

SCHEDULE OF POLLING STATIONS WITH RETURNING OFFICER'S COMMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED - 2013

(References to turnout relate to 2013 County Council elections)

(Shaded columns show stations which RO recommends for detailed consideration)

<i>District Ward</i>	<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Returning Officer's Proposals</i>	<i>Representations</i>
Ashurst, Copythorne South & Netley Marsh	AC	1727	Colbury Memorial Hall (Colbury Room), Main Road	No change	
	CS	1283	Copythorne Parish Hall, Pollards Moor Road, Copythorne	No change	
	NA	331	Calmore Village Hall, Paultetts Lane, Calmore	Consider retention - little used - turnout 44 voters (13%) (District average 26%)	<p>Clr Tipp - I have seen the statistics for Calmore Village Hall polling station and can only conclude that it is very poorly used. In that area the properties are very widely spread out and so most voters would be likely to come by car. Parking is not good, though with such low usage I cannot see that being a big factor. Looking at the alternatives, the next nearest polling station in the ward would be Copythorne Parish Hall which is quite a bit further away. If we are concerned at turnout (which we certainly should be, at 15%) then making voters go further to vote is likely to make matters worse. Is it possible to use Calmore Community Hall, even though it is not in the same ward? If not then what else can we do? I suspect that there is a higher proportion of elderly voters, so a postal vote might be a better option. Could we invite them to apply for a postal vote and tell them that their polling station is to be closed due to lack of use?</p> <p>Netley Marsh Parish Council - Council believe there is a strong case for keep Calmore polling station open.</p> <p>Looking at the full statistics for the four stations identified as being under consultation, Calmore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • serves the highest number of electors - 331, as opposed to 146, 152 and 175 respectively. • had the highest number of voters voting at the last election - 44, compared with 41, 34 and 34 respectively, and • although the percentage turnout is actually the lowest, • at £11.26 per voter, it is not the most expensive, coming third in the group of four after Bransgore & Burley (£13.95), and Ringwood South (£13.75). <p>Netley Marsh Parish Council feels that this is a significant number of voters who have a democratic right to expect a polling station to be made available to them in their area. Council would also point out that the turnout in a national government election is likely to be higher than that for a local election.</p> <p>Based on this the Parish Council recommend that the Calmore polling station remain in use until after the the next general elections. Naturally if figures are produced post the next general election the Council would reconsider the situation at that time.</p>

	NB	1408	Netley Marsh Community Hall, Woodlands Road	No change	
Barton	NC	2503	Barton-on-Sea Methodist, Church Hall, Cliffe Road	No change	
	ND	2392	Barton-on-Sea Methodist, Church Hall, Cliffe Road	No change	
Bashley	NF	1128	St Johns Church Hall, St Johns Road, Bashley	No change	
	NG	1189	New Milton District Guide H.Q., Lake Grove Road	No change	
Becton	NL	2399	St Peters Church Hall, Ashley Common Road, Ashley	No change	
	NM	1802	Sea Scouts Hall, Becton Lane, New Milton	No change	New Milton Town Council - Our only comment relates to the polling station at Long Meadow in Barton-on-Sea with a request that the pathway to the Scout Hut be tarmacked to assist with access to that voting station.
Boldre & Sway	BC, BD	1586	Boldre War Memorial Hall, Pilley Street, Pilley	No change	Cllr Wise - this polling station works very well and should be continued.
	SW	1362	Sway Youth Centre, Station Road, Sway	No change	
	SX	1553	Sway Youth Centre, Station Road, Sway	No change	
Bramshaw, Copythorne North & Minstead	BE	440	Bramshaw Village Hall (Community Room), Bramshaw	No change	
	BF	152	Valetta Barn, Fritham	Changes appear to have been well received. Low numeric turnout (41 voters), but 27% (District average 26%).	Cllr Andrews - Valetta Barn is a good venue. I imagine it would be primarily used by those living in Fritham only. However Bramshaw village Hall is not all that far away from Fritham and could be used instead if cost was an issue. As next election will be an important one, and possibly interest more voters, perhaps the venue could be retained for 2015 and the numbers using it be re assessed afterwards?
	CN	992	Copythorne Parish Hall, Pollards Moor Road, Copythorne	No change	
	MN	609	Minstead Hall, Minstead, Lyndhurst	No change	

Bransgore & Burley	BG	146	The Reading Room, Junction of A35 and B3055, Behind War Memorial	Low numeric turnout continues (34 voters), 23% (District average 26%). Comments invited.	
	BH	1632	Bransgore Village Hall, 116 Burley Road, Bransgore	No change	
	BI	264	Thorneyhill Community Centre, Burley Road, Bransgore	Low numeric turnout (60 voters) but 23%. Comments invited.	
	BJ	1465	Bransgore Village Hall (Small Hall), 116 Burley Road, Bransgore	No change	
	BU	1137	Burley Village Hall, Pound Lane, Burley	No change	
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Brockenhurst & Forest South East	BA, DL, DM, DN + EX (total 1109)	1109	Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall, The Rectory, Beaulieu	Change appears to have been well received.	<p>Cllr Vickers - In my time on the Council we have closed the Polling Station at the Bold Forester (used by Denny Lodge) and Exbury). They have all been redirected to Beaulieu, which now serves 3 Parishes.</p> <p>I therefore believe it would be unreasonable, given the distances in these parishes, to close the Beaulieu Polling station.</p>
	BK	1637	Brockenhurst Village Hall (Onyx Room), Highwood Road, Brockenhurst	No change	
	BL	1141	Brockenhurst Village Hall (Onyx Room), Highwood Road, Brockenhurst	No change	
	BM	117	St Johns Church Hall, St Johns Road, Bashley	Changes appear to have been well received. No change.	
	EB	712	The Old School Room, School Fields, Main Road	No change	
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Buckland	LA, LB	2746	Lymington Town Hall, Council Chamber, Avenue	No change	
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Butts Ash & Dibden Purlieu	HN	1497	Wildground Junior School, Armitage Avenue, Dibden Purlieu	No change	
	HO	1703	St Anne`s Neighbourhood Centre, Warrys Close, Hythe	No change	
	HP	1965	St Andrew's Centre (Main Hall), Beaulieu Road, Dibden Purlieu	No change	
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Dibden & Hythe East	HG	1706	Clayfields Sports Centre, Claypits Lane, Dibden	No change	
	HH	1529	Clayfields Sports Centre, Claypits Lane, Dibden	No change	
	HI	1378	Hythe & Dibden Community Centre, Brinton Lane	No change	
Downlands & Forest					
	BR	304	Hulse Hall, Salisbury Road, Breamore	No change	
	DA	434	Damerham Village Hall, Function Room, West Park Lane	No change	
	HA	467	Hale Village Hall, Hatchett Green, Hale	No change	
	MR	347	Blandford Hall, Martin	Not fully accessible but not easy to resolve. No complaints received	CLr E Heron - Whilst the accessibility issues of the polling station are acknowledged, this has not proven to be a problem in the past due to the excellent assistance provided by polling station staff. No suitable alternative venue is available within the ward. A number of less mobile electors have opted to use postal votes.
	RK	261	Rockbourne Village Hall, Rockbourne	No change	
	WH	173	Whitsbury Village Hall, Fordingbridge Road, Whitsbury	No change	
	WO	441	Woodgreen Village Hall, Hale Road, Woodgreen	No change	

Fawley, Blackfield & Langley	FA	321	St Georges Centre, Tristan Close, Calshot	Comments invited on need for retention. Administrative problems regularly encountered with bookings, keys, etc. Premises had to be cleaned by Presiding Officer before last election. Anti-social behaviour in the vicinity has led to Police having to be called on two occasions. No alternatives have been identified. Turnout 75 voters (23%)(District average 26%)	Fawley Parish Council - do not feel St Georges Centre offers value for money, voters to be encouraged to use postal voting or additionally the Parish Council would offer the use of their Community Bus taking voters to Fawley or Blackfield. Cllr Alexis McEvoy: Was content to leave polling stations as they were. However, if it is acceptable to close the polling station at Calshot, I consider that the best option. Any Calshot residents voting in person could do so at Jubilee Hall at Fawley and thus be included in the FB register. Cllr Bob Wappet: Agree that the polling station should be closed and that the voters should be transferred to FB Jubilee Hall
	FB	1248	Jubilee Hall, The Square, Fawley	No change	
	FC	1516	Blackfield Baptist Church Hall, Hampton Lane, Blackfield	No change	
	FD	1828	St Francis Church Hall, West Common, Langley	No change	
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Fernhill	NH, NI	2002	Nedderman Centre, Marryat Road, New Milton	No change	
	NJ	1463	Fernmount Centre, Forest Pines, New Milton	No change	
	NK	1504	Fernmount Centre, Forest Pines, New Milton	No change	
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Fordingbridge	FO	2482	Fordingbridge Town Hall, 63 High Street, Fordingbridge	No change	
	FP	2458	Fordingbridge Town Hall, 63 High Street, Fordingbridge	No change	
	SA	502	Sandleheath Methodist Church Hall, Alderholt Road	No change	
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Forest North West	EH	945	Ibsley Village Hall, Gorley Road, Mockbeggar	No change	
	GO	411	Godshill Village Hall, Woodgreen Road, Godshill	No change	
	HY	790	Hyde Memorial Hall, Main Hall, Blissford Hill	No change	
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Furzedown & Hardley	FI	1125	Waterside Theatre, Waterside Sports & Social Club Ltd, Long Lane	No change	Electoral Services Officer - alternative room to be used in future rather than the Theatre as disabled access isn't ideal.
	HJ	1556	Fountain Court Hotel, Frost Lane, Hythe	Some accessibility concerns but no alternatives available. Comments invited.	Hythe & Dibden Parish Council - It was suggested that as there is no real alternative location consideration could be given to the use of a marquee or caravan/trailer in the car park.
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Holbury & North Blackfield	FE	1102	Blackfield Baptist Church Hall, Hampton Lane, Blackfield	No change	
	FF	1781	The Good Shepherd Church Hall, Roewood Road	No change	
	FG	2282	Waterside Theatre, Waterside Sports & Social Club Ltd, Long Lane	No change	
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Hordle	HB	1453	Hordle Recreation Hall, Vaggs Lane, Hordle	No change	
	HC	257	Brockenhurst Young Farmers Club, Wootton Road, Tiptoe	No change	
	HD	1647	Hordle Recreation Hall, Vaggs Lane, Hordle	No change	
	HE	1254	St Mary's Church Hall, Branwood Close, Everton	No change	
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Hythe West & Langdown	HK1	1253	Waterside Primary School, Ashford Crescent, Hythe	School wishes polling station to be moved. No alternatives identified. Comments invited	Cllr Robinson - I can appreciate why the school would want the polling station to be moved, but unless it could be accommodated in the Children's centre next door, there really is no alternative venue in my opinion. <i>The Electoral Services Officer spoke to the Children's centre but unfortunately they were not keen as they have commitments every Thursday.</i> Hythe & Dibden Parish Council - The Children's Centre should be explored as an alternative site if the Waterside Primary school is unwilling to continue providing the facility.
	HK2	450	The Grove, St Johns Street, Hythe	No change	
	HL	1635	Hythe & Dibden Community Centre, Brinton Lane	No change	
	HM	1675	Hythe & Dibden Community Centre, Brinton Lane	No change	
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Lymington Town	LC	1502	St Thomas Church Hall, St Thomas Street, Lymington	No change	
	LD	1541	All Saints Church Hall, All Saints Road, Lymington	No change	

	LE	2001	Lymington Town Hall, Council Chamber, Avenue Road	No change	
Lyndhurst	LM	1357	Lyndhurst Community Centre (Linden Room), Car Park, Off High Street	No change	
	LN	1058	Lyndhurst Community Centre (Linden Room), Car Park, Off High Street	No change	
Marchwood	MA	2218	Marchwood Village Hall, Village Centre, Marchwood	No change	
	MB	2460	Marchwood Village Hall, Village Centre, Marchwood	No change	
Milford	HF	170	St Mary`s Church Hall, Branwood Close, Everton	No change	Milford-on-Sea Parish Council - content with present arrangements.
	MD	1969	Milford Village Hall, 2 Park Road, Milford on Sea	No change	Ditto
	ME	2206	Milford Church Hall, Church Hill, Milford on Sea	No change	Ditto
Milton	NO	1678	New Milton Memorial Hall, Main Hall, Whitefield Road	No change	
	NP	1841	New Milton Memorial Hall, Main Hall, Whitefield Road	No change	
	NQ	1571	Roman Catholic Church Hall, Cowper Avenue, New Milton	No change	
Pennington	LF	1931	Pennington W I Hall, Lodge Road, Pennington	No change	
	LG	2155	Lymington Health & Leisure Centre, North Street, Pennington	Leisure Centre requests move from Studio 1 to Studio 2. Comments invited	Cllrs Jackman & Kilgour - Elections are less than once a year, I suggest we hold out for Studio One if Studio Two caused such trouble in the past. I think we should stick with the current arrangements, the disruption is in my opinion, minimal, as it is on such an infrequent basis.
	LH	782	Lymington Health & Leisure Centre, North Street, Pennington	Leisure Centre requests move from Studio 1 to Studio 2. Comments invited	Ditto
Ringwood East & Sopley	RH	266	St John The Baptist Church Hall, Linford Road, Poulner	No change	Ringwood Town Council - supported.
	RI	1366	Crowe W I Hall, Crow Lane	No change	Ringwood Town - Council - supported.
	SO	577	Sopley Village Hall, Priest Lane, Sopley	No change	Ringwood Town - Council - supported.
Ringwood North	RA	1731	Community Centre, Poulner Junior School, North Poulner Road	No change	Ringwood Town - Council - supported.

	RB	1514	Community Centre, Poulner Junior School, North Poulner Road	No change	Ringwood Town - Council - supported.
	RC	1674	St John The Baptist Church Hall, Linford Road, Poulner	Change appears to have been well received.	Ringwood Town - Council - supported.
Ringwood South					
	RD	175	Bisterne Village Hall, Bisterne, Ringwood	Low usage continues - 34 voters (19%)(District average 26%). Comments invited.	Cllr J Heron - Falling numbers using Bisterne & the resultant increase in cost makes it difficult to support the provision at this location. Greater accessibility through the provision of postal voting offers a viable alternative to those in more remote locations. I would propose that those registered to vote at Bisterne Village Hall be transferred to Trinity Centre, Ringwood. Ringwood Town Council - Bisterne Village Hall Polling Station should be retained. Closure of Bisterne will require electors to travel too far to cast their votes and this will have a detrimental effect on the democratic process.
	RE	1549	Trinity Centre (Main Hall), Christchurch Road, Ringwood	Changed from Ringwood Public Offices to this venue in November 2012. Change appears to have been well received.	Ringwood Town - Council - supported.
	RF	1941	Trinity Centre (Main Hall), Christchurch Road, Ringwood	Changed from Ringwood Public Offices to this venue in November 2012. Change appears to have been well received.	Ringwood Town - Council - supported.
Totton Central					
	RG	1155	Scout Hall, 88 Eastfield Lane, Ringwood	No change	Ringwood Town - Council - supported.
	TA	2318	Lydlynch Infant School, Main Hall, Lydlynch Road	School would like us to find alternative polling station but none identified. Comments invited	

	TB	2026	West Totton Community Centre, Hazel Farm Road, Totton	No change	
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Totton East	TC	1952	Testwood Baptist Church, Salisbury Road, Totton	No change	
	TD	903	Testwood Baptist Church, Salisbury Road, Totton	No change	
	TE	2153	Totton & Eling Community Centre, Civic Centre, off Salisbury Road	No change	
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Totton North	TG	2620	Calmore Community Centre, Hunter Hall, Calmore Drive	No change	
	TH	2212	Calmore Community Centre, Hunter Hall, Calmore Drive	No change	
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Totton South	TI	1163	Totton Masonic Hall, Lexby Road, Eling	No change	
	TJ	2059	Hounslowdown Community Hall, Hounslowdown Avenue, Hounslowdown	No change	
	TK	1568	Hounslowdown Community Hall, Hounslowdown Avenue, Hounslowdown	No change	
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Totton West	TL	1718	Portacabin at Tottonians Rugby Football Club, Water Lane	Changed to portacabin November 2012. No problems but expensive	
	TM	2239	West Totton Community Centre, Hazel Farm Road, Totton	No change	