



May 2021 Election FAQs

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About the May 6 2021 elections

On Thursday 6 May 2021 residents in Hertsmere will go to the polls to have their say on who represents them as the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire, and as councillors at Hertfordshire County Council.

In Shenley and Radlett planning referenda will also be held. There will be by-elections taking place for parish councillors in Aldenham West, South Mimms and Shenley. There will also be by-elections taking place for councillors to Hertsmere Borough Council in the wards of Borehamwood Kenilworth and Bushey North. Whilst all eligible electors in Hertsmere will receive ballot papers for the Hertfordshire County Council election and the Police and Crime Commissioner election, only those in the relevant areas may vote in referenda and in by-elections.

The elections will take place at a time when Covid-19 continues to present risks to public health. Depending on the infection rate, measures taken to control the spread of the virus may change as we approach May. We are working hard with Hertfordshire County Council, central government, the Electoral Commission, the wider electoral community and public health authorities to help ensure you can stay safe when casting your vote next May.

We will update this page with further information as it becomes available. Further information can also be found on the website of the Electoral Commission at: [🔗](#)

[🔗 www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter)

Key Deadlines

Don't lose your chance to vote. Here are the **deadlines** for registering to vote (if you are not already on the electoral register) and for applying for postal and proxy votes:

Deadline for:	Date:	Time:
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Registering to vote	Monday 19 April 2021	Midnight
Applying for a postal / postal-proxy vote	Tuesday 20 April 2021	5pm
Cancelling or changing a postal / postal-proxy vote	Tuesday 20 April 2021	5pm
Applying for a proxy vote	Tuesday 27 April 2021	5pm
Applying for an emergency proxy vote	Thursday 6 May 2021	5pm
Re-issuing spoilt or lost postal voting packs	Thursday 6 May 2021	5pm

When is the election? What elections are taking place?



How can I vote at the May 2021 elections?



How can I apply to vote by post or proxy?



How do I register to vote?



Is voting by post safe?



How are you making polling stations safe?



Will I need to bring my own pen or pencil?



Is it safer to vote by post, instead of going in person?



What should I do if I find out closer to the time that I need to self-isolate, or my area goes into a local lockdown?



Can I return my postal voting application electronically?



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