Parish Elections 2023

Statistics and reflections

Some statistics

Statistics	Figures
Parish Council electorate	83,963
Parish Councils (and wards of)	39
Candidates	219
Contested elections	15
Uncontested elections	24
Average turnout Highest: Lowest:	34.4% Harvey West 50% East Folkestone 24.86%

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Voter ID & accessibility
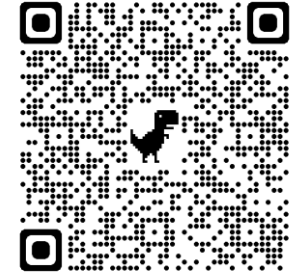
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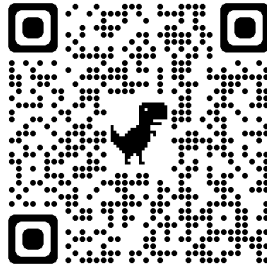
National promotion
Local comms
Greeters
New poll card / signage
Voter Authority Certificate
Paperwork: BPRL / VIDEF

Accessibility

Magnifiers
Tactile Voting Device
Ramps
Large print ballot papers
Disabled polling booths
Pencil grips
Audio ballot paper
Phones at stations
FHDC Station Companion

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Processes

Timetable
- 5 Candidate & agent events
- 12 days of nominations
- 7 notice deadlines
- 7 registration deadlines
- 7 data deadlines

Printers
- 1 polling plan
- 11 extracts
- 8 sets of proofs
- 5 deliveries
- Countless comms!

Royal Mail
- 2 polling plans
- 39 licences
- 39 postcodes

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Staffing & stations

- 444 staff roles
- 319 members of staff
- 5 core team members
- 2 deputies
- 21 training sessions

- 53 polling places
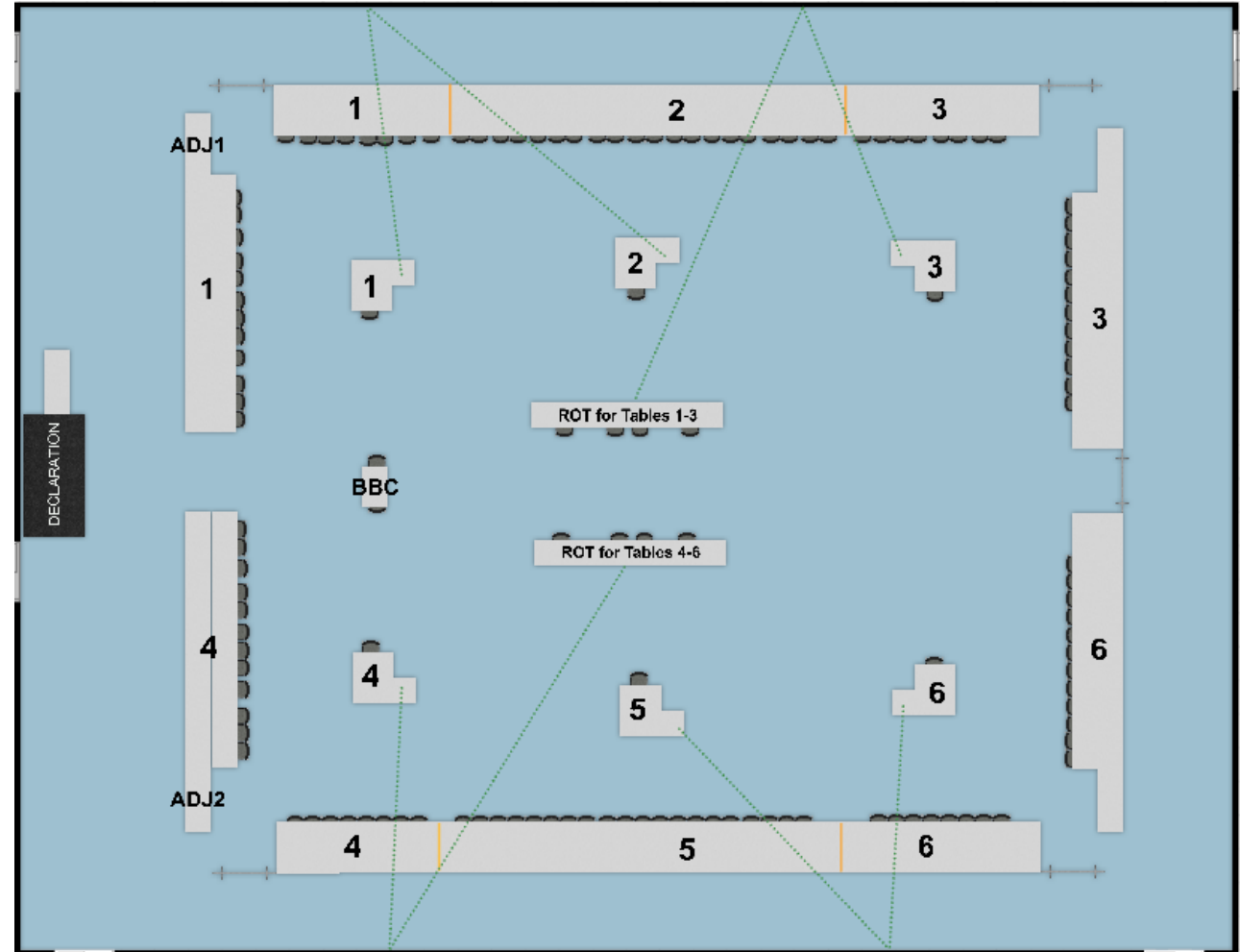- 58 polling stations
- 870 hours of poll

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Verification & count

- Three Hills Sports Park
- 120 counters + other staff
- 9am – 5pm

Order of events:

- District & Parish verification
- District counts
- Parish counts

Reflections

- A lot of work!

- Voter ID and accessibility

- Processes

- Staffing & stations

- Verification & count

- Recharges

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Thanks for listening

- Is there anything we could have done differently?

- Were comms sufficient and timely?

- What worked well?

- To note: Polling district and station review

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