

REMEMBER TO VOTE IN THE UK GENERAL ELECTION

Rutland and Stamford residents are being given final instructions and reminded to vote in the UK general election on Thursday 4th July, as well as being advised to email Rutland County Council's Elections Team if they are yet to receive their postal ballots.

Polling stations for the general election will open at 7.00am and do not close until 10.00pm. Polling station addresses are printed on individual poll cards. Voters can also find details of polling stations online by visiting: www.rutland.gov.uk/elections.

You do not need to have your poll card with you to vote in person at a polling station. However, you must bring a valid form of photo ID or Voter Authority Certificate.

The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate for the general election has now passed. Information about which forms of identification are valid for voting can be found on the Electoral Commission website: www.electoralcommission.org.uk.

The deadline for registering to vote by post in the general election was 5.00pm on Wednesday 19th June and all postal ballots for the Rutland and Stamford constituency have been issued.

Rutland and Stamford constituents who have received a postal ballot pack but are too late to return it via Royal Mail can hand-deliver it to an authorised member of staff at Rutland County Council's Catmose offices in Oakham (LE15 6HP). This can be done during normal office hours (8.45am to 4:30pm) up to and including polling day on Thursday 4th July.

Following a change to the law, anyone returning a postal vote by hand must deliver it to an authorised person, who will help to complete a return form. Please speak to a member of staff in Rutland County Council's Customer Self Service area or call: [01572 720 954](tel:01572720954) if no one is present when you arrive.

If you return your postal vote through the Council's letter box or leave it in the Customer Self Service area without completing a separate return form, it will be rejected. By law, you can only hand in your own postal vote and those of up to five other people.

Postal voters can also return their postal ballots to a polling station between 7.00am and 10.00pm on polling day (Thursday 4th July). Anyone choosing this option will need to complete a return form with the Presiding Officer for their postal vote to be accepted.

Anyone in Rutland and Stamford whose postal vote has been lost, damaged or still not arrived from Royal Mail can now request a replacement postal ballot pack and collect it from Rutland County Council. To request a replacement postal ballot pack, please email: elections@rutland.gov.uk confirming:

- The voter's registered address
- Phone number
- The name of voters in the household who need a replacement ballot

Anyone who is unable to email the Council should call: [01572 758 469](tel:01572758469) to provide this information. Please reserve this phoneline for those without internet access and do not call if you are able to email.

Postal voters needing a replacement postal ballot must contact Rutland County Council first, so that officers can prepare the ballot and provide confirmation when it is ready to be collected. Final collection will be 5.00pm on Thursday 4th July.

For more information about the UK general election, including details of candidates standing in the Rutland and Stamford Constituency, please visit: www.rutland.gov.uk/elections.