

District & Parish Council Elections 2019

District Council

An event is being held in Bideford next month for anyone who might want to stand as a councillor in this year's local elections.

On May 2, people will be voting to fill the district council's 36 seats for Torridge.

The council will be holding an evening event for anyone interested in becoming a councillor on **March 6, at 6pm, in Bideford Town Hall**. Just turn up on the night to find out more about becoming a councillor and put your name forward for nomination.

Councillor Jane Whittaker, TDC leader, said: "While cuts in central government grants have made recent times somewhat challenging, we still have a real 'can-do' team spirit amongst the councillors here at Torridge and long may that continue. We need people from all walks of life to represent their communities, so I would encourage people not to pre-judge whether they might or might not be suitable for the role. Just come along and find out about what is ultimately a great way of giving back. And then seriously consider taking part in helping to shape the future of your area."

Further information about registering to vote, postal & proxy votes, etc., and 'A Guide to Prospective Councillors in Torridge'. Go to Torridge web-site www.torridge.gov.uk and then select 'Your Council' and click on 'Elections'.

Parish Council

Also on May 2 there will be elections for Parish Councils. Subject to further information being received from the Elections Officer at Torridge District Council, this is a summary of the expected timescales:

- Publication of notice of election by Thursday, 26th March
- Delivery of nomination papers by 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April
- Publication of statement of persons nominated by 4pm on Thursday 4th April
- Publication of notice of poll by Wednesday 24th April *
- Polling Day – 2nd May *

Note: Sutcombe has 7 Parish Councillors – a poll will be held if there are more than 7 nominations; if 7 or less nominations there will not be a poll.

If you wish to vote at the election(s) you need to ensure your name appears on the electoral roll – your vote may be in person, by proxy, or by postal vote. See the Torridge web-site.