

# Local Democracy



This easy read document tells you about local government, different types of elected groups and officers. Including:

- [Nottinghamshire County Council](#)
- [District and borough councils](#)
- [East Midlands Combined County Authority \(and East Midlands Mayor\)](#)
- [Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner](#)
- [Members of Parliament](#)
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## Introduction



Local councils provide public services in a particular area.



They help the people who live in their area by providing services.

There are 3 types of local government in England:



- Two-tier
- Unitary authority
- Combined authority



**Two-tier** means there is one large county council and a group of smaller councils.



The smaller councils are called **district and borough councils**.



The county council does some things for the whole county.



The district and borough councils do other things for their local area.



Everywhere in Nottinghamshire is a **two-tier** area, except for Nottingham City.



**Unitary authority** means there is one council that does everything. Nottingham City Council is a unitary authority.



**Combined authority** means there is more than one council working together to help a bigger area.



Nottinghamshire County Council is part of a **combined authority** called the East Midlands Combined County Authority.

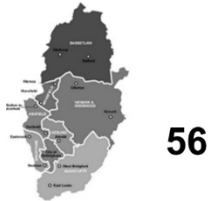
## Nottinghamshire County Council



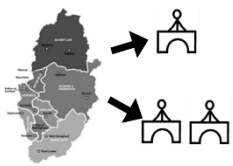
Nottinghamshire County Council does things for the whole of Nottinghamshire but not the City of Nottingham.



Nottinghamshire County Council is run by 66 county councillors.



Each councillor represents a particular area of the county, known as wards, or electoral divisions.



There are 56 wards in Nottinghamshire, and each one will have one or two councillors, depending on its size.

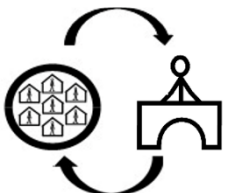
### County Councillors



- use their knowledge and views to help make Council decisions



- represent the interests of the residents in their area



- check the quality of services provided by the County Council



- help local people use County Council services and find information.

They do this by:



- attending full council meetings
- sitting on committees or the Cabinet



- working closely with other agencies that operate in their area



- holding regular surgeries for the public to raise issues or find out information.



The Council operates an Executive Leader and Cabinet model which means that big decisions are taken by the Cabinet and Cabinet Members.

The leader of Nottinghamshire County Council is Councillor Mick Barton.



You can find out who your local councillor is by [using our online form](#).



You will need to know your postcode and house name or number.



The form will tell who your councillor is and also the name of the ward you live in.

Nottinghamshire County Council is responsible for things like:



- Schools and other places for learning
- Libraries



- Transport and roads
- Waste recycling



- Social care for children and adults
- Fostering



- Helping people stay healthy
- Preventing floods



- Keeping people safe from fires and other dangers



- Making sure businesses are fair and follow the law



You can contact Nottinghamshire County Council through its customer services team. They can answer most of your questions and help with information and form filling.

There are several ways to contact them, including:



**Web:** [Use our online contact form](#)



**Telephone:** 0300 500 80 80



**Relay UK**

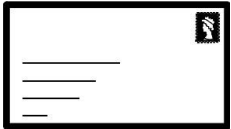
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People who have hearing or speech difficulties and prefer to communicate via text can use the Text Relay service through the [Relay UK app](#).



## Sign Video

People who use British Sign Language to communicate can use [the SignVideo app](#) to speak with us.



## You can also write to the council by

### Post:

Nottinghamshire County Council  
County Hall  
West Bridgford  
Nottingham  
NG2 7QP

## District and borough councils



District and borough councils do things for their local areas.



In Nottinghamshire there are 7 of these councils. To find out which one covers your area you can, [search using your postcode on GOV.UK](#).





### **Ashfield District Council**

Urban Road

Kirkby in Ashfield

Nottingham

NG17 8DA

Email:

[info@ashfield.gov.uk](mailto:info@ashfield.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01623 450 000



### **Bassetlaw District Council**

Queen's Buildings

Potter Street

Worksop

S80 2AH

Email: [customer.services@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@bassetlaw.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01909 533 533



## **Broxtowe Borough Council**

Foster Avenue

Beeston

Nottingham

NG9 1AB

Email: [customerservices@broxtowe.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@broxtowe.gov.uk)

Telephone: 0115 917 7777



## **Gedling Borough Council**

Civic Centre

Arnot Hill Park

Arnold

Nottingham

NG5 6LU

Email:

[enquiries@gedling.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@gedling.gov.uk)

Telephone: 0115 901 3901



## **Mansfield District Council**

Civic Centre

Chesterfield Road South

Mansfield

NG19 7BH

Email:

[mdc@mansfield.gov.uk](mailto:mdc@mansfield.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01623 463463



## **Newark and Sherwood District Council**

Castle House

Great North Road

Newark

NG24 1BY

Email:

[customerservices@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01636 65 00 00



## Rushcliffe Borough Council

Rushcliffe Arena

Rugby Road

West Bridgford

Nottingham

NG2 7YG

Email: [customerservices@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@rushcliffe.gov.uk)

Telephone: 0115 981 9911

District and borough councils are responsible for things like:



- Housing
- Keeping people in the area safe



- Collecting rubbish
- Planning applications.  
This is how people get permission to build something in the area.



- Leisure



- Collecting council tax.  
This is money that people pay towards local services.



- Organising elections so that people can vote for their councillors, MPs and other elected officials.

## Parish and town councils



Parish and town councils are even smaller than the borough and district councils.



These councils do things for villages and other small communities.

Parish and town councils are responsible for things like:



- Community centres and village halls



- Allotments, which are places you can grow your own vegetables



- Play areas and parks



- Burial grounds

Some areas of responsibility are shared by different levels of local government.

## East Midlands Combined County Authority



### The East Midlands Combined County

Authority (EMCCA) is a combined authority.



Nottinghamshire County Council is part of the EMCCA.

The other councils are:



- Nottingham City Council



Derby City Council

- Derby City Council



- Derbyshire County Council



The person in charge of the EMCCA is called the Executive Mayor. The Executive Mayor of the East Midlands is [Claire Ward](#).



Most people living in the area can vote to choose who will be the Executive Mayor.



The EMCCA wants to make the East Midlands the best place to live, to work, and to learn.



They will do this by working with people and groups in local areas.



They are responsible for things including

- Transport
- Housing
- Skills and Adult Education
- Climate Change
- Economic Growth



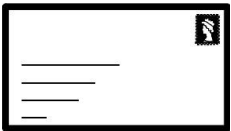


- Visitor Economy

You can contact the East Midlands Combined County Authority, and the Executive Mayor of the East Midlands by:

Post

East Midlands Combined County Authority  
PO Box 8712  
Council House  
Corporation Street  
Derby  
DE1 9UG



Email: [contact@eastmidsdevo.org.uk](mailto:contact@eastmidsdevo.org.uk)



Telephone: 01246 903504

## Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner



The [Police and Crime Commissioner](#) sets the priorities for the local police force.



The Police and Crime Commissioner also:



- Set goals and rules for the police



- Help victims of crime

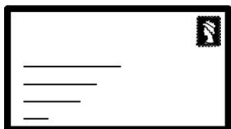


- Makes sure the police are doing their job properly.



The Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner is [Gary Godden](#).

You can contact the Police and Crime Commissioner by:



Post

Joint Headquarters

Sherwood Lodge

Arnold

Nottingham

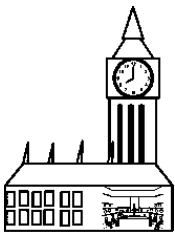
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Email: [officepcc@notts.police.uk](mailto:officepcc@notts.police.uk)

Telephone: 0115 844 5998

## Members of Parliament



Members of Parliament (MPs) are the people who speak up for their areas, called constituencies, in Parliament.



There are 9 MPs in Nottinghamshire.



Another 2 MPs in the City of Nottingham.

The 9 MPs in the county are:



- Ashfield  
[Lee Anderson](#)



- Bassetlaw  
[Jo White](#)



- Broxtowe  
[Juliet Campbell](#)



- Gedling  
[Michael Payne](#)



- Mansfield  
[Steve Yemm](#)



- Newark  
[Robert Jenrick](#)



- Nottingham North and Kimberley  
[Alex Norris](#)



- Rushcliffe  
[James Naish](#)



- Sherwood Forest  
[Michelle Welsh](#)



If you don't know your constituency area, you can find out who your local MP is by using your postcode in [this online form](#).

## Elections

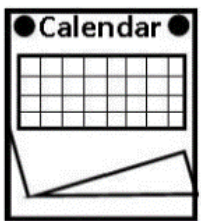


Elections are your chance to decide who makes the decisions that affect you and where you live.

The next elections are due to take place on the following dates:

- **Borough and district councils**

Thursday 6 May 2027



- **Mayor of the East Midlands**

Thursday 4 May 2028

- **Police and Crime Commissioner**

Thursday 4 May 2028

- **Nottinghamshire County Council**

Thursday 3 May 2029



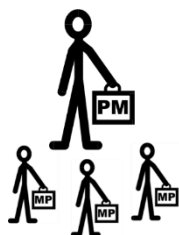
The last county council elections took place on 1 May 2025. The election in Mansfield North was delayed and will be held on Thursday 12 June 2025.



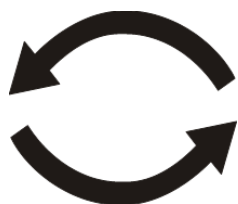
We have a separate [easy read document about the county council elections](#) in Mansfield North on 12 June 2025.



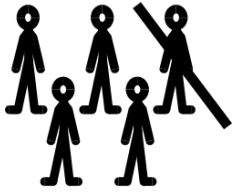
Members of Parliament MPs are elected in a General Election.



The Prime Minister chooses when to call a general election and must call the next one by Thursday 9 August 2029.



The government wants to change council structures. If this happens, election dates for county, district and borough councils will change.



**By-elections** take place if a councillor, MP, Executive Mayor or Police and Crime Commissioner leaves or is not allowed to have this job for some reason.



Your district or borough council will let you know if a by-election is being held in your ward or constituency.



My Vote My Voice is an advocacy group set up by United Response, Dimensions, Mencap and Ambitious About Autism.



They have produced [a set of easy read documents](#) to make sure that everyone has the information and support they need to take part in the local elections.

## Links in this document

**Find your local County Councillor**  
[councillor.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://councillor.nottinghamshire.gov.uk)

**Nottinghamshire County Council**  
[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk)

**Nottinghamshire County Council – contact us form**

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contactform](http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contactform)

**Relay UK app**

[www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/download-app.html](http://www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/download-app.html)

**SignVideo app**

[signvideo.co.uk/download](http://signvideo.co.uk/download)

**GOV.UK – Find your local council**

[www.gov.uk/find-local-council](http://www.gov.uk/find-local-council)

**Ashfield District Council**

[www.ashfield.gov.uk](http://www.ashfield.gov.uk)

**Bassetlaw District Council**

[www.bassetlaw.gov.uk](http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk)

**Broxtowe Borough Council**

[www.broxtowe.gov.uk](http://www.broxtowe.gov.uk)

**Gedling Borough Council**

[www.gedling.gov.uk](http://www.gedling.gov.uk)

**Mansfield District Council**

[www.mansfield.gov.uk](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk)

**Newark and Sherwood District Council**

[www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk)

**Rushcliffe Borough Council**

[www.rushcliffe.gov.uk](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk)

**East Midlands Combined County Authority**

[www.eastmidlands-cca.gov.uk](http://www.eastmidlands-cca.gov.uk)

**Mayor of the East Midlands, Claire Ward**

[www.eastmidlands-cca.gov.uk/the-mayor](http://www.eastmidlands-cca.gov.uk/the-mayor)

**Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner**

[www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk)

**Police and Crime Commissioner Gary Godden**

[www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/about-us/your-police-and-crime-commissioner/pcc-bio](http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/about-us/your-police-and-crime-commissioner/pcc-bio)

**Ashfield MP, Lee Anderson**

[members.parliament.uk/member/4743](http://members.parliament.uk/member/4743)

**Bassetlaw MP, Jo White**

[members.parliament.uk/member/5105](http://members.parliament.uk/member/5105)

**Broxtowe MP, Juliet Campbell**

[members.parliament.uk/member/5058](http://members.parliament.uk/member/5058)

**Gedling MP, Michael Payne**

[members.parliament.uk/member/5146](http://members.parliament.uk/member/5146)

**Mansfield MP, Steve Yemm**

[members.parliament.uk/member/5194](http://members.parliament.uk/member/5194)

**Newark MP, Robert Jenrick**

[members.parliament.uk/member/4320](http://members.parliament.uk/member/4320)

**Nottingham North and Kimberley MP, Alex Norris**

[members.parliament.uk/member/4641](http://members.parliament.uk/member/4641)

**Rushcliffe MP, James Naish**

[members.parliament.uk/member/5047](http://members.parliament.uk/member/5047)

**Sherwood Forest MP, Michelle Welsh**

[members.parliament.uk/member/5226](http://members.parliament.uk/member/5226)



**Find your MP online form**

[members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP](https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP)

**Our easy read guide to county council elections**

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/county-council-elections](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/county-council-elections)

**My Vote My Voice easy read guides**

[www.myvotemyvoice.org.uk/how-politics-works](https://www.myvotemyvoice.org.uk/how-politics-works)

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For plain English web page version of this information, go to:

[Local government structure in Nottinghamshire | Nottinghamshire County Council](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/local/structure)

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