

Richard Pascoe

Conservative Member for Folkestone North east Division



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Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Richard has been serving the community of Folkestone 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 Richard

Richard (Dick) Pascoe has been a member of KCC since May of 2005, representing Folkestone North East Division. This is actually the area north of the railway line and to the east of Cherry Garden Avenue. The northern boundary is where Folkestone meets Hawkinge.

Regular meetings are held with residents groups with Dick taking part in many local schemes to enhance or rejuvenate the area.

Brabner Park looks wonderful now and it all started with £5000 donated by Dick from his KCC grant money. The pond in Lucy Avenue was dug out, rubbish cleared and the area cleaned. Just two examples of the work instigated by Dick using the money available to him by KCC.

Other highways work has been carried out using KCC monies such as the lane discipline on the roundabout in Churchill Avenue next to the Comet store. In total, Dick has managed to inject almost £200,000 into his division.

During that time, he has rarely missed meetings at KCC, except in late 2011, when a rush to hospital found gall bladder problems. The time in hospital then ensured he missed a couple of meetings and the major operation in March took him out of circulation for a further 3 months. He is now well on the way to recovery.

Dick is stepping down from KCC in May of 2013 and looking forward to spending more time on his hobbies of Lawn Bowls, photography, fishing, Ham Radio and riding his 1250cc motorcycle with his wife Daphne.

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.

Richard has attended 2 out of 8 meetings of the Full Council.

Find out more about the meetings Richard 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.

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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 Richard spent his last year:

- Change Presents Programme – Change - £1,000
- Folkestone Children's Project – blades fencing - £250
- Youth Club – snooker table - £250
- Resources – boxing club - £1,000
- Asdan Programme – Dover MX - £2,400
- Improved Showers – Folkestone and Hythe Sea-Cadets - £1,100
- Raynet – SDC - £1,750
- New Age Kurling Club – St Augustine's Centre - £250
- Residential Project – Decuria - £1,000
- Play Map – SDC - £1,000

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...

- Holywell Avenue & Pilgrim Spring, Folkestone – request for dropped kerbs - £5,517.00
- Cornwallis Avenue, Folkestone – request to resurface the footpath - £8,000.00
- A260 junction with Crete Road – to investigate the installation of traffic islands - £18,000.00

My achievements this year, and ambitions for next year

Having spent seven years as a representative of the residents of Folkestone North East Division, I have come to realise that not every ambition is achievable. However, my time at County Hall has seen some results that have changed the way both vehicles and residents inhabit our area.

I strongly believe that much more can be done to encourage more visitors to the area and to this end, we should push to get the future of Lydd Airport agreed and thus the infrastructure that will follow. The future of the harbor area at last, seems to be on the cards: let's hope that a developer is found soon.

Foreign heavy vehicles are passing through our area causing damage to our roads without any recompense to our highways authority. The sooner that a road tax is imposed on these vehicles collected at the entry point, the better.



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