



**April 2019**

## **Local Elections 2019**

On Thursday 2 May, people over the age of 18 will be able to vote in local elections in South Oxfordshire.

You will be able to vote for a district councillor and, in some places, you will also get to vote for a town or parish councillor.



### **Voter registration**

To vote on 2 May, you need to be registered by Friday 12 April. Anyone who isn't registered at their current address should visit [gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://gov.uk/register-to-vote) to ensure they are eligible to vote.

### **Polling cards**

If you registered to vote by 8 March 2019, you should receive their poll card by Monday 8 April – if you don't receive it by this date please call our Elections team on 01235 422528 to make sure you are registered.

If you registered to vote between 9 March and the cut-off date of 12 April you should receive your poll card during the week commencing Monday 15 April.

### **Postal votes**

If you wish to vote by post, the Elections team must receive your application by 5pm on Monday 15 April – application forms are available at [southoxon.gov.uk/votebypost](http://southoxon.gov.uk/votebypost).

Everybody who applies for a postal vote should receive their ballot pack by Wednesday 26 April – if it doesn't arrive by this date postal your should contact our Elections team on 01235 422528 to request a replacement.

### **Proxy voting**

If you, or someone you know, are not able to make it to the polling station on election day, or are not able to vote by post beforehand, then you can apply for someone to vote on your behalf – this is called a 'Proxy vote'.

To vote by proxy in the upcoming local elections, applications need to reach our Elections team by 5pm on Wednesday 24 April – see [southoxon.gov.uk/votebyproxy](https://southoxon.gov.uk/votebyproxy) for details.

### **Who you can vote for**

Details of who you can vote for on 2 May are now available - visit [southoxon.gov.uk/candidates](https://southoxon.gov.uk/candidates) and either enter your postcode or click on the name of the ward area where you live.

### **More information**

For more information about the local elections can be found at [southoxon.gov.uk/elections](https://southoxon.gov.uk/elections).

## **OVO Energy Women's Tour professional cycling race**

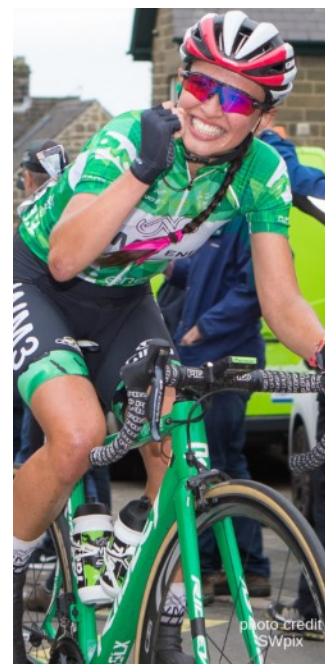
On Wednesday 12 June, South Oxfordshire will host the prestigious OVO Energy Women's Tour professional cycling race, providing a boost for the local economy and a great occasion for everyone living and working here.

Thousands of cycling fans are expected to visit the area to watch the race, generating additional business for restaurants, bars, hotels, B&Bs and shops.

The day's race will start in South Oxfordshire and will pass through the Vale on its way to the finish line at Blenheim Palace – details of the exact route will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

About 100 professional riders are expected to take part, inspiring local schools to organise themed lessons, and highlights of the race will also be screened on ITV4.

For more details please see the [OVO Energy Women's Tour website](#).



## **South Oxfordshire Local Plan submitted for examination**

We have submitted the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034, and associated documents, for independent examination.

The Local Plan is the document which identifies where housing, retail, and employment land should be located, as well as the infrastructure required to support this growth, such as new roads, schools, health services and sewerage. The policies in the plan are used to help make decisions on planning applications.

A Planning Inspector, appointed by the government, will set a timetable for a series of public examination hearings, expected to be held later this year.

You will be able to attend the examination to witness the proceedings, however only those invited by the Inspector will be able to participate in the hearings. Dates and a venue for the examination will be confirmed after an Inspector has been appointed.

After the examination has finished the Inspector will issue a report containing recommendations to either accept the plan as it is, accept the plan with modifications, or reject it.

For more information about the South Oxfordshire Local Plan see [southoxon.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://southoxon.gov.uk/newlocalplan).

## **Bank holiday bin collections**

For details about the changes to waste and collections over the Easter and May bank holidays please see our [bank holiday collections page](#).



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