

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Election of a Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex on Thursday 15 November 2012

I, Steve Packham, being the Police Area Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of **first preference** votes recorded for each Candidate at the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of First Preference Votes
ALSTON, Nicholas Kenneth	The Conservative Party Candidate	51,325
BELGROVE, Linda	Independent	22,163
MORRIS-COOK, Valerie	The Labour Party Candidate	27,926
SMITH, Andrew George	UK Independence Party	15,138
THWAITES, Michael Robert	Independent	40,132
TILBROOK, Robin Charles William	English Democrats - "More Police - Catching Criminals!"	11,550

The number of first preference ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	3
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	1,604
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	27
D being unmarked	1,045
E void for uncertainty	773
Total	3,452

No candidate received more than half of all the first preference votes cast in the election. The contest therefore proceeded to the counting of the second preference votes, with

Nicholas Kenneth Alston

and

Michael Robert Thwaites

remaining in the contest.

The number of **second preference** votes given for those two candidates was as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Second Preference Votes
Nicholas Kenneth Alston	The Conservative Party Candidate	11,025
Michael Robert Thwaites	Independent	18,532

The number of second preference 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	66
C	writing or mark by which voter could be identified	77
D	being unmarked	8,654
E	void for uncertainty	676
Total		9,473

The total number of first and second preference votes given for those two candidates was as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Total Number of First and Second Preference Votes
Nicholas Kenneth Alston	The Conservative Party Candidate	62,350
Michael Robert Thwaites	Independent	58,664

I therefore declare Nicholas Kenneth Alston elected as the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex.

Dated Friday, 16 November 2012

Steve Packham
Police Area Returning Officer

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