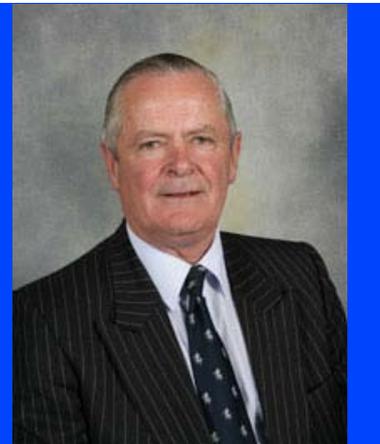


# Michael Hill, OBE

Conservative Member for Tenterden Division



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

Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Michael has been serving the community of Tenterden as a Member since 2011. 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 Michael

The majority of Michael Hill's career has been in public service. He was a Regular Army officer for 35 years, rising to the rank of Brigadier. He had a varied career serving in many theatres, including command appointments in Northern Ireland and staff experience in NATO. He served three tours in the Ministry of Defence, acquiring a sound knowledge of the workings of Central Government, including membership of high-level committees. On leaving the Army in 1993, Michael Hill accepted a 4 year Home Civil Service appointment in Northern Ireland as Director of a Works Organisation operating within the Northern Ireland Officer, working closely with Security Force chiefs and senior government officials.

Michael Hill was elected as a Member to Kent County Council in 2001 and re-elected in 2005. He served for 4 years as a Lead Member in the Community Services portfolio and has held his current



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appointment of Cabinet Member for Customer and Communities since October 2005. He holds external appointments as Vice Chairman of the Kent Police Authority and is a member of the South East Regional Arts Council. Within the Tenterden division, Michael is very active answering constituents' queries and helping them with their problems. He regularly attends the Parish Council meetings within his division, as well as meetings with Tenterden Town Council. He frequently visits and supports the local schools in the area and is a Governor at Tenterden Infants School. He strongly supports the KCC Youth and Community Warden services and facilitated their strong relationship with Kent Police and the local schools, which is now a model of partnership working in the County.

Michael is a graduate of London University and a Chartered Engineer.

Married with two grown up sons he

has lived in Tenterden since leaving the Army in 1993. His principal, outside interests are golf and offshore racing in the family yacht.

### 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.

Michael has attended 7 out of 8 meetings of the Full Council.

Find out more about the meetings Michael has attended.

[http://www.kent.gov.uk/your\\_council.aspx](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 Michael:

##### By Post

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##### By Telephone

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##### By email

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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 Michael spent his last year:

Appledore Recreation Management Committee – Playpark Renovation Project - received £500

Kenardington Village Hall Management Committee – Replacement UPVC windows in the Hall – received £800

Homewood School – Relationship Programme - received £500

Rolvenden PV – 'Rolvenden The Future' Project - received £1,000

Tenterden Folk Day Trust – 'Creative Ashford' - received £500

Tenterden Detached Youth Project – Youth Activities - received £1,000

Homewood School – Community Greenhouse - received £1,000

Tenterden Tigers Junior Football Club – Supporting the Club - received £1,000

Ashford Tri Club – Developing Junior Work - received £500

Ashford Mediation Service – Restorative Justice Clinic – received £1,000

Ashford District Partnership – Newsletter – received £500

The Youth Empowerment Crime Diversion Scheme – Youth Empowerment Services – received £825

Tenterden Youth Project – Uganda Challenge –received £875

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.

## 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](#)

## 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...

A268 Rye Road and A28 Tenterden Road – Interactive speed sign - received £5,500

## My achievements this year, and ambitions for next year

Last year saw the completion of major capital projects in my Cabinet portfolio; in November, Her Majesty the Queen formally opened the highly successful Turner Contemporary Gallery; in July, the new Ashford Library and Gateway opened and finally in April this year, the long awaited Kent Library and History Centre was completed, providing a splendid home for our wonderful Kent Archives.

The Olympic Games coming to London, saw Kent achieving a National profile for our very successful Olympic campaign. The objectives of the campaign were to maximize the benefit to Kent and to excite and enthuse our young people with the Olympic ideals.

Locally I have established a successful Neighbourhood Forum bringing together all the Parish Council Chairman, Borough Councillors and myself to meet regularly to discuss and take action on matters of mutual interest.



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