

Call for voters to register in time for elections this May

With local elections taking place in just a few weeks, voters in Oxfordshire are being urged to make sure they are registered to vote and are able to take part on polling day, Thursday 4 May.

The call for voters to sign up comes as the Electoral Commission launches a national voter registration campaign to encourage as many people as possible to register ahead of elections taking place this year across the country.

West Oxfordshire District Council is now also reminding voters that they need to register by the deadline of Thursday 13 April otherwise they won't be able to take part in the Oxfordshire County Council elections.

Keith Butler, Electoral Registration Officer for West Oxfordshire, said: "Time is running out to make sure you can take part in elections this May, so I'd encourage everyone in Oxfordshire to take action now if they're not already registered to vote. It's quick and easy to register, but after the deadline of 13 April, it will be too late.

"Poll cards are currently being sent to all those already registered to vote. If you don't receive one it could mean you're not on the electoral roll and, are therefore, not able to vote at the May election. If you've not received your poll card by 1 April, please give us a call on 01993 861410 to check you're registered."

Emma Hartley, Head of Campaigns at the Electoral Commission said: "Our research shows that young people, students and recent home movers are particularly less likely to be registered to vote. So if you have moved house recently, then make sure you're registered correctly. If you're not registered, you won't be able to have your say on issues that directly affect your day-to-day life in Oxfordshire."

To register to vote, visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote **before Thursday 13 April.**

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