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Take a step towards **adoption**



In Barnsley we are working to speed up the adoption process so that more children can benefit from the stability and security of a permanent, loving family. The new two stage approval process can be completed in six months and we are ready to work with you.

In Barnsley we have around 40 children a year who need adoption. Some are very young, some are school age, some have health needs and many need to be growing up with brothers or sisters.

We understand that the decision to adopt is not one you will take lightly. We are here to give you the information you need and to offer advice, guidance and support as you decide if adoption is the right decision for you and your family.

We welcome enquiries from all sections of our community. You may be single or in a partnership. If you live within 30 miles of Barnsley and want to know more, why not take a first step to adoption?

See our website – www.barnsley.gov.uk/adoption

If you want to talk to us about adoption, call us on

01226 775875

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Welcome

What's inside...



As 2014 approaches, this issue looks at some of the achievements we've made in the past year, as well as looking ahead to the coming twelve months. Looking back at 2013, we take a tour of Experience Barnsley and Barnsley Pals Centenary Square.

We also round up this year's achievements in schools, highlighting where our children and young people have really got it right. You can also get an insight into the progress that our area councils have made in their first year.

Looking ahead to 2014, we'll tell you more about the Tour De France Grand Depart as it travels through Barnsley, and look at other events and activities coming up across the borough.

On the theme of a fresh start for the new year, if you're thinking of making a fresh start health-wise, you can win a year's gym membership.

We really want to know what you think about *open door* magazine, so if you have any feedback for us, please send it to communications@barnsley.gov.uk.

Cllr Sir Steve Houghton CBE, Leader

Diana Terris, Chief Executive



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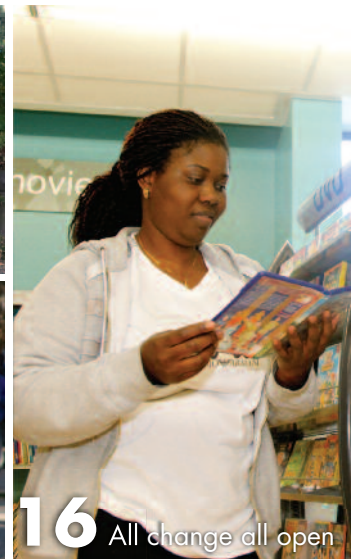
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A hidden gem



Woods, open fields, new wetland habitats and the Trans Pennine Trail are all encompassed in this short but lovely walk.

To improve access for users, stiles have been replaced by kissing gates and a new timber bridge was installed by Barnsley Countryside Rangers and Voluntary Action Barnsley in August. However, the route has some short, steep slopes and can be muddy in poor weather, so it's not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs. Please take care when walking and wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

How to get there

By bus: take bus services 23 or 24 from Barnsley Transport Interchange to reach the starting point off Gilroyd Lane, south of Gilroyd.

There is an informal parking area off Gilroyd Lane next to Smithy Wood Lane. Residents of Dodworth can join the route via the field edge path from Intake Crescent or down Smithy Wood Lane.

Directions

- 1 From the car park off Gilroyd Lane follow the signed footpath opposite the parking area until you get to a footpath junction at the rear of Boylins factory site.





② Turn left down the slope, cross the timber bridge and bear right up the slope. After the bridge, follow the footpath through the trees, keeping right, then down the slope to the track.

③ Turn right and continue to the gate across the track. Here we can take either a shorter route, or carry on the main route.

Shorter route (1.2 miles, 1.9km)

④ Turn right before the gate and go down the slope towards the stream. Go through the kissing gate and over the stream. Bear right onto the path following the stream. Go through the gate and bear left up the slope. Follow the permissive path alongside the Strafford settling ponds fence. At the end of the fence bear left to the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) picnic area and rejoin the main walk.

Main route (1.6 miles, 2.5km total)

Go through the kissing gate and keep straight on the permissive footpath with the hedge on your right. Go through the gate and follow the path between the hedges to the next kissing gate.

⑤ Go through the gate bearing right diagonally across the field for 40 metres to the footbridge behind the trees. Cross the bridge then follow the path up the slope and over the red squeeze stile onto the TPT.

⑥ Turn right onto the TPT dismantled railway line towards Dodworth. Continue along the trail, past the picnic area (and junction with the shorter route) until you reach the double gates on Smithy Wood Lane track.

⑦ Go through the gate and turn right down the track back to the informal parking area.

If you enjoy this walk why not photograph your favourite part and publish it on Barnsley Council's Facebook page?

For more information about the Trans Pennine Trail in Barnsley or other walks, cycle routes and rides contact 01226 772142 or publicrightsofway@barnsley.gov.uk

For information about the national TPT contact 01226 772574 or info@transpenninetrail.org.uk

For days out and children's activities on the TPT go to www.transpenninetrail.org.uk





Action in your community

What's happening and how you can get involved

The new approach to area based working was introduced this May. During this time over 139 community projects have happened across the borough. This new way of working means that the communities in each area can work with their council to improve their local area. All the area teams are now on Facebook; get on their pages if you want to see what's going on in your area and to get involved.

Pests in Penistone

Local businesses in Penistone have worked with Penistone Area Council to overcome the rising pest population that is currently creating issues for traders.



Stella, the Harris Hawk, has been released around the Penistone area to combat the pigeon problem.

The continuing appearance of the hawk will scare the pigeons away, and makes them believe that they are in the hawk's territory. Over time, this will decrease the amount of nests, eggs and birds in and around Penistone market barn.

The Penistone area is the Penistone West and Penistone East wards.

[Facebook.com/pages/Penistone-Area-Team](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Penistone-Area-Team)

Bees in the North Area

The North Area Team have some keen bee lovers in their wards that had a problem they needed help solving.



The Barnsley Beekeepers Association needed to relocate their bees as the place they were kept was difficult for people to access. They wanted to move to one of Barnsley's public parks; this would not only make getting to the sites easier, but would enable the public to attend demonstrations in the summer.

The team organised tours around Worsbrough Mill and Cannon Hall of the potential areas that the bees could move into. The beekeepers are still making a decision as to what would be the best move. Keep updated on the North Area Team Facebook page.

The North area is the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, and St Helen's wards.

[Facebook.com/BarnsleyNorthAreaTeam](https://www.facebook.com/BarnsleyNorthAreaTeam)

Central Area learning

When out-of-hours learning at Worsbrough library was planned to be cut in April 2013 the local community valued this service and with the ward members to find a way for the service to continue. It provides opportunities for local young people to take part in educational activities out of school hours.

With support from the Central Area ward alliance they are now set up as it is an independent company that provides essential support for young people in the local community.

The central area is the Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot, Central and Worsbrough wards.

[Facebook.com/barnsleycentral](https://www.facebook.com/barnsleycentral)

Teamwork in the South

The South Area team have found that We Love Wombwell do a great job of communicating across all the community groups in the area. They are now looking to get people talking in the same way in all four of the south wards, with We Love Wombwell remaining the main network for their area.

The Neighbourhood Networks will be a combination of email, social media and a website that link all the community groups in one area together – creating a group of groups.



This has already been of benefit to a local school in Wombwell. The school was hoping to find interesting opportunities for their young people who, for various reasons, can't remain in mainstream lessons. As a result of this a number of groups came forward with varying projects for these youngsters to get involved with, giving them the opportunity to not only improve the area they live in but pick up some useful skills on the way.

The south area is the Darfield, Hoyland Milton, Rockingham and Wombwell wards

[Facebook.com/BarnsleySouthAreaTeam](https://www.facebook.com/BarnsleySouthAreaTeam)

North East's big green clean

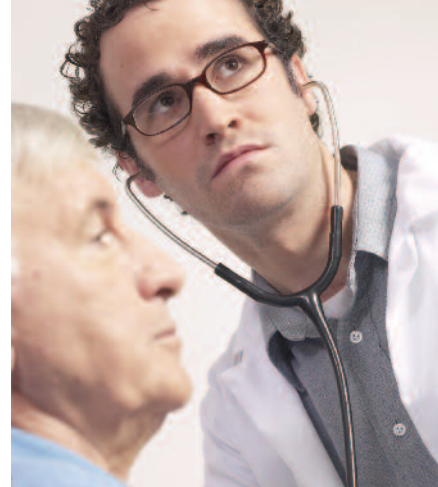
The North East Team has held several environmental clean up sessions, over 65 volunteers have attended these all together.

There were some areas in the North East area that needed some close attention. To get these places in tip-top shape a call for volunteers was made to aid in the big clean up.

Many problem areas got some much needed attention, thanks to the work of all these volunteers.

The north east area is the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston wards.

[Facebook.com/pages/North-East-Barnsley-Area-Team](https://www.facebook.com/pages/North-East-Barnsley-Area-Team)



Dearne heroes

Following the hard work performed by 22 researchers and members of the public working with local councillors on the Dearne North and Dearne South ward alliances, priorities have been identified and work is starting soon. Two of the researchers have gained confidence to take on the role of ward alliance secretaries - Kelly Hall for Dearne North and Maxine Grainger for Dearne South. This involves taking action notes and helping organise meetings where decisions about allocation of ward alliance funds will take place. They have also undertaken training on the Learning Champions Course at Northern College.

The Dearne area is the Dearne North and Dearne South wards.

[Facebook.com/DearneApproach](https://www.facebook.com/DearneApproach)

Barnsley Funding Advice

There is a service that supports funding for community groups and their projects. So far with support from Barnsley Funding Advice there has been over £847,000 of lottery funding to local community groups. Maybe they could help you?

You can contact them on 01226 773447. You can also go on their Facebook page to hear about opportunities as they happen.

[Facebook.com/BarnsleyFundingAdvice](https://www.facebook.com/BarnsleyFundingAdvice)



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A season of success

It's been an exciting six months for Barnsley Museums, with a brand new museum attraction opening in the town hall, a world-famous Egyptologist curating an exhibition, nationwide media coverage on mummies and a Royal seal of approval.

In June, the highly anticipated Experience Barnsley museum opened its doors to the public. This imaginative project has transformed Barnsley's 1930s landmark town hall into a state-of-the-art visitor attraction and archives centre, providing a heritage hub for the borough and a focal point for many exciting cultural and learning activities.

The popularity of Experience Barnsley has exceeded even the highest expectations, with 20,000 visitors flocking to the attraction within the first five weeks alone. Now, visitor numbers stand at an astounding 65,000.

The Romans exhibition (running until 5 January 2014) caused quite a stir when guest curator Professor Joann Fletcher revealed that many people were still being mummified in Roman times as - after Egyptians became part of the Roman Empire following the defeat of Antony and Cleopatra in 31BC - they travelled throughout Europe, taking their burial practices with them.

A gypsum plaster cast which would have covered the embalmed, linen-wrapped body of a child who died in about 300AD, is on display in the Romans exhibition.

The revelation soon hit the national press and Professor Fletcher also took a hugely important Roman coin, which featured the head of Mark Antony and was found in Darfield, onto BBC Radio 4's Museum of Curiosity programme, which further showed off Barnsley's historical significance.



Outside of the town hall, the fountain opening made a splash in August. The fountains became a firm favourite with families over the hot summer days, with dozens of children running through them every day, having some good, clean, free fun.

They were also very popular on the warm evenings, with couples, young and old relaxing in the seating area to watch the beautiful fountain displays, with jets illuminated in a rainbow of colours.

The town hall square and gardens were officially opened by HRH the Earl of Wessex in September. Named Barnsley Pals Centenary Square, they commemorate the Barnsley Pals battalions who lost their lives in the First World War. The square and gardens will become a focal point in marking the centenary of the start of the First World War, a turning point in history which claimed the lives of over 16 million people across the globe.



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The extra visitor numbers and renewed interest in Barnsley's history and culture is also benefitting the wider town centre, including the markets and surrounding shopping areas.

There's lots of exciting activities coming up in the new year, including the weird and wonderful world of BROOKESart; Barnsley in Film, a talk by a local surgeon who grew up in India during civil unrest; and a chance to meet the borough's heritage groups and organisations at Barnsley History Day.



Christopher Sedgewick Photography



For more information on all Barnsley Museums please check out www.visit-barnsley.com See what events are taking place on page 20.



Helping hands

Now is the time to ensure your friends, family and neighbours are prepared for this winter. The cold days and nights can be a particularly worrying time for vulnerable residents who can become housebound if severe weather arrives.

In 2011 it was estimated 116 people died in Barnsley from winter-related illnesses caused from being too cold in their own home. Older people who may be frail or have existing health conditions may be particularly at risk.

Check your friends, family and neighbours are ready with our top tips for keeping warm and well this winter:

- Sitting in cold rooms for long periods of time can put pressure on circulations. Check heating systems
- are in good working order and keep living rooms at 18°C (65°F) and bedrooms 21°C (70°F).
- Regularly check the weather forecast and be ready for cold weather.
- Stock up in advance with essential food items for hot meals and have plenty of hot drinks like tea, coffee or hot water.
- Don't forget to make sure they have enough of their prescription medicines and find out the holiday opening times of their local GP and pharmacy.
- Don't forget those who are over 65, those with long-term health conditions and pregnant women can get their free flu jab.
- Stay snug by wearing a few layers of thin clothing rather than one thick layer and cover yourself with a blanket if you are sitting for long periods of time.

You can also show your community spirit by lending a helping hand. For example clearing a path of snow, running an errand or keeping an eye on an elderly neighbour.

Winter Fuel Helpline

People born before 5 January 1952 who think they need to make a claim for a winter fuel payment should call the Winter Fuel Helpline on 08456 015613. If they've had payment in the past they do not have to apply. Further information at www.direct.gov.uk

You can also compare energy prices by visiting www.uswitch.com or calling
0800 051 5493





A whole new enterprise

Would you like to boldly go where no-one has gone before? Have you spotted a gap in the market? Do you have an idea, a product or a hobby you think can make you money?

Enterprising Young People can help. The project provides experienced, free business support for potential entrepreneurs aged between 14 and 24 years, with advice on building on your ideas, trading, marketing, and the all-important matters of keeping the books and making a profit.

The idea behind Enterprising Young People is to develop a 'can do' attitude to starting new businesses in the borough, and to inspire greater confidence in our young people.

Five experienced business people - our Enterprise Champions - have advised on a range of business ideas. Among the young entrepreneurs they are working with are:

Eve Lodge

founder of Barmy Bunting, which makes celebration bunting for special occasions. Eve, a pupil at Horizon Community College, has recently had inquiries for her creations from a major TV soap, and an international women's association. You can see her range under the 'Barmy Bunting' page on Facebook.

Aaron Williams

director of Fika Catering Equipment Ltd, which offers a design and installation service for kitchens and serveries in coffee shops and restaurants. Aaron has set up office in Barnsley after gaining an MSc in Management, and already has business leads through networking. Aaron can be contacted on 07809 422490.

Kyle Haward

has set up Helix Entertainment to provide a video filming service with expertise in sports events. Kyle has worked with Huddersfield Giants and Leeds United, and has helped with filming for academic research into referees' reactions to aggressive football players. He can be contacted at helixentertainmentuk@gmail.com

Feeling inspired? A grant may be available for anyone with a business idea they would like to discuss. Text 'grant' to 61009, or contact the project team at enterprisingyoungpeople@barnsley.gov.uk or call 01226 787040.

The project has been jointly funded by Barnsley Council and the ERDF.



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Tour de France

Comes to Barnsley

Bienvenue à Barnsley! The world's greatest cycle race will start in the world's greatest county on 5 and 6 July 2014 and it's our borough's opportunity to welcome the world.

As you will have no doubt seen in the media, Yorkshire is hosting the 2014 Tour de France Grand Départ - the huge and prestigious opening few days of racing - bringing the event to the north of England for the first time.

Stage 2, on Sunday, 6 July, will start in York and pass through Knaresborough, Silsden, Keighley, Haworth, Hebden Bridge, Elland, Huddersfield, Holmfirth and Barnsley's Langsett area, to finish in Sheffield.

The tour will travel through an 8.1 mile /13km stretch of the Langsett area of the borough approximately between 5pm and 6pm. Information regarding the exact timings of the race will be released in spring 2014. Before entering Barnsley the race will travel along the A6024 Woodhead Pass and Peak District area. It will leave the borough via Midhopton.





This will be a major event for Barnsley and a huge economic boost with millions of fans lining Yorkshire roadsides to cheer on the champions. It's a fantastic opportunity for Barnsley residents to watch one of the world's largest sporting events: 98 percent of Yorkshire's population will be within an hour of the route. A full route map is available at <http://letour.yorkshire.com/the-route> but we've also prepared some more precise maps for Barnsley, available with FAQs and factsheets on camping, business opportunities, holding street parties and car parking, on a dedicated page of visit-barnsley.com

Full road closures will be in operation when the race takes place and a full list of those affected areas will be communicated as soon as they have been confirmed by the Highways Agency in March 2014.

Keep an eye on the council's Facebook and Twitter pages as well as www.visit-barnsley.com/tour-de-france for updates.

You can also sign up for monthly regional updates from Welcome to Yorkshire by visiting <http://letour.yorkshire.com/email-updates>

Legacy

We want to maximise the opportunities that the Tour de France coming to Barnsley will bring, by encouraging more people to visit the borough and make return visits. We are also inviting cyclists to come and ride the route.

There are also a number of initiatives planned for individuals who want to take part in cycling. This ranges from family events to more experienced cyclists wanting a bit of company on a ride, or who may want to introduce a bit of competition into their cycling.

We have made links with local cycling clubs in Barnsley and are working in partnership with them to develop initiatives suitable for everyone – from complete beginners to those who are semi-professional.

Clubs include Birdwell Wheelers - www.birdwellwheelers.org
Barnsley Road Club www.barnsleyroadclub.org.uk
Brampton BMX Club - racingbmxdh@hotmail.co.uk

Cycling clubs or any groups delivering cycling events are also encouraged to sign up to www.yoursportyourtown.com. This site is also great for people who want to participate in events as you can see what's happening in your area.

It is hoped that one of the legacy themes will be an improvement in people's health. Why not get in the Tour de France spirit and try Studio Cycling with Barnsley Premier Leisure? There are various studio-based cycle classes with motivational music and movements. They are designed to burn calories and improve cardiovascular fitness and are a good alternative to outdoor cycling on those wet wintry nights. Visit www.bpl.org.uk for venues and times.



If you have any ideas about what you would like to see happen in Barnsley to enable you to get on your bike please contact Alison Millbourn – alisonmillbourn@barnsley.gov.uk
For general enquiries email: tourdefrance@barnsley.gov.uk

Time to have your say

on our Local Plan

The council is preparing a Local Plan. This will set out the economic aspirations for Barnsley and how the borough will be developed over the next 15 years to achieve these aspirations.

The Local Plan will be the statutory development plan for Barnsley, allocating sites for development and used to make decisions on planning applications. The timescale for preparing the Local Plan will be

- Consultation on the draft document, June/July 2014
- Consultation on the publication version, November/December 2014
- Submission, April 2015
- Examination in public, July 2015
 - Adoption, November 2015.

Underpinning the emerging Local Plan will be a series of reports to provide evidence, one of which we have recently consulted on, which reviews the potential land supply in the borough to make sure there is enough to accommodate the number of new homes needed.

This report is known as the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA).

The SHLAA gives an assessment for all pieces of land that Barnsley Council has been asked to consider for housing, many of which have been put forward by landowners or developers. Currently in draft form, the SHLAA indicates that potentially Barnsley needs green belt land for around 3,300 houses. Approximately 77 percent (25,600 hectares) of the borough is currently green belt, therefore 3,300 homes roughly equates to 130ha or approximately 0.5 percent of the total green belt.

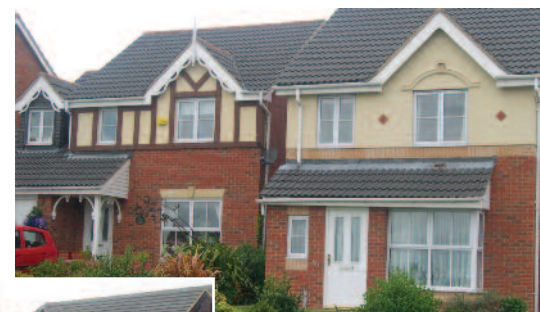
However, it is important to understand that the SHLAA is not a statement of council policy – it will not have any bearing on how planning applications are decided, and does not allocate sites.

In line with national policy, sites for new housing will be allocated through the finalised Local Plan, following further public consultation and examination by an independent planning inspector.

You can view all the SHLAA documents at the council's consultation portal: <http://consult.barnsley.gov.uk/portal> To register your details select 'Planning' as the subject you are interested in.

And as shown in the timetable above, there are two further opportunities for members of the public to comment on Barnsley's emerging Local Plan. The next will be in June/July 2014 at the draft stage, and then on the publication version in November/December 2014 – which Barnsley Council will submit afterwards to the Planning Inspectorate.

You may have commented previously - for example on the Core Strategy or the Development Sites and Places document. These were called Local Development Framework (LDF) documents.



Following changes in national planning policy we are moving away from the term LDF and are preparing one document – the Local Plan. This will contain proposed changes to parts of the Core Strategy and proposed policies and site allocations.

For further information about Barnsley's Local Plan please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01226 772606.

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 **Local Plan**



Barnsley learners set to thrive and achieve

Fulfilling people's potential and raising achievement are among the top priorities for Barnsley Council and its partners over the next few years.

Ensuring that children and adults have the right skills and qualifications needed to access training and employment opportunities will be vital for the future of the borough.

For its part, the council has committed to giving greater emphasis and resources to this priority in its corporate plan in order to make the greatest impact and difference overall.

Already, there are clear signs of improvement and positive change in the borough, in terms of young people's academic success and the resources being put in place to facilitate learning.

Compared with national figures, examination results from 2013 show improvement, with evidence the gap is closing when comparing learning outcomes in Barnsley with those elsewhere.

2013 results in brief

- more than 50 percent of pupils in Barnsley attained 5 A* to C grades including English and mathematics,
- students achieving a GCSE in English at grade C or above rose by almost 3 percent to 57.1 percent,
- students achieving a GCSE in mathematics at grade C or above rose by just over 4% to 60.1 percent.

The council has put in place plans for further improvement in learning outcomes. These include accelerating the rate of progress to raise attainment in English, mathematics and science in secondary schools, and in mathematics, reading and writing in primary schools.

As students' levels of attainment continue to improve, Barnsley College has brought forward plans for a new sixth form college that would provide an inspirational learning environment and promote pathways to university and higher-level apprenticeships.



Artists impression Bond Bryan Architects

Intended for completion by summer 2015, the £17 million sixth form building would support Barnsley's aim of creating more jobs for its citizens and developing an aspirational culture among young people.

The preferred site for the new sixth form would be on the site of the current central library which would be relocated. The sixth form college could potentially bring £7.7 million into the local economy while increasing the number of A-Level students in the town centre from 850 to 1,150.



All change, all open

We asked you what you wanted from your local library, and your feedback has helped us to plan for the future of the service.

These days a library isn't just somewhere you go to borrow a book. There are a range of activities and support available from job clubs to reading groups, children's activities to local history, learning, and to access free internet.

Some residents have been concerned that Barnsley's libraries may be shut down as a result of the savings that have to be made, but this is not the case. The library service will not only remain open but it will provide what you asked for.

89.5% of people consulted say the library is important or very important to them.

Opening hours will only be reduced by 3.4% in total.

There are 17 libraries, one mobile library and a home library service with online access.



Proposed Opening times

Central

Monday 9.30am-7pm
Tuesday 9.30am-5.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am-7pm
Thursday 9.30am-5.30pm
Friday 9.30am-5.30pm
Saturday 9.30am-4pm

Goldthorpe

Monday 9.30am-5pm
Tuesday 9.30am-5pm
Wednesday 9.30am-5pm
Thursday 9.30am-7pm
Friday 9.30am-5pm
Saturday 9.30am-12pm



The Library Network

The new way of working will see all of Barnsley's libraries functioning as a modern, interactive network of learning, information and support.

You will see more self-serve terminals, better use of the books we have and the introduction of e-books. We will be modernising our IT equipment for the public, based on your ideas of what you would like to see. You should see other organisations using your libraries to provide additional advice and support, for example helping people with CVs and job applications.

You will also see more volunteering opportunities, work placements and apprenticeships on offer. These can be for people who want to spend their free time immersed in literature or to get a step up the employment ladder.

How will this work?

The entire service will be split into three types of library - Community Library, Neighbourhood Library and Library Links.

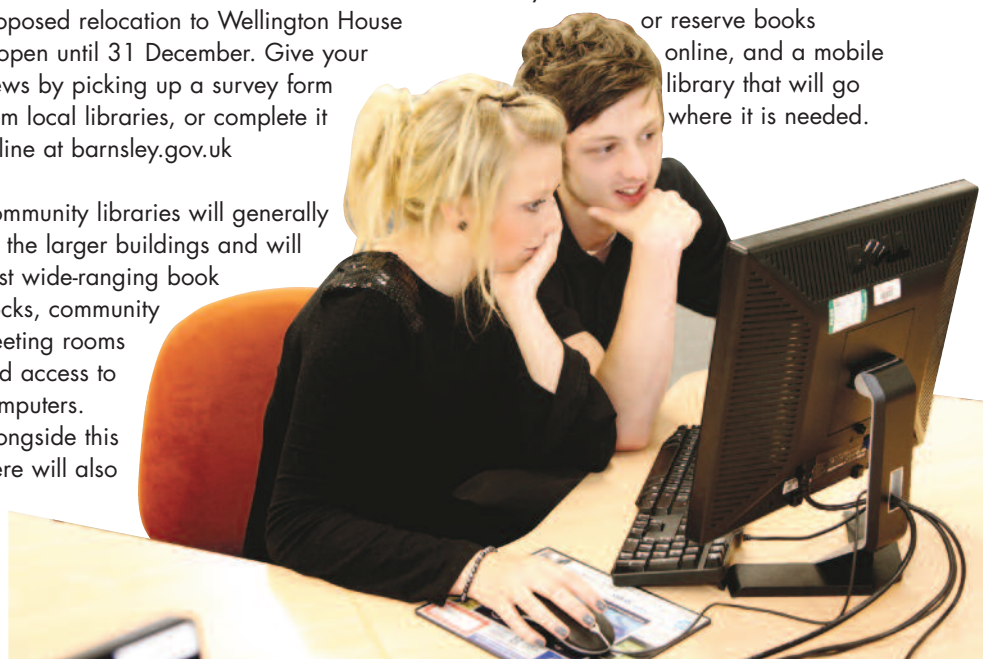
It is proposed that Central Library will move to Wellington Street temporarily as a new long-term location is considered. This would make way for a modern sixth form to be built, and would provide the opportunity for the Central Library to be modernised. Consultation on the proposed relocation to Wellington House is open until 31 December. Give your views by picking up a survey form from local libraries, or complete it online at barnsley.gov.uk

Community libraries will generally be the larger buildings and will host wide-ranging book stocks, community meeting rooms and access to computers. Alongside this there will also

be services such as job clubs, health and wellbeing classes and computer training.

Neighbourhood libraries will have a smaller book stock, a programme of events for children and young people and access to computers.

The Library Links service will be the combination of the mobile library outreach work and the 24/7 service. To put it simply there is an online branch that anyone can access to read e-books or reserve books online, and a mobile library that will go where it is needed.



Hoyland

Monday 9am-7pm
Tuesday 9am-5pm
Wednesday 9am-5pm
Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 9am-12.30pm

Mapplewell and Staincross

Monday 9am-5pm
Tuesday 9am-7pm
Wednesday 9am-5pm
Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm

Wombwell

Monday 9.30am-5pm
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Thursday 9.30am-7pm
Friday 9.30am-5pm
Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm

*For the opening times of neighbourhood libraries and all other information go to Barnsley.gov.uk/libraries

 [Facebook.com/BarnsleyLibraries](https://www.facebook.com/BarnsleyLibraries)
 [@BarnsleyLibs](https://twitter.com/BarnsleyLibs)

What's on

To book your place or for more information contact the individual venues.



The Civic

Box office and enquiries: 01226 327000
enquiries@barnsleycivic.co.uk
www.barnsleycivic.co.uk

Wednesday 15 January to Friday 28 February **8th British International Mini Print Exhibition** Touring exhibition comprising approximately 200 small prints selected by open competition from over 1,000 international entries. Free admission

Thursday 23 January 7:30pm **Ian McMillan's Gruff Guide to Lost and Forgotten Writers** The evening is centred around the classic novel All About H. Hatter, by G.V. Desani. £12, concessions £10

Friday 24 January 8pm **The Hut People** A musical trip across the globe using a unique blend of world-folk music led by a driving accordion and a dazzling array of exotic percussion. £12, concessions £10



Saturday 25 January 8pm **Toby Foster's Last Laugh Comedy Club** Featuring **Richard Morton** and **Gary Delaney**. £12

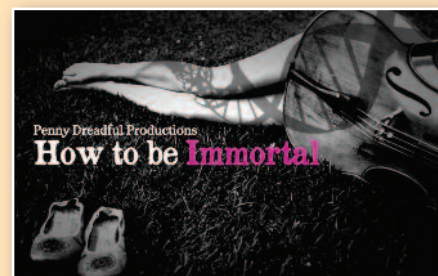
Friday 31 January 7:30pm **We Will Be Free!** The true story of George and Betsy Loveless and the Dorset farm labourers who, in 1834, were convicted and transported to Australia and Tasmania by an oppressive government for forming a Trade Union. £12, concessions £10

Saturday 1 February to Friday 28 February **Iain Nicholls** Local artist who completed the paintings on display in this exhibition as part of a collaborative project with fellow Darfield resident Ian McMillan. Free admission

Sunday 2 February and Monday 3 February 1pm, and 3pm (Sunday); 10am, and 1:30pm (Monday) **Tomten** Viktor Rydberg's well-loved poem is brought to life in a new puppetry show. £7, concessions £6 children: £5

Saturday 22 February 11am to 3pm **The Art of Monoprinting** Opportunity to explore this versatile printmaking process and create one-off prints. Booking essential. £10

Saturday 8 February 8pm **Kit Downes Quintet** One of the most brilliant jazz pianists of his generation. £12, concessions £10



Wednesday 12 February 7:30pm **How to Be Immortal** Original new play following three different stories about what death does to us, and the weird and sometimes wonderful ways we try to hold onto the people we've lost. £12, concessions £10

Sunday 16 February 2:30pm **Isabel's Well** A journey into a child's imagination where anything is possible. £7, concessions £6 children: £5

Wednesday 19 February 7:30pm **Unmythable** Heroes, monsters and randy gods go head-to-head in a hilarious and unforgettable journey through the greatest stories ever told. £12, concessions £10

Thursday 20 February 8pm **Kathryn Roberts, and Sean Lakeman** The Dartmoor-based couple return to the fray to perform tracks from one of the most eagerly-awaited, modern folk albums of the year. £14, concessions £12

Tuesday 25 February 2:30pm **Mary Poppins (1964)** An extraordinary English nanny blows in on the east wind with her parrot-head umbrella and magic carpetbag. £5, children £3



Wednesday 26 February 10:30am to 12:30pm, and 1pm to 3pm **Printing without a Press** Explore various printmaking techniques including relief, mono and sponge. Booking essential. £5

Thursday 27 February 7:30pm **Tour D'Horizon** The fascinating story of one man who has lived in isolation for decades on the coast of Brittany. £10, concessions £8

Saturday 1 March 8pm **Patrick Monahan: Cake Charmer** The loveable Teessider is a regular MC and headlining act at the top London and UK comedy clubs. £13

Sunday 2 March 2:30pm **Tea Time** A wonderfully silly and colourful celebration of meal times in words, song, music and dance, inspired by the games we all play around the kitchen table. £7, concessions £6 children: £5

Friday 7 March to Thursday 3 May **Sacha Ferrier** Barnsley-based Sacha Ferrier opens up a

pathway into a world of emotion and understanding. Free admission

Friday 7 March to Friday 18 April **Cultural Ties** A celebration where 77 artists from around the world design neck ties. Free admission

Saturday 8 March 7:30pm **Lustrum Aftermath** A rare opportunity for 15 national, and regional dance artists and five musicians to join forces to devise, create and professionally showcase five new dance works in just five days. £8

Thursday 13 March 7:30pm **Nosferatu** The dark and mysterious tale of the sailors in Bram Stoker's novel, Dracula, as they journey from Varna to Whitby with an unknown cargo. £12, concessions £10

Saturday 15 March 7:30pm **Julie Madly Deeply** Charming yet cheeky cabaret about Julie Andrews, with award-winning singer Sarah-Louise Young. £12, concessions £10

Sunday 16 March 2:30pm **The Sorcerer's Apprentice** Bewitching tale filled with mystery and enchantment, puppets, mime and a dash of real magic. £7, concessions £6 children: £5

Tuesday 18 March 7:30pm **Some Like It Hot (1959)** When two musicians witness a mob hit, they flee the state in an all-female band disguised as women. £5

Saturday 22 March 2pm **Artist-Led Talk with Sacha Ferrier** Talk about Sacha's work and the influences surrounding the making of it. £5

Saturday 22 March 7:30pm **Hammer, and Tongs** A very human comedy – physical, funny, absurd, musical, moving, and absolutely bloody-minded. £12, concessions £10



Tuesday 25 March 12:15pm, 2pm, and 4pm **Three Little Pigs** Perfect opportunity to introduce your little ones to the magic of live ballet, music and theatre. £5

Wednesday 26 March 7:30pm **Othello** A tempestuous journey from scandal and intrigue to lust and vengeance. £13, concessions £11



Saturday 29 March 7:30pm **Daniel Bye: How to Occupy an Oil Rig** Funny, surprising and just a little bit upsetting, this is for everyone who ever wanted to change anything. £12, concessions £10

Wentworth Castle Gardens and Stainborough Park

01226 776040
www.wentworthcastle.org



Sunday 5 January **Geocaching**

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 February **Crafts at the Conservatory**

Thursday 27 February **Garden Explorers**

Friday 28 February **Garden Craft Activities**

Monday 24 to Wednesday 26 February **Drop in craft sessions**

Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 March **Make it for Mum** Cards and flowers



Cooper Gallery

01226 242905
coopergallery@barnsley.gov.uk

Saturday 11 January to Saturday 1 March **Lines of Work by Pennine Artists** 15 unique and individual approaches to the broad theme of "Work" from members of a long standing local organisation for established professional artists and crafts people. Free admission.

Saturday 8 March to 24 May **Bituminous Illuminations** Artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward were inspired to produce works exploring the rich coal seams of the Yorkshire coalfield. Free admission

Saturday 18 January to 31 May. **Dogs in art.** This exhibition looks at the diverse roles dogs have in our lives as seen through paintings in the gallery's permanent collection. Free admission.

Elsecar Heritage Centre

01226 740203
elsecarheritagecentre@barnsley.gov.uk

Sunday 12 January, 10am to 4pm **Antiques Fair** £1.50, concessions £1

Sunday 19 January, 10am to 4pm **Wedding Fair** Free admission

Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 January **BBR Winter National**

Sunday 9 February 10am to 4pm **Antiques Fair** £1.50, concessions £1

Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 February, 10am to 4pm **Craft Fair** Free admission

Saturday 22 to Friday 28 February **Industry and Innovation** School half-term activities; site tours; Workshops inspired by unique Georgian and Victorian built heritage; drama workshops/playwriting; filming

Sunday 2 March, 10am to 4pm **Craft Fair** Free admission

Sunday 9 March **Antiques Fair**

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 March **Mind Body and Spirit**

Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 March, 10am to 4pm **Craft Fair** Free admission

Worsbrough Mill Museum

01226 774527
worsbroughmill@barnsley.gov.uk

Sunday 26 January, 11am to 2.30pm **Milling** Free

Sunday 23 February, 11am to 2.30pm **Milling** Free

Sunday 16 March, 1pm to 3pm, **Hot Bulb Engine Demo** Free

Sunday 30 March, 11am to 2.30pm **Milling** Free



01226 200075
enquiries@barnsleylamproom.com

Thursday 23 January, 7.30pm **An Evening with John Hendrie and Darren Sheridan** An evening of insight, comedy and brilliant Reds memories. £11, concessions £10



Saturday 25 January, 2.30pm
and 7.30pm **The Best of
Broadway** Featuring a cast of
local and national singers and
dancers. £12

Saturday 1 February at
7.30pm **The John Reilly Band**
Frontman of 'Boy on a
his band to Barnsley. £11

Friday 7 February, 7.30pm **An Evening with Steve Womack** Comedian, singer/songwriter and raconteur. £11

Saturday 8
February, 7.30pm
Comedysportz A
fast-paced improv
comedy show
where two teams
battle it out for the
biggest laughs. £8



Sunday 9
February, 7.30pm **Paul
Daniels - The First
Farewell Tour** Brand new
show where he will perform
a selection of his favourite
magic and a number of
new tricks never performed
in public before. £17.50

Thursday 13 February,
7.30 pm **The World's
Worst Serial Killers**
Retired Murder Squad

Detective Trevor Marriott returns to reveal the true stories behind some of the world's worst serial killers. £11, concessions £10

Monday 24 February to Saturday 1 March,
7.30 pm **God's Official** A dodgy refereeing
decision leads to the kidnap of the referee.
£11, concessions £10



Thursday 6 March, 7.30pm **An Evening with
Martyn Moxon and Jason Gillespie**
Featuring two legends of cricket. £11

Friday 7 March,
7.30pm **The
Lindisfarne Story**
Original band
members Billy
Mitchell and Ray
Laidlaw perform
a celebration of
Tyneside's best-
loved band for
over thirty years.
£14, concessions



Saturday 8 March, 7.30pm **An adult evening with Billy Pearce** Ever-popular comedian returns with his adult show. £15

Sunday 9 March, 1.30pm and 4.30pm **Re-Act** Students from The Pauline Quirke Academy perform their showcase in aid of The Teenage Cancer Trust. £7, concessions £5


Saturday 15 March, 2.15pm and 7.15pm **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz** Cat Academy bring this ever-popular production to life. £10.50

Monday 17 March, 7.30pm
Roisin Ban Celebrate St Patrick's Day in style with traditional Irish concert band. £12, concessions £10



Wednesday 19 March, 7.30pm
An Evening with Carl Wilde The flamboyant florist entertains with displays for Easter and Mothering Sunday. £11

Thursday 20 March, 7.30pm **An Evening with Mick Wadsworth** One of Barnsley's most experienced football coaches will share his tales of the beautiful game. £12

Friday 21 March, 7.30pm **Formby** A unique one-man show following George Formby's rise from stable boy to Britain's brightest star.  £14, concessions £13

Saturday 22 March, 7.30 pm The Coalfield Cowboy An evening of mass country and western music and home-grown comedy. £10

Monday 24 to Saturday 29 March,
1.30pm and 7.30pm – **The Barnsley Schools
and South Yorkshire Youth Drama Festival**
Diverse showcase of young talent within the
area. £7. students £4

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experiencebarnsley@barnsley.gov.uk

Wednesday 8 January, 22 January, 5 February, 5 March and 26 March, 9.30am to 10am **Introductions to the Discovery Centre**
Join a member of the Archives team to find out how to use the centre and about the thousands of resources spanning 1,000 years, which are available to undertake research into your family, house or your local area.

Wednesday 15 January and Wednesday 19 March, 10am to 4pm **Family History Surgeries** Are you a beginner to family history? Book a free 30-minute session with a member of the Archives team to gain one-to-one advice on how to start your research. A limited number of sessions are available.


Friday, 14 February, 12pm to 1pm **Barnsley in film** Come and enjoy film footage of Barnsley in days gone by. Call to book a free place.

Sunday 23 February, 10am to 3pm **Barnsley History Day** Join us in the town hall with stalls and displays from over 40 local heritage groups and organisations, along with entertainment, activities and talks, there really is something for everyone. Free.



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Saturday 11 January to Sunday 23 February
Terry Brookes A life long dream of the merger
 between Barnsley,
 music and pop art.
 Free admission.



Monday 3 March to
Sunday 1 June **Coal
not Dole: Women
Against Pit Closures**

Explore the miners' strike of 1984/85 through the story of the women in Barnsley who formed their own powerful group to support the striking miners and their families. Free admission.

Saturday 8 March International Women's Day event Join us at Barnsley Town Hall to celebrate International Women's Day with a range of inspirational speakers. Free admission.

Saturday 15 March, 12pm to 1pm **Black Diamonds** Special showing of the iconic 1930s mining film. Call 01226 773950 to book a free place.



Win a year's gym membership

If you're thinking about a healthy new start for 2014, you can win a year's gym membership with our partner, Barnsley Premier Leisure. All you need to do is answer a few questions to let us know your thoughts about this magazine.

1. How often do you receive *open door* magazine?

- ☐ Every 3 months
☐ Every 6 months
☐ Once a year

2. From which, if any, of the following sources do you currently find information about Barnsley Council?
Please cross [X] as many boxes as apply

- ☐ *open door* magazine
☐ Open Mail
☐ Barnsley Council website
☐ Leaflets
☐ Posters
☐ Libraries
☐ Barnsley Chronicle
☐ TV
☐ National newspapers.....
☐ Radio
☐ Facebook
☐ Twitter
☐ Friends / relatives
☐ Other

(Please cross and write in the box below)

3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about *open door* magazine? Please cross [X] one box per row

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree Strongly	Don't know
It is useful	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It has an appealing design and style	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It tells me what I need to know about the council and its services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Which parts of *open door* do you find useful? Please cross [X] one box per row

	Very useful	useful	not useful	don't know
Councillor contacts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Service information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stories about local people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Which article from this edition of *open door* have you found most useful?

6. Which article from this edition of *open door* have you found most interesting?

7. Are there any articles that aren't interesting or useful to you?
If yes, which articles are these?

8. Is there anything you'd like to see in *open door* that's not already included?
If yes, what would you like to see?

Your name and contact details (include your post code) (We'll only contact you if you have won)

The competition closes on 31 December 2013. The winner will be notified on Thursday 2 January. Please fill in this questionnaire and return to Barnsley Council, Corporate Communications, PO Box 634, Barnsley S70 9GG
You can fill in the survey online at
<http://consult.barnsley.gov.uk/public/corporate/comms/od20131201>



Do you organise activities for children and young people?

If you or anyone you know are involved in organising activities and clubs for children and young people or would be interested in developing a local service but require some support to do so, then please contact a member of the Open Access Service.

The Open Access Service, as part of Barnsley Council's Integrated Youth Support Service provides free information, advice, guidance and start up support for groups wanting to establish new activities, as well as a range of other opportunities that could benefit your organisation such as:

- Advertising opportunities on our web pages that publicise what is available locally for children and young people
- Inclusion in our promotional events through newsletters and brochures.

Your information will be circulated to practitioners, schools, local libraries and other providers.

For further information please contact Nicky Bloodworth on 01226 773256 or email: nickybloodworth@barnsley.gov.uk

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WANT TO MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR?

Barnsley's councillors hold regular advice sessions or 'surgeries'. These sessions give you the chance to raise any problems or discuss issues with them. If you want to find out when your councillor is next holding an advice session - ring: **01226 787890**

Or go online at www.barnsley.gov.uk | Or visit any Barnsley Connects office

Need to contact **the council?**

Remember, our website at **www.barnsley.gov.uk** is available all day, every day, and has plenty of information about our services. It also allows you to report, pay or apply online. We are currently updating the content of our pages, making it even easier for you to use.

If you prefer to phone, here are some numbers you may find useful.

Call us about anything to do with roads, pavements and car parks on **01226 773555**.

For a visit from Pest Control, call **01226 772050**.

Struggling to pay? Call our council tax helpline on **01226 774774**, the housing benefit helpline on **01226 774743**, or get some free financial advice from Welfare Rights on **01226 772360**.

Got a planning enquiry? Call **01226 772000**.

Got an enquiry about education or schools? Call **01226 773500**.

Have a disability and need a bus pass or a blue badge for your car? Call **01226 775656**.

To make an appointment at one of our offices, call **01226 787896**.

To report dog fouling, noise, abandoned vehicles or fly tipping, call **01226 772468**.

Call **01226 772045** for information about household bin collections, recycling, or our waste recycling centres. For commercial waste services, call **01226 772050**.

Council housing: Call **01226 787878** for repairs or **01226 775555** for general enquiries.

Call **01226 774200** at any time to report faults with street lighting.

Seen graffiti, litter, flyposting or some council land that needs a clean up? Call Neighbourhood Pride on **01226 775656**.

Worried about someone's welfare? Call child protection/children's social care on **01226 438831**, or for adults, call **01226 775656**.

Other useful numbers:

Building Control
01226 772678

Consumer Direct and Trading Standards
08454 040506

Crematorium and cemeteries
01226 206053

Families Information Service
0800 0345340

Registrars
01226 773085

Safer Neighbourhood Teams
101

Social services and homelessness
emergency line
08449 841800

Can't find what you need?

Call us on
01226 770770

A full list of numbers is available in previous editions of open door or on the council's website.

Make sure your **voice is counted**

If you've not returned your electoral registration form you need to do so soon, so you don't lose your right to vote.

You should by now have received your electoral registration form through the post. It's vital that you check the form is up-to-date and return it to us in order to take part in next year's elections, including European Parliament elections on Thursday 22 May.

Registering to vote is quick and simple. All you need to do is update the form with the details of everyone aged 16 or over who lives in your household and return it to Electoral Services. If the

information about your household is the same you can let us know by calling 0800 197 9859, texting your security code on your form to 80212 or by visiting www.registerbyinternet.com/Barnsley

Why should I return my form?

If you don't return your form, your name won't appear on the register and you will not be able to vote.

You will also find it difficult when applying for mortgages or credit if you are not on the register, as credit reference agencies use it to check the addresses of applicants.

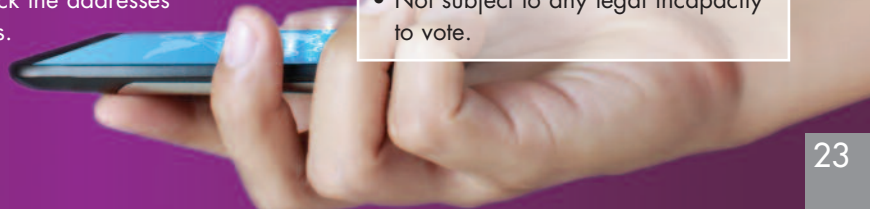


It's also an offence to fail to return the form, which could lead to a fine of up to £1,000. If you've not received your form please contact the Elections helpline on 01226 773070.

Who can vote?

To register to vote you must be:

- 16 or over – you can register at 16 and vote at 18.
- Resident in the UK.
- A British citizen or qualifying Commonwealth, Republic of Ireland or other European Union citizens.
- Not subject to any legal incapacity to vote.



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