

# Julie Rook

Conservative Member for Deal Division



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

Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Julie has been serving the community of Deal as a Member since 2009.

She 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 Julie

Julie was born in 1965 in Ramsgate and is one of 3 siblings whose family are very deeply rooted in East Kent.

Julie attended Ellington Infants School & St Lawrence Junior School in Ramsgate and finally St Georges Secondary School in Broadstairs. She has also lived in Sandwich, Canterbury, Deal and Northbourne, so one could say she has forever been a maid of Kent!

Married to Chris, a local businessman, they have just celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. They also have 2 children, Charlotte who is 24 and Tom, 21 and four Cavalier King Charles dogs, Hector, Molly, Ruby and Murray.

Since leaving school, Julie has worked in retail and ran her own

business and website company for 12 years.

She also stood for parliament in the 2010 general election for the Conservative Party in Wolverhampton North East. She now, as well as being a Dover District Council and a Kent County Councillor works for a holiday property company in Lyminge near Folkestone.

Julie enjoys good food, long distance walking with the dogs, reading a good book on her Kindle, cinema, skiing, travelling, sitting in her garden and catching up with friends and colleagues.

### 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.

Julie has attended 5 out of 8 meetings of the Full Council.

Find out more about the meetings Julie 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 Julie:

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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 Julie spent hers last year:

Cricket pitch at Gun Meadow – Deal Victoria & Barns Close Cricket Club - £500

Renovation of kitchen – St Saviour's Church - £2,226

New equipment – Deal Minnows Junior Angling Club - £2,391

North Deal Befriending Service – Shine Befriending Group - £657

Purchase of equipment – Deal Hockey Club - £2,500

Electrical infrastructure compliance – Deal & Walmer Chamber of Trade - £726

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 Member's Highway Fund and here's how it was spent last year...

Install a finger post sign – St Richard's Road, Deal - £250

New yellow lines and amendment of existing TRO – 62 York Road, Walmer - £200

A contribution to the Highway Operations team to enable them to resurface the High Street between Oak Street and King Street - £9,308

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

Julie will be standing down from her role of County Councillor at the next county elections in May 2013. She will, until then, continue to take an active interest in the issues affecting her community and will continue to represent them to the best of her ability. Julie has enjoyed her role over the past 4 years enormously and hope that she has, in some small way, been able to make a difference for the people of Deal. She will of course still represent the community of North Deal at Dover District Council until 2015 and so, although she will miss everyone at county hall, she will definitely stay in touch!



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