

Candidate spending return and declaration for parish elections in England

Who this form is for:

Candidates standing for election in parish level elections, whether the elections are contested or not.

More detail can be found in our [guidance for candidates at parish council elections](#).

Explanatory notes

Details of candidate and election

Please provide the details requested under this section and sign the form.

Calculate your spending limit and enter it on the form.

Your spending limit is £960, plus 8p per local government elector in the parish or town council area which you are standing for.

If you are a joint candidate you will need to reduce your spending limit by:

- a quarter (25%) – when there are two joint candidates, or
- a third (33%) – when there are three or more joint candidates

You can find out the electorate, which is the number of people registered to vote on the last day for publication of the notice of election, from your Returning Officer.

Completing and returning this form to the Returning Officer

You should complete and return the form to the Returning Officer for your electoral area. The form must be submitted within **28 calendar days** after the day of the election.

The form must be accompanied by the declaration signed by you to verify the return.

If the deadline for submitting your return falls on a non-working day, the deadline will be the first working day after.

Where can I get further advice?

If you have any questions about candidates' election spending you can contact us:

Visit us at www.electoralcommission.org.uk

Email us at pef@electoralcommission.org.uk

Call us on 0333 103 1928

Return of Election Expenses

To be completed by the candidate and returned within 28 days after the day of the election

In the [.....] ward of the]
Parish/Community of STANTON

Date of Election.....01/05/2025

Name of candidate.....STEPHEN WESTON

Spending limit.....£976.64

1. I am the person named above as Candidate in this election.
2. I hereby make the following return of my election expenses.

Signature of Candidate [Signature] Date.....9-5-2025

Part one: Summary of expenses

Category	Amount	
	£	pp
A. Candidate's personal expenses (i.e. travel and subsistence)		
B. Paid to individuals for services rendered (sub-agents, clerks, messengers, etc)		
C. Paid for election offices:		
C1. Hire of rooms		
C2. Office costs (use of computers etc)		
D. Paid for public meetings:		
D1. Hire of rooms		
D2. Paid to public speakers		
E. Paid for materials to electors:		
E1. Design and printing costs		
E2. Distribution costs (e.g. postage)		
F. Paid for advertising:		
F1. Posters/banners/billboards		
F2. Publicity materials (e.g. loudspeakers, rosettes)		
G. Paid for stationery costs		
H. Paid for communication costs (phone, fax, internet, etc)		
I. Miscellaneous Items		
Total notional expenditure		
Total unpaid claims		
Total election expenses		

Part two: Payments

A. Breakdown of expenditure

Payments made by the candidate or any of their agents (A to I)

Please note: For each item of expenditure reported (except those items under £10) an invoice or receipt detailing each item of expenditure must be provided in support.

Item and Supplier Details (including the category the item falls under (A to J))	Date		Amount	Invoice no. (if attached)
	Invoice Paid	Invoice Received		
Total				

B. Unpaid claims

In addition to payments listed above, I am aware of the following unpaid claims:

Item/Service	Date invoice received	Action taken or to be taken	Amount	
			£	pp
Total unpaid claims				

C. Declaration of value of notional expenditure over £50

Please note: You may have few, if any, payments to report under this section. If you are unsure as to the type of expenditure that should be recorded in this section please refer to the accompanying guidance notes

I hereby declare that the following individual amount(s) of expenditure incurred under s.90C of the RPA'83 and listed below at Part 2C of this return represents the full and true value as calculated in accordance with that section.

Signed Date... 9-5-2025

Item	Date(s) or Period Expenditure Incurred	Commercial Cost of Item	Actual Cost Paid	Value of Notional Expenditure
Total notional expenditure				

The Electoral Commission

Declaration by candidate as to election expenses

Local government: Parish and community elections Election of a Councillor

To be completed by the candidate to accompany the return of election expenses

Please note: there is no longer any requirement for this declaration to be signed by a Justice of the Peace

Election for the _____ ward of the _____

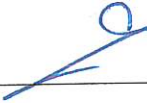
Parish/community of STAINTON

Date of publication of notice of the election 24/03/2025

Full name of candidate STEPHEN WESTON

I solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

1. The amount incurred by me at the above election was £ 0.
2. To the best of my knowledge and belief no other election expenses have been paid or incurred by me or by any other person or organisation in connection with my candidature.
3. To the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying return of election expenses is complete and correct as required by law.
4. I understand that the law does not allow any election expenses not mentioned in the return to be defrayed except in pursuance of a court order.

Signature of declarant 

Date

9-5-2025