

# NOTICE OF ELECTION

## Election of a Parish Councillor for the Parish listed below

Parish	Number of Councillors to be elected
Downswood	Two

1. Nomination papers must be delivered by hand to the Returning Officer, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ from the day after the date of this notice. Monday to Friday between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm (excluding bank holidays) but no later than 4 pm on **Friday 21 February 2025**. Appointments may be made between the hours stated, for delivering your nomination paper by contacting [electoralservices@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@maidstone.gov.uk) or by phone on 01622 602007.
2. Nomination papers may be obtained from [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk), the Parish Clerk or the office of the Returning Officer, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ, during the times stated above.
3. If any election is contested the poll will take place on **Thursday 20 March 2025**.
4. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **12 midnight on Tuesday 4 March 2025**. Applications can be made online at: [www.gov.uk/register tovote](http://www.gov.uk/register tovote)
5. New applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes and amendments or cancellations of proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ by **5 pm on Wednesday 5 March 2025**. New postal applications can be made online at: [www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote](http://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote)
6. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector's Document valid for this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **5pm on Wednesday 12 March 2025**. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate can be made online at: [www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate)
7. New applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ by **5 pm on Wednesday 12 March 2025**. New proxy applications can be made online at: [www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote](http://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote)
8. Applications to vote by proxy at this election applied for on grounds of either physical incapacity or absence in relation to occupation, employment or service occurring after 5 pm on Wednesday 12 March 2025 must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ by **5 pm on Thursday 20 March 2025**.
9. For further information on any matter covered by this notice please email the Electoral Services Team at [electoralservices@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@maidstone.gov.uk).

Dated: Thursday 13 February 2025

Angela Woodhouse  
Returning Officer