

Ward 3 – Wick and East Caithness By-Election – Thursday 1 October 2026

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 the following date **Friday 18 September 2026 (for those registered before 15 September 2026)**

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 30 September 2026	Wick Assembly Rooms Sinclair Terrace	From 9am until completion (opening of envelopes only)
2	Thursday 1 October 2026	Wick KW1 5AD	From 9am until completion and recommence at 9pm until finish (scanning and verification)

Derek Brown
Returning Officer

Monday 31 August 2026