Identity marks on ballot papers | Electoral Commission How to register your political party You are in the How to register your political party section Home How to register your political party View the navigation tree Go to main guidance section: How to register your political party Before you register What you need to do to register Party details Are you intending to contest UK Parliamentary general elections? Your party's officers Identity marks on ballot papers Party name Party emblems on ballot papers Party descriptions on ballot papers Joint party descriptions How we assess your identity marks Your financial scheme Your party's constitution Your declaration of assets and liabilities Accounting units Submitting your application How we assess your application How do you object to our decision? After registration Identity marks on ballot papers "Identity Marks" are how we refer collectively to your party name, descriptions and emblems. These are how a party may be identified on a ballot paper at elections. Some identity marks are mandatory whilst others are optional. You must register a party name. This is a mandatory identity mark. You may register up to three emblems and 12 descriptions. These are optional identity marks. You do not need to register any party identity marks that you intend to use on campaign materials, unless you also intend to use them on a ballot paper. There are certain statutory tests and requirements which identity marks must meet in order to be registered. We will assess your application to register identify marks against these tests. From time to time, the Commission will also carry out reviews of identity marks on our registers. This is part of our duty to ensure we are maintaining the register of political parties. You can apply to change your party name, descriptions, and emblems and add joint descriptions at a later date if you wish for an additional non-refundable fee of £25 per application. Last updated: 24 November 2022 Book traversal links for Identity marks on ballot papers Officer responsibilities Party name