

Mike Sole's report



Kent County Councillor -Canterbury South

Canterbury City Councillor – Nailbourne

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Merry Christmas



From Councillor Mike Sole

Firstly, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and thank everyone for the warm welcome that I always receive from residents. I hope that you all have a wonderful time with family and friends over the festive period and may your bins be collected on time, your journeys not diverted by roads works and your roads be free of potholes in the New Year.

I attended parish council meetings at **Adisham**, **Upper Hardres** and **Ickham** in November. I'm pleased to have started the process with Adisham Parish Council to obtain a significant grant for trees and related planting costs for their community orchard project.

I had a catch up with the KCC Highways Improvement team about the works that are being considered in the 16 parish councils in my KCC division. By working with the parishes I hope that over the next year will make significant progress towards delivering a 30mph in **Woolage Green** (like the one in **Woolage Village**) and 20mph limits in parts of **Littlebourne**, **Barham**, **Petham** and **Ickham**. A project is also being drawn up to improve crossing from the bus stop at the end of Coldharbour Lane towards Frog Lane in **Bishopsbourne/Bekesbourne** parishes, although this requires outside funding to progress. Some other things to look forward to will be a "Not Suitable For Large Lorries" in **Bridge** at the Union Road & High Street junction, as well as a "Pedestrians in Road" sign in Union Road, "Horse Warning" signs in Covet Lane, **Kingston**, and a review of speed limits on The Downs in **Chartham**.

At KCC council I raised the issue of lack of communication and extended works by utility companies on the road network and highlighted the gas repair works in Bridge.

The **Nailbourne** is expected to start flowing soon and I have a meeting scheduled with the City council to ensure that everything is in place to reduce the impact of this.

I have also met up with PC Dominic Taylor in **Littlebourne**, who with his colleague PC Jake Angell are our new local police constables covering my KCC division.

With a planning application in for a new A2 slip road at **Wincheap** I will be meeting with the City Council planning team to find out more about the detail and the impact on **Thanington** and Wincheap residents and businesses.



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