

**The Highland Council By-Election
Ward 21: Fort William and Ardnamurchan
Thursday 11 December 2025**

**Notice of Openings of Postal Voters' Ballot Boxes
and the Envelopes contained therein**

Issue of Postal Votes

IDOX are contracted by me to produce the Postal Voting packs and postal ballot papers. Postal Vote packs will be dispatched to Royal Mail by the appointed contractor on and around Friday, 28 November 2025 (for those registered before Tuesday 25 November 2025).

Opening of Postal Votes

I, Derek Brown, Returning Officer at the above election, hereby give you notice of the Openings of Postal Voters' Ballot Boxes and the envelopes contained therein on the dates and at the places and times all as specified in the schedule below.

I further notify you that you or your Election Agent (or any person appointed to attend in place of you or your Election Agent, provided their appointment has been duly made and notified to me) are entitled to be present at proceedings. You may appoint Postal Vote Agents to attend any of the sessions specified in this notice.

Schedule of Opening of Postal Votes

Session No	Date	Venue	Start Time
1	Wednesday 10 December 2025	The Nevis Centre, An Aird, Fort William, PH33 6AN	From 9am until completion (opening of envelopes only)
2	Thursday 11 December 2025		From 9am until completion, recommencing from 9pm until finish (scanning and verification)

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