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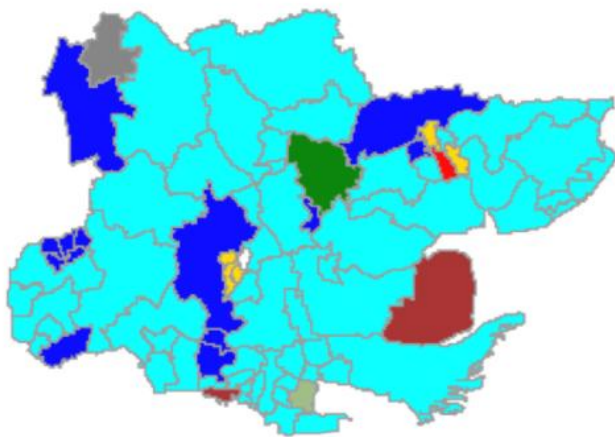
Great Maplestead Parish Council's Award-Winning Newsletter

Essex County Council completely 'Reformed' in May

A historic, wide-reaching change...

Essex County Council, run by a Conservative administration for the past 25 years, is now under the overall control of Reform UK.

The party succeeded in winning 53 of the 78 available seats (68%) on the Council, with a voter turnout across the county of 43.6% – at the last election, in 2021, the turnout was just 33.2%.



■ Reform UK ■ Undeclared Seats ■ Labour Party ■ Residents for Uttlesford



In the **Heddingham Division**, which covers **Great Maplestead**, **Nathan Robins** (Reform) was elected with 2,746 votes (38.6% of the total) on a voter turnout of 51.3%, the fifth highest in the county.

Cllr. Peter Schweir, who was previously County Councillor for the Heddingham Division, was not one of the 13 Conservatives to retain their seat; he remains, however, District Councillor for the parish.



Cllr. Peter Harris, Leader of the Reform UK group and Leader Elect of **Essex County Council**, has announced his Cabinet: "...a new top team whose talent and determination will help lead **Essex County Council** into an exciting and ambitious future".

Information on the Cabinet and its portfolios is at: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/2026/new-essex-county-council-cabinet-announced>

The formal appointment of **Cllr. Harris**, his new Cabinet and their portfolio roles was approved at the Council's Annual General Meeting on 28th May 2026.

Waste and Recycling Collections

These are the changes as from the end of May:

Your waste and recycling explained

FOOD CADDY	GARDEN BIN (SUBSCRIPTION ONLY)	PAPER & CARD BIN	MIXED RECYCLING BIN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cereal and grains Bread and pastries Cooked and raw fish & meat Eggs and dairy (including egg shells) Tea bags and coffee grounds Rice and pasta Out of date food Fruit and vegetables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flowers Plants Grass cuttings Shrub/hedge clippings Leaves Weeds (not invasive plants like Japanese Knotweed) Twigs and branches Straw or animal bedding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper Newspaper Cardboard Junk mail Magazines Wrapping paper Greetings cards Shredded paper <p>Please make sure all card and paper is clean and dry. All items must be loose and not inside bags.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glass bottles and jars Tins and cans Plastic bottles Tubs Yoghurt pots Film Trays Plastic bags Food and drink cartons <p>All items must be loose and not inside bags.</p>
GREY BIN	All household waste (rubbish) that cannot be recycled. All waste in this bin is taken to an Energy from Waste Plant for processing.		

Food caddies will continue to be collected weekly, the **Grey** bins collected every three weeks and the new **Red-** and **Blue-**lidded bins will be collected four-weekly, alternating fortnightly.

Monday is collection day

Check your collection calendar. Follow the coloured dots and put the correct waste or recycling out on your collection day.

Your waste and recycling

Please put your bins out by 7.00AM on your collection day

1	2	3	4
Every week	Every 2 weeks (by subscription only)	Every 3 weeks	Every 4 weeks
June 2026	July 2026	August 2026	
1 (F) (R)	6 (F) (G)	3 (F) (G)	
8 (F) (G) (W)	13 (F) (P)	10 (F) (W) (P)	
15 (F) (P)	20 (F) (G) (W)	17 (F) (G)	
22 (F) (G)	27 (F) (R)	24 (F) (R)	
29 (F) (W) (R)			

A separate free collection for **Absorbent Hygiene Products** (nappies, incontinence pads etc.) is available on request by completing the application form at: <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/bins-waste-recycling/applying-absorbent-hygiene-products-ahp-collection/1>

Bramford to Twinstead Power Line

Since earlier this year National Grid has been clearing vegetation and creating new bell-mouths (road junctions) for the installation of the temporary haul roads needed to allow access for this project's construction vehicles.

Locally Balfour Beatty, who are carrying out the construction work on National Grid's behalf, have been carrying out this work most noticeably and controversially along the A131. This has meant a series of short-term traffic management measures, which are still in place, to ensure public safety.

Oak Road update

The planned closure and diversion for Oak Road (between Pebmarsh and Twinstead) from 11th May to 8th June, did not go ahead as planned because some preparatory work required before the traffic management started was not finished.

This work is now expected to take place later in June; the confirmed dates, timings and diversion route will be notified to residents in the area via postcards, as was done originally, and notified at: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade/bramford-to-twinstead/whats-happening-now>

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Litter Pick

The **Task Force** is looking for volunteers for the community Parish Litter Pick, taking place on **Saturday 13th June**.

Please text **Rob Brudenell** (07917 071 447) if you can help. All equipment/tabards will be supplied. Meet in the Playing Field car park at **10.00am**. Refreshments afterwards in **St Giles' Church**.

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Latest Planning News

The following were discussed by the Council at its meeting on 13th May:

Decisions Noted:

- ✚ **26/00672/TPO** – *Eastcote Church Street Great Maplestead CO9 2RG*. Application to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 6/88 - T1-Lime - re-reduce back down to previous pruning points.
Granted 01/05/2026
- ✚ **26/00499/LBC** – *Walnut Tree Cottage Church Street Great Maplestead CO9 2RH*. Replacement front entrance door.
Granted 01/05/2026

Applications Received:

- ✚ **26/00596/FUL** – *Chelmshoe Lodge, Monks Lodge Road Great Maplestead CO9 2RL*. Change of use of agricultural building to light industrial unit (Class E) & alterations to fenestration.

Latest Planning News (contd)

Applications Received (contd):

- ✚ **26/00897/VAR** – *1 Toldish Hall Cottages, Toldish Hall Road Great Maplestead CO9 2RB*. Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans), 3 (Materials) and 4 (Privacy Screen Details) of approved application **25/00831/HH** granted 09/04/2025 for: Proposed single-storey front and rear extension with roof terrace to rear elevation. Variation will allow: location of privacy screen
- ✚ **26/00850/DAC** – *Barn At Purls Hill Farm House, Purls Hill Great Maplestead CO9 2QT*. Discharge of condition 5 (Timber Frame Repairs) & 6 (Brick Plinth Repairs) of **25/00334/FUL**

The Council's responses to the applications are at: <https://publicaccess.braintree.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>. Type or copy the **planning reference** into the 'Search' box and open the files.

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Forthcoming Events

The following upcoming events (*these at the Village Hall) are some to note for your diary:

- ✚ **Fridays 5th Jun to 21st Aug: Social Boules Evenings** – on the **Playing Field Boules Court**. From **5.00–7.00pm** (weather permitting). **All welcome**, whether to play or just socialise. **BYO chairs/nibbles/drinks**.
- ✚ **Sat 20th Jun*: Men's Breakfast Group** – from **9.30am**. Come along for a hearty breakfast and a talk by **Keith Sarti** about the duties and responsibilities of a **First Responder**.

And later in the year:

- ✚ **Sat 5th Sep*: Autumn Show** – categories include flowers, a sunflower competition, fruit and vegetables, cookery and handicrafts. The subject for the photography competition is '**Looking Through**' (for children under 16: '**Beside Water**'). A full schedule will be distributed in the July issue of **Parish News**.
- ✚ **Saturday 19th Sep*: Maplesteads' Jumble Sale** – from **3.00pm**. More information from: Diane Smith (473 300)/Doreen Faulks (460 727)

Further information can also be found on **Maplestead Mates**, in **Parish News** and on the '**Events**' page of the **Parish Council website**.

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Contacting the Council

Any comments, requests or correspondence should initially be made to the **Parish Clerk**:

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