Cheadle Town Council

Cheadle West Ward By-Election

Thursday 16th April 2026

Statement

Following a resignation in January 2026, a Vacancy on the Cheadle West Ward was reported to the Electoral Services Manager at Staffordshire Moorlands District Council by the Town Clerk. This is standard practice for reporting a vacancy and it is not uncommon.

Ordinarily, vacancies on Town and Parish Councils are filled by way of Co-Option, a process whereby incumbent Councillors vote to accept nominated Candidates. Prior to the Co-Option process, all vacancies must, by law, be advertised for a 14-day period for anyone who wishes to call a By-Election. Both practices uphold the democratic process for ensuring that vacancies are occupied.

Given that Town and Parish Councillors are volunteers, the calling of an Election at this level of Local Government is unusual. The previous By-Election held for a seat on the Cheadle Town Council was in July 2017.

At the beginning of March, Cheadle Town Council was notified that a By-Election had been called for the vacancy on the Cheadle West Ward, and that the nomination period for Candidates would commence thereafter. As part of the overall process, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council requested confirmation on the issuance of Polling Cards. The request was considered by Councillors at their meeting on Monday 3rd March 2026, where it prompted a thoughtful and constructive discussion. While there was support for issuing polling cards, Councillors carefully weighed this against the relatively small number of voters involved in this particular election. In reaching their decision, Councillors focused on ensuring responsible and effective use of public funds. Town and Parish Councils operate within limited budgets, and by-elections, whilst an important part of the democratic process, can incur significant costs. By taking a measured approach on this occasion, the Council is helping to safeguard resources for future electoral needs. With full Town and Parish Elections scheduled for 2027, this approach supports careful financial planning and helps ensure that sufficient resources are available to deliver those elections effectively for the whole community.

Furthermore, a Town Council By-Election has been called for the vacancy on the Cheadle West Ward, which will take place on Thursday 16th April 2026.

Polling Stations have been identified as the Cheadle Primary School and the Bishop Rawle Primary School, which will be open from 7.00am to 10.00pm. I am advised that neither school will be required to close to accommodate the Polling Stations.

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council have the responsibility for Elections. The link below provides the timetable for the Cheadle West Ward By-Election.

https://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/article/8575/Cheadle-Town---West-Ward-By-election-2026

This link provides details of the 'Persons Nominated' for Election, the registration requirements for voting and information on Postal Votes and Identification conditions.

****Please note that ID will be required at the Polling Stations****

The Town of Cheadle is divided into three Electoral Wards, Cheadle North East, Cheadle South East and Cheadle West. This Election is solely for those who are eligible to vote and who reside in the Cheadle West Ward. Residents who reside in the Cheadle North East or Cheadle South East Wards are not eligible to vote in this Election.

The Cheadle West Ward is further divided into two Polling Districts, which are identified on the Electoral Register as E -E and ED.

If you are registered to vote, and reside in either of these Polling Districts, you are eligible to vote in the Cheadle West Ward By-Election.

Polling District E – E (Polling Station at Cheadle Primary School)

Ash Tree Hill
Attlee Road
Austin Close
Aynsley Close
Balmoral Drive
Bank Street
Bassett Close
Beswick Close
Birchwood Grove
Browning Close
Byron Close
Carlos Close
Carlton Close
Chapel Street
Charles Street
Coalport Close
Coleridge Drive
Commonside
Coneygreave Close
Copeland Close
Coronation Street
Cross Street
Croxden Close
Dandillion Avenue
Delphouse Road
Doulton Close
Draycott Cross Road
Draycott Drive
Dryden Way
Giles Close, Rectory Gardens
Glebe Court
Glebe Gardens, Cheadle
Glebe Road
Greenways
Hardy Close
Harplow Lane
High Street
Huntley
Huntley Close
Huntley Lane
Hurst Close, Cheadle
Kenilworth Walk
Lid Lane
Litley Dale Harplow Lane
Litley Drive
Majors Barn
Meadow Drive
Meakin Close
Minton Close
Mobberley
Moorcroft Close
New Haden Road
Oak Street
Paragon Close
Pullman Court Off Station Road
Rawle Close
Shelley Drive
Spode Close
Station Road
Tape Street
Tean Road
Teanford
Tennyson Close
The Avenue
The Birches
The Green
The Paddock
The Sidings Off Station Road
The Sonnet
Town End
Tuscan Close
Victoria Court, Coronation Road
Victoria Street
Wade Close
Warwick Avenue
Watt Place
Wedgwood Road
Wordsworth Close

Polling District ED (Polling Station at Bishop Rawle Primary School)

Adderley
Adderley Mill
Bate Lane, Dilhorne
Beaver Drive Off The Green
Birchenfields Lane
Blakeley Lane
Boundary View
Brookhouse Road
Brookside Court
Church Street
Dairy House Lane
Daisy Bank Leek Road
Delphouse Road
Dilhorne
Dilhorne Road
Friars Close
Friars Court
Gordon Avenue
Greenways Drive
Hall Orchard
Harewood Close
High Street
Kingsley Moor
Leek Road
Monkhouse
Park Drive
Park Lane
Park Lane Close
Patch Meadow Road
Perkins Lane
Prince George Street
Spout Lane, Cheadle
The Green
The Rindle
The Terrace
Town End

Please note that the Polling Stations are located on school premises, and we would respectfully ask that due consideration is given to this.

Those wishing to vote in this By-Election must be registered as an Elector, and will be asked for name/address and identification to confirm eligibility.

****Please respect Polling Station Staff at all times****

Candidates

Following the closure of Nominations on Wednesday 18th March 2026, two Candidates stood for Election. Both Candidates have been confirmed as eligible to stand under the qualifying criteria.

BENTLEY Lee (address in Staffordshire Moorlands) Reform UK

CHATWIN Emma (address in Staffordshire Moorlands) Green Party

Candidates will be responsible for managing their respective campaigns, and are actively canvassing support.

Should you have any further enquiries in respect of this Election, please contact Cheadle Town Council on 01538-754288 info@cheadletowncouncil.com or the Elections Team at Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.

Dave Mullington

Town Clerk