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PRESS RELEASE

Reminder for residents to respond to the Annual Electoral Canvass

Mid Sussex District Council will be contacting properties who have not yet responded, or only recently responded, to the 2021 electoral canvass.

Every year, the Council must complete a canvass to update the electoral register and ensure that any resident who is eligible to vote can do so.

All households in Mid Sussex will be contacted as part of the canvass, with responses used to ensure the register is accurate.

From Monday 20 September, households who have not responded, or only recently responded, will receive either an e-mail or letter containing information on how to respond to the canvass.

Follow the instructions the Council has provided will ensure residents maintain the right to vote at future elections.

Residents are encouraged to respond using digital channels, as all information is processed instantly, there's no chance of the form being lost in the post and it's environmentally friendly. It also provides taxpayers with savings when compared with the cost of posting back the form.

Tom Clark, Returning Officer for Mid Sussex said:

“We want to help our residents to have their say, maintain their democratic rights and avoid missing out on the opportunity to vote.

“If you have not yet responded to the 2021 Electoral Canvass, please follow the simple instructions on these letters and emails as soon as possible.

“Remember, the Electoral Register and Council Tax database are legally separate. Payment of Council Tax does not automatically entitle you to vote.”

For more information about the electoral canvass visit www.midsussex.gov.uk/elections-voting/annual-canvass/registering. To contact the Mid Sussex District Council Electoral Services team email elections@midsussex.gov.uk or call 01444 477003.

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