

**NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE FOR THE OPENING OF THE POSTAL VOTERS BALLOT BOX**

**ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS TO SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL  
AND  
ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR TO MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ON 4 MAY 2017**

Notice is hereby given that the opening of the postal voters ballot boxes for the following electoral areas;

1. Bosmere Division	6. Stowmarket South Division
2. Gipping Division	7. Thedwastre North Division
3. Hartismere Division	8. Thedwastre South Division
4. Hoxne & Eye Division	9. Thredling Division
5. Stowmarket North & Stowupland Division	10. Upper Gipping Division
Eye Ward	

will take place at The Council Chamber, Mid Suffolk District Council, 131 High Street, Needham Market, IP6 8DL on the following dates and times:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Session</b>
Wednesday 26 April 2017	10:00am to 11.00am
Thursday 27 April 2017	10:00am to 4:00pm (areas 1 to 5 above plus Eye Ward)
Friday 28 April 2017	10:00am to 4:00pm (areas 6 to 10 above)
Monday 1 May 2017 (reserve date)	10:00am to 4:00pm
Tuesday 2 May 2017	10:00am to 4:00pm
Wednesday 3 May 2017	10:00am to 4:00pm
Thursday 4 May 2017	10:00am to 6:00pm  9:00pm – until all postal votes received by the close of poll have been processed. (This session will take place at Wherstead Park Conference and Events Centre, The Street, Wherstead)

The Deputy Returning Officer will give a minimum of 48 hours written notice of any additional opening session to candidates and their agents. If any of the above sessions are cancelled or concluded early, the Deputy Returning Officer will endeavour to provide notice at the venue.

Candidates are entitled to appoint 1 agent to attend at these proceedings. The names and addresses of appointed agents must be given in writing to the Deputy Returning Officer before the start of the opening session.

Date: Wednesday 19 April 2017

Arthur Charvonja  
Deputy Returning Officer

**NOTE:**

Any person attending any part of the proceedings described above shall observe the provisions as to secrecy prescribed by s.66 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.