

Carole Waters

Conservative Member for Romney Marsh Division



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Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Carole has been serving the community of Romney Marsh as a Member since February 2011. 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 Carole

Carole has lived and worked on Romney Marsh for 34 years, running successful pubs, including The Plough, New Romney and Captain Howey at Littlestone. She is now living in Lydd with her husband David, two Labradors and six chickens.

Carole is passionate about the Marsh, understanding its diverse nature and the need to champion it, as it is always seen as last on the list. Working closely with Town and Parish Councils and local groups, Carole works hard to respond quickly and efficiently to residents' problems. Carole has campaigned for a Dungeness C Power Station, handing in a petition at Downing Street. In June, Carole chaired a public meeting regarding the proposed nuclear dump, which she was totally opposed to.

Carole is a great advocate for the young people of the Marsh and has supported over 15 groups with her Community Grant money. As a trustee of the Romney Marsh Day Centre, Carole keeps in touch with the needs of elderly residents.

Improving tourism is a priority which is why Carole has supported community improvements at Brenzett, Newchurch and Lydd.

Carole is also a member of the Shepway Tourism and Heritage Forum.

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.

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

Find out more about the meetings Carole 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 Carole spent hers last year:

- New Romney Sea Cadets – Projector - £291
- Shepway District Council – Play Activities - £1500
- Lydd Scouts – Scout HQ Refurbishment - £2,000
- Romney Marsh Training Corp – Two Personal Computers - £1,600
- Prescott House – 42" Plasma Television - £600
- Lydd Grasshoppers Football – Dugouts and Storage - £300
- Citizens Advice Bureau – Active Outreach - £1,000
- Lydd Town Council – Pride in Lydd - £1,909
- New Romney Sea Cadets – Replacement Cooker - £800

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...

- Traffic Calming – Coast Drive and the Parade, New Romney - £6,600
- Dymchurch Primary School – Directional Sign - £368
- Dennes Lane Lydd – Improvements to Street Lighting - £2810
- Littlestone Road – Parking Restriction - £1,520
- High Street, New Romney – dropped kerbs - £2,190
- Dymchurch Road, New Romney – enhancements to Romney Marsh Visitors Centre - £18,010

My achievements this year, and ambitions for next year

I made a very successful maiden speech at my first meeting of the full County Council highlighting the need for jobs, highway improvements and quality services for residents of Romney Marsh. Working closely with the district, town and parish councils together with community groups I have developed a reputation for getting things done with a common sense approach.

I was very pleased to initiate the "Pride in Lydd Scheme" to improve the appearance of the entrances to Lydd Town and would like to extend this across the communities, on the Marsh. I funded the very colourful murals in New Romney and again would like to see this programme extended across the Marsh linked to a 'Tourist Trail'.

My aim is for Romney Marsh to retain its unique characteristics, whilst being open for business and with residents of all ages enjoying a good quality of life.

