



Register of Electors Annual Canvass Empty Properties

The annual canvass of all properties in the Cotswold District is currently underway and the attached form needs your attention.

There is no one currently registered at this property. Properties may be shown as empty on the register for a number of reasons which include:

- No one currently lives at the property
- It is being renovated
- It is a new property
- It is a second home or holiday let
- Only people who are not eligible to vote live at the property

The information below gives more detail on whether you can register at the address. If, having read this information you are still unsure whether you should be registered, please contact us using the contact details below.

Empty/being renovated

If the property is empty or being renovated, there should not be anyone registered at the address. Please let us know if this is the case and ensure that any new occupiers register to vote when they move in.

New properties

Anyone who is eligible to vote should be included on the form and we will add their name to our list. However, to complete the individual registration process, each person will need to verify their identity either online at [.gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) or by completing a paper form. We will send paper forms if no online registration is received.

Second homes

If this property is your second home, you may be entitled to register to vote here. You may be registered in two places but must not vote twice at the same election. This means that you can vote only once at the general election but may vote at both addresses in local elections. If you spend around 6 months of the year at your second home, you may register to vote there. The 6 months does not need to be consecutive, so could be split across weekends/holidays during the year.

Holiday lets

If the property is rented out as a holiday home throughout the year as a business, it is unlikely that anyone will be eligible to register. However, if anyone is living at the property for 6 months or more, they may register to vote and should be added to the form.

No one eligible to vote

Anyone who is a British, Commonwealth or European Union citizen may register to vote. If you are unsure, whether you are able to register, please tell us your name and nationality and we can let you know if you are eligible.

Updating the information

If the property is still empty, you do not need to respond to this form. However if there are changes to be made, you must respond and the form tells you how you can do this.

If you have any questions about this form, please contact us:

Email: elections@cotswold.gov.uk

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