

New Milton Council - Annual Report 2021 from Cllr Keith Mans, Leader of Hampshire County Council

This last year has been dominated by the pandemic.

At the start of this difficult year I made it clear to the County Council that our aim was to reduce and eventually stop the spread of the virus. We should do so by working as one team within in the public sector and with our colleagues in the private and voluntary sectors, and by helping each other through this crisis.

In my view the whole community has stepped up to the mark and worked brilliantly together. We now have low rates of infection, reducing hospital admissions and very few deaths.

Throughout the pandemic Hampshire's figures in all three areas above have been below the national average. This indicates how well relatively speaking we have managed across the Forest and across the County. In the weeks and months ahead the County will be helping the recovery in any way we can.

Finally I would like to thank this Council and all the local community groups for all their help and assistance during the crisis.