

## **Clr Alan Dowden**

### **Baddesley Division County Councillor's 2020/21 Annual report**

I have served as the County Councillor for the Baddesley Division for 29 years.

I am a member of the Health and Social Care Select Committee. If Hampshire County Council is to remain financially sustainable beyond 2021/22 there needs to be more funding allocated from National Government to Adult & Children's Social Care, which in turn will help the pressures on the NHS.

I am a member of the Hampshire Pension Fund Committee & Board. Its investment strategy has been successful and I can report that it's funds are financially sound and now worth about £8 billion.

**The Council Tax for the year beginning 1st April 2020 will be £1286.28p for a Band "D" property an increase of 3.99% of which 2% is specifically allocated for Adult Social Care. Over the last ten years the County Council has needed to reduce its spending by £480 million following severe cuts in financial support from central government. Another £80 million pounds of further savings are needed next year in order to return a balanced budget.**

This will now result in higher costs for services and many cuts or reduced services.

It is proposed that Library services will be cut or reduced. I hope to save the North Baddesley Community Library with the assistance of the volunteers and all those parishioners who have signed the petition to prevent its closure.

Everyone can observe the lack of repairs to Hampshire's highways. The damage from potholes to resident's vehicles can be significant and compensation claims are high.

I have been happy to help various organizations within my Division with £8000 funding from my community grant fund. Many organisations within North Baddesley have benefitted.

I organized with the assistance of Borough Councillors Celia Dowden, Alan Warnes and Simon Cross that North Baddesley Junior school children carried out another bulb planting of Jetfire daffodils on the Botley Road that will give pleasure to local residents and those passing through the village of North Baddesley near Scragg Hill.

