

Local Democracy: easy read



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

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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 responsible for things like:



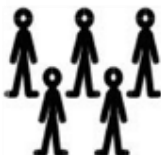
- Schools and other places for learning
- Libraries



- 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

How to contact [Nottinghamshire County Council](#)



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

Telephone: 0300 500 80 80



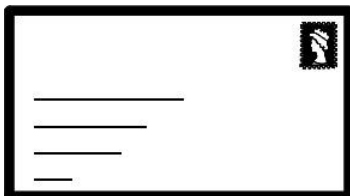
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Sign Video

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



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

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Kirkby in Ashfield

Nottingham

NG17 8DA

Email:

info@ashfield.gov.uk

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Bassetlaw
DISTRICT COUNCIL
— North Nottinghamshire

Bassetlaw District Council

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Gedling Borough Council

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Mansfield District Council

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Newark and Sherwood District Council

Castle House
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Telephone: 01636 65 00 00



Rushcliffe Borough Council

Rushcliffe Arena
Rugby Road
West Bridgford
Nottingham
NG2 7YG

Email:

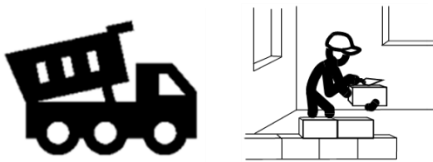
customerservices@rushcliffe.gov.uk

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



- 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 will develop joint plans around:



- Transport



- Housing

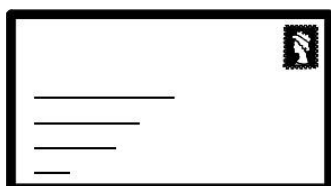


- Skills and Adult Education



- 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
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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



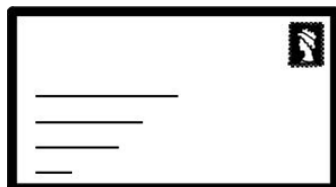
- Makes sure the police are doing their job properly.



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

You can contact the Police and Crime
Commissioner by:

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Joint Headquarters

Sherwood Lodge

Arnold

Nottingham

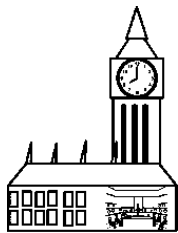
NG5 8PP



Email: 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

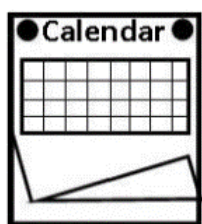


Elections are your chance to decide who makes the decisions that affect you and where you live.

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

- **Nottingham County Council**

Thursday 1 May 2025



- **Borough and district councils**

Thursday 6 May 2027

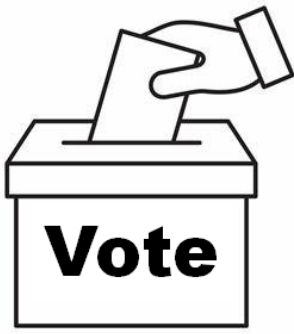
- **Mayor of the East Midlands**

Thursday 4 May 2028

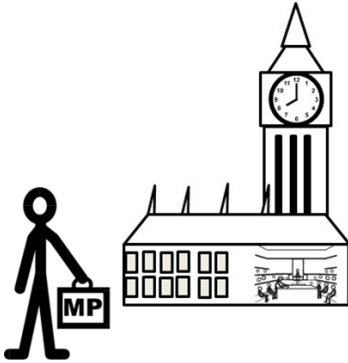
- **Police and Crime**

Commissioner

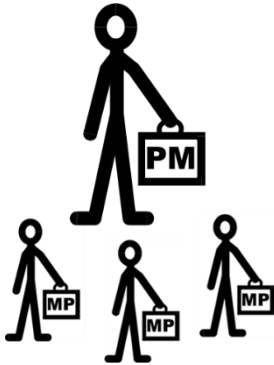
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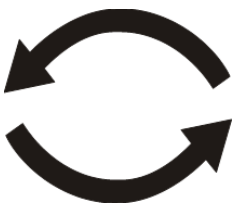
We have a separate [easy read document about the county council elections](#) taking place on 1 May this year.



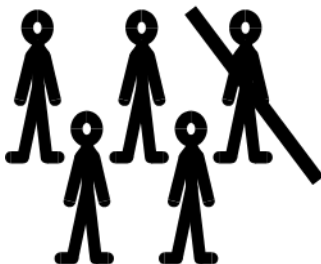
Members of Parliament MPs are elected in a General Election.



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

- **Nottinghamshire County Council**
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk
- **Nottinghamshire County Council – contact us form**
nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contactform
- **Relay UK app**
www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/download-app.html

- **SignVideo app**
signvideo.co.uk/download
- **GOV.UK – Find your local council**
www.gov.uk/find-local-council
- **Ashfield District Council**
www.ashfield.gov.uk
- **Bassetlaw District Council**
www.bassetlaw.gov.uk
- **Broxtowe Borough Council**
www.broxtowe.gov.uk
- **Gedling Borough Council**
www.gedling.gov.uk
- **Mansfield District Council**
www.mansfield.gov.uk
- **Newark and Sherwood District Council**
www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk

- **Rushcliffe Borough Council**
www.rushcliffe.gov.uk
- **East Midlands Combined County Authority**
www.eastmidlands-cca.gov.uk
- **Mayor of the East Midlands, Claire Ward**
www.eastmidlands-cca.gov.uk/the-mayor
- **Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner**
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
- **Ashfield MP, Lee Anderson**
members.parliament.uk/member/4743
- **Bassetlaw MP, Jo White**
members.parliament.uk/member/5105
- **Broxtowe MP, Juliet Campbell**
members.parliament.uk/member/5058

- **Gedling MP, Michael Payne**
members.parliament.uk/member/5146
- **Mansfield MP, Steve Yemm**
members.parliament.uk/member/5194
- **Newark MP, Robert Jenrick**
members.parliament.uk/member/4320
- **Nottingham North and Kimberley MP, Alex Norris**
members.parliament.uk/member/4641
- **Rushcliffe MP, James Naish**
members.parliament.uk/member/5047
- **Sherwood Forest MP, Michelle Welsh**
members.parliament.uk/member/5226
- **Find your MP online form**
members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP
- **Our easy read guide to county council elections**
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

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