

David Brazier

Conservative Member for Sevenoaks North East Division



A year at County Hall. Serving Kent. Serving You.

Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. David has been serving the community of Sevenoaks North East as a Member since 2005.

He was last elected in 2009 and, like all KCC Members, serves for a four year term of office. The next KCC elections take place on 2 May 2013.

About David

David and his family have lived in New Ash Green for thirty five years. His daughters and their spouses have settled there and his grandchildren are at the local schools.

David was brought up in Sussex but visited Kent every year to pick hops at Goudhurst; in fact, he picks hops every year at Kent Life, where he is chairman of the Trust, during their hopping weekend. He moved to Kent to live in 1970 and has been there ever since.

Following a career as a marine surveyor David has given the last fifteen years to serving the local community as a Kent County Councillor. It is an diverse life: at home serving the four parish councils and meeting and advising residents personally on matters concerned with education, transport, social services, highways, waste disposal, and yet at County Hall working daily as a Deputy Cabinet Member in Environment,

Highways and Waste. External duties include chairing the Cyclopark Trust, the governance body for the new cycling resource at Gravesend; representing the County Council on the Turner Contemporary Trust, which governs the amazing new art gallery helping to regenerate Margate and East Kent.

David believes that the whole job, done properly, takes between forty and fifty hours a week including the evening speaking tours he makes, talking to parish councils about the County Council's highways and waste management functions. He does not neglect his patch, however and is always to be found at local events, talking to local people. He is seen everywhere on his bike as the County Council's Champion for Cycling, representing cyclists all over Kent and is also its Champion for Heritage.



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Work at County Hall

Attending meetings isn't all councillors do, in fact most of their time is spent out and about meeting people in their community, doing their best to help solve problems and finding out what matters most to them. However, when decisions are taken by the council, their job is to be there and put across the views of their constituents.

David has attended 4 out of 8 meetings of the Full Council.

Find out more about the meetings David has attended.

http://www.kent.gov.uk/your_council.aspx

Contacting Your Councillor

Elected Members are here to help residents, organisations and businesses with enquiries about KCC services. They are probably a good starting point for other enquiries too.

To contact David:

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Member's Community Grant

KCC has found a great way to help fund local community groups and organisations without fuss or too much bureaucracy. Every year, each KCC Member may allocate £10,000 to worthwhile causes within their community.

Here's how David spent his last year:

Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services – Project funding £1,000.00
Hartley Parish Council – Footpaths Map £435.00
New Ash Green Tree Wardens – Bluebell Scheme in Nine Horse Wood £200.00
West Kingsdown Parish Council – Children's slide in playground £2,500.00
HAWK Youth Project New equipment £1,250.00
New Ash Green Village Association Village Hall Kitchen £3,000.00
Kent & Medway – Walk to School Project £500.00
Hartley All Saints Church Footpath Construction £1,040.00

If you want to suggest a local group which could benefit from the Member's Community Grant then you'll find your local Councillor's contact details on the front page.

Member's Highway Fund

KCC recognises that local Members are well placed to decide which small transport and highways schemes would be most useful to their communities. That's why each Member is allocated £25,000 to spend on local schemes. It's called the Members Highway Fund and here's how it was spent last year...

Two new salt bins at Porchester Close, Hartley £1,191.00
Milestone roundabout – landscaping contribution £3,200.00
Fawkham Valley – Investigating the feasibility of a 30 mph scheme – no decision yet £5,500.00
Creating a footway from a redundant access at Fawkham School £5,000.00
Bollards to deter irresponsible parking next the Post Office, Hartley £1,274.00
New footway at Church Road, West Kingsdown £6,120.00

My achievements this year, and ambitions for next year

This year I have seen both the Turner Contemporary Art Gallery at Margate and Cyclopark at Gravesend open to great acclaim. I have played leading parts in these achievements, working to bring regeneration and increasing prosperity to these deprived areas of the county. I have chaired the Minerals & Waste Development Framework Informal Member Group through difficult stages and am now an expert on large holes in the ground. I have worked to improve Kent Highways and at home, in my division, have delivered a major and long-awaited highway drainage scheme at Ridley. I would like to continue to serve my local communities, helping children into good schools and getting elderly people onto buses, working with parish councils and helping to solve people's many problems.

I give all my time and energy to my work and hope to go on doing so for years to come

Allowances

Each Member of KCC receives a basic allowance (salary) to compensate them for the time spent on their duties and to meet many of the day-to-day expenses of being a Councillor.

Some Members also receive a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) when they take on extra duties such as serving as a member of the Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition or Chairman of a committee.

County Councillors can only claim the usual expenses that most businesses would pay for.

These are for actual costs for example reimbursement for fuel and travel which they have incurred whilst carrying out their duties as County Councillor.

[View Members allowances and expenses](#)



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