

# DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Essex County Council

## Election of a County Councillor for

Maldon Town and Heybridge  
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*
BURRELL-COOK, James Robert commonly known as BURRELL-COOK, James	The Conservative Party	1644
CAPPER, Stephen	Labour Party	179
COUSINS, Samuel	Reform UK	Elected - 2083
DRIVER, John	Liberal Democrats	1513
LAGAN, Kevin Michael Henry Commonly known as LAGAN, Kevin	Independent	411
REECE-FORD, James	Green Party	479

\* 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	0
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	6
E rejected in part	0
Total Rejected Ballot Papers	6

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 14060

Ballot Papers Issued: 6320

Turnout: 44.9%

And I do hereby declare that Samuel Cousins is duly elected.

Thursday 7 May 2026  
Date

Doug Wilkinson  
Deputy Returning Officer