

Mike Sole's

March 2024 update

Kent County Councillor -Canterbury South

Canterbury City Councillor – Nailbourne



With the **Nailbourne** still flowing, the barriers closing the road at **Out Elmstead Lane** and **Railway Hill** in **Barham** continue to cause problems for bin collections and of course road safety at the A2 junction with Out Elmstead Lane. KCC continue to monitor the depth and flow of the water and I expect the barriers to be removed very shortly, weather permitting. I have been raising the issues of Out Elmstead Lane with KCC and will be meeting to discuss this in April.

As a KCC councillor I have access to a Combined Members Grant of £3,600 a year. This primarily goes on Highway Improvement Programmes (HIP) to support parish councils. I recently met with KCC to discuss progress on all HIPs. As there are KCC elections in 2025, any applications for grants must be applied for by 30 September 2024 or they will not be processed and this grant money, together with an amount that I have been able to carry forward from last year, will be returned to central funds. If parish councils have any projects that need grant support, or community groups need some funding for projects, please let me know soon.

I spent a very pleasant time at **St Anslem's school** taking part in a work shop on campaigning for highway safety improvements.

The City Council Cyber attack a few weeks ago still means that the planning portal is still not fully functional, and I have been assisting residents with this and also council house repair problems.

At KCC I have attended meetings of Full Council, Joint Transportation Board and Growth & Economic Development Cabinet Committee.

I have attended parish council meetings in **Barham, Womenswold** and **Littlebourne**. I am very pleased that we have now appointed five new parish councillors in Womenswold to fill all vacancies.

Finally, I am very pleased that the Sturry Park & Ride has now re-opened.



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