

Comments by the Acting Returning Officer on the Isles of Scilly polling place review

Polling district: St Agnes

Electorate (Sep 2024): 66

Polling place	Island Hall, New Lane
Location of polling station	The Island Hall is the principal community gathering place on the island. The polling station is located in the old hall area.
Parking	There are no public highways on St Agnes. The Island Hall is located on a quiet private track. Space for parking is available at the front of building.
Access	There is level access into the building.
Facilities for staff	Toilets and kitchen facilities are available.
Recommendation	I agree that the polling station should remain in the Island Hall.
Back-up location	The Anglican church on St Agnes is booked as a back-up polling station in case the Island Hall becomes unavailable at short notice.

Polling district: Bryher

Electorate (Sep 2024): 80

Polling place	Community Centre, Timmy's Hill
Location of polling station	The Community Centre is the principal community gathering place on the island. The polling station is located in the main hall.
Parking	There are no public highways on Bryher. The Community Centre is located on a quiet private track. Space for parking is available adjacent to the building.
Access	A rubber ramp is provided to overcome the raised threshold at the main entrance.
Facilities for staff	Toilets and kitchen facilities are available.
Recommendation	I agree that the polling station should remain in the Community Centre.
Back-up location	The Anglican church on Bryher is booked as a back-up polling station in case the Community Centre becomes unavailable at short notice.

Polling district: St Martin's

Electorate (Sep 2024): 117

Polling place	Island Hall, St Martin's Road
Location of polling station	The Island Hall is the principal community gathering place on the island. The polling station is located in the main hall (although the Reading Room has also been used in the past).
Parking	There are no public highways on St Martin's. The Island Hall is located on a quiet private track. A small car park is located at the front of the building.
Access	Rubber ramps are provided to overcome the raised thresholds at the main entrance and into the main hall.
Facilities for staff	Toilets and kitchen facilities are available.
Recommendation	I agree that the polling station should remain in the Island Hall.
Back-up location	The Anglican church on St Martin's is booked as a back-up polling station in case the Island Hall becomes unavailable at short notice.

Polling district: St Mary's

Electorate (Sep 2024): 1,230

Polling place	Old Wesleyan Chapel, Garrison Lane
Location of polling station	The polling station is located in the council chamber in the Old Wesleyan Chapel. The space is also used by the council for public meetings.
Parking	The lack of parking is regrettable and has been the subject of a complaint in the past. Nevertheless the Old Wesleyan Chapel is still considered to be the best option due to its Hugh Town location, accordance with accessibility requirements and ready availability.
Access	The rear entrance is used to provide level access into the building.
Facilities for staff	Toilets and kitchen facilities are available.
Recommendation	I agree that the polling station should remain in the Old Wesleyan Chapel.
Back-up location	The Methodist Hall/Chapel on St Mary's is booked as a back-up polling station in case the Old Wesleyan Chapel becomes unavailable at short notice.

Polling district: Tresco

Electorate (Sep 2024): 91

Polling place	Community Centre, Tresco
Location of polling station	<p>The Community Centre is the principal community gathering place on the island.</p> <p>The polling station is located in the foyer between the reception area, Social Room and main hall (although the Social Room has also been used in the past).</p>
Parking	<p>There are no public highways on Tresco. The Community Centre is located on a quiet private track.</p> <p>Space for parking is available in a layby at the front of the building.</p>
Access	Rubber ramps are provided to overcome the raised threshold at the main entrance.
Facilities for staff	Toilets and kitchen facilities are available.
Recommendation	I agree that the polling station should remain in the Community Centre.
Back-up location	The Anglican church on Tresco is booked as a back-up polling station in case the Community Centre becomes unavailable at short notice.

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