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## Introduction

Welcome to the Doncaster Local Election Count 2025 at Doncaster Racecourse.

The Count is starting at 1pm.

We have prepared the following information to assist you throughout the day which we hope you find useful.

Please follow Doncaster Council on X @MyDoncaster  
and 'like' us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mydoncaster](https://www.facebook.com/mydoncaster)




Make sure you use our elections hashtag to group tweets about today's count:

# #donnyelections



The council's media team will be on site, please let us know if we can help in any way.

## Key Election staff during the count

<b>Returning Officer</b> Damian Allen	<b>Deputy Returning Officer</b> Scott Fawcus	<b>Deputy Returning Officer</b> Trina Barber
		

## Council media team

<b>Steph El Idrissi</b>	<b>Charlotte Tomlinson</b>	<b>Harrison Abbott</b>
		

<b>Nick Fromont</b>	<b>Lauren Surtees</b>
	

# Attendee information

## Location

The Count is taking place at Doncaster Racecourse, Leger Way, Doncaster DN2 6BB

<http://www.doncaster-racecourse.co.uk/about-us/howtofindus>

## Parking

A dedicated car park is available for media representatives at car park A across the road from the venue. See below:



## Signing in

All media must use the main entrance to sign in and receive their media wrist band from the council media team. Identification (i.e. driving licence photocard) will need to be shown and security checks will take place. The wrist band must be visible at all times for security purposes.

## Further guidelines

- Please ask a member of the council's media team for help with any questions or issues you may have.
- Due to the restrictions in place, there is **limited access** to the Count floor. If you would like access you must speak to the council's media team who can look to arrange this.
- Don't do anything to interrupt count staff or interfere with their work.
- Don't film or photograph ballot papers close up – you have a legal duty to help maintain the secrecy of voting.
- Ensure you abide by any instructions the Returning Officer gives you.  
If you fail to do so you may be asked to leave the Count.



## Local election count timings

### Friday 2 May

Arrival time for media	From 12.45pm <b>If you need to arrive outside of these times please contact the media team in advance.</b>
Count start time	1pm
Declaration time	Estimated from 5-7pm

### Identifying council media team at the count

The council media team will be wearing **silver** coloured wristbands and will be showing their staff badges at all times.

### Publication of results

The results will be published on: [www.doncaster.gov.uk/elections](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/elections)  
and X.com: @MyDoncaster

### Media area

There will be a dedicated media area with seating and tables and access to electrical plug sockets. You will be required to wear your wristband to gain access at all times.

### Wifi

Wifi will be available. The password details will be provided on the day.

### Refreshments

Snacks, as well as hot and cold drinks, will be available to purchase via contactless payment (no cash).



## 2025 Local Elections - questions and answers

### How many seats are being contested?

There are a total of 21 wards with two or three seats in each ward. The total number of seats is 55. Please see below for a breakdown of the number of seats per ward.

**Local Government Ward Councillors**

Doncaster Local Ward	Seats/number of votes
Adwick le Street & Carcroft	3
Armthorpe	3
Balby South	2
Bentley	3
Bessacarr	3
Conisbrough	3
Edenthorpe & Kirk Sandall	2
Edlington & Warmsworth	2
Finningley	3
Hatfield	3
Hexthorpe & Balby North	2
Mexborough	3
Norton & Askern	3
Roman Ridge	2
Rossington & Bawtry	3
Sprotbrough	2
Stainforth & Barnby Dun	2
Thorne & Moorends	3
Tickhill & Wadworth	2
Town	3
Wheatley Hills & Intake	3

Elections have also taken place for Town and Parish Councillors in some areas, please see below.

**Town and Parish Councillors**

Town/Parish Council	Ward	Seats/number of votes
Barnby Dun with Kirk Sandall Parish Council	Barnby Dun	5
Edlington Town Council	-	9
Hatfield Town Council	Dunscroft	6
	Hatfield Woodhouse	2
Sprotbrough and Cusworth Parish Council	Cusworth	4
	Park	2
Stainforth Town Council	-	15
Thorne-Moorends Town Council	Moorends	6

### Is electronic counting used?

No. At local elections in England, votes are counted by hand by appointed counting staff.



### **What is the process for counting postal votes?**

Election staff will open postal ballot packs in the days leading up to the polling day and on polling day itself to check the accompanying “personal identifiers” (the date of birth and signature of the voter). At these opening sessions, the ballot papers must remain face down and election staff will not count these votes at these sessions. Postal votes are counted at the same time as votes cast in polling stations.

### **What is the verification process?**

Verification ensures an accurate result. All ballot boxes for all the electoral events within each electoral/voting area must be opened and the contents verified before the counting of the votes for any of those polls for that electoral/voting area is commenced. This means that the number of ballot papers in each box either matches the number of ballot papers issued as stated on the ballot paper account or, if it does not: the source of the variance has been identified and can be explained, and/or the box has been recounted at least twice, until the same number of ballot papers is counted on two consecutive occasions. We are required to verify both the Mayoral election and Local election votes before we can begin counting the Mayoral Election votes. Therefore we verified the votes at last night’s Mayoral count.

### **What is the process for consultation with election agents on the statement of verification?**

Once verification has been completed the figures will be relayed to the candidates and agents.

### **What is the process for re-counts? Who can ask for a re-count?**

Re-counts are at the discretion of the Returning Officer.

### **Why do votes get rejected?**

There are a number of reasons why a vote may be rejected. In the case of postal votes, the most common reason is that the signature and/or date of birth provided on the postal voting statement do not match the ones supplied when the application was made to vote by post. If the postal voting statement is not accepted, then that voter’s ballot paper cannot be counted. Previous experience tells us that there can be a significant number of ballot papers that may not be validly marked for a number of reasons. These are generically referred to as ‘doubtful’ votes and it is necessary for the Returning Officer or their authorised deputies to adjudicate doubtful ballot papers. The expectation is that votes will be counted where possible. For example, the mere fact that the vote is not marked in the proper place or is marked other than by a cross will not automatically cause the ballot paper to be rejected as long as the intention is clear.

### **What does the Returning Officer do?**

The Returning Officer is responsible for the administration of the Election and the counting of votes, including deciding the time at which counting will begin. They are responsible for nominations, issuing poll cards and postal ballot papers, the conduct of the poll and the counting of votes.

## **Further useful information on-line**

### **Previous election results**

[www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/the-council-democracy/election-results-for-doncaster](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/the-council-democracy/election-results-for-doncaster)

### **Councillors by political party and by ward**

[doncaster.moderngov.co.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?FN=ALPHA](http://doncaster.moderngov.co.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?FN=ALPHA)