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Jersey's Official Election Guide

Jersey Elections Explained Partner Toolkit 2026



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Introduction

Encouraging voter participation is essential to a healthy and representative democracy. In Jersey, voter turnout has historically been low — just 41.7% in the 2022 elections, with particularly low participation among younger voters (17% for under-35s).

With the next Island-wide elections taking place on **Sunday 7 June 2026**, and the introduction of key improvements such as automatic voter registration and Sunday voting, there is a valuable opportunity to engage more Islanders in shaping the future of our community.

This Partner Toolkit has been designed to support community organisations, charities and businesses to promote voting in a politically neutral, accessible way. It provides ready-to-use messaging, engagement ideas and essential election information.

By working together, we can help ensure every eligible Islander knows **why voting matters** and **how to vote and ways to vote**.

Whether you're planning a community event, posting on social media, or simply sharing information with your networks, this toolkit gives you everything you need to encourage informed and confident participation in the 2026 elections.

For information relating to standing for election, please visit Vote.je.

What is Vote.je and the Jersey Electoral Authority?

Vote.je is Jersey's official election guide.

The Jersey Electoral Authority has legal responsibilities for oversight of specific Public Election activities.

Election information

As a result of decisions made in the States Assembly, the following key changes will apply to the 2026 elections:

- **Residency period to be eligible to vote** has been reduced to one year
- **Return of Senators** elected Island-wide (9 seats)
- **Jersey's elections** will be held **on a Sunday** for the first time
- **Automatic voter registration** is in place

Who can vote?

You need to be on the electoral register to be able to vote.

You are eligible to be on the electoral register if:

- You are aged 16 or over **and**:
- Have lived in Jersey for 12 months on Election Day (Sunday 7 June 2026); **or**
- You have lived in Jersey for six months on Election Day, plus periods that total five years.

You do **not** have to be a British citizen to register to vote in Jersey.

Automatic Voter Registration



[Automatic Voter Registration \(AVR\)](#) is a new system launched in March 2026 that automatically adds eligible Islanders to the electoral register using existing Government of Jersey data, such as Social Security contribution records.

AVR is designed to make voting easier.

Check your Voter Status

You no longer need to register to vote in Jersey elections. If you're eligible to vote, a new system of Automatic Voter Registration based on Government of Jersey records should have added you to the Electoral Register to vote on Sunday 7 June.

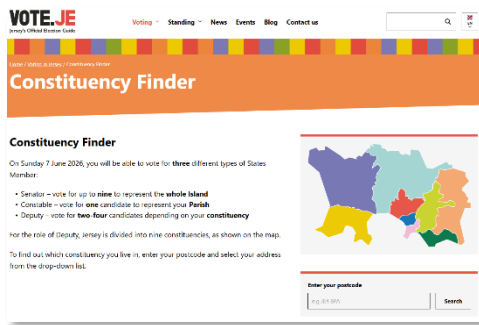
You can check that you are on the register and that your contact details are up-to-date using the online [Voter Status](#) or by contacting your Parish Hall.

Electoral register

The introduction of AVR follows changes to the [Elections \(Jersey\) Law 2002](#), which also end the requirement for publication of the electoral register.

However, whilst the electoral register will no longer be publicly available, confirmed election candidates will be able to request a list of registered voters in their constituency for campaigning purposes.

Constituency finder



Islanders will be able to vote for three different types of States Member:

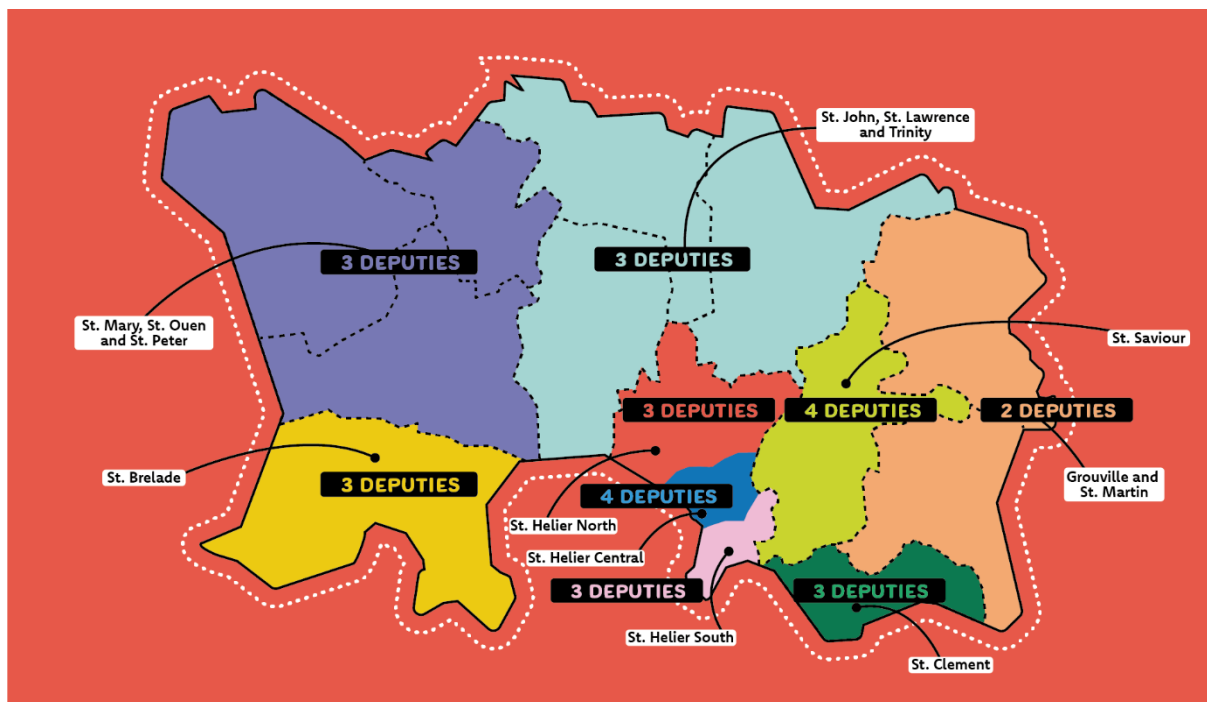
Senator – vote for up to nine candidates to represent the whole Island

Connétable (Constable) – vote for one candidate to represent your Parish

Deputy – vote for between two and four candidates depending on your constituency

For the role of Deputy, Jersey is divided into nine constituencies, as shown on the map below.

To find out which constituency you live in or to help a member of your community to check their constituency, visit Vote.je and enter your postcode and select your address from the drop-down list.



How to decide who to vote for



Ahead of an election there's often a lot of news, social media activity and campaign events, which can make choosing a candidate challenging.

As Jersey's official guide to elections, Vote.je provides clear, accessible information about candidates and voting, including written manifestos and video content.

Vote.je resources are not just online.

Events, such as Hustings, provide opportunities for voters to meet and question candidates. You can also access candidate contact information on Vote.je for those who wish to get in touch directly.

Candidate manifestos and videos

Election candidates create a **manifesto**, which is a way for candidates to explain what they intend to do as a States Member if they are successfully elected. Manifestos are typically a short piece of writing, but some candidates publish their own video or visual content to help communicate their manifesto to as many voters as possible.

Every residential address has been sent a printed manifesto booklet, which contains information about all candidates, from Vote.je. This version has important election information translated into Portuguese.

An online version of the manifesto is available on Vote.je.

Candidates have been invited to record a short **video version of their manifesto** for publication on the Vote.je website and the Vote.je [YouTube channel](#).

Candidates and their supporters are welcome to post these on their own website or social media channels.

As a voter, you can use the manifesto as a way to decide which candidate is your preferred option.

Voters often refer back to candidates' manifestos as a way to measure how well they are performing against what they said they would do once they have been elected.

Hustings



Hustings give voters the chance to meet candidates face-to-face, compare their views, and ask questions that matter directly to their lives, communities, and Island priorities.

These events are held in venues such as Parish Halls and community centres and are **free for everyone to attend**.

For members unable to attend in person, organisations can highlight that hustings can be watched online. All hustings will be recorded and available to watch back on Vote.je.

Hustings dates and times are advertised on Vote.je.

Islanders can attend any Senatorial husting, regardless of where they live.

Islanders who live in a constituency which covers more than one Parish, eg. the constituency of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, can attend a Deputies husting in any of the three Parishes.

Senatorial Husting – Wednesday 3 June, Radisson Hotel, 7-9pm (BSL Support)

There will be British Sign Language support at the Senatorial husting on 3 June, Radisson Hotel, 7-9pm.

Seating will be reserved at the front for Islanders with disabilities, including (but not limited to) wheelchair users, those with visual impairments and members of the dDeaf community.

Independent and party candidates

Election candidates either stand for election as a member of a political party or as an independent candidate.

Party candidates need to ensure their election advertising clearly states their party name.

On election day, the ballot papers will say which political party a candidate is in, so you know exactly what you are voting for.

Candidate advertising

During the election campaign, Islanders can expect to see candidates' posters and banners in public locations.

Candidates and political parties can post leaflets or flyers through letterboxes to ask for support and votes on election day.

Candidates may also knock on doors around their constituency or Parish.

This traditional pre-election activity is to speak with voters to find out about the issues and concerns in the local area and to see if they are interested in voting for them on election day.

Three ways to vote

Vote by post



[Postal voting](#) is an option available to all voters and offers a convenient and flexible way to participate in the democratic process.

Postal voting is a convenient option for voters who may be travelling, have mobility challenges, or prefer the flexibility of voting from the comfort of their own home.

Voting by post is a great option for students off-Island who do not want to miss out. It ensures their voice is heard, even if they cannot attend the polling station in person.

If you have applied to postal vote, ballot papers have been sent out from mid-May 2026.

Your ballot papers need to be returned, in the sealed envelope provided, to the Judicial Greffe by 12 noon on Sunday, 7 June 2026, to be included in the count.

Once registered for postal voting, voters will be disqualified from voting in person at the polling station on Election Day (Sunday 7 June) unless they take the postal ballot papers that were originally sent to them to the polling station. No additional ballot papers will be provided at the polling station.

It is **not** possible to use your postal ballot papers at Early Voting (pre-poll) at St. Paul's Centre, only on Election Day (Sunday 7 June).

If your address changes after applying for a postal vote, it is your responsibility to inform the Postal & Pre-Poll Voting Manager by emailing VotingApplications@courts.je or calling **01534 441300**.

For more information on postal voting, visit Vote.je.

Vote at pre-poll (early voting)



Any Islander, who is eligible to vote, can cast their vote early at [pre-poll](#). This will take place at St. Paul's Centre, St. Helier, **Tuesday 26 May to Monday 1 June**.

Opening times are **Tuesday to Friday: 8.45am – 5.00pm and Monday 8.45am – 12 noon**.

For those that live, work or pass through town, this is a great opportunity to cast your vote ahead of the election on 7 June.

Accessing pre-poll for those with mobility or additional needs

Pre-Poll staff will be based in the pre-poll room upstairs, which is accessible via a staircase or lift, with signage from the ground floor. If you require assistance, please contact the Judicial Greffe on 01534 441300 in advance to arrange support.

If you wish to vote at St. Paul's Centre when there are fewer people, the quieter times are generally before 10am and later in the afternoon.

The following accessibility aids will be available on request. Please speak to the Pre-Poll Manager) and they will help you:

- Portable LED lamps (for low levels of lighting in the polling booth)
- Ballot paper magnifier
- Coloured overlays

Assistance dogs are permitted inside the polling station.

If you need to use a screen reader or other assistive technology you've brought with you, or you need help completing your ballot paper, please speak to the Pre-Poll Manager.

Parking at St. Paul's Centre and the surrounding area

There will be up to three spaces available for those that may require parking due to mobility needs, however access to these spaces need to be pre-arranged.

If you require assistance, please contact the Judicial Greffe on 01534 441300 in advance so that they can pre-book a date and time to help support your visit.

There are disabled spaces on New Street and on Dumaresq Street, which are either side of St. Paul's Centre. Sand Street is the closest public car park which also has a dedicated level for disabled parking and access to shopmobility.

Vote at your polling station (election day)



You can choose to vote at your polling station on election day, Sunday 7 June. Information about which polling station to vote in is included in the manifesto booklet delivered to homes. You can also check on Vote.je.

All polling stations will be open from 8am – 8pm. The results will be announced either on the day or the very next day on Monday 8 June.

Please bring photo ID with you to your polling station (passport/driving licence) as this will be the quickest way to check you in and receive your ballot papers.

Candidate information will be available at each polling station and there may be candidates and supporters standing at the entrance to the polling station.

Easy Read - Voting in Jersey



Easy Read is an accessible, standardised format that presents complex information through simple, plain English, supported with large text and images.

Information about voting in Jersey is available to download as an Easy Read document on Vote.je and is also available in Portuguese.

Printed copies can be requested by emailing contact@vote.je.

Accessible voting

The following accessibility aids will be available on request at most polling stations. Please speak to a Parish Official (Autorisé or Adjoint) and they will help you:

- Portable LED lamps (for low levels of lighting in the polling booth)
- Ballot paper magnifier
- Coloured overlays

Assistance dogs are permitted inside any polling station.

If you need to use a screen reader or other assistive technology you've brought with you, please speak to a Parish Official (Autorisé or Adjoint).

You can bring someone with you to the polling station, but if you need help filling in your ballot paper, a Parish Official (Autorisé or Adjoint) will help you.

Polling Stations - Accessibility Guides

Detailed accessibility guides for each polling station have been developed in partnership with Liberate Jersey and each of the Parishes and are available on Vote.je. This is to help ensure the 2026 election in Jersey is more inclusive and accessible to members of our community.

These guides provide practical information, photos and videos of each polling station including location, parking, outside and inside access and support available.

This will enable voters to better understand what to expect and to plan their visit with confidence.

Help with voting

A person can get help from a Parish Official (*Autorisé*) or (*Adjoint*) to vote if:

They are eligible to vote in the election and they cannot vote on their own because they are:

- ill
- have a disability
- are unable to read or write
- in custody
- caring for someone who is ill or has a disability

The *Autorisé* or *Adjoint* can choose the type of help that is most suitable, if they believe that:

- applying for a postal vote would not have solved the person's inability to vote, **or**
- the person could not reasonably have been expected to apply for a postal vote, **or**
- the person could not reasonably have predicted that they would be unable to vote in person.

Casting your vote



Voting is by **paper ballot**.

There are **different coloured ballot papers** for each type of States Member role eg. white for Connétables, yellow for Deputies and green for Senators. Only the candidates you are eligible to vote for will be listed.

Place an X (cross) in the box next to your chosen candidate(s).

Check the information on the ballot paper to confirm the maximum number of candidates you can vote for.

You don't have to use all your votes.

You may see '**none of the candidates**' on your ballot paper. This appears when there are the same number of candidates as roles to be filled. For example, if there is only one candidate in a Parish for Connétable. If you do not wish to vote for the candidate, you can select 'none of the candidates'.

Partner messaging suggestions

There are a number of key messages that Vote.je will be sharing on its social media platforms to encourage Islanders to vote on Sunday 7 June.

Please feel free to share any Vote.je posts you wish to on your social media channels.

Alternatively, we have provided some suggested copy below that can be used. These have been tailored for each platform and the relevant links to the Vote.je website included.

Please do tag Vote.je in any posts you decide to share.

PRE-POLL (EARLY VOTING)

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Be an early voter!

Pre-poll voting is open to everyone, whatever Parish you live in, and is available at St. Paul's Centre in St. Helier.

Drop by between 26-29 May or on 1 June to cast your vote ahead of Election Day.

Discover more: ([Early Voting \(Pre-Poll\) | Vote.je](#))

Facebook:

Did you know you can be an early voter?

Pre-poll voting is open to everyone, whatever Parish you live in, and gives you the opportunity to cast your vote at a time that fits around work, family or travel commitments.

It is taking place at St. Paul's Centre in St Helier on the following dates:

- *26-29 May: 8:45am until 5pm*
- *1 June: 8:45am until midday*

Find out more about early voting: ([Early Voting \(Pre-Poll\) | Vote.je](#))

LinkedIn:

Did you know you can be an early voter in this year's election?

Pre-poll voting is open to everyone, whatever Parish they live in, and allows voters to cast their vote at a time that suits them in the run up to Election Day. It's a practical option for professionals, shift workers, carers, and anyone with weekend commitments, as well as those who wish to vote ahead of Sunday 7 June.

Pre-poll voting takes place at St Paul's Centre in St Helier on the following dates and times:

- *26-29 May: 8:45am to 5pm*
- *1 June: 8:45am to midday.*

Find out more about early (pre-poll) voting: ([Early Voting \(Pre-Poll\) | Vote.je](#))

WEEK BEFORE ELECTION DAY**X/Twitter: 280-character limit**

Get ready, Election Day is almost here!

Polling stations across Jersey will open between 8am and 8pm on Sunday 7 June.

Head to [Vote.je](#) to find your allocated polling station and see who's standing in your area.

Have your say and be a voter on Election Day!

Facebook:

Get ready, Election Day is almost here!

Polling stations will be open from 8am to 8pm on Sunday 7 June, giving you plenty of time to cast your vote and have your say on Jersey's future.

Head to [Vote.je](#) to find out where your allocated polling station is and who you can vote for.

Make your voice heard and be a voter on Election Day!

LinkedIn:

Election Day is almost here.

On Sunday 7 June, polling stations across Jersey will be open from 8am to 8pm, providing you with the opportunity to choose who will represent you for the next four years in the States Assembly.

Visit [Vote.je](#) to find out where your allocated polling station is and discover who's standing in your area.

Make your voice count and be a voter on Election Day!

ELECTION DAY

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Election Day is here! Don't miss your chance to be a voter.

Polling stations are open from 8am and 8pm.

Check where your allocated one is, and who you can vote for, on [Vote.je](https://www.vote.je).

Have your say and help shape Jersey's next four years.

Facebook:

Election Day is here! Don't miss your chance to be a voter.

Polling stations are open from 8am to 8pm today, giving you plenty of time to cast your vote and have your say on Jersey's future.

Head to [Vote.je](https://www.vote.je) to check where your allocated polling station is and see who you can vote for.

Make your voice heard and help shape Jersey's next four years.

LinkedIn:

Election Day has arrived! Don't miss your chance to be a voter.

Polling stations across Jersey are open from 8am to 8pm today, offering you the opportunity to choose who will represent the Island for the next four years in the States Assembly.

Visit [Vote.je](https://www.vote.je) to confirm where your allocated polling station is and review the candidates standing in your area.

Make your vote count.

Vote.je is also encouraging voters to share photographs of themselves with their 'I'm a voter' stickers, or a selfie once they have voted.

Please find some suggested copy below that you can share on your own social media channels to encourage your community members to get involved.

Please do tag Vote.je in any posts you decide to share to enable us to see them.

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Have you voted today?

You may wish to share a photo of your 'I voted' sticker, a selfie or a picture of your pet outside your polling station to help mark this collective moment and show how easy it is for Islanders to have their say.

Facebook:

Have you voted today?

You may wish to share a photo of your 'I voted' sticker, a selfie, or even a picture of your pet outside your polling station after you've voted.

Sharing these images can help mark this collective moment and show how easy it is for Islanders to have their say.

LinkedIn:

Have you voted today?

After voting, some people choose to share a photo of their 'I voted' sticker, a selfie or even a picture of their pet outside their polling station.

Sharing is entirely optional, but it can help mark this collective moment and reflect how straightforward it is for Islands to take part in the democratic process.

Community engagement events and ideas

Jersey Elections Explained: unlock your political power in 2026!



Encourage your community to learn more about Jersey's political system and how elections work, by joining a FREE interactive session.

This politically neutral one-hour session will take you behind-the-scenes and into the **States Chamber**, where Jersey's elected parliament meets to debate and create the Island's laws.

You'll learn how the decisions that affect our daily lives are made by the States Assembly, and how our elections work, so that you'll be informed and ready to vote on election day.

Sessions run up to Thursday 4 June, with options on weekdays, weekends and an evening session. All sessions are bookable via [Eventbrite](#). Recent participants said:

"It was a very engaging session which maintained our interest throughout - I didn't realise that the rules had changed and I would after all be able to vote this year."

"I feel so much more secure and confident in being able to go ahead with voting and engaging with local politics".

Book a session for your organisation or community group



Why not book a Jersey Elections Explained session for your colleagues or community members. Our Education and Outreach Team would be happy to deliver a one-hour session all about voting in Jersey in your place of work or community. Email: getinvolved@gov.je

"The session was clear, engaging, and importantly, politically neutral, helping to demystify the voting process to ensure we understand how simple it is to exercise our right to vote and equipping us with the information we need ahead of 7 June". Crestbridge Family Office Services

Drive democracy forward: Use your minibus to help your community vote

Community organisations with access to minibuses have a powerful opportunity to help their members take part in Jersey's democratic process by offering lifts to local polling stations on Sunday 7 June 2026.

With polling stations open from 8am to 8pm, and many located in Parish Halls and community venues across the Island, providing transport can remove a major barrier for people who struggle with mobility, busy schedules, or limited access to public transport.

By coordinating group drop-offs - whether for older residents, young first-time voters, or anyone who may otherwise find it difficult to get to their designated polling place - organisations can play a meaningful role in increasing turnout and ensuring every eligible voice is heard in the 2026 election.

Other transport options

Alternatively, you may wish to encourage your community to go to their polling station by other means, whether on a shared walk, by offering a lift in a car, a group bus journey or by bicycle.



Ideas to celebrate democracy and the act of voting

Here are just a few ideas to encourage voting to be a shared experience and one to be celebrated.

- Create a Community Voting Pledge Board
- Create a 'We Voted' Photo Wall
- 'Bring a Friend to Vote' - Encourage community members to pair up and go to the polls together for those who feel unsure about the process
- Organise short group walks a week before the election to help people locate their polling station
- Celebrate Early Voting – encourage members to join a small celebration eg. tea, photo wall or a badge moment, so they feel included
- Host a 'Democracy Day' event or post-voting tea, coffee or cake drop-in
- Organise a group walk or bus ride to the polling station
- Share community stories about why your community votes
- Invite your members to create posters, poems or artwork celebrating the value of having their say in their community
- Encourage members to share 'acts of voting kindness', eg. checking in on neighbours, offering a lift, reminding friends and family of polling times



Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

Here are some of the most frequently asked questions about the election. For more FAQs visit [Vote.je](https://www.vote.je).

Am I eligible to vote?

You are eligible to be on the electoral register if:

- You are aged 16 or over **and**
- Have lived in Jersey for one year; **or**
- You have lived in Jersey for six months, plus a period that totals five years.

I am not British. Can I vote?

Yes. You do **not** have to be a British citizen to vote in Jersey elections.

How do I register to vote?

Automatic Voter Registration has now come into force and so all eligible Islanders should now be registered on the Electoral Register.

You can find out more information here: [Automatic Voter Registration | Vote.je](https://www.vote.je/automatic-voter-registration)

Where can I check if I am on the Electoral Register?

You can check if you're on the Electoral Register by contacting your Parish Hall directly. You can find a list of Parish Hall contact details on [Vote.je](https://www.vote.je). You can also use the online Voter Status checker on [Vote.je](https://www.vote.je).

If your Parish Hall confirms that you are not on the register, but you believe that you meet the eligibility criteria, you should contact Employment, Social Security and Housing on 01534 444444 to discuss your residency record. Self-verification tools and Parish review processes will help ensure no one is disenfranchised.

I'm moving house before the election. Do I need to do anything?

Please update the Government of Jersey as soon as possible with your new address details. You can do this on the Government website: [Update your contact details](https://www.gov.je/update-your-contact-details).

If you can't set up a digital ID or access your [services.gov.je](https://www.services.gov.je) account, please contact Employment, Social Security and Housing (ESSH) who will be able to update your contact details:

- email customerservice@gov.je
- call 01534 444444

The main Electoral Register closed at midday on Friday 17 April 2026. If you tell the Government about a change of address after this time, you can only vote at the polling station for your old address, and only for the Candidates in that Constituency and Parish.

Your record will be updated ahead of the 2030 election.

Can I vote online?

No, it's not possible to vote online in Jersey.

How do I know which Constituency I live in?

Enter your postcode in the [Constituency Finder](#), select your address and your Constituency will be presented on screen.

The Parish of St. Helier website also has a Constituency map which shows the boundaries on its [Election 2026 page](#).

Where do I see a list of the candidates in my Constituency/Parish and for the Island-wide Senator vote?

The full list of candidates and manifestos is published on the [Vote.je](#) website.

Printed manifestos have been posted to all residential addresses in mid-May.

Do I need to bring ID and proof of address with me when I go to the polling station?

Please bring photo ID with you to your polling station (passport/driving licence) as this will be the quickest way to check you in and receive your ballot papers.

If you don't have a passport or driving licence, please take an alternative form of ID (this could include a work ID, phone that allows you to login to Yoti/Jersey Me, utility bill, etc.).

If you arrive without any ID, the Electoral Administrator will seek to verify your identity using their parish records, however, please note, this may take a little longer.

Stay in touch

Keep up-to-date with all the election news by **following Vote.je** across all **social media** platforms (including TikTok).

[instagram.com/vote.je/](https://www.instagram.com/vote.je/)

[X.com/voteje](https://www.x.com/voteje)

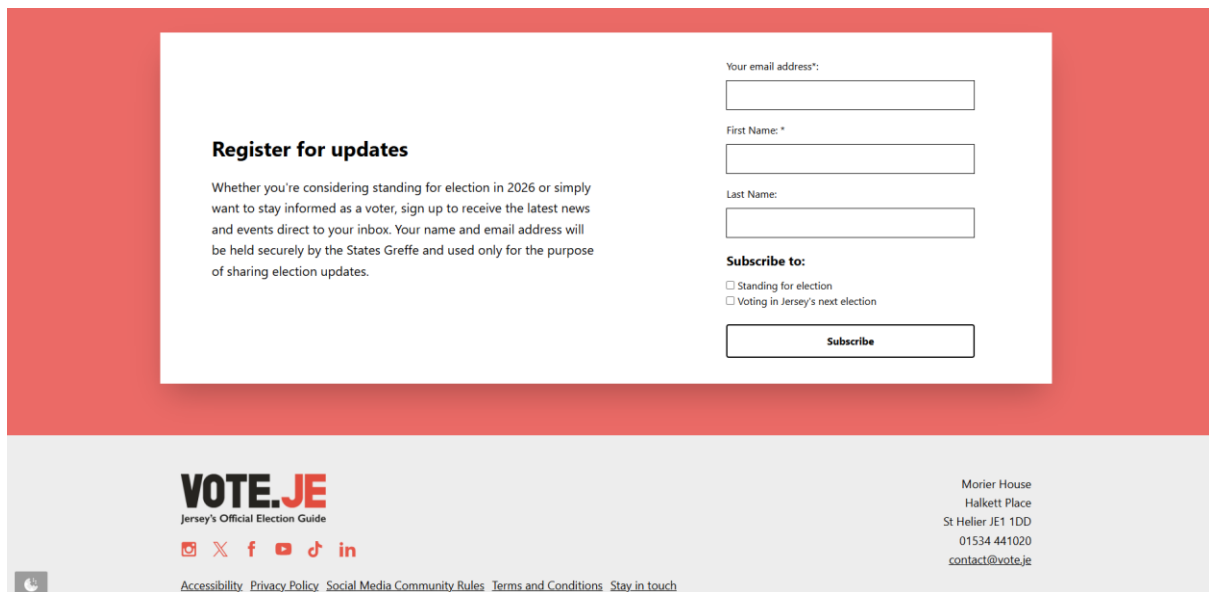
[facebook.com/voteje/](https://www.facebook.com/voteje/)

[youtube.com/channel/UCgOeAhYE9au2L38xnu4AehA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgOeAhYE9au2L38xnu4AehA)

[tiktok.com/@votejersey](https://www.tiktok.com/@votejersey)

[linkedin.com/showcase/vote-je](https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/vote-je)

Sign up to the [Vote.je newsletter](#) on the Vote.je website.



The image shows a registration form for the Vote.je newsletter. The form is set against a red background. On the left, there is a heading "Register for updates" followed by a paragraph explaining that users will receive news and events directly to their inbox, and that their information will be held securely by the States Greffe. On the right, there are input fields for "Your email address*", "First Name: *", and "Last Name:". Below these is a "Subscribe to:" section with two checkboxes: "Standing for election" and "Voting in Jersey's next election". A "Subscribe" button is located at the bottom right of the form area. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the "VOTE.JE" logo, social media icons, and contact information for Morier House, St Helier, Jersey.

For any queries regarding the toolkit or voting in Jersey email: contact@vote.je.

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