

Address

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Helpline

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Email

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www.ashford.gov.uk

Reference Number | **Date**

Dear Resident

Is the electoral register information correct for this address?

You must respond if:

any information is wrong, or if there are people eligible to register to vote at this address that are not included.

You do not need to respond if:

all information is correct and includes everyone eligible to register to vote at this address.

Information on who is eligible to register to vote can be found on page 2.

People we have registered to vote at this address:

Full Name	Nationality	Aged 76 or over (exempt from jury service)	Postal or proxy vote? (more info page 2)	Included on open register? (more info page 2)

If you need to change your Postal Vote or Opt out Status, or make any other changes, the easiest way is online. It only takes just a few minutes. To help us communicate with you digitally in the future, please provide your email address via the website.

1 Visit the website or scan the QR code

www.householdresponse.com/ashford



2 Enter your unique security code

Part 1:

Part 2:

3 Update your household information and submit

Include the names and nationalities of everyone who lives at this address

If you need to update this information you will be required to declare that the information is true.

If you do not live at the address you will need to tell us who you are (e.g. landlord).

If you add any new people they will also need to complete a registration application. They can do this at **gov.uk/register-to-vote**. We will send each new person a form if they do not apply online.

If you have a query, or need further information, please contact us using the details on page 1.

Yours faithfully



Tracey Kerly
Electoral Registration Officer

Who is eligible to register to vote?

You can register to vote if you are:

- Resident (usually live) in England and aged 16 or over (but you will not be able to vote until you are aged 18).

You must also be either:

- A British citizen or Irish citizen
- A Commonwealth citizen (including Maltese and Cypriot) who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man, or who does not need permission
- A European Union (EU) citizen of Denmark, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, or Spain who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man, or who does not need permission
- A European Union (EU) citizen of any other EU country who on or before 31 December 2020 had permission to enter or stay in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man, or who did not need permission, and this has continued without a break.

The EU citizens described above can vote in local elections, Police and Crime Commissioner elections, Mayor of London, and London Assembly elections only.

Postal and proxy votes

To arrange to vote by post or by proxy (someone you trust voting on your behalf) you can apply online or download an application form at **gov.uk/vote-uk-election**.

To change any existing postal or proxy vote arrangements contact us using the details on page 1.

The open register

The open register is an extract of the electoral register, but it is not used for elections. It can be bought by anyone and used for many purposes including confirming name and address details and direct marketing purposes.

Removing your details from the open register does not affect your right to vote.

You can find out more information about both registers and how they may be used at **gov.uk/register-to-vote** or you can contact us using the details on page 1.

Privacy Statement

The Electoral Registration Officer is the Data Controller. Their lawful basis for collecting personal information is that the processing is necessary in order to perform a task in the public interest as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and related legislation. The Electoral Registration Officer is legally required to process your personal information securely and comply with data protection legislation.

If you opted-out of the open register, your name and address can only be used for electoral purposes (including matching it against other data sources to support the electoral register) and other limited purposes specified in law. The law allows your information to be used for democratic engagement activities (by political parties, candidates, and agents), crime detection, jury summoning, and credit application identity checks.

If you did **not** opt-out of the open register your name and address can be bought by anyone and used for lots of purposes, including direct marketing.

Please refer to the privacy notice at:
www.ashford.gov.uk/electoral-register-privacy
or contact the Electoral Registration Officer to request a copy.

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