

Press release

Date: *[insert date]*

Local elections: your council need you and your vote.

[Insert Parish Clerks name] Parish Clerk of *[insert parish or town name]* called on residents to get involved in the forthcoming local elections at a meeting in *[insert venue]* today.

[Insert name] said “Now is the time to ensure that your name is on the Electoral Register so that you can support your community and vote. Copies of the Electoral Register are kept at post offices, libraries and by town and parish clerks so a quick check to make sure your name is there would take no time at all. It’s your right to vote, so don’t miss out”.

[He/she] continued “You may have also attended one of the recent meetings held by parish and town councils around the district and shown an interest in becoming a councillor. Nomination forms are available now and can be obtained by telephoning and requesting one from *[insert District/Unitary Council name]*, democratic services or elections office”.

“Parish and Town Councils depend on local people taking an interest in what happens in their community, whatever their background and local people standing as councillors can bring a wealth of knowledge and community understanding into the local team.”

“If you are interested in becoming a councillor, or know someone who might just need some encouragement now is the time to act, get the forms and send them off. Help us to meet your needs by supporting your local councillors and remember to vote on Thursday 3rd of May”.

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