

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

Proposals by Sevenoaks District Council

March 2014

Polling district (& letters)	Electorate – February 2014	Proposed polling place	Reason for choice	No. of polling stations	Reason
Ash (AA)	299	Ash Village Hall, The Street, Ash	In use at least since 1974 and well located in the village.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Hodsoll Street & Ridley (AB)	429	Hodsoll Street & Ridley Village Hall, Hodsoll Street	In use at least since 1974 and situated in the heart of Hodsoll Street Village (though some distance from other community off the Gravesend Road).	1	Electorate warrants only one station
New Ash Green North West (AC)	2069	New Ash Green Youth Centre, Ash Road, New Ash Green	First used in 1981, replacing a mobile polling station situated elsewhere. Although located at one end of the polling district it is still close to all electors.	2	Electors exceed 1800
New Ash Green South East (AD)	2264	New Ash Green Village Hall, Centre Road, New Ash Green	Replaced school in 1976. Although located to one end of the polling district it is still close to all electors.	2	Electors exceed 1800

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Brasted (AE)	768	Brasted Village Hall, High Street, Brasted	Replaced school in 1977. Well located in village but poor parking. Tried pavilion at recreation ground (better parking) at 1997 by-election but, overall, this did not find favour with electors.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Toys Hill (AF)	370	Toys Hill Hall & Chancel Kitchen, Puddledock Lane, Toys Hill	Venue for new polling district since 2003. Previously, part of Brasted polling district which meant a very long journey to the polling station. Poor access only marginally improved by setting up polling station in kitchen (so less steps) and providing hand rail. Not possible to install a ramp. Poll cards to electors state "Difficult access for disabled or infirm".	1	Electorate warrants only one station

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Chevening (AG)	2364	Chevening Church Hall, Homedean Road, Chipstead	In use at least since 1974. Located at one end of main body of electors in Chipstead and Bessels Green. Suggestion of separate polling district for Bessels Green did not find favour locally in 2002.	2	Electors exceed 1800
Bough Beech (AH) This polling district was created following a periodic electoral (PER) review in 2001. Since then the designated polling place has become unavailable on two occasions and there are no further alternatives at present within this polling district.	239	Chiddingstone Primary School, Chiddingstone Village	Chiddingstone Village is adjacent to Bough Beech and this polling arrangement was used at the County Council elections in 2013 because the Wheatsheaf Public House had closed. We intend to continue this arrangement for the present.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Chiddingstone Causeway (AI)	300	Chiddingstone Causeway Village Hall, Chiddingstone Causeway	To one end of polling district but no known alternative in rural area. Ramp provided by owners.	1	Electorate warrants only one station

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Chiddingstone Hoath (AJ)	169	The Rock Inn Public House, Chiddingstone Hoath	Replaced dilapidated hall in 1981. Access not ideal and site is to one end of polling district but no known alternative in rural area.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Chiddingstone Village (AK)	205	Chiddingstone Primary School, Chiddingstone Village	Well located. School prefers this arrangement to the alternative of adjacent parish hall as latter is used by school for meals.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Cowden (AL)	627	Cowden Memorial Hall, Chantlers Mead, Cowden	Replaced school (closed down) in 1983. Well located in village.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Crockenhill (AM)	1336	Crockenhill Village Hall, Stones Cross Road, Crockenhill	Replaced school in 1981. Quite central to the village.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Dunton Green (AN)	1754	Dunton Green Village Hall, London Road, Dunton Green	Replaced school in 1979. A little way away from the main body of electors but no alternatives have been suggested.	1	Electorate warrants only one station. Need to consider a second polling station upon the completion of the Cold Stores development and for 2015 also.

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Marlpit Hill (AO)	1572	St. Paulinus Church Centre, Hillcrest Road, Edenbridge	Replaced Men's Club in 1979. Well located in main area of electorate.	1	Electorate warrants only one station (for the 2015 triple election an additional poll clerk is required).
Marsh Green (AP)	336	St. John's United Reformed Church, Marsh Green	Venue for new polling district since review of Edenbridge polling arrangements in 1997. Located close to main area of electorate.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Pound Green (AQ)	1080	Edenbridge Sports Pavilion, Lingfield Road, Edenbridge	Venue for new polling district since review of Edenbridge polling arrangements in 1997. Located at edge of main body of electors but not aware of any alternative.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE Spitals Cross (AR)	1210	The Eden Centre, Four Elms Road, Edenbridge	A new build providing better facilities for the purposes of polling than the Fircroft Tenants' Assn.	1	Electorate warrants only one station

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Stangrove & South End (AS)	1760	Edenbridge Scout HQ, Station Road, Edenbridge	New site in 2003 after changes to District Ward boundaries. Not quite central to elongated polling district. Small step access – purpose built ramp provided.	1	Electorate warrants only one station (for the 2015 triple election consider a second polling station or additional poll clerks).
Town (Edenbridge) (AT)	924	Edenbridge W.I.Hall, Station Road, Edenbridge	Replaced school (no longer wished to be used) in 1981. Quite well located within polling district.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Eynsford (AU)	1451	Eynsford Village Hall, High Street, Eynsford	Replaced school in 1981. Central to village.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Farningham (AV)	1062	Farningham Village Hall, High Street, Farningham	In use at least since 1974 and well located in the village.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Fawkham (AW)	447	Fawkham Village Hall, Valley Road, Fawkham	Central within Parish. Good parking. Replaced school in 1977.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Halstead (AX)	1260	Halstead Pavilion, Station Road, Halstead	Replaced parish hall in 1997. Though not as central in village, it does provide better parking and facilities.	1	Electorate warrants only one station

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Hartley North (AY)	2251	Longfield & Hartley Scout HQ, Larkwell Lane, Hartley	Well located within polling district. First used in 1987 following boundary changes.	2	Electorate exceeds 1800
Hartley South (AZ)	2174	All Saints Church Centre, Ash Road, Hartley	Well located within polling district. Good parking. Replaced school in 1976.	2	Electorate exceeds 1800
Four Elms (BA)	487	Four Elms Village Hall, Ide Hill Road, Four Elms	Replaced school (no longer wished to be used) in 1981. Well located in village.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Hever (BB)	487	Hever Village Hall, Hever Road, Hever	Replaced school (no longer wished to be used) in 1981. Ramp provided by owners.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Hextable (BC)	3306	St. Peter's Church Hall, College Road, Hextable	In use at least since 1974. Very well located.	2	Electorate exceeds 1800. 3 polling station in one location is likely to confuse electors, so for 2015 consider additional polling staff.
Horton Kirby (BD)	972	Fighting Cocks Public House, The Street, Horton Kirby	Replaced school in 1995. Electors enter via rear of building; disabled access via the bar. Quite central to village.	1	Electorate warrants only one station

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South Darenth (BE)	1724	Horton Kirby & South Darenth Jubilee Hall, Horton Road, South Darenth	New facilities in 2012 replacing adjacent Village Hall. Although outside village, no known alternative.	1	Electorate warrants only one station. For 2015 consider additional polling station.
Kemsing East & Kemsing West (BF/BG)	1713/1564	The St. Edith Hall, High Street, Kemsing (For 2015 must use main hall, not the small hall.)	Replaced school in 1981. Good facilities but situated at eastern end of village. Second polling district created in 1999 for the western end and polling took place at the Town Church, Dynes Road, but Town Church pulled down in 2000. The Dynes Residential Care Home was used on one occasion after this but is no longer available. Retain two polling districts and continue to seek polling place for western end (though none apparent presently)	2	One polling station for each of the two polling districts.
Knockholt (BH)	985	Knockholt Village Centre, Main Road, Knockholt	In use at least since 1974. Good parking. At edge of village but close to the main body of electors.	1	Electorate warrants only one station

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Leigh (BI)	1413	Leigh Small Village Hall, High Street, Leigh	Replaced school (no longer wished to be used) in 1977. Ramp provided by owners. Located in village; some distance from electors in the communities of Charcott and Powdermills but no known alternatives available in these rural areas.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Otford (BJ)	2699	Otford Village Memorial Hall, High Street, Otford	Replaced school in 1981. Centrally located, good facilities.	2	Electorate exceeds 1800
Fordcombe (BK)	578	Fordcombe Village Hall, Fordcombe	Replaced school (no longer wished to be used) in 1981. Well located in village.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Penshurst (BL)	750	Penshurst Village Hall, Penshurst	Replaced school (no longer wished to be used) in 1981. Good location in village.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Riverhead (BM)	1866	Riverhead Village Hall, Amherst Hill, Riverhead	Replaced school in 1979. Central site but no parking; not aware of any alternatives.	2	Electorate exceeds 1800
Seal – St. Lawrence (BN)	341	St. Lawrence Village Hall, Church Road, Stone Street	New site in 1991 after creation of new Parish Ward. Well positioned in village.	1	Electorate warrants only one station

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Seal (BO)	1294	Seal Village Hall, High Street, Seal	Replaced school (probably in 1979). Quite central to village.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Underriver (BP)	267	Underriver Village Hall, Carters Hill, Underriver	Replaced school (probably in 1979). Situated in village.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Bat & Ball (BQ)	806	Sevenoaks Community Centre, Oxford Road, Sevenoaks	This polling district was most recently altered in 2003 as a result of the PER. This polling place has been used since 1984; good parking and access and close to main body of electors.	1	Electorate warrants only one station

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Bradbourne (BR)	1212	Sevenoaks Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks	Minimal change to polling district in 2003 following PER. Previous venue at Bradbourne School (now Knole Academy West), is not now available. In the absence of any alternative in the polling district, the offices of the Sevenoaks Town Council have been used since 2003. Whilst this venue is located outside the polling district, it is not much further for voters to travel than the former venue.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Greatness (BS)	1194	Greatness Club House, Mill Lane, Sevenoaks	Replaced St. John Ambulance Hall in 1993 (which had difficult access). Central to polling district.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
High Street (Sevenoaks) (BT)	1306	The STAG Community Arts Centre (Plaza Suite), London Road, Sevenoaks	Replaced St. Nicholas Parish Hall (demolished) in 1997. Good access and well located within polling district.	1	Electorate warrants only one station

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Hillingdon (BU)	1288	Main Hall, Knole Academy East (formerly Wildernesse School), Seal Hollow Road, Sevenoaks	The former Wildernesse School, was in use at least since 1974. The classroom was used so that the school was able to function. Since the 2003 PER, this venue has been situated outside the polling district but after extensive consultation, it was agreed that voters should continue to use this venue. The school prefers to use the main hall for polling but is still able to function.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE Holly Bush (BV)	1749	St. John's Church Hall, Quaker's Hall Lane, Sevenoaks	The school is no longer available. This alternative has been used as a polling place in the past and provides good facilities. Although it is situated to one end of the polling district. Walthamstow Hall is not available for this use.	1	Electorate warrants only one station For 2015 consider an extra poll clerk.
Kippington North (BW)	1099	Christ Church United Reformed Church, Littlecourt Road, Sevenoaks	Revised polling district in 2003 (following PER). Good access and parking.	1	Electorate warrants only one station

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Kippington South (BX)	1143	Kippington Community Centre, Kippington Road, Sevenoaks	Revised polling district in 2003 (following PER) The venue has been in use at least since 1981; newly built in 2004. Good access and parking.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Lower St. John's (BY)	842	British Red Cross Centre, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks	New polling district following 2003 PER. Good access and parking and well located.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Sevenoaks Common (BZ)	1444	Solefield School, Solefields Road, Sevenoaks	In use at least since 1974. Classroom used, so school able to function. There are steps and a narrow entrance which makes access less than ideal.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Tubs Hill (CA)	1251	St. Luke's Church Hall, Eardley Road, Sevenoaks	New polling district following 2003 PER. Good access and well located.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Upper St. John's (CB)	1379	United Reformed Church, St. John's Road, Sevenoaks	New polling district following 2003 PER. Good access, only on-street parking. Located slightly to one side of polling district.	1	Electorate warrants only one station

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Wilderness (CC)	330	Main Hall, Knole Academy East (formerly Wilderness School), Seal Hollow Road, Sevenoaks	The former Wilderness School, now known as Knole Academy East, has been used since 1974. Classroom used, so school able to function. The school prefers to use the main hall for polling but is still able to function.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Sevenoaks Weald (CD)	944	Weald Memorial Hall, Long Barn Road, Sevenoaks Weald	Venue in use since 1983, replacing school. Centrally located within village.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Badgers Mount (CE)	525	Badgers Mount Memorial Hall, Orpington-By-Pass, Badgers Mount	In use at least since 1974. Close to main body of voters.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Shoreham (CF)	872	Shoreham Village Hall, High Street, Shoreham	Replaced school in 1977. Good access and well located.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Well Hill (CG)	211	Well Hill Mission Church, Well Hill	New polling district following 2003 PER. Venue in use since 2003; Residents' Association preferred location over public house alternative.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Ide Hill (CH)	528	Ide Hill Village Hall (Wheatsheaf Room), Ide Hill	Replaced school in 1985. Quite close to village; good parking.	1	Electorate warrants only one station

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Sundridge (CI)	1000	Sundridge Village Hall, Main Road, Sundridge	In use at least since 1974. Quite central to village.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
CHANGE OF POLLING DISTRICT Birchwood (CJ)		White Oak Bowls Centre, Garrolds Close, Swanley	Three former venues (Birchwood School, Birchwood Public House and The Bull Beefeater & Swanley Premier Inn) are all no longer available. White Oak Leisure Centre was used in 2010 but was not popular. In 2011 White Oak Bowls Centre was used. It is proposed to use this venue once again by merging this polling district with White Oak CP.	0	
Christ Church (CK)	2030	Christ Church Centre, Kingswood Avenue, Swanley	Replaced school in 1981. Good location; separate polling booth provided for voters with disabilities so as to avoid steps inside the building. Limited on-street parking opposite with a two hour waiting restriction; blue badge holders can park outside hall.	2	Electorate exceeds 1800

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High Firs (CL)	2092	High Firs Primary School, Court Crescent, Swanley	In use at least since 1981. Classroom used, so school able to function. Good location.	2	Electorate exceeds 1800
St. Mary's (CM)	3093	Swanley Youth Centre, St. Mary's Road, Swanley	In use since 1985. Located to one end of polling district but no known alternative closer to a central point.	2	Electorate exceeds 1800
Swanley Lane (CN)	1603	Swanley ACF Hall, Swanley Lane, Swanley	In use at least since 1974. Located at the extremity of the polling district but convenient for voters on their way to the station and shops. Rough ground on approach to hall. No alternative within the polling district.	1	Electorate warrants only one station Consider extra poll clerk in 2015
Swanley Village (CO)	344	The Lamb Inn, Swanley Village Road, Swanley Village	In use since 2005. Located a little to one end of village, quite good access, some parking.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
White Oak (CP)	2055 + 1019 from Birchwood = 3074	White Oak Bowls Centre, Garrolds Close, Swanley	In use since 1999. Quite well located, good access, parking available.	2	Electorate exceeds 1800

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Crockham Hill (CQ)	576	Crockham Hill Village Hall, Crockham Hill	In use since 1997, after demolition of WI Hall. Located close to main body of voters with good access and parking.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Westerham (CR)	2884	Westerham Hall, Quebec Avenue, Westerham	In use at least since 1974 (excepting for a few years during re-construction and because of prior bookings). Quite central to town, good access and parking.	2	Electorate exceeds 1800
East Hill (CS)	276	Woodlands Manor Golf Club, Tinkerpot Lane, West Kingsdown	For several years East Hill electors have had to poll in the Knatts Valley polling district in the absence of any suitable venue in East Hill itself.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
Knatts Valley (CT)	219	Woodlands Manor Golf Club, Tinkerpot Lane, West Kingsdown	The venue has been in use since 2012. It provides better facilities, in particular parking, than the previous venue of Woodlands Church Hall.	1	Electorate warrants only one station
West Kingsdown East (CU)	1217	The Portobello Inn, London Road, West Kingsdown	This venue has been in use since 2012 as the West Kingsdown Village Hall became unavailable.	1	Electorate warrants only one station

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<p>CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE</p> <p>West Kingsdown – Hever (CV)</p>	2665	New West Kingsdown Village Hall, London Road, West Kingsdown	Not well located, being on the opposite side of the A20 from most voters, but provides better facilities than the previous venue of The Pavilion and there is no alternative within polling district.	2	Electorate exceeds 1800