

Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013

Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places 2014

Report of the Acting Returning Officer for Torbay concerning existing polling arrangements in the Torbay Constituency

*= double polling station

Polling District	Polling Place	Station	Comments	Proposals
BA	Cockington with Chelston	Mobile station at Preston Primary School, Old Paignton Road, Torquay, TQ2 6UY	Satisfactory	None
BB	Cockington with Chelston	Chelston Methodist Church, Old Mill Road, Torquay, TQ2 6HJ	It ceased being a place of worship and services ended at Christmas 2013. Church 'rules' state that the building must not have any religious observation in them for one year before the building can be sold/leased etc etc. The church hall is taking bookings for 2014 but is not sure of the future use of the site for the elections in 2015.	To establish a new polling station at St Mathews Church, top of Walnut Road, Torquay, TQ2 6JA for Polling District BB and move the boundary of BB to include St Matthews Road (49 properties), Vicarage Road (26 properties), Brooklands Lane (3 properties) and Rawlyn Road (68 properties) (from BE).
BC	Cockington with Chelston	St Peters Church Hall, Queensway, Torquay, TQ2 6BP*	Satisfactory	None
BD	Cockington with Chelston	Sherwell Valley Primary School, Hawkins Avenue, Torquay, TQ2 6ES	Satisfactory	None
BE	Cockington with Chelston	St Peters Church Hall, Queensway, Torquay, TQ2 6BP*	Satisfactory	None
CA, CAA	Clifton with Maidenway	Catholic Church Rooms Sacred Heart Church, Cecil Road, Paignton, TQ3 2SH*	Satisfactory	None

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CB	Clifton with Maidenway	Palace Avenue Methodist Church Hall, Palace Avenue, Paignton, TQ3 3EQ	<p>This polling station is outside of the Polling District and was used as a temporary measure as the previous polling station (The Old Monastery) was not fit for purpose.</p> <p>The Old Monastery has been taken over by Anode and is now available to be used as a polling station and is located within the Polling District. However, due to the location of the area to be used as a polling station it would be necessary to close the building for the day.</p>	To change this polling station back to the Old Monastery, Berry Drive, Paignton, TQ3 3RD.
CC, CCA	Clifton with Maidenway	Catholic Church Rooms Sacred Heart Church, Cecil Road, Paignton, TQ3 2SH*	Satisfactory	None
CD	Clifton with Maidenway	Cross Link Hall (formerly Baptist Youth Hall), Winner Street, Paignton, TQ3 3LN*	Slight raised door frame, alternative disabled access not obvious.	Hazard tape for trip hazards. Additional signage for disabled entrance.
DA	Ellacombe	Hall at Salvation Army, Castle Lane Entrance, Torquay, TQ1 3AF	Satisfactory	None
DB	Ellacombe	Ellacombe Academy (prev. Ellacombe Primary School), Ellacombe Church Road, Torquay, TQ1 1TG*	Raised threshold. Some confusion finding entrance to station. No disabled entrance. Poorly lit at night.	Hazard tape for raised threshold. Ramp to be fitted. Poll cards to specify more clearly where the entrance is to the polling station. Improve lighting.
DC	Ellacombe	Ellacombe Academy (prev. Ellacombe Primary School), Ellacombe Church Road, Torquay, TQ1 1TG*	Raised threshold. Some confusion finding entrance to station. No disabled entrance. No alternative station in the area.	Hazard tape for raised threshold. Ramp to be fitted. Poll cards to specify more clearly where the entrance is to the polling station.
FA	Preston	Mobile Station, Preston Down Road, Shopping Parade, Paignton, TQ3 1DS	Satisfactory	None

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FB	Preston	St Pauls Church - Francis Norrish Room, Torquay Road, Paignton, TQ3 2DH	Satisfactory	None
FC	Preston	Mobile Station, Albany Road/Lacy Road, Paignton, TQ3 1BU	Satisfactory	None
FD	Preston	Paignton Spiritualist Church Hall, Manor Corner, Torquay Road, Paignton, TQ3 1JB	Satisfactory.	None.
HA	St Marychurch	Flat at Crossways, Maidencombe Cross, Torquay, TQ1 4TH	This is a small polling station at the far boundary of the Polling District and it not best placed to meet the needs of the voters.	To create a new polling station Brunel Manor, Teignmouth Road, Torquay, TQ1 4SF. This venue has a separate room which can be used as a polling station, with good disabled access, has parking, bus stops outside and is more central within the Polling District than the former polling station.
HB	St Marychurch	St Marychurch C of E Primary Nursery School, Hartop Road, Torquay, TQ1 4QH	Satisfactory	None
HC	St Marychurch	Homelands Primary School, Westhill Road, Torquay, TQ1 4LJ	Complaints received from electors at European Parliamentary Election on 22 May 2014 regarding parking. Chair of Governors requested the school be no longer used due to disruption to the children as some or all of the school has to be closed.	To create a new polling station at the rear of Dunboyne Court, 170 St Marychurch Road, Torquay, TQ1 3AB for Polling District HC. This venue has a room with its own access to the rear of the building with good disabled access, parking on the road outside and a drop of zone outside the front of the building.
HD	St Marychurch	Plainmoor Swimming Pool, Plainmoor, Torquay, TQ1 3QP	Satisfactory	None
HE	St Marychurch	Furrough Cross Church Hall, Babbacombe Road, Torquay, TQ1 3SE	Satisfactory	None
HF	St Marychurch	St Annes Hall, Babbacombe Road, Torquay, TQ1 3UH	Satisfactory	None

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IA	Goodrington with Roselands	Time Out Coffee Shop, 6 Sturcombe Avenue, Paignton, TQ4 7EB	<p>The nursery and Roselands Primary School are no longer available for use as a polling station.</p> <p>Time Out Coffee Shop, 6 Sturcombe Avenue, Paignton, TQ4 7EB was trialled as a polling station for the European Election on 22 May 2014.</p>	<p>To create a new polling station at Time Out Coffee Shop, 6 Sturcombe Avenue, Paignton, TQ4 7EB.</p> <p>It has disabled access, parking and is close to the local bus route.</p>
IB	Goodrington with Roselands	St Georges Hall, Barn Road, Paignton, TQ4 6NG*	Satisfactory	None
IC	Goodrington with Roselands	Hall at Entrance Clennon Rise, Romaleyn Gardens, Entrance Clennon Rise, Paignton, TQ4 5HN	Satisfactory	None
ID	Goodrington with Roselands	Torbay Leisure Centre, Penwill Way, Paignton, TQ4 5JR	Satisfactory	None
LA	Tormohun	Central Church Hall, Central Church, Tor Hill Road, Torquay, TQ2 5RS*	Satisfactory	None
LB	Tormohun	Central Church Hall, Central Church, Tor Hill Road, Torquay, TQ2 5RS*	Satisfactory	None
LC	Tormohun	Echo Building, Echo Childrens Centre, St James Road, Torquay, TQ1 4AZ	Satisfactory	None
LD	Tormohun	Torre Primary School, Barton Road, Torquay, TQ1 4DN	Satisfactory	None
LE	Tormohun	Windmill Community Centre, Pendennis Road, Torquay, TQ2 7QR	Satisfactory	None
MA	Wellswood	St Matthias Church Hall, Babbacombe Road, Torquay, TQ1 1HW*	Satisfactory	None
MB	Wellswood	St Matthias Church Hall, Babbacombe Road, Torquay, TQ1 1HW*	Satisfactory	None

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MC	Wellswood	Riviera Life Church, 527 Babbacombe Road, Torquay, TQ1 1HG*	Riviera Life Church, 527 Babbacombe Road, Torquay, TQ1 1HG was trialled as a polling station for the European Election on 22 May 2014 due to the normal polling station Torquay Museum, Local Studies Room, Museum Road, Torquay having limited space. Feedback from the election was that the facilities at the church were more suitable than those at the Museum.	<p>To create a new polling station at Riviera Life Church, 527 Babbacombe Road, Torquay, TQ1 1HG.</p> <p>It has a small number of parking spaces on site, close to the local bus route and good disabled access.</p>
MD	Wellswood	Riviera Life Church, 527 Babbacombe Road, Torquay, TQ1 1HG*	Riviera Life Church, 527 Babbacombe Road, Torquay, TQ1 1HG was trialled as a polling station for the European Election on 22 May 2014 due to the normal polling station Torquay Museum, Local Studies Room, Museum Road, Torquay having limited space. Feedback from the election was that the facilities at the church were more suitable than those at the Museum.	<p>To create a new polling station at Riviera Life Church, 527 Babbacombe Road, Torquay, TQ1 1HG.</p> <p>It has a small number of parking spaces on site, close to the local bus route and good disabled access.</p>
RA	Roundham with Hyde	Christ Church Hall, Torquay Road, Paignton, TQ3 2DH	Satisfactory	None

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RB	Roundham with Hyde	Paignton Club, The Garden Room, Esplanade Road, Paignton, TQ4 6ED*	<p>Back entrance was used at local elections rather than front. Disabled access poor at back of building.</p> <p>Paignton Club, The Garden Room, Esplanade Road, Paignton, TQ4 6ED was trialled as a polling station for the European Election on 22 May 2014 due to the unavailability of the normal polling station Queens Park Pavilion, Queens Park, Paignton, TQ4 6AT as the most suitable venue available for the Election on the boundary of these two Polling Districts. Feedback from the Election is that this is a larger more suitable venue than the normal polling station.</p>	<p>To create a new polling station at Paignton Club, The Garden Room, Esplanade Road, Paignton, TQ4 6ED.</p> <p>The site has good disabled access, parking and is close to the local bus route.</p>

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RC	Roundham with Hyde	Paignton Club, The Garden Room, Esplanade Road, Paignton, TQ4 6ED*	<p>Back entrance was used at local elections rather than front. Disabled access poor at back of building.</p> <p>Paignton Club, The Garden Room, Esplanade Road, Paignton, TQ4 6ED was trialled as a polling station for the European Election on 22 May 2014 due to the unavailability of the normal polling station Queens Park Pavilion, Queens Park, Paignton, TQ4 6AT as the most suitable venue available for the Election on the boundary of these two Polling Districts. Feedback from the Election is that this is a larger more suitable venue than the normal polling station.</p>	<p>To create a new polling station at Paignton Club, The Garden Room, Esplanade Road, Paignton, TQ4 6ED.</p> <p>The site has good disabled access, parking and is close to the local bus route.</p>
RD	Roundham with Hyde	Cross Link Hall (formerly Baptist Youth Hall), Winner Street, Paignton, TQ3 3LN*	Satisfactory	None
TA	Shiphay with the Willows	Rear of St Martins Church, Barton Hill Road, Torquay, TQ2 8JA	Satisfactory	None.
TB	Shiphay with the Willows	The Willow Tree Pub, Condor Drive, The Willows, Torquay, TQ2 7TG	Satisfactory. The large room adjacent to the pub is in the process of being transferred to the Council for use by the Community use and will make an ideal polling station in future years. The area between the pub and the large room was used at the European Election and will not be large enough for the elections in 2015.	To explore alternative venues for the 2015 election if the large room adjacent to the Willow Tree Pub is not available.

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TC	Shiphay with the Willows	St Andrews Church Hall, Exe Hill, Torquay, TQ2 7NF*	Satisfactory	None
TD	Shiphay with the Willows	St Andrews Church Hall, Exe Hill, Torquay, TQ2 7NF*	Satisfactory	None
WA	Watcombe	Watcombe Children's Centre, Moor Lane, Torquay, TQ2 8NU	Satisfactory	None
WB	Watcombe	Watcombe Community Centre, Medway Road, Barton, Torquay, TQ2 8SA	Satisfactory	None
WC	Watcombe	Acorn Community Centre, Lummaton Cross, Torquay, TQ2 8ET	Satisfactory	None
WD	Watcombe	Hele Road Baptist Church, Hele Road, Torquay, TQ2 7PP	Satisfactory	None

Appendices – available at <http://www.torbay.gov.uk/index/getinvolved/elections/pollingreview/consultationresponsetorbay.htm>

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Appendix 4 – Photos of The Old Monastery – Polling District CB

Appendix 5 – Photos of Rear of Dunboyne Court – Polling District HC

Appendix 6 – Photos of Time Out Coffee Shop – Polling District IA

Appendix 7 – Photos of Riviera Life Church – Polling Districts MC and MD

Appendix 8 – Photos of The Paignton Club – Polling Districts RB and RC

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