

# Hampshire County Councillor report

June 2021

## Election Results

I am delighted to have been elected as your Hampshire County Councillor for the Meon Valley Division in the elections last month.

The make up of Hampshire County Council is now as follows:

Party name	Seats won	% of votes
Conservatives	56	51%
Liberal Democrats	17	27%
Labour	3	13%
Independent	1	2%
Whitehill & Bordon Community Party	1	< 1%

The Members of the new County Council Cabinet are:

- Councillor Keith Mans - Leader of Hampshire County Council, Executive Member for Policy and Resources
- Councillor Rob Humby - Deputy Leader of Hampshire County Council, Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and the Environment
- Councillor Stephen Reid – Executive Member for Performance, Human Resources and Partnerships
- Councillor Russell Oppenheimer – Executive Member for Highways Operations
- Councillor Jan Warwick – Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability
- Councillor Roz Chadd – Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
- Councillor Liz Fairhurst – Executive Lead Member for Adult Services and Public Health
- Councillor Edward Heron – Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs
- Councillor Steve Forster – Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Estates and Property

## Highways England

**M3 Junction 9 Project** Highways England have started their consultation for the above project. The consultation ends 11:59 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021. All documents can be viewed on Highways England's website - <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/south-east/m3-junction-9-improvements/>. This includes access to a virtual exhibition including a fly through of the proposed works and an opportunity to provide feedback.

**M27 Junction 9 to 11 - Closures** Highways England have announced that to accommodate extensive planing and resurfacing between junction 9 and 11, they will need to close the M27 overnight between the hours of 9.00pm and 6.00am the following morn-

ing from Tuesday 1 June 2021 to Friday 30 July 2021. The M27 will be closed in at least one direction during this time. Please note that closures will only be in place on weekday dates throughout this period. Updates can be obtained by visiting the Traffic England website: [www.trafficengland.com](http://www.trafficengland.com).

## **Covid testing**

Hampshire residents without symptoms can access free supervised testing, or collect kits to self-test at home, from participating pharmacies across the county. In Hampshire, over 200 pharmacies are providing the national collect scheme and over 40 of these pharmacies will also be offering on-site supervised lateral flow testing. In addition, Hampshire's [symptomatic testing sites](#) will continue to offer test kit collection for people without symptoms from 2.30pm to 8pm, alongside the pharmacy scheme.

Lateral flow testing and the test kit collection scheme are for people without symptoms. Anyone with [symptoms of coronavirus](#) must [book a PCR test](#) or call 119.

Collecting kits from a pharmacy for testing at home:

- Anyone over the age of 18 can collect test kits from participating pharmacies for themselves and their families to use at home.
  - You can collect 1 pack per person of 7 lateral flow device tests.
  - There is no need to book an appointment.
  - Testing should be done twice a week. It is important to record the result.

## **Connect4Communities**

Vulnerable children in Hampshire have been given £15 food vouchers for this half-term. This initiative is part of the connect4communities programme led by Hampshire County Council.

They include families whose children are eligible for free school meals, all children open to early help services, 16 to 18-year-olds previously eligible for free school meals and all two to four-year-olds accessing childcare and eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium. Community grants to support vulnerable families are open until 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities>

## **Ticks and Lyme Disease**

As spring approaches and more people are outdoors Hampshire residents are urged to be 'tick aware' especially when walking in wooded areas or long grass where ticks attach themselves to people or animals as they pass by. Further information is available at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210401ticks>

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