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BABERGH REMINDS VOTERS OF POSTAL VOTE DEADLINE

With district and parish council election day on 1st May, Babergh District Council is urging those voters wanting a postal vote to do so before the deadline of 5pm on 23rd April.

“Any applications for a postal vote must be physically with us at Babergh’s Hadleigh offices by that time” explained Ray Amesbury, Babergh’s Electoral & Administrative Services Manager. “Forms can be obtained from the Council Offices or by ‘phoning us on (01473) 825713. Anyone on the Electoral Register as of noon on the 1st April 2003 is entitled to vote, whether in person or via a postal vote”.

Mr Amesbury also stressed that whilst most voters would be receiving a polling card giving details of their polling station, three parishes (Bures St. Mary, Hartest and Hitcham) would not. “We want to make sure that the registered electors in those areas realise that they can vote without having a card – as indeed can any registered voter across the district”.

On 1st May itself, over 200 Babergh staff will be drafted in to run polling stations and as counters to total up the votes at no less than 14 different locations. Babergh will be running a service on election night whereby ward-by-ward results will be posted up on the Council’s website at www.babergh.gov.uk . ENDS

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