



Residents in Hertsmere urged to check their registration details



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Hertsmere residents are being warned not to lose their voice on decisions that affect them by making sure their electoral registration details are up to date.

The annual canvass ensures that Hertsmere Borough Council can keep the electoral register up to date, identifying any residents who are not registered to vote so that they can be encouraged to do so.

Sam Langford, Electoral Services Manager, said: "It's important that residents look out for messages from Hertsmere Borough Council, so we can make sure we have the right details on the electoral register for every address in the borough. We will send you an email or letter for you to respond to. To make sure you are able to have your say at future elections, simply follow the instructions sent to you.

"If you're not currently registered, your name will not appear in the messages we send. If you want to register, the easiest way is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote, or we'll send you information explaining how to do this in the post.

"From September council officers we will be calling at the addresses of those who have not yet responded to urge residents to check the form and get back to us. As we carry out this important work to update the electoral register we will continue to follow public health guidelines, including respecting social distancing."

People who have moved recently are particularly encouraged to look out for the voter registration messages from Hertsmere Borough Council and check the details. Research by the Electoral Commission, published in 2019, indicates that recent home movers are far less likely to be registered than those who have lived at the same address for a long time. Across Great Britain, 92% of people who have been at their property for more than sixteen years will be registered, compared to 36% of people who have lived at an address for less than one year.

Melanie Davidson, Head of Support and Improvement at the Electoral Commission, said: "It's really important that everyone who is entitled to vote is able to do so. Checking the messages that you will get from your local authority is the easiest way to see if you're registered to vote. If you're not, make sure you provide the necessary information to your local authority when it is needed and register to vote online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote."

Information on registering to vote is available on the [Electoral Commission website](#).

Residents who have any questions can contact the elections team on 020 8207 7481 or email elections@hertsmere.gov.uk.

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