

YOU MUST BRING PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE

You will not be able to vote unless you show photographic identification to the polling station staff. A full list of accepted photographic identification is set out overleaf.

Poll card

Election of Councillors to Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council

Date of election: Thursday 4 May 2023

Voting information

Polling day	Thursday 4 May 2023
Voting hours	7am to 10pm
Your polling station will be	

**Please Note your Polling Station may have changed
please check the location of your Polling Station**

Parish council election on Thursday 4 May 2023

You will only be asked to vote in this election if there are more candidates than the number of vacancies. If so, you will be given a ballot paper at the polling station.



If you need any help or to find out if your polling station is accessible, please contact us.

Your details:

Electoral register number:

You do not need to take this card with you in order to vote.

Additional measures have been put in place for electors to make the voting process more accessible, including assistance for disabled voters in polling stations.

More information can be found on our website, or by contacting us using the details below.

Helpline number: 01942 827168

Email: elections@wigan.gov.uk

www.wigan.gov.uk/elections

The Returning Officer issued this card.

Please turn over

It is an offence to:

- vote more than once at this election, unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person
- vote as a proxy at this election for more than two people, unless you are their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild
- vote as a proxy for someone if you know that by law they are not allowed to vote

If you are away or cannot go to the polling station on Thursday 4 May 2023 you can do one of the following:

- Apply to vote by post. Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on Tuesday 18 April 2023**. If you are given a postal vote, you will not be able to vote in person at this election.

OR

- Apply to vote by proxy (this means someone else can vote on your behalf). Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023**. If you appoint a proxy, you can vote if you wish, but only if your proxy has not already voted on your behalf and has not got a postal vote for you.

If after 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023 you are unable to vote in person because:

- **You have a medical emergency after 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023**
- **You learn you cannot go to the polling station because of work reasons**
- **The form of accepted photographic identification that you were intending to use to vote has been lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed, or has not yet been received if applied for recently**

You can apply to vote by proxy. Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on Thursday 4 May 2023**. To find out how to apply, call the helpline immediately.



If you require this poll card in large print or another format, please contact us.

If undelivered, return to:
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council,
Town Hall, Library Street, Wigan WN1 1YN

Accepted forms of photographic identification

You must present one of the following forms of photographic identification in order to vote in person at a polling station:

- A passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- A driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or an EEA state
- A biometric immigration document
- An identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- A Blue Badge
- A national identity card issued by an EEA state
- An Older Person's Bus Pass
- A Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- An Oyster 60+ Card
- A Freedom Pass
- A Scottish National Entitlement Card issued in Scotland
- A 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card issued in Wales
- A Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card issued in Wales
- Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A War Disablement SmartPass or War Disabled SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- An Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland
- A Voter Authority Certificate or a temporary Voter Authority Certificate

If you do not possess any of the above forms of photographic identification, you can apply to your local Electoral Registration Officer for a free Voter Authority Certificate. Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023**. You can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online at voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk

If your photographic identification document has expired it will still be accepted so long as the photograph is still a good likeness of you, unless it is a temporary Voter Authority Certificate which is not valid for use on the date of poll.

You may be required to provide further proof of identity if there is any discrepancy between your name as shown on your form of photographic identification and the name of the elector that you claim to be.