

Help for voters with disabilities

The Electoral Services Team believes that all voters should have an equal opportunity to vote in person. For several years, we in Angus have been providing special facilities to help voters with disabilities.

Help for voters who are partially sighted

- Large print versions of electoral registration forms and postal voting application forms are available on request from the Electoral Registration Officer.
- In the polling station there are large-print versions of the ballot paper. A hand-held copy which can be taken into the polling booth is available from the Presiding Officer on request. A magnifying card is also available.
- The slot on the top of the ballot box is highlighted with white markings to make it easier to insert ballot papers.

Help for voters who use wheelchairs

- The majority of our polling stations now have permanent disabled access. This is one of the key features we look for when choosing a new polling station.
- If you have to use a station with steps, a special temporary ramp will be supplied.
- All polling stations have low-level polling booths.
- The ballot box will be on a chair, instead of a table, to make it easier to insert ballot papers.

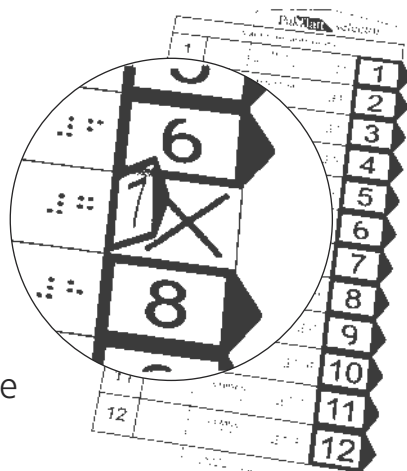


Voting “companions”

- Any voter with a disability which makes them unable to vote without assistance can take a friend or relative to the polling station to help them vote. Alternatively they can ask the Presiding Officer for assistance.

Help for voters who are blind

- Voters who are blind can vote in secret. A special device fits onto the ballot paper. It has numbered windows and the voter simply lifts the one where they want to vote. The polling station staff will read out the candidates’ numbers before the voter goes into the polling booth. The device has Braille as well as raised numerals.



Voting by post or proxy

- Voters who cannot get to the polling station can apply to vote by post. Anyone who is registered to vote can apply to vote by post.
- People can arrange for someone to vote for them (called a “proxy”). Further information on voting by proxy can be obtained from the Electoral Registration Officer.



How to contact us

Helpline 08452 777 778 (including typetalk facility)

Write or visit: The Depute Returning Officer, Angus House, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar, DD8 1AN.

Visit www.angus.gov.uk/elections for further information, or email: elections@angus.gov.uk.

For registration enquiries contact:

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