

Paulina Stockell

Conservative Member for Maidstone Rural West Division



Chairman of the County Council 2011/12

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

Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Paulina has been serving the communities of Maidstone Rural West as a Member since 2001. 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 Paulina

Paulina was born, raised and educated in Kent and followed a career in teaching. She is married to Robert, with three children and grandchildren and has lived in rural Maidstone for over 45 years. Paulina has been the County Councillor for Maidstone Rural West since 2001, representing the parishes of Barming, Coxheath, Collier Street, East Farleigh, Hunton, Linton, Marden, Nettlestead, Teston, West Farleigh Yalding and Laddingford.

First appointed to Kent Highways Board as the vice chairman, she also chaired the Regulation Committee and Maidstone Local Board. She has served as deputy to 3 cabinet members – Strategic Planning, Regeneration and Highways. She was a member of Kent Police Authority, a current member of Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Service and is currently the KCC lead member on the new Maidstone Locality Board.

Paulina was Chief Whip at KCC for some years – the first lady to hold



Stunning countryside in Maidstone Rural West

this office, before stepping down to become KCC Vice Chairman in 2010 and Chairman of Kent County Council from 2011-2012 – only the 3rd lady in Kent's history elected to this position.

Paulina is also a Maidstone Borough Councillor taking on senior roles, among them deputy Mayor in 2000 and Worshipful Mayor of Maidstone in 2001-2002.

"I feel very privileged to represent such a lovely area of rural Maidstone, bounded by the River Medway with four stunning mediaeval Grade 1 listed bridges and a footbridge, within my division. I have represented the interests of residents of Maidstone Rural West at County Hall for nearly 12 years and hope that with continued support I can carry on that work".



Paulina hosting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Launch at KCC with Kent civic dignitaries

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.

Paulina has attended 8 out of 8 meetings of the Full Council.

Find out more about the meetings Paulina has attended.

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



East Farleigh Oasts

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.

Contact Paulina:

By Post

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Member's Community Grants:

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 can allocate £10,000 to worthwhile causes within their community. Here's how Paulina spent hers last year:

- Replacement of Samba Goals – Barming Youth Football Club - £1,300
- Hotfoot Summer Play Scheme – Maidstone Borough Council - £500
- Waste/Litter Bin – Linton Parish Council - £400
- Talent Competition 2011 – Kent's Got Talent - £1,000
- Statue Appeal – Maidstone Trust - £500
- Coxheath, Yalding St Peter WTS – Kent & Medway Charity Team - £500
- Supporting the Farleigh's Senior Citizens Group – West Farleigh Evergreens - £500
- East Farleigh Parish Council Community Clean-Up - £500
- Team Tutsham Equestrian therapy group – The Cottage Tutsham Farm - £500
- Annual New Year's Day Pram Race 2012 – Queen's Head Oddfellows Fund - £500
- Repair & Refurbishment of Sports Pavilion – Yalding & Laddingford FC - £1,000
- Lifeline Parish & Community Newsletter – All Saints Church West Farleigh - £300
- Pavilion Alterations & New Ladies Changing Room – Marden Bowls Club - £1,000
- Yalding Summer Play Scheme – Yalding Parish Council – £500
- Replacement Boiler – Nettlestead Village Hall - £1,000

If you wish to suggest a local group which could benefit from the Member's Community Grant you will find your 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...

- Yalding – Contribution to ditch clearance along Public Right of Way, Blind Lane - £200
 - West Farleigh – 30mph speed limit and signs, Charlton Lane - £4,000
 - Teston – Contribution to the Valley Court pavement project, Tonbridge Road - £2,000
 - Collier Street - Interactive sign and parking restrictions to improve pedestrian safety, St Margaret's School – £4,800
 - East Farleigh – Contribution to replacement of 50mph speed signs with 40 mph signs, Lower Road - £1,000
 - Hunton – New salt bin, plus 3 refills, Barn Hill - £595.53
 - Barming – School keep clear markings/signs (both entrances), Belmont Close - £7,556
 - Nettlestead – Enhanced 30mph repeater signs and flashing SID sign, Maidstone Road - £6,325
 - Teston – New salt bin, plus 3 refills, Church Street - £595.53
 - Barming – double-sided School direction sign - £116
 - Coxheath – New salt bin, plus 3 refills, Linden Road - £595.53
 - Coxheath – Four new tactile dropped kerbs outside The Beacons, Amsbury Road - £2,486
- Along with Yalding PC, Paulina has given £6,000 to the experimental HGV routing through TRAMP area of Maidstone Rural West.

My achievements this year, and ambitions for next year I have had a very busy year at County Hall as Chairman, meeting many individuals, groups and volunteers who have done and continue to do, so much to make Kent the great place that it is. Kent has the largest number of HM Queen's awards for business and I was able to invite all the winners to County Hall to congratulate them and mark the occasion. Kent also had the largest number of Duke of Edinburgh Gold awards in the South East and I was privileged to be able to attend St James' Palace to see our young people presented with their awards and meet the Duke himself. 2011/12 saw numerous Royal visits to Kent- County Show, opening of the Marlowe Theatre, and the Turner Contemporary- with Her Majesty the Queen, the Kent Library and History Centre with many others during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, all involving the Chairman – quite apart from the many Citizenship ceremonies and hosting our Armed Forces and civic dignitaries at the main Kent events. It has been a great privilege and most enjoyable. My main ambition for 2012/13 is to be returned as the KCC member for Maidstone Rural West, to continue to be able to represent the interests of the residents at County Hall.

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.

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