

BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNTY BOROUGH AND COMMUNITY ELECTION FEES
5 MAY 2022

RETURNING OFFICER'S FEES

Uncontested Elections

For each Electoral Division within the County Borough or Ward within the Community £ 90.00

Contested Elections

For each Electoral Division within the County Borough or Ward within the Community. £205.00

ADJUDICATION OF NOMINATION PAPERS

For each Electoral Division within the County Borough or Ward within the Community £ 36.00

NB. The figures above are based upon historical fee orders which have been adjusted year on year to take into account of inflation.

OTHER FEES

Clerical fees – Deputy Returning Officer fees are paid for all duties in connection with preparation and administration of the election outside of normal working hours paid at an hourly rate. Exact costs are unknown until after the election.

Presiding Officer £210.00

Combined Election - increase by 20% £252.00

Travel £ 12.00

Poll Clerk £142.50

(This may increase to reflect the 2022 Living Wage)

Combined Election - increase by 20% £156.00

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Travel £ 8.00

Polling Station Inspector £210.00

Travel – Actual Mileage – 45p per mile

Training - Presiding Officers, Poll Clerks and Inspectors £ 40.00

Chief Counting Officer £350.00

Senior Collation Officer £200.00

Senior Verification/Counting Assistant (1 Division or Ward) £120.00

Senior Verification/Counter Training £ 10.00

Additional hourly payment if count over 6 hours £ 20.00

Recount	£ 30.00
Travel – Actual Mileage – 45p per mile	
Verification/Counting Assistant	£ 90.00
Additional hourly payment if count over 6 hours	£ 15.00
Travel – Actual Mileage – 45p per mile	
Postal Voter Issue (Weekend) - £16 per hour	
Postal Vote Opening - £11.00 per hour	
Admin support - £11.00 per hour	
Printing and necessary equipment	Actual and Necessary Cost
Hire and fitting up of Polling Stations and Count Centre	Actual and Necessary Cost

STAFFING REQUIREMENTS:

Polling day:

74 Presiding Officers

83 Poll Clerks (This number may increase if Covid restrictions are still in place)

6 Polling Station Inspectors

Total of 163 staff for polls

Postal Issue

16 staff

Scanning and Postal Openings

8 staff

Preparing Ballot Boxes

6 staff

Count

4 Chief Counting Officers

2 Senior Collation Officers

14 Senior Counting Assistants (Additional staff if Community election)

56 Counting Assistants

6 Postal Vote Opening

6 Packing staff

2 Security Officers for Count

1 IT Officer

1 or 2 Communications Officer

Total of 93 for count