

Councillor Mike Sole's monthly report

Kent County Councillor— Canterbury South

Canterbury City Councillor—Nailbourne Ward



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

It's the time of year when parish councils have their Annual Parish Meetings (APM). It is always good to go to these to find out more about what the parish council and the many varied community groups have been up to. Its also an opportunity to meet up when many residents and talk about issues of concern as well as presenting my own report.

In April I was able to visit the APMs in **Lower Hardres & Nackington, Barham, Waltham** and **Bridge**. In May I will be at the APMs of **Bishopsbourne, Womenswold, Ickham & Well, Wickhambreaux** and **Littlebourne** so I look forward to meeting residents then. Unfortunately diary clashes mean that I have only been able to attend 9 out of the 16 parishes this year, but I also attended **Kingston** Parish Council in April.

Getting out and about, discussing issues and looking for solutions is what I most enjoy about being a councillor. This month I met with residents in St Vincent's Close, Littlebourne to discuss parking issues. I was good to hear everyone's views and by working with both the City and County Council I am hopeful that we will be able to see some small improvements coming forward.

I had a very good morning in **Thanington** and **Wincheap** discussing issues with the city councillors and this included a visit to the Thanington Resource Centre where I was able to catch up with the local PCSO and the Bishop of Dover for some interesting conversations.

As the City Council moves from the Committee system to the Leader & Cabinet model, I have had briefings on how this will work in practice. The Community Committee and Regeneration Committee that I used to sit on will no longer exist but I looking forward to holding the council to account with a position on the new Scrutiny Committee amongst others.

I attended the AGM of the **Little Stour & Nailbourne Flood Management Committee** in Littlebourne.

As the Lib Dem group spokesperson for Climate Change and Finance & have had update briefings from Canterbury City Council.

I was very pleased to be invited to attend the opening of Kent Mining Museum at Betteshanger Park which I highly recommend.

I have continued to chase up **National Highways** to repair the fence over the bridge in Kingston and also for an update of the long-awaited repairs to the south bound bumps on the A2 between Canterbury and Bridge.

I have also followed up with KCC a number of drain clearance issues, the ford improvements at Out Elmstead Lane and public rights of way.

At Canterbury City Council, as usual there have been some bin collection issues to deal with!



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