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LRA's Loughton News Special

Covid Safe Postal Voting

This is a friendly reminder that there are County and local elections on 6th May. There will be four Ballot Papers and you can choose your safe voting method from:

1. Postal Vote

The safest, securest and most convenient method where you vote at home. Ballot Papers come through your front door 14 days before Polling Day. You mark your choices and simply post the Ballot Papers back in Freepost envelopes. The [one page application form is here](#). The only information needed is name, date of birth, address and signature. Most people tick the box 'until further notice'.

In 2018, 21% of votes counted in Loughton were postal votes but this was before Covid. The expectation for the 6th May poll is a massive increase because we all know no contact voting alternatives are the best way to reduce transmission of Covid.

2. In person at a Polling Station

Screens, social distancing and sanitised pencils will help but these inside spaces will have lots of voters passing through from 7am until 10pm.

3. Proxy Voting

This is where you ask someone you trust to vote for you. The [www.gov.uk website](http://www.gov.uk) has seven Electoral Commission forms ranging from two to seven pages depending on the reason why you ask for a Proxy Vote. For most people these forms are unnecessarily complex for their purpose.

Thank you for being an LRA member. Our next regular Loughton News email is due to be issued Saturday April 10th although that date could change.

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