

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

West Sussex County Council

Election of a County Councillor for

Horsham East
on Thursday 7 May 2026

I, Jane Eaton, 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*
COURTENEY-SMITH, Aaron	The Conservative Party Candidate	726
KAVANAGH, Gerard Brendan	Labour Party	118
MERCER, Jay	Liberal Democrats	2071 Elected
NYE, Jack Leonard	Reform UK	969
WARRACK, Morag Elizabeth	The Green Party candidate	330

* 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	2
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	8

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 8774

Ballot Papers Issued: 4222

Turnout: 48.12%

And I do hereby declare that, Jay Mercer is duly elected.

Dated Friday 8 May 2026

Jane Eaton
Deputy Returning Officer