

County and District Council Report for March 2023 from Kathy and Tom Wells

Voter ID deadline



Residents are being reminded to check they have an accepted form of photo ID ahead of polling day on Thursday, 4 May to make sure they can cast their vote.

The full list of accepted photo ID can be found on the [Electoral Commission website](#).

If they don't have photo ID, the deadline to apply for a [free Voter Authority Certificate](#) is 5pm on 25 April 2023, residents are being urged to apply early if they need to.

People will need to be registered to vote first before they apply. This can be done online following the links on our elections page.

Visit www.malvern hills.gov.uk/voting-and-elections for more information or contact the elections team elections@malvern hills.gov.uk or call 01684 862200.

Postal voters will not need ID. For more information or to apply to vote by post you can also visit www.malvern hills.gov.uk/voting-and-elections

Jobs Fair

MHDC are happy to be supporting another Jobs Fair at Great Malvern Library in collaboration with Malvern Job Centre. The fair takes place on Wednesday 22 March 2023 from 10am until 1pm.

This year refreshments will be provided from the new café in the library, and there will be private rooms available to conduct interviews on the day.

Jobseekers can drop in and chat to a wide range of employers looking for new staff, as well as find out about other options including training, apprenticeships and self-employment options.

Businesses interested in having a stall are encouraged to contact Charmaine Gaitskell on 07899 114838 or charmaine.gaitskell@dwp.gov.uk

Upskilling grants for businesses

Local businesses could receive up to £1,500 towards the cost of taking on a new apprentice or trainee thanks to a new Upskilling Grant.

Businesses in any sector can apply for up to two upskilling grants from Malvern Hills District Council, as long as the trainees started after 1 October 2022.

The grant can be used to support the training of any apprentice or trainee carrying out an accredited qualification.

To qualify, businesses need to be based in the Malvern Hills district postcode area and employ fewer than 250 people.

They must pay at least the minimum wage to the trainee for a post of at least 20 hours a week, including training, over a minimum of three months. They must also provide for the trainee to gain a recognised qualification.

Visit www.malvern hills.gov.uk/grants-and-funding to find out more about the grant, and how to apply.