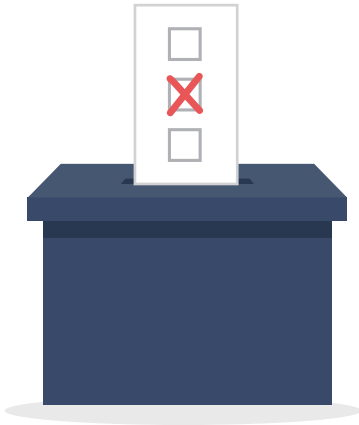# REGISTERING TO VOTE

You need to be registered in order to be able to vote in elections and referendums. If you aren't registered to vote, you won't have the chance to have a say on who represents you.

Some people also register to vote because they want to apply for credit. This is because credit reference agencies use the register to confirm where someone lives when they apply for credit, in order to counteract fraud.

Everyone is responsible for registering themselves.
If you are not registered already, you can register online:

1 Go to **www.gov.uk/register-to-vote**

2 Fill in your name, address, date of birth and a few other details. You'll also need your National Insurance number, which can be found on your National Insurance card, or in official paperwork such as payslips, or letters about benefits or tax credits.

3 Look out for an email or letter from Test Valley Borough Council, confirming that you have registered.

If you don't have access to the internet or can't use it, please contact us on **01264 368000** and we will be able to help you to register.

We can also be contacted on **elecreg@testvalley.gov.uk**

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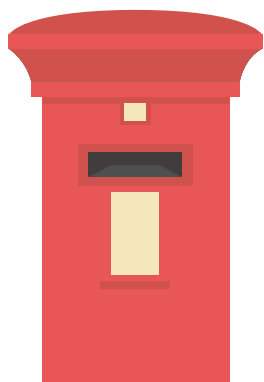Borough Council

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VOTER ID

You are now required to show photographic identification at polling stations before you are able to cast your vote.

For more information about what ID can be used, and how to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate if you do not have an accepted form of ID already, please visit **www.testvalley.gov.uk/VoterID**

APPLY TO VOTE BY POST OR PROXY

If you are unable to get to your polling station on election day, you can apply to vote by post or proxy if you don't already have these arrangements in place. You can apply online at **www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote** or **www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote**

If you are unable to apply online, please contact us on **elecreg@testvalley.gov.uk** or **01264 368000** and we can arrange to send you a form in the post.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER SIGNUP

Do you want to hear more from us? To find out about local news and events, sign up to our emails at **www.testvalley.gov.uk/emails**

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