

SODC Councillor's Monthly Report May 2019

European Election; Key dates for this election:

Some deadlines have already gone.

- 25 April – statement of persons nominated for election published
- 7 May – deadline to register to vote in this election
- 8 May – deadline for applications to vote by post (5pm) or change existing postal or proxy vote details
- 15 May – deadline for applications to vote by proxy (5pm)
- 23 May – polling day (7am to 10pm)
- 26 May – election results (10pm).

Compost Giveaway. On Saturday 11 May, we are hosting our annual free compost giveaway from 9am to 11am at Milton Park overflow car park, Park Drive, Milton OX14 4SR (next to Allmakes Ltd). Residents are invited to come and join us to fill a box, bag or container with locally produced compost – free of charge. (Max of 4 containers per person). They just need to bring their own shovel!

Free home security guide. With the lighter evenings, Thames Valley Police is encouraging residents to review their home security to ensure they are better protected against burglary. They have produced a **free Home Security Guide**, encouraging people to look at their property through the eyes of a burglar, and to think about how they would break in if they locked themselves out. Many will be surprised at how easy it would be. The guide contains lots of hints and tips including:

- physical and digital security measures to protect the home
- how to avoid invalidating home insurance through poor security
- a handy checklist for when you go away.

The website is: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/advice/home-security-guide/>

Neighbourhood Plan update. SODC is currently consulting on the **Berrick Salome** Neighbourhood Plan until 5pm on Monday 3 June. There are now 14 areas across South Oxfordshire with an adopted neighbourhood plan.

SODC Elections. The outcome of the elections last week means that the Council now comprises:

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| Liberal Democrats | 12 |
| Conservatives | 10 |
| Greens | 5 |
| Labour | 3 |
| Henley Residents | 3 |
| Independents | 3 |

Currently the Liberal Democrats, Greens, Labour and Henley Residents are discussing the possibility of forming a coalition between them. The next Full SODC Council meeting is on Thursday 16th May.

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9th May 2019