

Baddesley Division County Councillor's 2019 report

Hampshire County Council Tax will increase by 2.99% Therefore Hampshire's Band "D" Council Tax will rise to **£1236.87p** during the 2019/20 financial year. This is on top of last year's Council Tax rise of 5.99%.

Over recent years, Hampshire County Council has struggled to protect adult social care, relative to other services. But, the overall funding picture for local government nationally, means adult social care services still face a £3.5 billion funding gap by 2025 just to maintain existing standards of care. The likely consequences of this are more and more people being unable to get the quality and reliable care and support they need. Children's services are also facing challenging financial pressures. With no firm government plans yet in place for what happens to council funding and finances after 2020 obviously makes it very difficult for councils because they require budget certainty.

The Government claims that they have provided more funding for education. But analysis by the House of Commons Library, shows Education spending has actually fallen from £95.5billion in 2011/12 to £87.7billion in 2017/18.

All the schools within my Baddesley Division have achieved either good or outstanding status by OFSTED. I recognise the huge difficulties that the reduced funding imposes on the school management and congratulate the teachers and pupils for their hard work and dedication.

North Baddesley - I was particularly pleased to have achieved well over £3 million of investment in the North Baddesley Infant and Junior schools buildings. The end result is a superb learning environment for local children. I would like to thank the children of both North Baddesley Infant & Junior schools who planted 3500 Jetfire daffodils in the Fleming Avenue precinct on the green area that was sponsored by A H Cheater.

Lawrie McMenemy attended along with TVBC Cllr Celia Dowden and Cllr Simon Cross along with Vice Chairman of the North Baddesley Parish Council Alan Warnes. This planting should provide an annual beautiful display every Spring. Later I took Lawrie McMenemy into the Beadles Tea room for a drink and meet up with local residents. He Much

to the delight of one pupil signed a photograph for her of him holding the FA Cup when Southampton won it for the first and only time in 1976.

I have supported various organisations through my County Council Community funding allowance.

Eastleigh/Romsey Mencap

- **Companions of St John's Church North Baddesley.**
- **Romsey/North Baddesley Foodbank.**
- **North Baddesley Community Library.**
- **North Baddesley, over 60's club**
- **Unity Social Prescription Pilot North Baddesley**
- **Valley Park The Friends of the Park**
- **Mulberry Pre-School Valley Park**
- **The Romsey Chamber Music Festival**
- **Hampshire Rescue Search Dogs**
- **Valley Park Summer Floral displays**

HCC Alan Dowden

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