## WHY SHOULD I BE ON THE ELECTORAL REGISTER?



The law says that you need to be on the electoral register.

Being on the register means that you have a choice about whether you wish to vote or not. You can't vote on Polling Day if you aren't already registered to vote.



Even if someone does not have the capacity to understand the voting process, they still need to be on the register.

Since 2014 everyone who applies to go on the electoral register has to provide their National Insurance number and date of birth.

The information is then sent to the Department for Work and Pensions to check that it matches their records.



There are TWO versions of the electoral register: the electoral register and the open register. Everyone who can vote appears on the electoral register.

The open register can be bought and sold by anyone. There are no restrictions on what it can be used for. You automatically appear on the open register unless you choose not to.

When you apply to be on the electoral register you can choose whether you wish to be on the open register or not.

It's easy to register and there are several ways to do it:

GO TO <u>www.gov.uk/register-to-vote</u> EMAIL US <u>electoral.registration@kirklees.gov.uk</u> OR YOU CAN RING US ON 01484 221650 and we can take your details over the phone



Just make sure you have your National Insurance number and date of birth and you are good to go!