

County Councillor's Report for Lavenham Parish Council meeting on Thursday 6th May 2021

Elections to take place on May 6th

Local elections will take place on Thursday May 6th for the county council's 75 county councillor seats, as well as several district councillor seats and the Police & Crime Commissioner. I am standing for re-election as your county county councillor. Suffolk County Council's annual general meeting will take place on May 27th although the venue has yet to be confirmed because the chamber in Endeavour House is not big enough for Covid compliance.

COVID-19 Home testing kits available from libraries and pharmacies

The public can now obtain free Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) from any library in the county, along with 130 NHS pharmacies, subject to stock availability and opening times. Regular testing is seen as key in controlling the spread of the virus as the UK's vaccination programme continues.

For more information see the link below:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news/show/home-testing-now-available-from-libraries-and-pharmacies>

Suffolk Waste Partnership composting campaign launches

On average, more than a third of the contents of Suffolk's rubbish bins could easily be composted at home. Theoretically each household in Suffolk could compost 150kg of organic material a year, turning waste into free soil improver.

To celebrate International Compost Awareness Week in the first week of May, Suffolk Waste Partnership are launching several initiatives to support residents to begin composting. Free bagged compost will be handed out at several events (see link below for details), and cheap composting equipment can be ordered through the Partnership.

See link below for more details:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news/show/free-compost-a-hot-competition-and-cheap-bins-to-help-green-fingered-residents>

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Added on 05/05/2021: Speed surveys taking place April 29 to May 11.