

# Voting: important words to know





**This is a guide to some of the words used when we talk about voting and democracy.**



**We all need to make our voices heard.**

**This is good for our wellbeing.**



**Making our voices heard also helps our communities.**

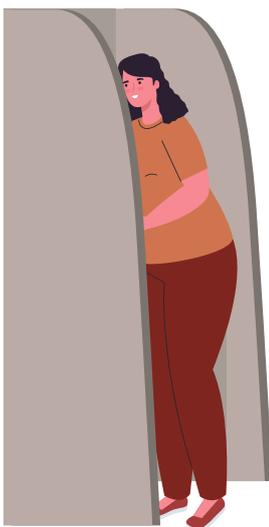
**Different ideas help make things better for everyone.**



## Ballot box

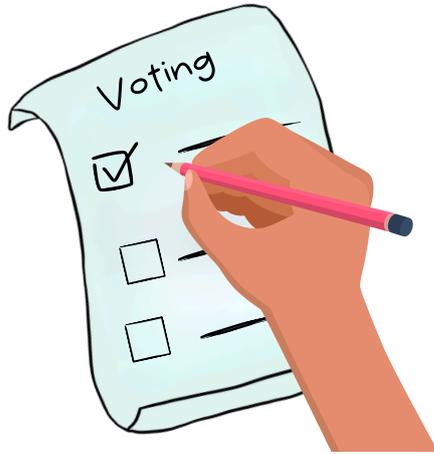
The box where voters put the ballot paper once they have filled it in.

It is locked so that no-one can see the papers until it is time to count them.



## Polling booth

The private place to fill in your ballot paper so that you can keep your vote secret.



## Casting a vote

Filling in the ballot paper to choose your candidate.

## Polling Card

If you are voting in person you will get a polling card in the post.

It tells you what to do on polling day.

<b>Poll card / Cerdyn pleidleisio</b>	
Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for [insert name of police area] police area Etholiad Comisiynydd yr Heddlu a Throseddau ar gyfer ardal heddlu [nodwch enw ardal yr heddlu]	
Date of election [day] [date] [month] [year] Dyddiad yr etholiad [diwrnod] [dyddiad] [mis] [blwyddyn]	
<b>Voting information / Gwybodaeth am bleidleisio</b>	
Polling day Diwrnod pleidleisio	
Voting hours Oriau pleidleisio	
Your polling station will be Eich gorsaf bleidleisio fydd	

Please turn over / Trowch drosodd

<b>Your details / Eich manylion:</b>
* [Elector's name and qualifying address details here] * [Enw'r etholwr a manylion y cyfeiriad cymhwyso yma]
* Local Returning Officer to omit where poll card sent to an anonymous elector. Poll card to an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope. * Y StrydDog Canlyniadau Lleol i'w heggor os anfonwyd cerdyn pleidleisio at etholwr dienne. Mae'n rhaid ei ddosbarthu mewn amlen wedi seilio.
<b>Number on register: Rhif ar y gofrestr:</b>

\*\* [You do not need to take this card with you in order to vote.]  
\*\* [Nid oes angen i chi fynd â'ch cerdyn hwn gyda chi er mwyn pleidleisio.]

\*\* [You must have this card with you. You cannot vote without it.]  
\*\* [Mae'n rhaid i chi fynd â'ch cerdyn hwn gyda chi. Ni allwch bleidleisio hebodd.]

\*\* If anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of brackets.  
\*\* Os ydych chi'w eiddo dienne, dydd heggor y geiriau yn y set gyntaf o gromfachau. Fel arall, dydd heggor y geiriau yn y set o gromfachau.

[insert helpline and other details including website]  
[Nodwch ffônllin a manylion eraill gan gynnwys gwefan]

## Electoral register

A list of names of people who are allowed to vote at an election. This list is kept by each local council.

You must be on this list to be able to vote at elections.



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## Electoral Commission

The independent organisation that makes sure elections are fair.

# Police and Crime Commissioner



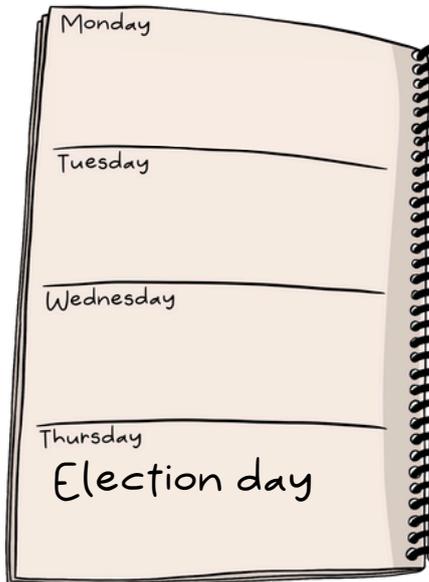
The elected head of the police force who makes sure the money is spent properly.

# Democracy



When everybody has a vote at an election as in the UK.

These votes decide who will run the government or council.



## Election Day

The day when an election is held.

All votes have to be made or received by this date.

## Constituency

A group of voters in a certain place.

For example, the constituency of Pontypridd covers all the voters who live there.





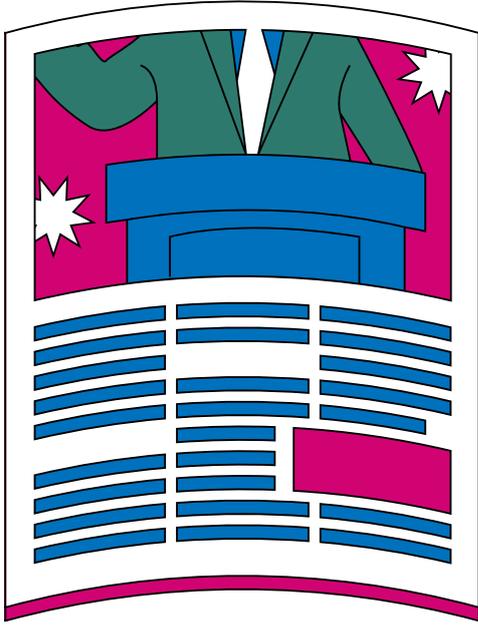
## General Election

An election when every constituency in the country votes for Members of Parliament to represent them in the House of Commons in Westminster.



## Polling station

The place where you vote in person on election day.



## Manifesto

A manifesto is a special political report which says what each political party promises to do if they win at the election.



## Ballot Paper

A form with the names of all the candidates who want to be elected in your area.

# Voting Passport

A form that you can complete and show staff at the polling station. It can be easier and more private than explaining your support needs in front of other people.

**My Voting Passport**

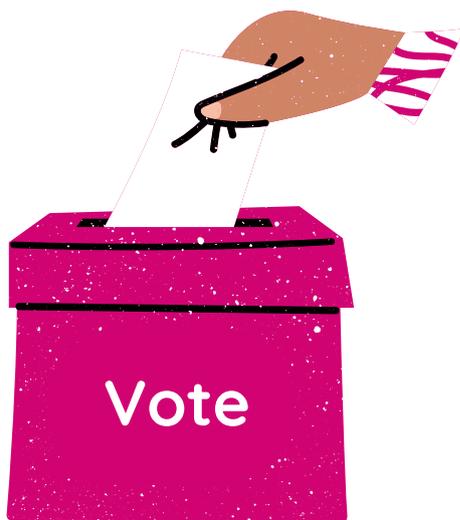
My Vote My Voice

**About me**

My name is:

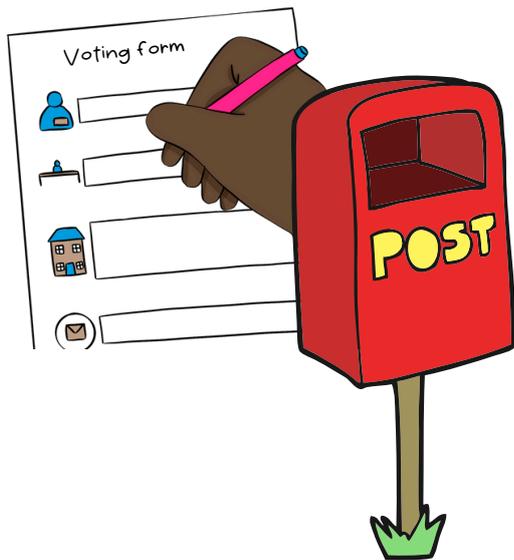
I have a learning disability and/or autism and I need reasonable adjustments to support me to vote in the general election.

Below, please list anything that will help you to vote in a polling station:  
*(e.g. no waiting in long queues; not going in the polling booth; staying with your support worker; any other disabilities)*



## Vote

A vote is a special kind of decision where you choose between two or more candidates or two or more things.



## Postal vote

A way of voting where you fill in the ballot paper at home and send it to the council before election day.



## Proxy vote

A way of voting where a trusted friend votes for you at the polling station on election day.



## Voter Authority Certificate

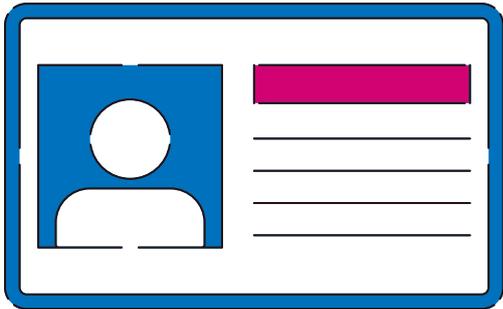
You can apply for one of these if you do not have any suitable photo ID.



## Candidate

A person who wants to be elected to represent a local community.

# Photo identification (ID)



**A new rule for General Elections and Police and Crime Commissioner elections where you need to prove your identity if you vote in person.**

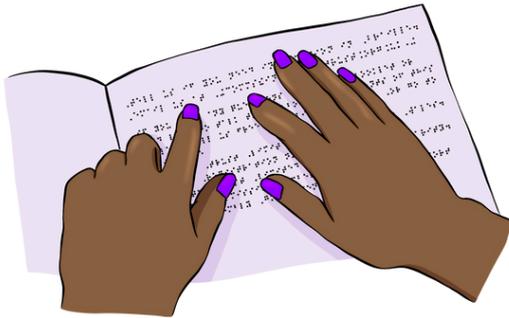


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