

Local elections: your council needs you and your vote.

Sampford Courtenay Parish Council would like residents to get involved in the forthcoming local elections on **Thurs 2nd May**.

Now is the time to ensure that your name is on the **Electoral Register** so that you can support your community and vote. Copies of the Electoral Register are kept at post offices, libraries and with the parish clerk so a quick check to make sure your name is there would take no time at all. It's your right to vote, so don't miss out.

You may have attended one of the recent meetings held by the parish council and could be interested in becoming a councillor. **Nomination papers are available now** and can be obtained from the Clerk or **WDBC** elections office

Parish Councils depend on local people taking an interest in what happens in their community, whatever their background, and local people standing as councillors can bring a wealth of knowledge and community understanding into the local team. Now is your chance to have a say in the future shape and direction of the council and the services it provides.

If you are interested in becoming a councillor, or know someone who might just need some encouragement now is the time to act.

Keep an eye on our Website <u>www.sampfordcourtenay.net</u> and Village Notice Boards for the Official Announcements and important dates.

For more information or an informal chat please feel free to contact MarionPratt, Clerk to Sampford Courtenay Parish Council, on 01837 82285 <u>SCPCClerk@aol.com</u> or at Higher Town, Sampford Courtenay.

If you would like a copy of **The Good Councillor's Guide** please contact the Clerk or download from our Website.

Timetable for Election

- Public Notice of Elections = 21st March
- Start of Councillor Nomination process = 21st March
- Deadline for receipt of nominations = 4pm 3rd April
- Publication of statements of persons nominated = 4pm 4th April
- Date of Elections = 2nd May.
- First Parish Council Meeting of new council for Sampford Courtenay will be held on **7th May.**