	One	Nether Compton Parish	Four
Netherbury Parish	Eleven	North Poorton Parish	One
Osborne Parish	Two	Okeford Fitzpaine Parish	Seven
Osmington Parish	Seven	Over Compton Parish	Three
Owermoigne Parish	Seven	Pamphill Parish	Seven
Piddlehinton Parish	Five	Piddletrenthide Parish	Eight
Pilsdon Parish	One	Pimperne Parish	Seven
Portesham Parish	Seven	Portland Town Council - Portland Tophill East Ward	Four
Portland Town Council - Portland Tophill West Ward	Six	Portland Town Council - Portland Underhill Ward	Four
Powerstock Parish	Nine	Poyntington Parish	Two
Puncknowle Parish - Bexington Ward	Two	Puncknowle Parish - Puncknowle Ward	Five
Purse Caundle Parish	Five	Ryme Intrinseca Parish	One
Sandford Orcas Parish	Three	Seaborough Parish	One
Shaftesbury Town Council - Shaftesbury East Ward	Eight	Shaftesbury Town Council - Shaftesbury West Ward	Seven
Shapwick Parish	Three	Sherborne Town Council - Sherborne East Ward	Six
Sherborne Town Council - Sherborne West Ward	Six	Shillingstone Parish	Nine
Shipton Gorge Parish	Nine	Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge Parish - Pentridge Ward	Two
Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge Parish - Sixpenny Handley Ward	Eight	South Perrott Parish	Five
Spetisbury Parish	Seven	St Leonards and St Ives Parish - St Leonards and St Ives East Ward	Six
St Leonards and St Ives Parish - St Leonards and St Ives South Ward	Two	St Leonards and St Ives Parish - St Leonards and St Ives West Ward	Four
Stalbridge Town Council	Eleven	Stanton St Gabriel Parish	One
Stinsford Parish	Seven	Stockwood Parish	One
Stoke Abbott Parish	Three	Stour Provost Parish	Seven
Stourpaine Parish	Seven	Stourton Caundle Parish	Seven
Stratton Parish	Seven	Studland Parish	Nine
Sturminster Marshall Parish	Nine	Sturminster Newton Town Council	Eleven
Sutton Waldron Parish	Five	Swanage Town Council - Swanage North Ward	Six
Swanage Town Council - Swanage South Ward	Six	Swyre Parish	Two
Sydling St Nicholas Parish	Seven	Symondsburry Parish	Seven
Tarrant Crawford Parish	One	Tarrant Gunville Parish	Seven
Tarrant Hinton Parish	Five	Tarrant Keyneston Parish	Five
Tarrant Launceston Parish	Four	Tarrant Monkton Parish	Four
Tarrant Rawston Parish	Two	Tarrant Rushton Parish	Two
Thorncombe Parish	Nine	Thornford Parish	Eight
Tinleton Parish	Two	Todber Parish	Two
Toller Fratrum Parish	One	Toller Porcorum Parish	Seven
Trent Parish	Four	Up Cerne Parish	One
Verwood Town Council - Verwood Stephen's Castle Ward	Seven	Verwood Town Council - Verwood Dewlands North Ward	Two
Verwood Town Council - Verwood Dewlands South Ward	Eight	Verwood Town Council - Verwood Three Cross Ward	Two
Wareham St Martin Parish - Holton Heath Ward	Two	Wareham St Martin Parish - Sandford Ward	Nine
Wareham Town Council	Sixteen	West Chelborough Parish	One
West Compton Parish	Two	West Knighton Parish	Five
West Lulworth Parish	Nine	West Moors Town Council	Twelve
West Orchard Parish	Two	West Parley Parish	Eleven
West Stafford Parish	Four	West Stour Parish	Three
Weymouth Town Council - Littlemoor Ward	Two	Weymouth Town Council - Lodmoor Ward	Two
Weymouth Town Council - Melcombe Regis Ward	Two	Weymouth Town Council - Preston Ward	Three
Weymouth Town Council - Radipole and Southill Ward	Two	Weymouth Town Council - Rodwell Ward	Two
Weymouth Town Council - Upwey and Broadwey Ward	Three	Weymouth Town Council - Westham East Ward	Two
Weymouth Town Council - Westham West Ward	Three	Weymouth Town Council - Wyke North Ward	Two
Weymouth Town Council - Wyke South Ward	Two	Whitchurch Canonorum Parish - Whitchurch Canonorum North Ward	Four
Whitchurch Canonorum Parish - Whitchurch Canonorum South Ward	Four	Whitcombe Parish	Two

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Wimborne Minster Town Council - Wimborne East Ward	Three	Wimborne Minster Town Council - Wimborne Town Ward	Thirteen
Wimborne St Giles Parish	Three	Winfrith Newburgh and East Knighton Parish	Seven
Winterborne Came Parish	Two	Winterborne Herringston Parish	Two
Winterborne Houghton Parish	Five	Winterborne Kingston Parish	Seven
Winterborne Monkton Parish	Two	Winterborne St Martin Parish	Nine
Winterborne Stickland Parish	Nine	Winterborne Whitechurch Parish	Seven
Winterbourne Abbas Parish	Four	Winterbourne Steepleton Parish	Three
Witchampton Parish	Four	Woodlands Parish	Three
Woodsford Parish	One	Wool Parish - Bovington Ward	Six
Wool Parish - Wool Village Ward	Nine	Wootton Fitzpaine Parish	Four
Worth Matravers Parish	Seven	Wynford Eagle Parish	Two
Yetminster Parish	Nine		

1. Nomination papers must be hand delivered to the Returning Officer, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ between 9.30am and 4.30pm on any working day after the date of publication of this Notice (excluding bank holidays) but no later than 4pm on Friday 5 April 2024. Some additional appointments will be available in the evenings and also at locations in Blandford Forum, Wareham and Wimborne. Details can be found at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/parish-and-town-councils-within-the-dorset-council-area-election-on-2-may-2024-information-for-candidates>. Please make an appointment to deliver your nomination papers by telephoning Electoral Services on 01305 838299 or emailing elections@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.
2. Nomination papers may be obtained from the offices of the Returning Officer, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ during the times stated above or can be downloaded from <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-parish-council-elections-england/nominations/completing-your-nomination-papers>.
3. If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 2 May 2024.
4. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ by 12 midnight on Tuesday 16 April 2024. Apply online to register to vote or download an application form at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.
5. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes and amendments or cancellations of proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ by 5pm on Wednesday 17 April 2024. Apply online to vote by post or download an application form at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>.
6. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector's Document valid for this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ by 5pm on Wednesday 24 April 2024. Apply online for a Voter Authority Certificate or download an application form at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>.
7. New applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ by 5pm on Wednesday 24 April 2024. Apply online to vote by proxy or download an application form at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote>.
8. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ by 5pm on Thursday 2 May 2024. Download an application form at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/proxy-voting-application-forms>.

Dated Monday 11 March 2024
Matt Prosser, Returning Officer

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