



REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS & POLLING PLACES INFORMATION SHEET

North Devon Council are conducting a review of Polling Places and would welcome representations from any elector or body within our boundary. The authority would welcome any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability to make a representation or to comment on the authorities proposals, the Returning Officer's representation or any other matter. Any such persons or bodies making representations should, if possible, give alternative places that may be use as polling places.

List of Current Polling Stations

	Polling District (1)	Parishes & Other places within the Polling Districts (2)	Polling Places (3)
AA	Arlington	Arlington	Village Hall, Kentisbury
AB	Ashford	Ashford	Church Hall, Ashford
AC	Atherington	Atherington	3 Tray Lane, Atherington
AD	Barnstaple (Pilton)	Pilton Ward (part) of Barnstaple Parish	Pilton Bluecoat School, Abbey Road, Barnstaple
AE	Barnstaple (Pilton)	Pilton Ward (part) of Barnstaple Parish	Pilton Bluecoat School, Abbey Road, Barnstaple
AF	Barnstaple (Yeo Valley)	Yeo Valley Ward (part) of Barnstaple Parish	British Legion, St Georges Road, Barnstaple
AG	Barnstaple (Yeo Valley)	Yeo Valley Ward (part) of Barnstaple Parish	North Devon Deaf Children Centre, 2 Charles Dart Crescent, Barnstaple
AH	Barnstaple (Yeo Valley)	Yeo Valley Ward (part) of Barnstaple Parish	Our Lady's Catholic School, Chanters Hall, Barnstaple
AI	Barnstaple (Central)	Central Ward (part) of Barnstaple Parish	Christ Church, Bear Street, Barnstaple
AJ	Barnstaple (Central)	Central Ward (part) of Barnstaple Parish	Moose Hall, Trinity Street Barnstaple
AK	Barnstaple (Central)	Central Ward (part) of Barnstaple Parish	Castle Hall, Castle Street, Barnstaple
AL	Barnstaple (Central)	Central Ward (part) of Barnstaple Parish	Norah Bellot Court, Vicarage Street, Barnstaple
AM	Barnstaple (Newport)	Newport Ward (part) of Barnstaple Parish	St John the Baptist, Church Hall, South Street, Barnstaple
AN	Barnstaple (Newport)	Newport Ward (part) of Barnstaple Parish	Portland Street Rooms, Portland Street, Barnstaple
AO	Barnstaple (Newport)	Newport Ward (part) of Barnstaple Parish	St Johns Community Centre, Eastern Avenue, Barnstaple
AP	Barnstaple (Forches & Whiddon Valley)	Forches and Whiddon Valley Ward (part)	The Links, Forches Community Centre, Forches Avenue, Barnstaple
AQ	Barnstaple (Forches & Whiddon Valley)	Forches and Whiddon Valley Ward (part)	Forches & Whiddon Valley Community Centre, Barton Road, Whiddon Valley, Barnstaple
AR	Barnstaple (Forches & Whiddon Valley)	Forches and Whiddon Valley Ward (part)	Orchard Vale Community Primary School, Whiddon Valley, Barnstaple
AS	Barnstaple (Longbridge)	Longbridge Ward (part) of Barnstaple Parish	St Pauls Church Hall, Old Sticklepath Hill, Barnstaple
AT	Fremington (Longbridge)	Longbridge Ward (part) of Fremington Parish	Sticklepath Primary School, Woodville, Barnstaple
AU	Tawstock (Longbridge)	Longbridge Ward (part) of Tawstock Parish	Methodist Chapel, Rhododendron Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
AV	Berrynarbor	Berrynarbor	Penn Curzon Roon, Manor Hall, Berrynarbor
AW	Bishops Nympton	Bishops Nympton (excluding that part in the Bishops Nympton (South Molton) Polling District)	Parish Hall, Bishops Nympton
AX	Bishops Nympton (South Molton)	Bishops Nympton (excluding that part in the Bishops Nympton Polling District)	Pip Centre, Central Park, Mill Street, South Molton
AY	Bishops Tawton	Bishops Tawton	Bishops Tawton Hall, Bishops Tawton
AZ	Bittadon	Bittadon	Methodist Schoolroom, Marwood
BA	Bratton Fleming	Bratton Fleming	Village Hall, Bratton Fleming
BB	Braunton East	Braunton East Ward (part) of Braunton Parish	Church Hall, Christchurch Braunton
BC	Braunton East	Braunton East Ward (part) of Braunton Parish	Parish Hall, Braunton
BD	Braunton East	Braunton East Ward (part) of Braunton Parish	Skittle Alley, Ebrington Arms, Knowle, Braunton
BE	Braunton West	Braunton West Ward (part) of Braunton Parish	Kingsacre School, Braunton
BF	Braunton West	Braunton West Ward (part) of Braunton Parish	Braunton Youth Centre, Station Yard, Caen Street, Braunton
BG	Braunton West	Braunton West Ward (part) of Braunton Parish	Braunton Youth Centre, Station Yard, Caen Street, Braunton
BH	Brayford	Brayford	Village Hall, Brayford
BI	Brendon	Brendon	Village Hall, Brendon
BJ	Burrington	Burrington	Parish Hall, Burrington
BK	Challacombe	Challacombe	Methodist Schoolroom, Challacombe

BL	Chittlehamholt	Chittlehamholt	Village Hall, Chittlehamholt
BM	Chittlehampton	Chittlehampton (excluding that part in the Chittlehampton (Umberleigh) Polling District)	Chapel Schoolroom, Chittlehampton
BN	Chittlehampton (Umberleigh)	Chittlehampton (excluding that part in the Chittlehampton Polling District)	Village Hall, Umberleigh
BO	Chulmleigh	Chulmleigh	Town Hall, Chulmleigh
BP	Combe Martin	Combe Martin	Village Hall, Combe Martin
BQ	Combe Martin	Combe Martin	Village Hall, Combe Martin
BR	Countisbury	Countisbury	Village Hall, Brendon
BS	East Anstey	East Anstey	County Primary School, East Anstey
BT	East & West Buckland (East Buckland)	East Buckland	Parish Hall, West Buckland
BU	East & West Buckland (West Buckland)	West Buckland	Parish Hall, West Buckland
BV	East Down	East Down	The Old School, East Down
BW	East Worlington	East Worlington	Parish Hall, East Worlington
BX	Filleigh	Filleigh	Village Hall, Filleigh
BY	Fremington (Fremington & Yelland Ward)	Fremington & Yelland Ward (part) of Fremington Parish	Parish Hall, Fremington
BZ	Fremington (Fremington & Yelland Ward)	Fremington & Yelland Ward (part) of Fremington Parish	Yelland Manor House, Pottery Lane, Barnstaple
CA	Fremington (Bickington Ward)	Bickington Ward of Fremington Parish	The Tomlin Hall, Bickington, Barnstaple, EX31 2JN
CB	Fremington (Roundswell Ward)	Roundswell Ward of Fremington Parish	Roundswell Community Centre
CC	Georgeham	Georgeham (excluding the part in the Georgeham (Croyde) Polling District)	Village Hall, Georgeham
CD	Georgeham (Croyde)	Georgeham (excluding the part in the Georgeham Polling District)	Village Hall, Croyde
CE	George Nympton	George Nympton	Village Hall, George Nympton
CF	Goodleigh	Goodleigh	Village Hall, Goodleigh
CG	Heanton Punchardon	Heanton Punchardon (excluding the part in the Heanton Punchardon (Chivenor) Polling District)	Heanton Church Hall, Wrafton Road, Wrafton
CH	Heanton Punchardon (Chivenor)	Heanton Punchardon (excluding the part in the Heanton Punchardon Polling District)	Heanton Church Hall, Wrafton Road, Wrafton
CI	Horwood Lovacott & Newton Tracey (Horwood)	Horwood Ward of Horwood, Lovacott & Newton Tracey Parish	Village Hall, Lovacott
CJ	Horwood Lovacott & Newton Tracey (Lovacott)	Lovacott Ward of Horwood, Lovacott & Newton Tracey Parish	Village Hall, Lovacott
CK	Horwood Lovacott & Newton Tracey (Newton Tracey)	Newton Tracey Ward of Horwood Lovacott & Newton Tracey Parish	Village Hall, Lovacott
CL	Ilfracombe (Central)	Central Ward (part) of Ilfracombe Parish	Lantern Centre, High Street, Ilfracombe
CM	Ilfracombe (Central)	Central Ward (part) of Ilfracombe Parish	Lantern Centre, High Street, Ilfracombe
CN	Ilfracombe (Central)	Central Ward (part) of Ilfracombe Parish	St Phillips & St James Church Hall, St James Place, Ilfracombe
CO	Ilfracombe (East)	East Ward (part) of Ilfracombe Parish	Rugby Club, Brimlands, Ilfracombe
CP	Ilfracombe (East)	East Ward (part) of Ilfracombe Parish	Rugby Club, Brimlands, Ilfracombe
CQ	Ilfracombe (West)	West Ward (part) of Ilfracombe Parish	Parish Hall, Church Road, Ilfracombe
CR	Ilfracombe (West)	West Ward (part) of Ilfracombe Parish	Parish Hall, Church Road, Ilfracombe
CS	Ilfracombe (West) (Lee)	West Ward (part) of Ilfracombe Parish	Memorial Hall, Lee
CT	Ilfracombe (West) (Slade)	West Ward (part) of Ilfracombe Parish	Slade Community Centre, Slade, Ilfracombe
CU	Instow	Instow	Instow
CV	Kentisbury	Kentisbury	Village Hall, Kentisbury
CW	Kings Nympton	Kings Nympton	Parish Hall, Kings Nympton
CX	Knowstone	Knowstone	Village Hall, Knowstone
CY	Landkey	Parish of Landkey excluding Landkey (Swimbridge Newlands) Polling District	Village Hall, Landkey
CZ	Barnstaple (Newport St Johns)	St Johns part of Newport Ward	St Johns Community Centre, Eastern Avenue, Barnstaple
DA	Swimbridge	Parish of Swimbridge excluding the Swimbridge (Cobbaton) Polling District	Jubilee Hall, Swimbridge
DB	Swimbridge (Cobbaton)	Parish of Swimbridge (Cobbaton) excluding the Swimbridge Polling District	The Old Coach House, Swimbridge
DC	Landkey (Swimbridge Newlands)	Parish of Landkey (Swimbridge Newlands) excluding the Landkey Polling District	Village Hall, Landkey
DD	Tawstock (Rural)	Tawstock excluding the part in the Tawstock (Longbridge) Polling District	Village Hall, Tawstock
DE	Loxhore	Loxhore	Village Hall, Loxhore
DF	Lynton	Lynton & Lynmouth excluding the part within Lynmouth Polling District	Town Hall, Lynton
DG	Lynmouth	Lynton & Lynmouth excluding the part within Lynton Polling District	Parish Hall, Lynmouth
DH	Mariansleigh	Mariansleigh	Oxham Hall, Oxham Cross, Mariansleigh
DI	Martinhoe	Martinhoe	Hannington Hall, Martinhoe
DJ	Marwood	Marwood	Methodist Schoolroom, Marwood
DK	Meshaw	Meshaw	Oxham Hall, Oxham Cross, Mariansleigh
DL	Molland	Molland	Parish Hall, Molland
DM	Mortehoe	Mortehoe (excluding the part within Mortehoe (Woolacombe) Polling District)	Village Hall, Mortehoe
DN	Mortehoe (Woolacombe)	Mortehoe (excluding the part within Mortehoe Polling District)	Church Room, St Sabinus Church, Beach Road, Woolacombe
DO	North Molton	North Molton	Victory Hall, North Molton

DP	Parracombe	Parracombe	RAOB Village Hall, Parracombe
DQ	Pilton West	Pilton West	Pilton Church Hall, Pilton Street, Barnstaple
DR	Queens Nympton	Queens Nympton	Village Hall, George Nympton
DS	Rackenfod (Creacombe)	Creacombe Ward of Rackenfod Parish	Rackenfod Village Shop & Post Office, Rackenfod
DT	Rackenfod	Rackenfod (excluding the part with Creacombe Parish)	Rackenfod Village Shop & Post Office, Rackenfod
DU	Romansleigh	Romansleigh	Village Hall, Romansleigh
DV	Rose Ash	Rose Ash	Village Hall, Rose Ash
DW	Satterleigh & Warkleigh	Satterleigh & Warkleigh	Village Hall, Chittlehamholt
DX	Shirwell	Shirwell	Village Hall, Shirwell
DY	South Molton	South Molton (part)	The PIP Centre, Central Park, Mill Street, South Molton
DZ	South Molton	South Molton (part)	The PIP Centre, Central Park, Mill Street, South Molton
EA	Stoke Rivers	Stoke Rivers	Tamlyn Room, Stoke Rivers
EB	Trentishoe	Trentishoe	RAOB Village Hall, Parracombe
EC	Twitchen	Twitchen	Parish Hall, Molland
ED	West Anstey	West Anstey	Village Hall, West Anstey
EE	West Down	West Down	Parish Hall, West Down
EF	Westleigh	Westleigh	Village Hall, Westleigh
EG	Witheridge	Witheridge	Parish Hall, Witheridge

Maps showing existing boundaries & polling places may be inspected at Room 308, Civic Centre, Barnstaple, EX31 1EA. This information sheet is also available at www.northdevon.gov.uk

Aim of the Review

The aim is to review polling districts, polling places and polling stations as so to ensure that* :

- (a) the authority must seek to ensure that all electors in a constituency in its area have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
- (b) the authority must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place for which it is responsible is accessible to electors who are disabled;
- (c) the authority must have regard to the accessibility to disbaled persons of potential polling stations in any place which it is considering designating as a polling place;
- (d) the polling place for a polling district must be in the district, unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate any area wholly or partly outside the district;
- (e) the polling place must be small enough to indicate to electors in different parts of the district how they will be able to reach the polling station.

* (*Electoral Administration Act 2006 (pt 4)(18B)(4)*)

Ward boundaries are not part of this review and therefore cannot be altered.

Please also note that the Council must publish any correspondence submitted in respect of this review.

Access

All polling stations should have access facilities for disables electors. This includes wheelchair users. There are various building regulations which determine how adaptations can be made. It is not always possible for the owners of buildings to make permanent structural changes. Where permanent facilities are not possible, Electoral Services try to make temporary provision, usually by means of a portable ramp. However, it must be remembered that, on occasion these ramps can casue a hazard and thus it is not always a practical solution.

A polling station should be within reasonable walking distance for most electors.

Practical Considerations

Availability

There is no such thing as a purpose built polling station. We have to adapt and use the buildings which are available in the locality. Whilst regulations permit the Returning Officer to use schools, the owners of other buildings (Church halls, sports clubs etc.) have no such obligation.

Suitability

Where selecting a polling station there are some basic criteria which need to be considered.

- ✓ Geographically central for the majority of the electorate.
- ✓ Appropriate for democratic use.
- ✓ Health and safety arrangements
- ✓ Enough useable space.
- ✓ Exclusive use.
- ✓ Access (including parking).
- ✓ Welfare facilities for staff.
- ✓ Cost.

Current Known Issues

There are some polling places where there are known issues and these are shown below. Additionally some questions are raised for consideration.

1. **Bickington & Roundswell Ward** – Roundswell Community Centre is currently used for CB register as it is well situated next to Sainsburys and fits all the required criteria. However, due to parish boundaries it is actually in Landkey, Swimbridge & Taw Ward. There are currently no other alternatives that we are aware of.
2. **Braunton** – Parish Hall, Braunton is currently used as a polling station for Braunton East, although it is actually within West Ward.
3. **South Molton** – Whilst there is no issue with the facilities at the Pip Centre House, it does currently serve the whole of the South Molton. Would another station be useful at the other end of the town, and if so where?

Timetable

Consultation Period	17 th April to 30 th June 2008
Publication of Report	31 st August 2008
Submit to Council	15 th October 2008

Implementation of report recommendations on publication of Register of Electors on 1st December 2008 to be effective for elections due in 2009.

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