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Brixworth Parish Council: Your Guide to the 2025 Local Elections

As we approach the 2025 Local Elections, Brixworth residents have an important opportunity to shape the future of our village. Scheduled for **Thursday, 1 May 2025**, this year's elections are vital for ensuring strong leadership and community-focused decision-making for the years ahead. From electing new Parish Councillors to participating in local democracy, this special edition will tell you everything you need to know.



What Are the 2025 Local Elections?

Local elections will take place across England to elect representatives at various levels of government. For Brixworth, this includes elections to Brixworth Parish Council, which represents the first tier of local government. Parish Councils play a critical role in managing community resources, representing local interests, and supporting initiatives that enhance daily life.

These elections offer Brixworth residents the chance to vote for candidates who will best represent their views, work to address local challenges, and contribute to community development. A strong Parish Council ensures that the unique character and needs of our village are safeguarded.

Additionally, elections for West Northamptonshire Council will also take place, providing further opportunity for residents to influence broader decision-making.

Together, these elections ensure that Brixworth's voice is heard both locally and regionally.



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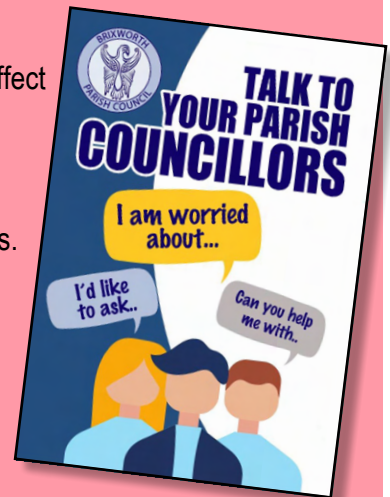
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Why is the Parish Council important?

Brixworth Parish Council is at the heart of our village community, addressing issues that directly affect residents' quality of life. Councillors focus on delivering services, maintaining facilities, and advocating for Brixworth's needs within wider decision-making bodies. Specific responsibilities include:

- **Maintaining public spaces:** Overseeing parks, play areas, sports fields, and other green spaces. This responsibility includes ensuring these spaces are safe, well-maintained and accessible to all.
- **Community projects:** Supporting initiatives that bring residents together, such as local events, heritage projects, and community-based programs.
- **Planning and development:** Providing input on planning applications and working to ensure that new developments align with the village's needs and character. This includes protecting local heritage while facilitating sustainable growth.
- **Representing residents:** Acting as the voice of the community in discussions with West Northamptonshire Council and other governmental bodies to ensure that decisions made at higher levels reflect the priorities of Brixworth.
- **Improving infrastructure:** Raising issues with West Northants Council, such as road safety, footpaths, street lighting, public seating, and local transport services to enhance daily life for residents. By voting for Parish Councillors, residents ensure their priorities are represented and their voices are heard. The council's work has a tangible impact on the village's appearance, functionality, and sense of community.



Community Grants

For more information about our Community Grants Scheme visit: <https://www.brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/grants/>

Save the date

Parish Councillors play a vital role in shaping our village. Could you help shape our community's future?

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Key Dates for the Election

Here are the important milestones to keep in mind:

Voter Registration Deadline: Ensure you are registered to vote by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. The deadline for registration will likely be in early April 2025.

Nomination Period: If you're interested in standing as a Parish Councillor, nomination forms must be completed and submitted several weeks before the election. These forms can be obtained from the Electoral Services Office or the Parish Council website.

Polling Day: Elections will be held on **Thursday, 1 May 2025**, with polling stations open from **7:00 am to 10:00 pm**. Locations of polling stations will be confirmed closer to the date.

Results Announcement: Results are typically declared the day after polling, with successful candidates notified shortly after by the Parish Clerk.

For more information visit: www.brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/elections-2025/



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Step Up for Your Community: Become a Parish Councillor

Brixworth Parish Council relies on local residents who are passionate about making a difference in their community. Could you be one of them? Becoming a Parish Councillor is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to the village's future and address the needs of the community. Parish councils are the most local tier of government, playing a vital role in shaping the well-being of our neighbourhoods. Councillors work as a team to address issues that matter to the community, from maintaining parks and organising events to influencing larger decisions made by West Northants Council, about housing and infrastructure.

Eligibility Requirements

To stand as a Parish Councillor, you must:

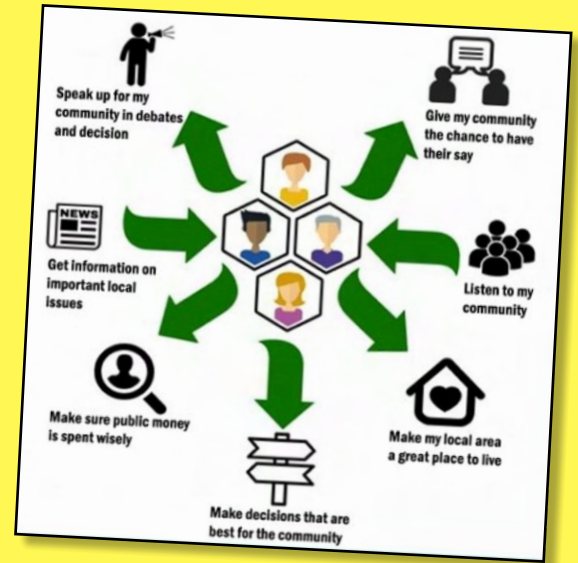
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be a British citizen, a citizen of the Commonwealth, or a citizen of the European Union.
- Live, work, or own property in the parish area (or within 3 miles of it) for at least 12 months prior to the election.

Role and Responsibilities

As a Parish Councillor, you will:

- Represent the views and concerns of local residents.
- Participate in council meetings and decision-making processes.
- Help manage budgets, projects, and community services.
- Collaborate with fellow councillors to resolve issues and implement initiatives.
- Advocate for Brixworth's interests in discussions with other councils and authorities.

No prior experience is required—just a willingness to listen, learn, and contribute. New councillors will receive training and support to help them succeed in their roles. If you're passionate about preserving Brixworth's heritage while shaping its future, consider standing for election. **We would encourage anyone interested in becoming a councillor to attend a meeting of the Full Council to gain a first hand understanding of the role and what it involves.**



Nominations to become a Parish Councillor

If you are interested in joining Brixworth Parish Council and stand for election you will need to complete a nomination form which you can download below or from the Electoral Commission at: www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-parish-council-elections-england/nominations

To become nominated as a candidate at a parish council election in England, you need to submit a completed set of nomination papers to the place fixed by the Returning Officer by 4pm on Wednesday 2nd of April 2025.

This deadline is set out in law and cannot be changed for any reason.

The start date from which you will be able to submit nomination papers, as well as the times and place for delivery, will be set out in the notice of election published by the local Returning Officer. This is expected to be published on Friday 14 March 2025.

There are three nomination papers that you must submit to make your nomination valid:

- the nomination form
- a home address form
- your consent to nomination

Further guidance on the nominations process can be found at:

<https://www.brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/elections-2025/>



Why Your Vote Matters

While national elections often dominate headlines, local elections have a direct impact on your everyday life. Decisions made by the Parish Council influence everything from the condition of local parks to the way planning applications are handled. Voting in local elections ensures that those making these decisions reflect the priorities and values of the community.

How to Stay Informed

Brixworth Parish Council will provide regular updates about the election process, including key dates, candidate announcements, and polling information. Stay connected by:

- Parish Council Noticeboard: Keep an eye on the noticeboard at the Community Centre for official updates and announcements.
- Parish Council Website: Visit www.brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/elections-2025/ to access all the information you need about the 2025 Local Elections, including the nomination process, candidate details, polling station locations, and results.
- Social Media: Follow Brixworth Parish Council on Facebook, Instagram and Linked-In for real-time news and updates.
- Contact the Clerk: If you have any questions or need guidance, contact the Parish Clerk via email or phone. They can provide assistance with voter registration, nomination processes, and any general inquiries.

Final Thoughts

The 2025 Local Elections are a pivotal moment for our village. Whether you're voting, standing as a candidate, or encouraging others to participate, your involvement ensures that Brixworth remains a vibrant and thriving community.

STAY INFORMED!

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Contact the Parish Clerk:

To contact the Parish Council please write to:



The Parish Clerk, The Information Point, Brixworth Library and Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth NN6 9DS

Email: parish.clerk@brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Telephone: 01604 347993

Full Council (Thursdays): 27 March, 24 April, 22 May

Annual Parish Meeting: 1 April

Planning (Mondays): 10 March, 31 March, 28 April, 19 May

Finance & Personnel (Thursdays): 17 April, 17 July

Please check website & noticeboard to confirm dates, times and agendas.

All meetings are held in the Community Centre.

For further information please contact the Parish Clerk.

You now need photo ID to vote at a Polling Station

This can include your:



Passport



PASS ID Card



Driving Licence



Certain travel cards

To see the full list or to check if your photo ID will be accepted, visit: www.westnorthants.gov.uk/VoterID

You do not require Photo ID if you vote by post.

Request a postal vote application form by emailing:

electoralservices@westnorthants.gov.uk

Don't have Photo ID?

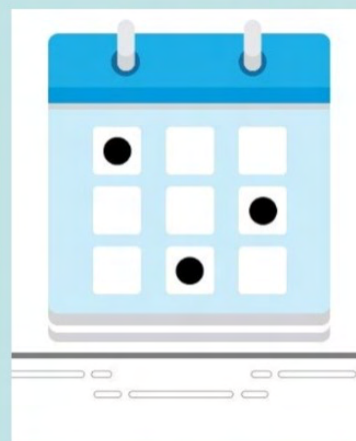
Apply for free Voter ID:



Scan our QR code or search for 'Voter ID' at www.gov.uk



ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?



Key dates for the 2025 Local Elections:

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Nomination Deadline - 4 PM, Wednesday 2nd of April 2025

Election Day - Thursday, May 1st 2025

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