

Postal voters urged to send back votes promptly due to Royal Mail strikes

South Hams residents with postal votes for the Dartmouth and Kingsbridge, West Alvington and Churchstow Neighbourhood Plan Referendums on 24 November are being encouraged to return their completed voting pack as soon as possible to avoid it being caught up in planned Royal Mail strikes.

Postal voting packs were sent out on 10 November. The strike by Royal Mail workers is set for 24 and 25 November.

Andy Bates, the Council's Counting Officer, said: "Due to the impending strike action, we strongly encourage people to return their postal votes as soon as possible. As strike action is planned to take place on polling day, any votes posted the day prior to polling day will not be received by the Counting Officer by the close of poll. Legally, postal votes that arrive back to us after 10pm on polling day unfortunately won't be able to be counted.

"Anyone unable to return their postal vote before 22 November for whatever reason can hand in their completed postal vote pack on polling day between 7am and 10pm at our polling stations. They can also drop it in to our council offices at Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5NE at any time up until 10pm on polling day."

The polling stations open for the Neighbourhood Plan Referendums on 24 November 2022 are:

Dartmouth Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

- Dartmouth Guildhall, Victoria Road, TQ6 9RY
- Dartmouth Baptist Church Hall, Carey Road, TQ6 9LT

Kingsbridge, West Alvington and Churchstow Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

- Kingsbridge Care Hub (1), Quay House, Ilbert Road, TQ7 1DZ
- Kingsbridge Care Hub (2), Quay House, Ilbert Road, TQ7 1DZ
- Kingsbridge Methodist Church Hall, 100 Fore Street, TQ7 1AW
- West Alvington Village Hall, Townsend Road, TQ7 3PZ
- Churchstow Church Hall, Pump Lane, TQ7 3QW

Voters looking for more information should contact South Hams Electoral Services helpline 01803 861434 or email elections@southhams.gov.uk .