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# Wakes Colne Parish Council

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**YOUR PARISH COUNCIL WORKING FOR YOUR PARISH**

## Wakes Colne Parish Council

is calling on residents  
who are passionate about their community  
to stand for election  
on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.**

### **What do local councillors do?**

Local councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes.

Becoming a local councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; And getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

### **How long does it take?**

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, 3 hours a week for council work. This often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking on behalf of the council to other bodies.

### **Can I stand?**

Most people are qualified to stand for election to their local council but there are a few rules. You must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
- 18 years of age or older
- Live in an area that is served by a local council

### **How can I get involved?** Contact Colchester Borough Council

- Phone: 01206 282820
- Email: [elections@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:elections@colchester.gov.uk)
- Write to: The Elections Office, Colchester Borough Council, Rowan House, 33 Sheepen Road, Colchester, CO3 3WG