

## COUNCIL - 17 DECEMBER 2001

### BY-ELECTION FOR DISTRICT COUNCIL BECTON WARD - 22 NOVEMBER 2001 - REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

1. An election to fill the vacancy for the Becton Ward of New Forest District Council, caused by the resignation of former Councillor Michael Kidman, was held on 22 November 2001. The election was combined with the election of a councillor for the Becton ward of New Milton Town Council.
2. Two candidates were validly nominated for the election - Godfrey Charles Beck, the Conservative Party Candidate, and Margaret Rose Newlands, the Liberal Democrat Candidate.
3. The following votes were cast for each candidate:

Godfrey Charles Beck	692
Margaret Rose Newlands	442

Godfrey Charles Beck has therefore been declared duly elected a Councillor for the Becton Ward of New Forest District Council.
4. The percentage poll was 21.45%.
5. Councillor Beck has signed his declaration of acceptance of office, and has joined the Conservative Group on the Council.

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#### Background Papers:

Published documents