

You must print off the forms in this pack before submitting them

The following papers must be delivered by hand:

- 1: Nomination form
- 2: Candidate's consent to nomination

The following papers can be delivered by hand or by post:

- 3: Certificate of authorisation
- 4: Request for a party emblem
- 5: Notification of election agent (constituency candidate)
- 6: Notification of sub-agent

The notice of election published by the Constituency Returning Officer (CRO) will specify the times and exact location to which nomination papers must be delivered.

Ensure that where signatures are required, you submit the original signed version of each completed paper. Documents without original signatures cannot be accepted.

UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)

Data protection legislation applies to the processing of all personal data. Please contact the [Information Commissioner's Office](#) for further information about how the legislation affects you.

When collecting subscriber information, you should point out what the information will be used for, and how personal data will be processed and kept secure. The lawful basis to collect the information in these forms is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and exercise of official authority as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and associated regulations.

You should also explain that the information will be shared with the Returning Officer. For further information on data protection and data processing, you should refer to the Returning Officer's privacy notice on their website.

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CL	Scottish Parliament	Constituency candidate checklist
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This checklist is designed to assist constituency candidates at the Scottish Parliamentary election in preparing to submit their nomination, and should be read alongside the Electoral Commission's [Guidance for candidates and agents](#).

Task - Nomination paper (all candidates)	Tick
Insert the name of the constituency and election date – check with the CRO if you are unsure	
Add your full name – surname and all other names in full in the relevant boxes	
Optional – Use the commonly used name(s) box(es) if you commonly use a name that is different, or partly different, from your actual name and you want it to be used instead of your full name	
Description – Party candidates can use the party name as registered with the Electoral Commission and supported by a certificate of authorisation from that party; the registered name of a party may be preceded by the word “Scottish”. Others can use ‘Independent’ or leave this blank	
Add your home address in full	
Sign and date the form in the presence of a witness. There are no restrictions on who can be a witness	
Witness – your witness needs to sign and provide their name and address	
Method of submitting the nomination form to the CRO: by hand. There are no restrictions on who can deliver it, but it should be someone you trust	

Task - Candidate’s consent to nomination (all candidates)	Tick
Complete all the details on the form and read the declaration carefully. Make sure that you read the Electoral Commission guidance on standing for election as well as the legislation listed. If you are not sure if you are able to stand you should contact your employer (where relevant), consult the legislation or, if necessary, take your own independent legal advice. If you are satisfied that you meet all of the criteria listed and so are eligible to stand, sign the declaration	
Add your full date of birth	
Sign and date the document in the presence of another person. Don’t sign the consent form earlier than one month before the deadline for submitting your nomination papers	
Get the other person to complete and sign the witness section. The consent to nomination will not be accepted without this information	
Method of submitting the consent to nomination form to the CRO: by hand. There are no restrictions on who can deliver it, but it should be someone you trust	

Task - Certificate of authorisation (party candidates only)	Tick
Ensure the certificate contains the candidate’s full name and that the other details are completed	
Check the certificate allows the registered party name given on the nomination paper to be used; the registered name of a party may be preceded by the word “Scottish”	
Ensure it is issued by the party Nominating Officer (or someone that they have authorised to issue it on their behalf)	
Method of submitting the certificate of authorisation to the CRO: by hand or by post. There are no restrictions on who can deliver it, but it should be someone you trust	
Task - Request for an emblem (party candidates only)	Tick
Write the name or description of an emblem registered by the party and published on the Electoral Commission’s website	
The request must be made by the candidate	

Method of submitting the emblem request form to the CRO: by hand or by post. There are no restrictions on who can deliver it, but it should be someone you trust	
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Task - Notification of election agent (all candidates)	Tick
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Give the name, address and office address of your appointed election agent. If no election agent is appointed by the given deadline, you as the candidate are deemed to be appointed as election agent	
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If the election agent does not want their home address to appear on the Notice of Election Agents, ensure that they declare that they want a correspondence address to be included instead	
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Ensure the appointed agent signs the form showing their acceptance	
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Method of submitting the notification form to the CRO: by hand or by post. There are no restrictions on who can deliver it, but it should be someone you trust	
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Task - Notification of sub-agent (all candidates)	Tick
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The election agent may appoint one or more sub-agents to act on their behalf in any part of the constituency but each must have a separate area. Sub-agent areas must not overlap	
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Give the name, address and office address of the sub-agent	
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If the sub-agent does not want their home address to appear on the Notice of Sub-Agents, ensure that they declare that they want a correspondence address to be included instead	
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Method of submitting the notification form(s) to the CRO: by hand or by post. There are no restrictions on who can deliver these, but it should be someone you trust	
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Task - Deposit (all candidates)	Tick
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Confirm with the CRO that your preferred method of payment is acceptable, and deposit £500 with the CRO by the deadline for nominations	
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Election of a Member to serve in the Scottish Parliament	1 – Nomination paper			
Clydebank and Milngavie	Constituency			
Date of election:	7 May 2026			

I, the undersigned, am nominated as a candidate at the said election.

DETAILS OF CANDIDATE			
Candidate's surname:			
Other names in full:			
Commonly used surname (if any) ¹ :			
Commonly used forenames (if any) ¹ :			
Description (if desired) ² :			
Candidate's home address in full (including postcode):			
Signature of candidate:		Date:	
DETAILS OF WITNESS			
Signature of witness:		Date:	
Witness name in full (Please use BLOCK CAPITALS):			
Address of witness (including postcode):			

The attention of candidates and electors is drawn to the rules for completing nomination papers and other provisions relating to nominations contained in Schedule 2 to the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2015.

The nomination period closes at 4pm 23 working days before the date of poll and completed nomination papers must be delivered to the Constituency Returning Officer by this deadline.

See notes overleaf

Notes

1. Where a candidate is commonly known by some title, they may be described by that title as if it was their surname. Where a candidate has a commonly used name, that commonly used surname or forename may also be used in addition to or instead of the other name on the nomination paper, but if it does so, the commonly used name (instead of any other name) will appear on the statement of persons standing nominated and the ballot paper (Schedule 2, rules 4 and 18). However, the statement of persons standing nominated and the ballot paper will show the other name if the Constituency Returning Officer thinks –
 - (a) that the use of the commonly used name may be likely to mislead or confuse electors,
 - or (b) that the commonly used name is obscene or offensive (Schedule 2, rule 18(5)).
2. The candidate may, if desired, use a description or may leave this line blank to indicate that they do not want to use a description. If a description is to be used then it must either be “Independent” or the name of the candidate’s registered political party (or the name of two such parties). If the registered name of a party is used then this may be preceded by the word “Scottish” in terms of rule 4(7). If a party name is to be used then a certificate of authorisation must also be submitted to the Constituency Returning Officer (Schedule 2, rule 7).

Deliver this form to the Constituency Returning Officer, Election Office, Municipal Buildings, College Street, Dumbarton, G82 1NH, by 4 p.m. on 1 April 2026.

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Scottish Parliament	2 – Candidates consent to nomination			
Constituency name	Clydebank and Milngavie			
Date of the election:	7 May 2026			

Section 1 - Candidate's details and declaration

I (candidate's name in full):	
of (home address including postcode)	
Office address in case you are required to be an agent. See note 3.	

hereby consent to my nomination as a candidate at the above-mentioned Election.

I am aware of the provisions of sections 15 to 18 of the Scotland Act 1998 and of any Order in Council made under section 15 of that Act, and to the best of my knowledge and belief I am not disqualified from being a member of the Scottish Parliament.

I am aware of the provisions of sections 5(2) and 9(6) of the 1998 Act and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I may stand as a candidate to be a member for the above-mentioned constituency.

My date of birth is:	Day (DD)	Month (MM)	Year (YYYY)
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Note: It is an offence to make a false declaration.

Candidate's Signature:		Date:	
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Section 2 – To be completed by the witness

The declaration above was signed in my presence by the candidate named above.

Signed (name in full):		Date:	
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Witness' Name (Block Capitals):	
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Deliver this form to the Constituency Returning Officer by the deadline for nominations.
See notes overleaf

Notes

1. A person shall not be validly nominated unless their consent to nomination –
 - (a) is given and dated in writing on, or within one month before, the day fixed as the last day for delivery of nomination papers;
 - (b) is attested by one witness, and
 - (c) is delivered at the place and within the time for the delivery of nomination papers, subject to paragraph 2 below.
2. If the Constituency Returning Officer is satisfied that owing to the absence of a person from the United Kingdom it has not been reasonably practicable for their consent in writing to be given as mentioned above, a facsimile (or similar means of communication) consenting to his or her nomination and purporting to have been sent by him or her shall be deemed to be consent in writing given by him or her on the day on which it purports to have been sent, and attestation of his or her consent shall not be required. Contact the Constituency Returning Officer for full details of this procedure.
3. There are no restrictions on where the office address can be located.

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Scottish Parliament	3 – Certificate of authorisation
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To accompany the nomination of a candidate standing on behalf of a registered political party. (Note: candidates standing on behalf of two or more parties require a certificate from each party and each must allow the same registered joint description to be used).

Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie	Date of Election:	7 May 2026
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In accordance with the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2015, I hereby certify that			
(Candidate's name in full)			
may include the following description ¹ on their constituency nomination paper for the election in the above constituency on [date of election].			
(Description ¹)			
Signature of Nominating Officer (or person authorised by the Nominating Officer):		Date:	
(Name of person signing)			

Notes

1. Description means the name (or one of the names) of the political party registered in terms of section 28 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000. That name may be preceded by the word "Scottish" where this is allowed under rule 4(7) of the Scottish Parliamentary Election Rules.
2. If the candidate is standing in the name of two parties jointly, then the description must be the names of both of those parties and may include the word "and" between them. This is the description that will appear on the constituency ballot paper.

This form must be provided to the Constituency Returning Officer where a nomination paper is submitted for a candidate standing on behalf of a political party. It must be received by the Constituency Returning Officer, Election Office, Municipal Buildings, College Street, Dumbarton, G82 1NH, by 4 p.m. on 1 April 2026.

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Scottish Parliament	4 – Request for a party emblem
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This form is for a candidate of a political party who is subject to a certificate of authorisation and who wishes to have a party emblem printed on the ballot paper next to their name.

This form must be signed by the candidate.

Constituency:	Clydebank and Milngavie	Date of election:	7 May 2026
Candidate name in full:			
I request that the ballot paper shall contain, against my name, the following registered emblem (please identify which emblem if the party has registered more than one):			
Emblem to be used: (Please use name or description as on Electoral Commission website):			
Candidate's signature:			
Date:			

This form is only effective if delivered to the Constituency Returning Officer, Election Office, Municipal Buildings, College Street, Dumbarton, G82 1NH, by 4 p.m. on 1 April 2026.

Candidates standing on behalf of more than one political party and using a joint description may choose one emblem from one of the parties that they are standing for. Please indicate the name of the party and the emblem name in the 'Emblem to be used' box above.

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Scottish Parliament	5 – Notification of election agent (constituency candidate)			
Constituency name:	Clydebank and Milngavie			
Date of the election:	7 May 2026			

Candidate's notification of their election agent	
I, (Candidate name in full):	
Hereby declare that the name and address of my election agent is	
Agent's name:	
Agent's address (in full):	
The office address of my election agent to which all claims, notices, legal process and other documents may be sent is:	
Agent's office address in full:	
Candidate's signature (or signature on behalf of candidate):	
Name of person signing (if on behalf of the candidate):	
Date:	
Confirmation of acceptance by election agent	
I, the above-named election agent, hereby request that my home address is not published on the Notice of Election Agents and a correspondence address is published instead [delete as applicable]	Yes/No
Agent's correspondence address in full:	
I confirm my acceptance as the election agent for the above named candidate. I understand that I must carry out my duties according to law. I understand that there are penalties if I fail to fulfil my duties according to law.	
Agent's signature:	
Date:	

Form continues overleaf

Agent's other details in case of query (Optional – will not be published)

Home telephone:	
Work telephone:	
Mobile telephone:	
Email address:	

Deliver this form to the Constituency Returning Officer, Election Office, Municipal Buildings, College Street, Dumbarton, G82 1NH, by 4 p.m. on 1 April 2026.

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Scottish Parliament	6 – Notification of sub agent			
Constituency name:	Clydebank and Milngavie			
Date of the election:	7 May 2026			
Candidate name				

The election agent may appoint one or more sub-agents to act on their behalf in any part of the constituency but each must have a separate area. Sub-agent areas must not overlap.

Details and extent of sub-agent	
Name of sub-agent:	
Sub-agent address:	
Office address to which all claims, notices, legal process and other documents may be sent is (if different):	
Extent of appointment (describe area):	

Election agent signature			
I declare the above named person to be a sub-agent			
Signature of election agent:			
Name:		Date:	

Confirmation of acceptance by sub agent (optional)	
I, the above-named sub agent, hereby request that my home address is not published on the Notice of Sub Agents and a correspondence address is published instead [delete as applicable]	Yes/No
Sub agent's correspondence address in full:	
I understand that I must carry out my duties according to law. I understand that there are penalties if I fail to fulfil my duties according to law	
I confirm my acceptance as sub-agent for the above named candidate	
Signature of sub-agent:	Date:

Form continues overleaf

Sub -agent's other details in case of query (Optional – will not be published)

Home telephone:	
Work telephone:	
Mobile telephone:	
Email address:	

Deliver this form to the Constituency Returning Officer, Election Office, Municipal Buildings, College Street, Dumbarton by midnight on Tuesday, 5 May 2026.

7 - Scottish Parliament election: candidate contact information

For completion by a constituency or individual regional candidate and their election agent (if they are not acting as their own agent) at a Scottish Parliament election.

You are not required to complete and return this form but providing contact details to the Returning Officer (RO) in this way will enable the RO to contact you quickly with relevant information regarding the election.

In addition, to help support the safety and security of everyone who wants to participate in elections, it is important that the police can proactively contact candidates and election agents to provide you with relevant, timely information and advice.

By providing your contact details on this form you are also agreeing that the RO may share them with the police to help them to support the safety of all candidates and election agents participating in the election. In particular, this will enable the police to contact you directly with relevant, timely security information about the election.

Candidate contact details	
Full name:	
Email address:	
Telephone number:	
Signature:	
Election agent contact details	
Full name:	
Email address:	
Telephone number:	
Signature:	

The data controller will only use the information you have provided on this form for electoral purposes and will look after your personal information securely, following data protection legislation.

The data controller will not give personal information about you and the personal information you may provide on other people to anyone else or another organisation unless permitted by law, including, as here, where you have consented to the data being shared or where it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and exercise of official authority vested in the Returning Officer.

The lawful basis to collect the information in this form is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and exercise of official authority as vested in the Returning Officer as set out in Representation of the People Act 1983 and related regulations.

The Returning Officer is the Data Controller.

For further information relating to the processing of personal data you should refer to their privacy notice on their website.

Scottish Parliamentary election
Constituency

Withdrawal of candidate

Constituency name	Dumbarton	Date of election	7 May 2026
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To the Constituency Returning Officer for the above constituency

Candidate's name	
Address	

Having been nominated as a candidate at the above election I hereby give you notice that I withdraw my nomination as a candidate

Candidate's signature	
Date	

Witness

The above named candidate signed this document in my presence

Name of witness	
Signature of witness	
Date	

This form must be delivered by hand or by post to the Constituency Returning Officer by the close of nominations (by 4pm on 1 April 2026)

APPLICATION AS

- (1) AN INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUENCY CANDIDATE**
- (2) AN INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL CANDIDATE OR,**
- (3) AS AN ELECTION AGENT OF A REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTY WHICH HAS SUBMITTED A LIST OF CANDIDATES AS REGIONAL MEMBERS FOR A FREE COPY OF THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS FOR THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ELECTION ON **(INSERT DATE OF ELECTION)****

Name: (Block Capitals)	
Address: (Block Capitals)	
	Post Code:
Telephone No. (in case of query) Daytime:	Evening:
E-Mail Address:	
Council Area:	
Constituency:	
<p>I request one copy of the consolidated Register of Electors which will be effective for the Scottish Parliament election on (insert date of election) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Register published (insert date) plus monthly updates from (insert months/year from/to) inclusive)</p> <p>The register will be supplied in PDF format by email unless requested otherwise below. PDF format looks exactly like the paper copy and can be read on-screen or printed.</p> <p>If you would prefer to receive another format, please tick relevant box.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(1) Paper format <u>or</u> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The data format is Comma Separated Value (CSV). (2) Data format by email <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please supply your email address below:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>I confirm that I am *an individual constituency candidate/*an individual regional candidate/*the election agent for the _____ (registered political party) in respect of the Scottish Parliament election to be held on (insert election date) Should *I/*The Registered Political Party withdraw *my/*its candidature I will return the Register to the Returning Officer. *delete as appropriate</p>	
Signature:	Date:
<p>Please return this form by post or email: for East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire and the Lomond area of Argyll & Bute (east of Loch Long) to: Post: The Electoral Registration Officer, 235 Dumbarton Road, CLYDEBANK G81 4XJ Email: ero-edc@dab-vjb.gov.uk or ero-wdc@dab-vjb.gov.uk</p> <p>or for Argyll & Bute (west of Loch Long) to: Post: The Electoral Registration Officer, Kilbrannan House, Bolgam Street, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6JY Email: ero-abc@dab-vjb.gov.uk</p>	

Request for a copy of the lists of postal and proxy voters

Name of electoral area: (e.g ward/division/constituency/region/voting area/combined authority)	
Date of election	

The lists of postal and proxy voters are maintained and held locally by the Electoral Registration Officer. Where an election/referendum covers more than one registration area you may need to make separate requests to each of the relevant Electoral Registration Officers. Contact details can be found on www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter.

This form must be completed by the candidate, except in the case of party lists such as at GLA London Member or Scottish Parliament regional elections where this form must be completed by the election agent. At Senedd elections, this form can be completed by an individual or party list candidate or by an appointed election agent or one person nominated by the Nominating Officer of a political party in that registration area.

I declare that I am a person entitled to receive a copy of the absent vote list in respect of the above named election. I will use my copy of the absent vote list for electoral purposes only and will only allow others who are assisting with the campaign to use this data for the same purposes. I understand that any use other than electoral purposes is illegal and is punishable by a fine. In England and Wales, the fine is unlimited; in Scotland, the fine can be up to £5,000.

Name	
Signed	

My application is for the absent vote list in (you may tick as many boxes that you wish):

The current list of postal voters	
The current list of proxy voters	
The final list of postal voters	
The final list of proxy voters	

Please supply the data in (please tick one box only):

Paper format	
Data format	
Delivery address:	

Contact details (in case of query)

Telephone	
Mobile	
Email	

The data controller will only use the information you provide on this form for electoral purposes and will look after your personal information securely, following data protection legislation. The data controller will not give personal information about you and the personal information you may provide on other people to anyone else or another organisation unless required to by law.

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For further information relating to the processing of personal data you should refer to the privacy notice on the data controller's website. The Electoral Registration Officer is the data controller. You can find their contact details at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

DUMBARTON CONSTITUENCY

THURSDAY 7 MAY 2026

AUTHORISATION FOR RETURN OF DEPOSITS	
Name of Candidate:	
Name of Party:	
Cheque to be made payable to:	
Address for delivery of cheque:	
Signature of Depositor:	
Date:	

To:
Election Office
West Dunbartonshire Council
Municipal Buildings
College Street
Dumbarton
G82 1NH

Tel: 01389 737643

Scottish Parliamentary Election**Appointment of Counting Agents**

Counting agents may be appointed using this form by the Agent. It must be delivered to the Returning Officer prior to midnight on 29th April 2026. The maximum number of counting agents that may be appointed is 14 (not including candidate and agent).

Region:**WEST SCOTLAND****Date of Poll:****Thursday 7 May 2026**

I, (Name of Agent)

of (Address of Agent)

being Agent for

Name of Party:

at the above Scottish Parliamentary Election, hereby notify you have I have appointed the following counting agents, on behalf of the above Party:-

Name of Counting Agent	Address of Counting Agent
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Signature: (Agent)	
Date:	

Please return this form to:

Election Office
Municipal Buildings
College Street
Dumbarton
G82 1NH

Scottish Parliamentary Election**Appointment of Counting Agents**

Counting agents may be appointed using this form by the Agent. It must be delivered to the Returning Officer prior to midnight on 29th April 2026. The maximum number of counting agents that may be appointed is 14 (not including candidate and agent).

Constituency:**DUMBARTON****Date of Poll:****Thursday 7 May 2026**

I, (Name of Agent)

of (Address of Agent)

being Agent for

Name of Candidate:

at the above Scottish Parliamentary Election, hereby notify you have I have appointed the following counting agents, on behalf of the above Candidate:-

Name of Counting Agent	Address of Counting Agent
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Signature: (Agent)	
Date:	

Please return this form to:

Election Office
 Municipal Buildings
 College Street
 Dumbarton
 G82 1NH

Scottish Parliamentary Election	Appointment of Postal Vote Agents to attend Opening of Postal Votes
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Constituency:	Dumbarton
Date of Poll:	Thursday 7 May 2026

I, (Name of Agent)	
of (Address of Agent)	
being Agent for	
Name of Candidate:	
at the above Scottish Parliamentary Election, hereby notify you have I have appointed the following agents to attend the opening of postal votes indicated, on behalf of the above Candidate:-	

Name of Agents	Address of Agents	Opening attending

Signature: (Agent)	
Date:	

Please return this form to:

Election Office
Municipal Buildings
College Street
Dumbarton
G82 1NH

Timetable for the Scottish Parliamentary election on Thursday 7 May 2026

*Under the [Scottish Elections \(Reform\) Act 2020](#), an ordinary general election to the Scottish Parliament is required to **be held no later than Thursday 7 May 2026**. The date of the poll [may be brought forward by up to 4 weeks, or delayed by up to 8 weeks](#), by the monarch, on proposal by the Presiding Officer.*

New legislation may affect the times and dates set out below.

The days which are disregarded in calculating the timetable are Saturday, Sunday, bank holidays and any day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning. The timetable may change in the event of days being appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.

Event	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date (deadline if not midnight)
Publication of notice of election	Not later than 28 days and not earlier than 35 days	Between Monday 16 March and Wednesday 25 March
Delivery of nomination papers	From the day after the publication of the notice of election until the 23rd day (4pm)	Not later than 4pm on any working day after publication of notice of election until 4pm on Wednesday 1 April
Deadline for delivery of nomination papers	23 days (4pm)	4pm on Wednesday 1 April

Event	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date (deadline if not midnight)
Deadline for withdrawals of nomination	23 days (4pm)	4pm on Wednesday 1 April
Making objections to nomination papers	<p>During the hours allowed for delivery of nomination papers on the last day for their delivery and the hour following.</p> <p>No objection may be made in the afternoon of the last day except to a nomination paper delivered within 24 hours of the last time for its delivery</p>	<p>Objections can only be made on Wednesday 1 April (until 5pm).</p> <p>Until 12 noon on Wednesday 1 April objections can be made to all delivered nominations</p> <p>Between 12 noon and 5pm on Wednesday 1 April objections can only be made to nominations delivered after 4pm on Tuesday 31 March</p>
Deadline for the notification of appointment of election agent	23 days (4pm)	4pm on Wednesday 1 April

Event	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date (deadline if not midnight)
Publication of statement of persons nominated, including notice of poll and situation of polling stations	<p>If no objections: on 23 days (at 5pm)</p> <p>If objection(s) are made: Not before objection(s) are disposed of but not later than 24 hours after the last time for delivery of nomination papers</p>	<p>If no objections: at 5pm on Wednesday 1 April</p> <p>Objection(s) made: not before objection(s) are disposed of but not later than 4pm on Thursday 2 April</p>
Publication of first interim election notice of alteration	23 days ⁱ	Wednesday 1 April
Deadline for receiving applications for registration	12 days	Monday 20 April
Deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications, and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes	11 days (5pm)	5pm on Tuesday 21 April
Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies)	6 days (5pm)	5pm on Tuesday 28 April

Event	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date (deadline if not midnight)
Publication of second interim election notice of alteration	Between 22 days and 6 days	Between Thursday 2 April and Tuesday 28 April (inclusive)
Publication of final election notice of alteration	5 days	Wednesday 29 April
Deadline for notification of appointment of polling and counting agents	5 days	Wednesday 29 April
Deadline for notification of appointment of sub-agents	2 days	Tuesday 5 May
Polling day	0 (7am to 10pm)	7am to 10pm on Thursday 7 May
Last time for re-issue of spoilt or lost postal votes	0 (5pm)	5pm on Thursday 7 May
Deadline for emergency proxy applications	0 (5pm)	5pm on Thursday 7 May
Last time to alter the register due to clerical error or court appeal	0 (9pm)	9pm on Thursday 7 May

ⁱ Calculated in accordance with RPA 1983

See also document “ARRANGEMENTS IN FORCE AT THE POLL” for West Dunbartonshire

**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
ELECTIONS
GUIDELINES ON DISPLAY OF CAMPAIGN POSTERS AND USE OF CAR PARKS**

DISPLAY OF CAMPAIGN POSTERS

Commencing from the last date for the publication of the Notice of Election, and until Election Day, the Council will not object to the fixing of election posters to items of street furniture such as lighting columns, subject to the following conditions:-

- a) Election Agents' names and addresses must be advised to the appropriate Area Roads Operations Office prior to the display of election material.
- b) All posters must be backed by some form of board or card of adequate stiffness and tied with cord of sufficient strength. They must not be attached to street furniture using glue or any form of adhesive.
- c) Placing posters must not inconvenience the travelling public in terms of obscuring signs that are essential for the direction of traffic and safety. The mounting height of posters must not be less than eight feet (2.4m) above ground level.
- d) Posters must not, in any circumstances, be attached to any traffic signal post or control box, or to street furniture in central reservations and pedestrian refuge islands. For structural and electrical safety reasons, ladders should not be placed against lighting columns – free standing step-ladders or other means of access should be used.
- e) Only one poster per candidate or two posters back to back, is allowed on each item of street furniture.
- f) All posters must be removed within 48 hours after polling day.
- g) Permission is granted on the understanding that those concerned indemnify the Council against any third party claim arising from the attachment.

USE OF COUNCIL CAR PARKS BY CARAVANS ETC.

Caravans may be sited in Council car parks, should space be available, for a period not exceeding 14 days immediately prior to polling day subject to the following conditions:-

- a) Where a car park is a free car park, no charge is made but, where a car park is fee-paying, the appropriate charge is levied.
- b) The caravan should not be used for sleeping accommodation between the hours of 11.00pm and 7.00am.
- c) To minimise the disturbance to residential areas located adjacent to car parks, the use of loud speakers is prohibited in connection with the use of a caravan in a Council car park.
- d) The total cost associated with the provision and removal of such caravans and other units will be borne by the promoting organisation.
- e) All associated signs and posters must be removed with 48 hours after polling day.

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WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

7 MAY 2026

USEFUL WEBSITES, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

West Dunbartonshire Council election website –

<http://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/council/voting-and-elections/>

The Council's community web portal contains election information including past results.

The postal address is
Election Office
West Dunbartonshire Council
Municipal Buildings
College Street,
DUMBARTON
G82 1NH
Telephone: 01389 737643

Please note that on 17 March 2026 West Dunbartonshire Council will be introducing a new telephone system. During this period, the Election Office can be contacted on 07557 175 961. Full service on the above Election Office number, (01389 737643), will resume on 18 March. The Election Office email address (elections@west-dunbarton.gov.uk) will be available at all times.

Electoral Registration Officer www.saa.gov.uk/dab-vjb/electoral-registration/

This site is operated by our local Electoral Registration Officer at the Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Valuation Joint Board. It features application forms for postal and proxy voting together with relevant information on electoral registration. The postal addresses are:

East and West Dunbartonshire area: Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Valuation Joint Board 235 Dumbarton Road, Clydebank G81 4XJ Phone: 0141 562 1200 Email: ero-wdc@dab-vjb.gov.uk	Lomond North and Helensburgh area: Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Valuation Joint Board Kilbrannan House, Bolgam Street Campbeltown PA28 6JY Phone: 01586 555300 Email: ero-abc@dab-vjb.gov.uk
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The Electoral Commission

www.electoralcommission.org.uk/

The Electoral Commission operates a number of useful sites. This is its main site.

The following two sites are also sponsored by the Commission.

Advice on how to register to vote

<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

This site has information on registering to vote and on elections across the UK.

Ordnance Survey

www.election-maps.co.uk/

This site provides access to maps of constituencies and wards. It is activated by post code information.

Legislation -

www.legislation.gov.uk/

This site can be used to access legislation. It incorporates the HMSO (Her Majesty's Stationery Office) service.

Timetable for Opening of the Postal Votes – Scottish Parliamentary Election 2026

Location	Sessions
Bridge Training Room, Church Street, Dumbarton G82 1QL	1-14
Count Centre, Clydebank Leisure Centre, Queens Quay, Aurora Ave, Clydebank G81 1BF	15

Date	Times	Description
Monday 20 th April 2026	09:15 – 12:45 13:15 – 16:45	Opening Session 1 Dumbarton
Tuesday 21 st April 2026	09:15 – 12:45 13:15 – 16:45	Opening Session 2 Clydebank and Milngavie
Wednesday 22 nd April 2026	09:15 – 12:45 13:15 – 16:45	Opening Session 3 Dumbarton
Thursday 23 rd April 2026	09:15 – 12:45 13:15 – 16:45	Opening Session 4 Clydebank and Milngavie
Friday 24 th April 2026	09:15 – 12:45 13:15 – 16:45	Opening Session 5 Dumbarton
Monday 27 th April 2026	09:15 – 12:45 13:15 – 16:45	Opening Session 6 Clydebank and Milngavie
Tuesday 28 th April 2026	09:15 – 12:45 13:15 – 16:45	Opening Session 7 Dumbarton
Wednesday 29 th April 2026	09:15 – 12:45 13:15 – 16:45	Opening Session 8 Clydebank and Milngavie
Thursday 30 th April 2026	09:15 – 12:45 13:15 – 16:45	Opening Session 9 Dumbarton
Friday 1 st May 2026	09:15 – 12:45 13:15 – 16:45	Opening Session 10 Clydebank and Milngavie
Tuesday 5 th May 2026	09:15 – 12:45 13:15 – 16:45	Opening Session 11 Dumbarton
Wednesday 6 th May 2026	09:15 – 12:45 13:15 – 16:45	Opening Session 12 Clydebank and Milngavie
Thursday 7 th May 2026	09:15 – 11:00	Opening Session 13 Dumbarton
Thursday 7 th May 2026	11:00 – 12:45	Opening Session 14 Clydebank and Milngavie
Thursday 7 th May 2026	20:00 – 23:30	Opening Session 15

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION – 7 MAY 2026

ARRANGEMENTS IN FORCE AT THE POLL

1. Conduct of Election

Any matters relating to the conduct of the poll at the polling stations and to the conduct of the Count should be referred to the Returning Officer for the Clydebank and Milngavie and Dumbarton Constituencies, namely:-

Peter Hessett
(Constituency) Returning Officer
Election Office
Municipal buildings
College Street,
Dumbarton
G82 1NH

Tel. 01389 737643
e-mail : elections@west-dunbarton.gov.uk

2. ADMISSION PASSES

All candidates, election agents, polling agents and counting agents must have received notification, in writing, of the requirement of secrecy, and must hold the appropriate admission passes or similar authority from the Returning Officer, otherwise admission to the polling stations or the count respectively will not be allowed.

3. OBSERVERS

Observers accredited by the Electoral Commission or by the Returning Officer are entitled to visit the polling places to observe the conduct of the poll. Such observers will have ID which they must show to the Presiding Officer. Observers must not interfere with the conduct of the poll, nor hinder electors from casting their votes. The Presiding Officer may limit the number of observers present at any one time in the polling station, if he/she has concerns that the poll is being impeded or there is a health and safety risk. Training will be given to polling staff on this issue.

4. FLY POSTING

Flyposting is defined as “the display of advertising material on buildings and street furniture without the consent of the owner” and it is illegal. In West Dunbartonshire Council election posters or campaign materials are not permitted to be erected on

any land or property within the Council's control. In addition, the Roads (Scotland) Act makes it an offence to place anything on a public road without the consent of the Roads Authority. Therefore, election posters and campaign materials must not be attached to any street furniture such as lighting columns, bus shelters, road signs etc within the limits of the public road. This includes footways, traffic islands and road verges or other Council property such as bins. The basis for this prohibition is:

- The posters can be a hazard to road users by potentially causing distraction;
- There are health and safety issues in the erection and removal of the posters in proximity of the road network and due to working at height;
- Obstruction of the footway during the erection and removal of election materials can limit access for pedestrians; and
- Litter resulting from posters and cable ties. In addition, the prohibition of election posters and cable ties will contribute to a reduction in our carbon footprint through a reduction in waste, transport costs and production emissions.

Any poster displayed will be treated as illegal fly posting and the offending Candidate/Agent may face prosecution in terms of Section 100 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. This carries a maximum fine of £1000 per offence. If any candidate and/or election agents, wishes to report election posters on council street furniture, please contact the Roads Section on 01389 737542. However, such calls should not be frivolous or vexatious. The Council reserves the right to recover costs from candidates, agents and parties for action taken to enforce compliance with the rules. Costs may include the cost of removing posters. Costs may also include staff time contacting candidates to resolve a breach. These examples are not exhaustive, and it will be the prerogative of the Chief Executive, or the appropriate Chief Officer, to determine what costs require to be recovered by the Council.

Posters should never be placed in any Polling Station or associated land, nor should they be placed on the outside railings or wall of any Polling Station or associated land.

Please note that separate rules apply to flyposting on street furniture in **Argyll and Bute Council and East Dunbartonshire Council** areas and copies of this guidance has been made available to all election agents.

5. CANVASSING

Canvassing or the offering of literature within the polling place is not allowed. For this purpose, the polling place shall include not only the school or other buildings used for polling, but also any grounds or buildings attached or pertaining thereto or otherwise as may be determined by the Returning Officer.

6. ADMISSION OF AGENTS TO POLLING STATIONS

Accredited agents shall be allowed into the polling station only for the purposes prescribed by law (the polling station is the room where the voting is actually taking place). As a concession an accredited agent for each candidate/party is permitted within the curtilage of the polling place but not within the building other than for the purposes prescribed by law. Not more than one polling agent shall be admitted at the same time to a polling station on behalf of the same candidate. Persons seeking to check the identity of voters for the purpose of a canvass (tellers) shall not be allowed to do so within the polling place.

7. INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

While election agents and polling agents can assist in the direction of the voters, a duty is placed on the Presiding Officer where there is more than one polling station, to see that the information as to the appropriate room in which each voter has to vote is clearly displayed near the entrance of the polling place. Election agents and polling agents who do assist in directing voters are required to ensure that no canvassing takes place in these circumstances.

8. ROSETTES

The following arrangements will apply:-

1. The Polling Station: (for this purpose the polling station is the room in which the actual voting takes place)

- a) No polling agent on duty within a polling station for the purpose of detecting personation shall be allowed to wear a rosette or other means of party/candidate identification.
- b) Election agents or polling agents making a brief visit to a polling station for permitted purposes or any person entering the polling station to vote (i) personally or (ii) to assist another person to vote as determined by statute, are permitted to wear rosettes of lapel size only.

2. The Polling Place

Election agents and polling agents are permitted to wear rosettes or a discreet badge in the polling place outwith the polling stations as defined above.

3. **Style of Rosettes**

Rosettes must be of lapel size only. The appropriateness of the size or style of rosettes or badges will be a matter for decision by the Returning Officer or Presiding Officer. No other form of candidate/party identification will be permitted in or at the polling place e.g. tee-shirts, banners, posters, umbrellas etc.

9. **VEHICLES**

Cars and other vehicles displaying party or campaign advertising are not normally allowed within the polling place gates, but where they are admitted for reasons of safety or distance from the street, advertising material should **not** be displayed. Normally, where it is necessary for a vehicle transporting persons with mobility difficulties to the poll to bring that person to the door of the polling place and the vehicle displays a party or campaign material, then that vehicle should **not** be allowed to wait in a conspicuous place while the person is voting.

10. **VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES**

Presiding Officers are reminded of the needs of voters with disabilities and should assist such voters if requested (including helping voters to and from the polling booth) while at all times observing the voters' right to secrecy. Voters with disabilities may also be accompanied to and from the entrance to the polling place. The polling clerk or information officer can assist here. Presiding Officers are instructed that the polling station must **NEVER** be left unattended at any time.

11. **VOTING INFORMATION**

Although there is no specific entitlement for polling agents to be informed of the number of persons who have voted, Presiding Officers will be permitted to advise candidates or agents of the approximate number of persons that have voted from time to time throughout the day. The Presiding Officer must ensure that meeting requests for such information does not interfere with his/her official duties. Information about whether a particular **person** has or has not voted shall **not** be given for the purpose of a canvass although such information may be necessary in a case where an agent has raised a question of personation.

12. PRESS AND MEDIA

The press and media are not admitted to polling places. To gain entry to the Count, Press and media representatives must have received accreditation from the Returning Officer or Electoral Commission. Accredited press and media representatives will be allowed within the premises where the counting of the votes is taking place provided they have received notification of the requirement of secrecy and have given undertakings not to approach the counting tables, or in the case of television or photography, not to focus on tables in close-up.

13. ADMISSION TO OBSERVE CHECKING OF UNUSED VOTES

As part of the verification process, Returning Officers are required to check the unused ballot papers received after the close of poll against the totals shown on the ballot paper accounts. It is intended that this will take place within the Clydebank Leisure Centre, Queens Quay, Clydebank on Thursday, 7 May 2026 commencing at 10 p.m. approx. i.e. as soon as the first ballot boxes are received.

Entry will be restricted to candidates, election agents and counting agents, accredited observers, count staff and any other person whom the Returning Officer is prepared to admit at his discretion. The public will not be admitted at any time. Anyone wishing to observe this process must bring their Count Admission Pass to the venue.

14. ADMISSION TO COUNT

The Count will be held in the Sports Hall, Clydebank Leisure Centre, Queens Quay, Clydebank at 9 a.m. on Friday, 8 May 2026.

Entry will be restricted to candidates, election agents and counting agents, accredited observers, count staff and any other person whom the Returning Officer is prepared to admit at his discretion. The public will not be admitted at any time. Anyone wishing to observe this process must bring their Count Admission Pass to the venue.

15. POSTAL VOTES

The majority of postal votes will be received prior to the day of the poll and will be opened to allow personal identifiers to be checked. The opening sessions will be held in the Bridge Training Room, Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton. On the day of the poll, those postal votes which are received at the polling stations and via a Royal Mail sweep of the mail centre will be opened and checked in the Clydebank Leisure Centre, Queen's Quay, Clydebank, from 8 p.m. onwards.

Election agents will receive a note of the planned postal vote opening sessions and will be able to nominate agents to attend and observe this process. A copy of the relevant form is included in the nomination pack.

Peter Hessett
Constituency Returning Officer
16 March 2026

Note: A copy of these arrangements will be issued to all election agents and polling station staff.

Code of Conduct for Campaigners at Scottish Parliament, Senedd Cymru, Scottish council and Welsh local elections

Electoral registration, postal voting, proxy voting and polling stations

Campaigners are an essential element of a healthy democracy, and their right to put their arguments to voters should be supported and protected. It is equally important, however, to ensure that the activities of campaigners do not bring into question the integrity of the electoral process.

This Code provides a guide for campaigners, electoral administrators and police forces to what is, and is not, considered acceptable behaviour at polling stations and in the community during the lead-up to polling day.

As a guiding principle, if there is any doubt about a particular activity, campaigners should ask themselves “What would a reasonable observer think?”

More detailed guidance about electoral offences can be found in the guidance for candidates and agents, which is available at: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent>.

The Code has been sent to all registered political parties in Great Britain, and Returning Officers will draw it to the attention of all candidates and parties contesting relevant elections.

Some Returning Officers may identify the need to develop and seek agreement to specific local provisions which supplement the terms of this Code, in order to address identified local risks. Returning Officers must consult with local campaigners and the relevant national Nominating Officers as well as police forces to secure appropriate local agreement to such provisions, and should ensure that they are communicated and well-understood by campaigners locally.

Scope of this code

- This code covers all those actively involved in campaigning at:
- Elections to the Scottish Parliament
- Scottish council elections
- Referendums held under Scottish Parliament legislation

- Elections to Senedd Cymru
- Welsh local elections
- Referendums held under Senedd Cymru legislation

Other elections and referendums in Great Britain

This code does NOT apply to any other polls. The code of conduct for campaigners for other types of elections and referendums in Great Britain can be found here and covers:

- Elections to the UK Parliament (in England, Scotland and Wales)
- UK parliamentary by-elections
- Local elections in England
- Local referendums in England
- Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections and Police Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) elections in England and Wales

Meaning of the term "campaigner"

All references to campaigners in this code include:

- Candidates standing at an election, their agents and their staff and supporters
- Political party officers, members and supporters campaigning at an election
- Other people and organisations campaigning for or against a candidate, a group of candidates or a party at an election
- People and organisations campaigning for or against a particular outcome at a referendum

Compliance with this code

Any concerns that this code has been breached should be raised first with the candidate, political party or campaigner in question.

Any further concerns should be drawn to the attention of the Electoral Commission. The Commission will raise them with the relevant party or campaigner if appropriate, and will agree appropriate actions to remedy or prevent a reoccurrence of any breach.

Electoral registration and absent vote applications

Campaigners should be free to encourage voters to register to vote and apply to vote by post or appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf, if that is the most convenient way for them to vote.

Campaigners can help to inform voters about how to participate in elections. They can encourage voters to use the [online electoral registration service](#), or they can provide voters with paper application forms. Electoral Registration Officers should support you by providing you with a reasonable number of registration and absent vote application forms on request.

Registration and absent vote forms should conform to electoral law

Campaigners should ensure that any electoral registration forms and postal or proxy voting application forms conform fully to the requirements of electoral law, including all the necessary questions and the options open to electors.

You can download electoral registration forms from www.gov.uk/government/publications/register-to-vote-if-youre-living-in-the-uk and absent vote application forms from www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/apply-vote-post.

ERO's address should be preferred return address

Campaigners should ensure that the local Electoral Registration Officer's address is clearly provided as the preferred return address.

To ensure voters can make their own choice about how to return registration, or absent vote application forms, you should always clearly provide the relevant Electoral Registration Officer's address as the preferred return address, even if an alternative address is also given. This will also minimise the risk of suspicion that completed applications could be altered or inadvertently lost or destroyed.

Campaigners should send completed forms unaltered to ERO

Campaigners should send on unaltered any completed registration or absent vote application given to them to the relevant Electoral Registration Officer's address within two working days of receipt.

To minimise the risk of absent vote applications being refused because completed forms arrive with the Electoral Registration Officer after the statutory deadline before a poll, you must ensure that there is no unnecessary delay in forwarding on application forms which you receive directly.

Implications of applying to vote by post or proxy

Campaigners should always explain to electors the implications of applying to vote by post or appointing a proxy.

It is important that electors understand that they will not be able to vote in person on polling day if they or their proxy apply for and are granted a postal vote, and will not be able to vote in person if their appointed proxy has already voted on their behalf. To avoid duplication and unnecessary administrative pressures for Electoral Registration Officers, campaigners should try to ensure that electors who are included in current postal or proxy voter lists, or have already applied for a postal or proxy vote for a particular poll, do not submit an additional application.

Postal vote applications

Campaigners should never encourage electors to have their postal ballot pack redirected to anywhere other than the address where they are registered to vote.

Electors should take care to protect their ballot paper and postal ballot pack, and they will be best able to do so at their home address unless there are compelling reasons why receiving the postal ballot pack at the address where they are registered to vote would be impractical. Electors must state on the application form the reason why they need their postal ballot pack sent to another address.

Proxy vote applications

Electors should be encouraged to explore other options for people to act as a proxy – including relatives or neighbours, for example – before a campaigner agrees to be appointed as a proxy.

To minimise the risk of suspicion that campaigners may be seeking to place undue pressure on electors, electors should not be encouraged to appoint a campaigner as their proxy.

Postal voting ballot papers

Campaigners should never touch or handle anyone else's ballot paper.

If you are asked for assistance in completing a ballot paper, you should always refer the voter to the Returning Officer's staff at the elections office who may be able to arrange a home visit if necessary. Assistance will also be available for electors at polling stations.

Campaigners should never observe voters completing their ballot paper.

Campaigners should never observe voters completing their ballot paper. If you are with a voter when they complete their ballot paper, remember they should always complete it in secret.

You should ensure that the voter seals both envelopes personally and immediately after completing their ballot paper and postal voting statement. If you are asked to give advice, it is acceptable and often helpful to explain the voting process, but do not offer to help anyone to complete their ballot paper.

Campaigners should never handle completed ballot packs

Campaigners should never handle or take any completed ballot paper or postal ballot packs from voters.

Wherever practical, you should encourage voters to post or deliver the completed postal ballot pack themselves. If you are approached or asked for help by a voter who is unable to post their completed postal ballot pack or make any other arrangements for it to be returned in time, you should contact the Returning Officer to ask them to arrange for it to be collected. The Returning Officer may agree that it would be in the voter's best interest for you to deliver the completed postal ballot pack to the relevant office or polling station, if there are no feasible alternative options.

Campaigning outside polling places

Campaigners should be allowed to put their messages to voters on polling day, including in public spaces outside polling places.

Polling station staff and police officers should not seek to discourage or remove campaigners who are otherwise peacefully communicating with

voters, as long as they are not within or impeding access to the grounds of the polling place. You should be careful, however, to ensure that your approach is proportionate and should recognise that groups of supporters may be perceived as intimidating by voters.

Access to polling places

Campaigners should keep access to polling places and the pavements around polling places clear to allow voters to enter.

The Presiding Officer is responsible for maintaining order in the polling place, and you may be asked to move by polling station staff or police officers if you are impeding access by voters to a polling place.

Complaints and allegations about electoral fraud

Campaigners should be prepared to give the police a statement and substantiate any allegations of electoral fraud they make.

The police will investigate allegations where someone is prepared to provide evidence or a statement in support of the complaint, but unsubstantiated claims about electoral fraud have the potential to damage confidence in the integrity of the electoral process. You should ensure you are confident that evidence can be provided to the police before considering whether it is appropriate to publicise any specific allegation.

Raising concerns about electoral fraud

Campaigners who are concerned or think that electoral fraud may have taken place should raise the matter with their election agent or local party, or with the relevant Electoral Registration Officer or Returning Officer for the area.

They may be able to explain whether or not an election-related crime has been committed, and refer it to the police if appropriate or provide details of the police contact for the relevant area so that campaigners can report their allegation. Concerns about breaches of the political finance rules should be raised directly with the Electoral Commission.

Reporting offences to the police

Any campaigner who has actual evidence that an electoral offence has been committed should report it directly and without delay to the police.

If appropriate, the police will investigate the matter. Every police force has designated a Single Point of Contact (known as a SPOC) to lead on election matters and who will deal directly with the matter or give advice to local police officers. The Electoral Commission can help provide contact details for local police force SPOCs.