POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW 2026

Overview of East Herts District Council polling district and polling station review – there are 26 districts that consist of 91 polling places split over 109 electorate registers. The district is deemed as mainly rural with 4 larger towns.

Following the conclusion of the Community Governance Review (CGR) in 2025, it is necessary to review the polling places of the two Town Parishes that are due to be warded with effect from the May 2026 Parish elections.

There are a further two polling places which fall outside of the CGR that need to be reviewed ahead of the all-out District and Parish Elections in May 2027.

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BUNTINGFORD

The map of the Buntingford ward and individual polling districts are available on the following pages. The ward currently has 6 polling districts but with the warding of the Town Council to North and South, a new polling district of BUN2 A will be created.

Details of the reference letters and electorate information are set out below:

POLLING DISTIRCTS AND STATISTICAL DATA

Polling District	Parliamentary Area	County Division	Parish Council (* name from May 2026)	Number of Properties	Total Number of Electors
BUN1	North East Hertfordshire	Buntingford	Buckland Parish	118	227
BUN2	North East Hertfordshire	Buntingford	Buntingford North Ward **(*)**	1465	2623
BUN2 A	North East Hertfordshire	Buntingford	Buntingford South Ward **(*)**	1850	3330
BUN3	North East Hertfordshire	Buntingford	Wyddial Parish Council	61	125
BUN4	North East Hertfordshire	Buntingford	Aspenden Parish Council	100	166
BUN5	North East Hertfordshire	Buntingford	Cottered Parish Council	304	542
BUN6	North East Hertfordshire	Buntingford	Hormead Parish Council	324	599

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Polling District	Polling Place	Comments
BUN1	The Countryman Inn – SG9 0PG	Site not used in 2025 as was believed to be under redevelopment.
BUN2	The Seth Ward Community Centre – SG9 9SG	Currently used as a triple station. Option to move one ward back to the Manor House. Or extend room availability in current venue.
BUN2 A	The Manor House	Proposed polling place
BUN3	Rosemead – SG9 0EX.	NO reported issues. NO proposed changes.
BUN4	The Restaurant at The Fox – SG9 9PD	Site was no longer allowed to be used as polling station
BUN5	Cottered Village Hall – SG9 9RA	NO reported issues. NO proposed changes.
BUN6	Hormead Village Hall – SG9 0NZ	NO reported issues. NO proposed changes.

POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

There are no current proposed developments within the Ward that are forecast to impact on the allocation of Polling Districts and Places.

CONSULTATION - PROPOSALS FOR REVIEW

BUN1 – The Countryman Inn.

The Inn was used for the Police Crime Commissioner & Parliamentary Elections in 2024. However, there was uncertainty as to the future use of the venue and for the County Council Elections in 2025 the Seth Ward Community Centre was used.

The site is now under new ownership and is open as tearoom at the weekend and it is understood that it will be available for use as a polling station.

The recommendation is to revert to using the Countryman Inn.

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BUN2 - The Seth Ward Community Centre.

Following the conclusion of the Community Governance Review in 2025, Buntingford Town Council will been divided into North and South.

In following these parish lines, a new polling district (BUN2 A) will be created.

For the last 3 set of elections, The Seth Ward Community Centre has served as a triple station for the area which has caused some confusion for the electors.

Historically, the Manor House, has previously been used as a polling station and although this now falls just outside of the newly created polling district, it is recommended that this venue is used as a new polling station for BUN2 A (Buntingford South Parish).

Although it is recognised there is a school in the new polling area, use of educational facilities is not preferential.

Therefore, the consultation recommends using the Seth Ward Community centre to serve voters in BUN2 (Town Council – Buntingford North Ward) and The Manor House to serve voters in the new BUN2 A (Buntingford Town South Ward) polling district.

BUN4 - The Restaurant at the Fox Public House

The venue was used as a polling station for several years, with no reported problems. However, it was not available for the County Council elections in 2025.

It is understood that the use of the public house would be available as a polling station once again.

The recommendation is to revert to using the Fox Public House

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SAWBRIDGEWORTH

The map of Sawbridgeworth ward and individual polling districts are available on the following pages. The ward has 4 polling districts. Details of the reference letters and electorate information are set out below:

POLLING DISTIRCTS AND STATISTICAL DATA

Polling District	Parliamentary Area	County Division	Parish Council (names from May 2026)	Number of Properties	Total Number of Electors
SAW1	Hertford & Stortford	Sawbridgeworth	Sawbridgeworth South Ward	2099	3647
SAW2	Hertford & Stortford	Sawbridgeworth	Sawbridgeworth Spellbrook Ward	98	173
SAW3	Hertford & Stortford	Sawbridgeworth	Sawbridgeworth Central Ward	681	1133
SAW4	Hertford & Stortford	Sawbridgeworth	Sawbridgeworth West Ward	1336	2296

POLLING PLACE

Polling District	Polling Place	Comments
SAW1	The Hailey Day Centre – CM21 9AN	Good venue, however, a little small to use as a dual station
SAW2	Leventhorpe School – CM21 9BY	Ideally need to move away from using a school
SAW3	Bullfields Centre – CM21 9EA	NO reported concerns. NO proposed changes.
SAW4	Leventhorpe School – CM21 9BY	Ideally need to move away from using a school

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POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

There are no current proposed developments within the Ward that are forecast to impact on the allocation of Polling Districts and Places.

PROPOSAL FOR REVIEW – CONSULTATION

Following the conclusion of the Community Governance Review in 2025, Sawbridgeworth Town Council has been divided into 4 wards which follow the lines of the existing polling districts:

SAW1 – Sawbridgeworth South Ward

SAW2 – Sawbridgeworth Spellbrook Ward

SAW3 – Sawbridgeworth Central Ward

SAW4 – Sawbridgeworth West Ward

SAW1 – The Hailey Day Centre.

No proposed changes to the current polling station, although it is a little small to use as a double station, no alternative venues have been found in previous Polling Place Reviews.

SAW2 – Leventhorpe School

In previous elections the Three Horseshoes Public House has been used. However, the small electorate and low turnout on election day meant the public house reserved an area for voting at a financial loss to the company.

For the 2025 elections, Leventhorpe School was used as a double station.

The consultation document therefore seeks alternative suggestions for suitable venue in the SAW2 polling district.

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SAW3 – The Bullfields Centre

No proposed changes to the current polling place.

SAW4 – Leventhorpe School.

School venue ideally would prefer not to be used.

Considerations:

- SAW4 - combine SAW4 with SAW3 and use The Bullfields Centre.

The consultation document therefore seeks alternative suggestions for suitable venue in the SAW4 polling district.

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Additional Proposals

Hertford Castle Ward - HCA3

Due to the expected closure of County Hall, Hertford, the proposal is to use Hertford Register Office or revert back to the original polling station of Morgans Primary School, unless another alternative venue can be found.

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Polling District	Parliamentary Area	County Division	Parish Council	Number of Properties	Total Number of Electors
HCA3	Hertford & Stortford	Hertford St Andrews	Hertford Castle	699	1240

Ware Trinity Ward - WTR2 / WTR3 / WTR4

Following the closure of Larkspur Academy and the successful use of Ware Youth Football Club, the proposal is that this venue become the designated polling place for the 3 wards.

Polling District	Parliamentary Area	County Division	Parish Council	Number of Properties	Total Number of Electors
WTR2	Hertford & Stortford	Ware North	Ware Trinity	911	1681
WTR3	Hertford & Stortford	Ware North	Ware Trinity	783	1375
WTR4	Hertford & Stortford	Sawbridgeworth	Wareside Parish, Urban Ward	17	22