

District Councillor Monthly Report

Lawford, Manningtree & Mistley

April 2023

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Pre-Election Period (Reminder)

The pre-election Period (formally known as purdah) began on the 13th March and will remain in place until Election Day on the 4th May 2023. During this period there will be certain restrictions on the way councillors and candidates communicate and the way Council Officers respond to request from councillors and candidates.

As a result, most committees have not met, except for those discharging statutory responsibilities with certain time limits, such as Licensing and Audit. Therefore, there is not a great deal to report in this monthly update.

Voter Identification (Reminder)

The government has published information on how to apply for a Photo ID to Vote – called a “Voter Authority Certificate”.

Individuals will be able to use the Voter Authority Certificate to vote in person in some UK elections and referendums, however, it cannot be used as proof of identification for any other reason. Individuals only need to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate if:

- they do not have accepted photo ID
- they no longer look like the photo on their ID
- the name on their photo ID is different to their name on the electoral register

The Government states that 98% of the voting population already have an acceptable form of identification. **Even expired identification is acceptable, as long as your likeness is still current.**

The deadline for applying for a “Voter Authority Certificate” is 5pm six days before the polling day which is on the 4th May.

The government has also published forms to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate by post and for individuals who are living abroad, in the armed forces, a Crown Servant or a British Council employee.

More information:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>

Forms:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-voter-authority-certificate-by-post-if-youre-living-in-the-uk>



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-by-post-for-a-voter-authority-certificate-if-youre-living-abroad-in-the-armed-forces-a-crown-servant-or-a-british-council-employee>

Waste Collections unaffected by Public Holidays

Residents are reminded that rubbish and recycling collections will not be affected by the upcoming bank holidays.

The district's waste collection service continues even when collection days fall on bank holidays, with the exception of the Christmas period.

It means that households with Monday or Friday collections should still put out their waste and recycling over the Easter and May bank holidays.

Damian Williams, Tendring District Council (TDC) Corporate Director for Operations and Delivery, said with a number of bank holidays coming up the authority wanted to remind people that there were no changes.

"We know new residents to the area, or those who have lived here for many years and remember the old system, may wonder, so we want to tell households to stick to their usual collection days. This is particularly important in the coming weeks, when there are several public holidays.

Mistley Place Park (MPP)

I have received contacts from some local residents, who were concerned about the condition and safety of some trees in MPP, in relation to their close proximity to the highway.

Essex County Council have taken some action and as a result, several of the relevant trees have now been felled.

ECC Recycling Centre (Lawford)

The changed arrangements at the Essex County Council Recycling Centre in Lawford seem to be working well. However, just a reminder for those residents who do not have access to the Internet, that appointments can be booked by telephoning the Essex County Council Contact Centre on **0345 7430430**

Alan Coley – District Councillor

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In an emergency which requires TDC's assistance residents can contact the council's Control Centre on **01255 222022, available 24/7.**

Fly Tipping - If anyone witnesses any fly tipping occurring, please contact TDC's Waste Management Team on **01255 686768.**

To report a missed bin collection visit <https://tendring-self.achieveservice.com/> or via **01255 686788.**