

# **Report to Town Council**

Subject:	Voting in Charlbury
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## Summary of decisions or actions requested (including timing):

A campaign to increase voting in Charlbury using the Street Fair as the launch.

#### Aims:

- To increase voter turnout in Charlbury for both local, district and general elections
- To have voting higher on the Council's agenda and for it to feature in our publicity (we all rely on the voters to become councillors after all)
- To improve visibility for the Town Council elections in 2024 and explain what a town councillor is
- To encourage those who do vote, to sign-up to the government's free voter ID
- To push voting during election cycles.

## **Key Dates:**

- International Day of Democracy Thursday 15 September
- Street Fair Saturday 17 September

#### Actions:

- Have a table at the Street Fair with literature about voting as well as showing people how to navigate the Government website to register to vote and register for voter ID
- Look at organisations such Rock the Vote, Bite the Ballot, One Young World et al

### Financial implications:

Posters and flyers that can be used throughout election cycles for general and local elections.

#### Communications:

- Having a social media post on International Day of Democracy as well as in the run-up to local and general elections. I want to aim these at people who are in tune with the cultural zeitgeist
- Having more publicity and engagement surrounding voting for both young people in Charlbury but also for those who don't vote
- If budget allows, to have a design done specifically from the Council encouraging people in Charlbury to vote and how to vote.