

HOW TO BE ELECTED AS A TOWN COUNCILLOR

You should consider becoming a Town Councillor if:

- You want to do something positive for your community
- You want to spend your time productively
- You can think, listen and act locally

The Role

You will need:

- TIME** You can manage the time you spend by adjusting your commitment to suit the needs of the Town and your aims for the community. Meetings are mainly held on Mondays at 18:30 - However, it is important to consider the schedule of meetings to make sure they do not coincide with regular home and/or business arrangements.
- EXPENDITURE** A Daventry Town Councillor is an unpaid position, but any authorised expenditure is reimbursed whilst carrying out duties for and on behalf of the Council.
- CHARACTER** You will need to be committed, collaborative, analytical, patient, practical and have a can-do attitude.

Eligibility and Requirements

You must be:

- a British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union, and
- 18 years or older on the day you become nominated for election
- is either in the list of electors for that Parish or Town or has during the whole of the preceding twelve months:
 - a. occupied land as owner or tenant in it, or
 - b. had a principal place of work there, or
 - c. resided in or within three miles of it.

You cannot stand for election if you:

- are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order.
- have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a prison sentence (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.
- work for the council you want to become a councillor for.

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Nomination Process

The parish elections will be held alongside the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Elections and, subject to the Structural Changes Order going through Parliament, the Shadow Unitary elections will also be held on the same day.

Please refer to the timetable of election events on the next page and note:

- Daventry Town Council has four wards: Central, East, North and West.
- A prospective candidate **must** 'hand' deliver a valid nomination paper to Daventry District Council offices by 16:00 on 8th April 2021.

The Nomination Paper must be downloaded and printed off and can be obtained from:

- <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/media/5016>

The Elections Team at Daventry District Council, are there to help, answer any questions and check forms:

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The Electoral Commission - Website: <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/>

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Local Government Election Timetable Calculator

Timetable of Proceedings for Thursday 6 May 2021

Publication of Notice of Election	Monday 29 March 2021
Deadline for submission of Nomination Papers	4pm Thursday 8 April 2021
Withdrawal of Candidate	4pm Thursday 8 April 2021
Appointment of Election Agents	4pm Thursday 8 April 2021
Publication of Notice of Election Agents	4pm Thursday 8 April 2021
Publication of Statements of Persons Nominated	4pm Friday 9 April 2021
Last Date for Registration	Monday 19 April 2021
Receipt of Postal Vote Applications	5pm Tuesday 20 April 2021
Publication of Notice of Poll	Tuesday 27 April 2021
Receipt of Proxy Vote Applications	5pm Tuesday 27 April 2021
Appointment of Poll and Count Agents	Wednesday 28 April 2021
First Day to Issue Replacement Lost Postal Ballot Papers	Thursday 29 April 2021
Last Day to Issue Replacement Spoilt or Lost Postal Ballot Papers	5pm Thursday 6 May 2021
Receipt of Emergency Proxy Vote Applications	5pm Thursday 6 May 2021
Day of Poll	7am to 10pm Thursday 6 May 2021
Return of Election Expenses	Thursday 10 June 2021