

## Registering to vote

You can only vote in elections if your name is on the **Register of Electors**. We update the Register every autumn. But we can also add names throughout the year.

### **Moved home? Coming up to 18? Just not on the Register?**

All you have to do is fill in a Voter Registration Form. When you send us your signed form we will add you to our list of new applications. These lists are available for public inspection. If the information you have provided on the Voter Registration Form is incorrect, it is possible that someone who inspects the lists may object to your name being added to the **Register**. If this happens we will write to you. If your application is not objected to, we will change your details within 7 weeks of receiving your form. We will write to you when your application is allowed.

| <b>If we get the form before...</b>      | <b>Your details will be changed on...</b> |
|--|---|
| Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2006   | Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2007     |
| Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2007 | Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2007   |
| Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2007 | Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2007      |
| Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2007       | Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2007        |
| Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2007     | Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2007         |
| Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2007      | Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2007         |
| Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2007        | Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2007         |
| Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2007      | Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2007    |
| Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2007     | Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2007    |

We will also tell the Electoral Registration Officer for your old address that you have moved, so that your name can be removed from that register. If you do not want to be removed from your other address please explain why on your form.

**The two versions of the Register** - Until 2002 anyone could buy a copy of the register to use for any purpose. The law was changed to give you some choice about who can buy details of your name and address.

There are two versions of the electoral register: the full version and the edited version. When you fill in the form you can choose to 'opt-out' of the edited version, which anyone can buy.

**The full register** lists the name and address of everyone who is registered to vote and is updated every month. Anyone can look at it, but copies can only be sold for certain purposes. The main use of the full register is to show who can vote at elections and referendums. Credit reference agencies can use it to check you name and address if you are applying for credit. It can also be used for law enforcement.

**The edited register** is available for general sale and can be used for any purpose. You can choose not to be on the edited register. The edited register can be bought by any person, company or organisation and can be used for commercial activities such as marketing.

**Your choice** If you tick the box on the voter registration form, your name and address will only appear on the full register, which is used for elections, referendums and certain other purposes. If you do not tick the box on the voter registration form, your name and address will also appear on the edited register which anyone can buy. This means that anyone can use your details for any purpose.

For further information contact the Elections Office

Miss J Turnbull (Administration and Committee Services Officer)  
Tel No. (01289) 301720 Email: [jat@berwick-upon-tweed.gov.uk](mailto:jat@berwick-upon-tweed.gov.uk)