

# Councillor Mike Sole's monthly report

Kent County Councillor— Canterbury South

Canterbury City Councillor—Nailbourne Ward



## April 2022 (an update on what I have been doing in March)

**Parish Councils** - This month I attended parish council meetings in **Bishopsbourne, Adisham and Womenswold**.

In **Bridge** I met up with parish councillors, KCC highways and a representative of the school. We discussed school parking and transport before moving on to talk about a 20mph limit in the village, blocked drains and other highway matters.

I visited the Ropersole lay-by on the A2 which must be the mostly filthy lay-by in the area. I am pushing for a clean-up, new bins to replace the broken ones and fencing to reduce the spread of litter.

At KCC I attended to **Flood Risk Management Committee**, which I cycled to 70 mile round trip to attend. We discussed the recent storms and **Southern Water**.

I also attended the KCC Council meeting where I raised several points including the cost of living crisis.

At the **KCC Growth & Economic Development Cabinet Committee** I was pleased to hear about the investment into new accessible play equipment coming to county parks, including Grove Ferry. I spoke about the disgraceful behaviour of P&O Ferries and also asked questions about Ukrainian refugees as I know that several local residents are looking to offer accommodation in their homes.

I was very pleased to be able to hold a Councillor Surgery at the Ivy Barn in **Littlebourne** with parish councillor Lee Castle. It was a beautiful sunny morning, and we had some great conversations on all matter of items. I hope to be able to hold further similar events around the area.

It was lovely to be asked to attend the Walk Around The Block in **Wickambreaux** and **Ickham** which raised so much money for those in need in Ukraine. What a brilliant event – well done to all who organised and attended.

I've helped with a number of council housing issues including emergency repairs and applications for housing.

At the **Canterbury City Council Community Committee** I was very pleased that councillors backed my proposal to find land in which to create a **Jubilee Wood**. KCC will be giving all councillors an allocation of trees for local planting and I hope that I will be able to support parish councils with their tree planting initiatives. You can find details of the KCC Plan Tree consultation <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/plantree>

The e-scooter trial in Canterbury has been extended until November. I have written to the Cabinet member for Highways asking for further information about this decision as I know that many people have concerns.

I am really pleased to see that a lot of the worn white lines and other road marking that I reported to KCC last month have now been refreshed.



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