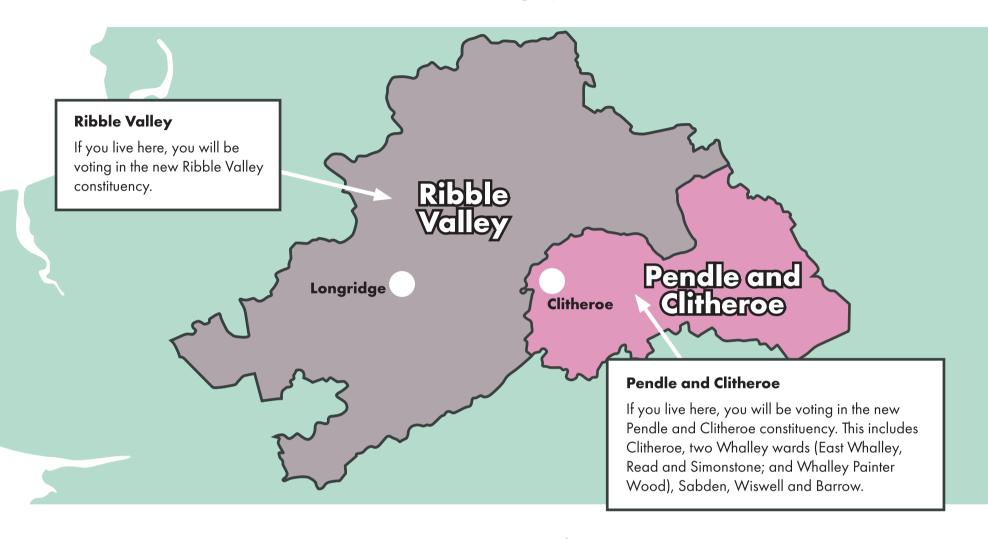
THE UK GOES TO THE POLLS IN A GENERAL ELECTION ON THURSDAY, JULY 4



But if you live in Ribble Valley you may be voting in a different constituency and there are some other important things you need to know.



Absent voting

If you want to vote by post or proxy, you can now apply online.

And the simplest way to return your postal vote is by post, which will ensure it is delivered to the correct acting returning officer.

If you are a postal voter in the Ribble Valley constituency, you can also hand your vote in at the Ribble Valley Borough Council Offices in Clitheroe, or any polling station in the constituency.

If you are a postal voter in the Pendle and Clitheroe constituency you can hand it in at the Pendle Borough Council Offices in Nelson, or any polling station in the constituency.

When handing in postal votes, please note:

- You will need to complete a verification form.
- You can only hand in your own postal vote and the votes of up to five other people.
- If you do not complete the verification form, or if you post your vote in the council offices letterbox, your vote will be rejected.

The deadline to apply for a new postal or proxy vote at electoral commission.org.uk is 5pm on Wednesday, June 19.

Voting in person

If you want to vote in person, don't forget to take your photo-ID to the polling station.

If you do not have photo-ID, you can:

- Apply for a voter authority certificate at electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID
- Download an application form and post it to Electoral Services, Ribble Valley Borough Council, Council Offices, Church Walk, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 2RA.
- Phone the council's electoral services team on 01200 414411 / 01200 414426 and make an appointment to complete the form in person.

You will need to provide a photograph, your full name, date of birth, the address at which you are registered to vote and national insurance number, or another form of proof of identity, such as a birth certificate, bank statement or utility bill.

The deadline to apply for a voter authority certificate is 5pm on Wednesday, June 26.

We know there is a lot to take in, which is why our elections team is happy to help on 01200 414411 / 01200 414426, or you can find lots of information at ribblevalley.gov.uk