

# COUNCILLOR MIKE SOLE

## APRIL 2023 UPDATE

### ELECTIONS

Don't forget that when voting in the City Council, or Parish Council elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May you will need to take with you a valid form of photo ID.

I am up for election again as the City Councillor for Nailbourne Ward. As the KCC councillor for Canterbury South I have another two years before that term ends.

I look forward to working with the newly elected city councillors and parish councillors in my division.



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Starting with some really promising news. I have been working with the campaign group S.O.S. Save Our Seventeen Bus, working to get the evening service reinstated along the Elham Valley. This month I organised a very positive meeting with Stagecoach, and we are hopeful that by working with the bus operator and doing what we can to encourage greater bus use, we may have some good news shortly.

This month I have attended parish council meetings/annual parish meetings in **Kingston, Lower Hardres, Bishopsbourne, Petham, Ickham, Barham and Wickhambreaux.**

Potholes are probably the worst I have ever known them and this month I took a tour of Petham with one resident to look at some of the worst ones. I continue to find, report and chase up problems. KCC are currently trialing a new version of their highway fault reporting tool which will enable accurate location of issues when reported from a phone. This may help identify locations, but what we really need is the funding to bring our roads up to a decent standard.

I had a catch up with the KCC Highway Improvement team to review the status of all Highway projects in the 16 parish councils in Canterbury South, and also unparished Wincheap. As a result of this KCC will be working with Bridge School to see what can be done to improve road safety around school times. We also looked at the 20mph proposal for Ickham, and discussed other potential 20mph limits in parts of Barham and Petham.

I attended the final full council meeting of Canterbury City Council, before the election. I've no doubt that my next report will include details of quite a lot of changes.

As a member of the Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Authority I attended their Audit & Governance Committee.

I also attended the re-opening of the Revival Food & Mood Mental Health & Wellness Café in Whitstable.

I've been getting a lot more complaints about missed bins recently. Please let me know if I can help with these or any other issues.



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