

# Elections 2019



## Prospective Candidates Evening

**Wednesday 6th March 2019, 6-8pm,**

### Bideford Town Hall

The briefing will be open to all prospective candidates thinking of standing for election for the District, Town and Parish elections.

Details on the election timetable will be given together with a guide on the do's and don'ts of completing a nomination paper.

Nomination Papers and Nomination Registers will be available to take away on the evening or available from the elections office from 7th March.

No requirement to register in advance.

## Poll Cards

Poll cards will be despatched to electors on 22nd March.

## Postal Votes

If you are a candidate at the election you are entitled to come to the opening of postal votes, however no tally sheets will be permitted.

### Issuing Dates

The majority of Postal Votes will be issued and posted on 12th April – 1<sup>st</sup> class.

### Opening Dates

23rd April – 1st May, 10-4pm (Weekdays only).

2nd May – 10pm at Verification, Langtree Village Hall

All opening sessions will take place at Caddsdwn Business Support Centre, Clovelly Rd, Bideford, EX39 3DX.

## Changes in Law

As well as a nomination paper and a candidate's consent to nomination form, a home address form must also be completed. These must all be hand delivered to the Returning Officer by the candidate or their appointed agent at Riverbank House, Bideford, EX39 2QG - by no later than **4pm April 3rd**.

## Nomination Paper - Informal Checking

It is advised that you allow enough time for your nomination paper to be informally checked before formal submission.

The deadline for nomination papers is **4pm April 3rd**, please do not leave it until the last minute.

## The Verification and Counts

All ballot boxes will be returned to Langtree Village Hall after the close of poll. All ballot boxes will be verified on Thursday 2nd May from 10pm until the early hours of Friday morning.

District Count – this will begin at 10am on Friday 3rd May at Langtree Village Hall.

Town and Parish Count – this will begin at 2pm on Friday 3rd May at Langtree Village Hall.

The Verification and all counts will be ticket only events for candidates, one guest, election agents and counting agents. Tickets will be sent out prior to the verification/count.

# 2 May 2019 Election

# Election Timetable - 2 May 2019

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| Nomination papers available from              | 6 March               |
| Notice of Election                            | 19 March              |
| Delivery of nomination papers                 | From 19 March 10am    |
| <b>Deadline for nomination papers</b>         | <b>4pm on 3 April</b> |
| Statement of persons nominated                | 4pm on 4 April        |
| Last day to register to vote                  | 12 April              |
| Last day to register for postal vote          | 5pm on 15 April       |
| Notice of poll                                | 24 April              |
| Last day to register for proxy vote           | 5pm on 24 April       |
| Polling day 7am - 10pm                        | 2 May                 |
| Return of election expenses (Town and Parish) | 31 May                |
| Return of election expenses (District)        | 7 June                |

## Useful Contacts

Tom Vanstone - Senior Electoral Services Officer  
Sue Priest - Electoral Services Officer  
Jenny Wallace - Returning Officer  
Steve Hearse - Deputy Returning Officer  
Staci Dorey - Deputy Returning Officer

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## Candidates and Agents Guidance

The Electoral Commission have produced some useful guidance for Candidates wishing to stand for election.

The guidance is divided into 6 parts:

**Part 1:** Can you stand for election

**Part 2a:** Standing as an independent candidate

**Part 2b:** Standing as a party candidate

**Part 3:** Spending and donations

**Part 4:** The Campaign

**Part 5:** You're right to attend key electoral events

**Part 6:** After the declaration of results

This guidance can be found at:

[www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)

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