

Election Timetable

Event	Date
Publication of notice of election	Thursday 4 January 2024
Delivery of nomination papers to the Returning Officer	from 10am on Friday 5 January until 4pm on Friday 12 January
Deadline for registration applications	12 midnight on Tuesday 23 January 2024
Deadline for applications to vote by post	5pm on Wednesday 24 January
Deadline for applications to vote by proxy	5pm on Wednesday 31 January
Deadline to apply for Voter Authority Certificate	5pm on Wednesday 31 January
Polling Day	7am to 10pm Thursday 8 February

Contact information

You can obtain a full nomination pack by emailing electoralservices@teignbridge.gov.uk or by calling 01626 215104.

Your completed papers must be hand delivered to the Returning Officer at Forde House, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4XX by 4pm on Friday 12 January 2024.

You can deliver your completed papers on any working day (Mon to Fri) between the hours of 10am and 4pm, from Friday 5 January.

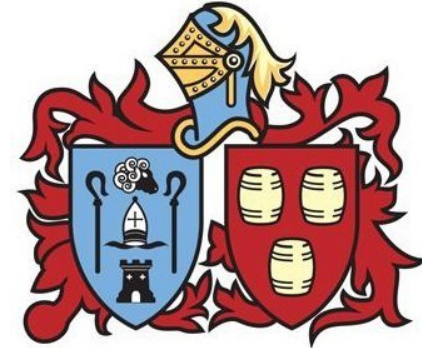
You can make an appointment to do this by emailing electoralservices@teignbridge.gov.uk or by calling 01626 215104.

Although your completed papers must be hand delivered they do not necessarily have to be delivered by you. If you wish, they can be delivered on your behalf by someone you trust. Whoever delivers your papers should be able to wait for a few minutes while they are checked by a member of the elections team, just to make sure there are no mistakes or oversights.

Electoral Commission

You can obtain independent advice and download the relevant forms from the [Electoral Commission website](#)

NEWTON ABBOT TOWN COUNCIL



VACANCY FOR ONE COUNCILLOR IN THE BUSHELL WARD OF NEWTON ABBOT.



INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

A vacancy has arisen for one Councillor in the Bushell ward of Newton Abbot Town Council. As the requisite number of requests to fill the vacancy by election has been received, an election will be held on Thursday 8 February 2024.

Newton Abbot Town Council is passionate about its community and seeks to make positive change to help improve the lives of its residents. Our work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services
- Improve quality of life for residents
- Give communities a democratic voice

Newton Abbot Town Council provides numerous services, these include, but are not limited to:

- Allotments
- Newton's Place Community Space and Museum
- Free events and entertainment throughout the year
- Grants to support local projects and organisations
- Maintaining footpaths, Golden Lion Square, The Town Quay & Vicary's Mill Leat
- Seasonal displays and festive illuminations
- Street furniture and community defibrillators
- Community Development Plans
- Newfoundland Way public toilets
- Town Centre Management & Shop improvement grants
- St Leonard's Clock Tower

As a Town Councillor you will become a voice for your community and can make real change by investing time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood. Councillor responsibilities fall into three main categories:

- Decision making: by attending meetings/committees.
- Monitoring: ensuring decisions lead to efficient & effective services
- Getting involved locally: as local representatives Councillors have responsibility towards their constituents and local organisations.

What skills do I need to be a Councillor?

As a Town Councillor you need to be able to:

- Listen
- Act as an ambassador for your community
- Attend Council meetings
- Abide by the Seven Nolan Principles of Public Life:
 - ◊ Selflessness
 - ◊ Integrity
 - ◊ Objectivity
 - ◊ Accountability
 - ◊ Openness
 - ◊ Honesty
 - ◊ Leadership

Can I stand for Election?

To stand for election to a local council you must be:

- A UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member State of the European Union
- At least 18 years old
- An elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.

Will I receive Training and Support?

Being a councillor is a varied and highly fulfilling role. You don't need any experience or special qualifications, and you'll gain lots of new skills, experience, knowledge, and confidence. You will receive training and support through National Associations.

What is the commitment?

You have a duty to attend a minimum of 6 Council meetings per year but depending on how many committees you join, will depend on the level of commitment. NALC's Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, three hours a week for council work. Council work often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking to local groups and bodies as a representative of the council.