



District Councillor Monthly Report

Lawford, Manningtree & Mistley

December 2020 / January 2021 v2

Coronavirus Update

Last night (16th December) at a District Councillors' Briefing, Dr Mike Gogarty the Essex Director of Public Health, provided councillors with the latest update:

The Government will review the restrictive tiers on the 16th and 17th December. It is very unlikely that the tier for Tendring District will change. Our active infection rates, which stand at just under 100 (per 100k of population), are rising slightly but are still well within the limits of tier two.

The decision to apply separate tiers within Essex was due to the significant disparity between infection rates in areas nearer London, compared with our own, which is the lowest in the county.

Area	Infection Rate per 100k
Braintree	190
Chelmsford	300+
Basildon	600+

It was asked at the briefing if more testing leads inevitably to increased numbers of infections discovered. Dr Gogarty was clear that in Tendring that is not the case. Our testing rates are stable and last week an average of 154 tests each day were carried out with a positivity rate of less than 5%.

The Christmas contact will undoubtedly increase infection rates and the public is being advised to be sensible. Significantly restrict your contacts for at least 5 days before you extend your bubble for a family gathering. Those planning to gather with the elderly or vulnerable should consider matters very carefully.

The hospital bed occupancy in the county has significantly increased in the last week, going from 240 Covid admissions to 530 admissions in this period alone. Colchester Hospital did see a small drop in admissions a week ago, but that figure is also rising.

Our vaccine site is still currently Colchester Hospital, due to the storage conditions for the vaccine itself. However it is anticipated that other sites will open up in the coming weeks. Those residents in the appropriate band will be notified to attend for vaccination.

Changes to Waste Services over Christmas

Households in Tendring are being reminded their waste and recycling collection days will change over the festive period.

Waste and recycling collections will not take place on Christmas Day, the Boxing Day bank holiday or New Year's Day.

Changes are as below, and are also included on residents' collection calendars:

Scheduled date	Revised date
Friday, 25 December	Tuesday, 29 December
Monday, 28 December	Wednesday, 30 December
Tuesday, 29 December	Thursday, 31 December
Wednesday, 30 December	Saturday, 2 January 2021
Thursday, 31 December	Monday, 4 January 2021
Friday, 1 January 2021	Tuesday, 5 January 2021

Collections week commencing 4 January will be two days later, with Thursday households collected on Saturday (9 January) and those due for collection on Friday 8 January collected on Monday 11 January.

For week beginning Monday 11 January collections will be a day later than usual, with Friday collections taking place on Saturday (16 January)

Collections resume as normal from Monday 18 January.

In addition to the above changes, for households' first wheelie bin collection after Christmas each household will be allowed an additional two black bags of side waste. However please try and recycle as much as possible using additional boxes if required.

For Christmas trees St Helena Hospice has expanded its Treecycle service to now cover the CO7, CO9, CO11, CO15 and CO16 postcodes, meaning households in these areas can book for their tree to be collected on Saturday 9 January in return for a donation to the charity. To find out more and to book visit www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/tree-cycle21.

Households which subscribe to the garden waste brown bin service are reminded there are no collections over the Christmas and New Year period, but they can leave a Christmas tree out with their bin for their first collection afterwards.

People can find updated information on TDC's Christmas services web page, which has full details of seasonal changes to services across the authority: <https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/council/christmas-and-new-year-services-and-opening-times>

Local Plan

I will provide an update on the Tendring Local Plan in my January report.

Kind Regards
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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.

General Information: If anyone witnesses any fly tipping occurring, please contact TDC's Waste Management Team on 01255 686768.