

DON'T LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

- **Voter identification now required at polling stations**
- **You must now have approved ID when voting in person**
- **No valid ID? Then you must apply for a voter card or take out a postal vote**

New laws forced through by the Tory government and opposed by the Green Party mean big changes in how people vote. Starting at the local elections on 4th May - when all three of your ward councillors will be up for election - anyone voting at a polling station will need to bring a valid form of photo identification. **You will not be able to vote without a valid ID.** Postal voters are not affected yet. New rules around postal voting are expected to come into force later this year after the local elections.

Valid forms of ID for voting in person include:

- Passport (UK, European Economic Area or Commonwealth). Expired documents will be accepted providing that the photograph is still a good likeness.
- Driving Licence – full or provisional.
- Concessionary travel passes including an older person or disabled person's bus pass (but not a young person's pass). Disabled persons Blue Badge. Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) card.

If you do not have an accepted form of ID you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate – this is a photographic identity document specifically for voting. There is no charge for this. Alternatively you can apply to vote by post by completing the relevant form and returning it to the Town Hall.

To get full details of the new law including all valid ID formats or to download a postal vote application form please visit:

wirral.gov.uk/elections-and-voting

or call the council's election team on 0151 691 8046

You can apply for a Voter ID card at:

voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk

Want a postal
vote?
Download an
application form
using this QR code



AN ATTACK ON DEMOCRACY

Voter fraud is virtually non-existent. Polls show public confidence in elections is very high and convictions are extremely rare. So why is the government making these changes?

The Green Party believes these changes are politically motivated.

People from poorer or ethnic minority backgrounds who tend not to vote Conservative are much less likely to have valid ID compared with people from well off areas. Moreover, the government's own figures suggest these changes could cost **£180 million** over the next decade.

Birkenhead and Tranmere councillor Pat Cleary says, *"These changes are all about the interests of the Conservative Party not the country. Not only is this a blatant attempt to prevent poor and vulnerable people from voting, it is also a complete waste of time and money during a cost of living crisis."*



Cllr Pat Cleary leads the nine-strong Green group on Wirral Council

DOES VOTING GREEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE? YOU BET IT DOES!

Local elections are about local issues. Whether its protecting green spaces, supporting the most vulnerable in our community or just making sure that residents are kept informed about what's going on, local councillors have a vital role to play. Every area deserves representatives that care about their patch and work hard to make it better. Green councillors outperform all the other parties. That's why more and more people in Wirral are voting Green. **In May you will have three votes to elect all three of your ward councillors in the last local elections for four years.**



Seacombe campaigner **Hannah Rapley** says, "The evidence speaks for itself. Electing Green councillors is the best way to ensure your area gets the attention it deserves"

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

ISSUES RAISED ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS DURING 2022



**Data: Wirral Council, median annualised case reports per councillor by party.
Full data at www.wirralgreenparty.org.uk**

Year after year more and more Wirral residents are voting Green. They see the work our councillors and campaigners put in all year round. Wirral already has nine Green councillors. The elections on May 4th are your chance to elect even more.

Prenton councillor Naomi Graham says, "Unlike the other parties Green councillors aren't told how to vote. We are accountable to voters, not party bosses. It's a grown-up way of doing politics and I'm delighted that more and more residents are backing us."

In Bebington, Ed Lamb campaigns for the Greens on vital local issues like safer streets and protecting green spaces. Ed says, "Greens have a strong reputation in securing more investment to support pedestrians and cyclists and prevent unwanted development in the green belt. I feel that's why residents in Bebington and other parts of Wirral are electing more Green councillors. They trust us to do the right thing."



Bromborough councillor Jo Bird reported 586 issues on behalf of residents last year – more than any other councillor in Wirral

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