

# DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Essex County Council

## Election of a County Councillor for

Maldon Rural South  
on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026

I, Doug Wilkinson, being the Deputy Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BASSENGER, Mark Geoffrey	Independent	200
ELEY, James Francis commonly known as ELEY, James	Liberal Democrats	302
FLEMING, Jane Lisa	The Conservative Party	1761
GEORGE, Richard Jonathan commonly known as GEORGE, Richard	The Green Party	352
HAYWOOD, Linda Joan	Independent	855
JAYAWARDANA, Justin commonly known as JAY, Justin	Reform UK	Elected - 2699
PRESTON, Felix	Labour Party	161

\* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	5
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	5
E rejected in part	0
<b>Total ejected Ballot Papers</b>	<b>10</b>

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 13243

Ballot Papers Issued: 6342

Turnout: 47.8%

And I do hereby declare that Justin Jay is duly elected.

Thursday 7 May 2026  
Dated

Doug Wilkinson  
Deputy Returning Officer