

Chris Capon

Conservative Member for Hythe Division



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

Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Chris has been serving the community of Hythe as a Member since 1976.

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 Chris

I am just in the process of completing 36 years as the County Member for Hythe.

As you can imagine, many changes have taken place within the Government and County Hall.

I must admit there have been happier times in both departments.

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.

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

Find out more about the meetings Chris 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 Chris spent his last year:

Hythe Town Band – storage facility - £1,000

Hythe Aqua Club – swimming club - £1,000

Shepway District Council – defibrillator - £1,000

Hythe Youth Club – attraction to Youth - £1,000

Crossroads – IT equipment - £1,000

Lullabys – garden project - £2,800

SASG – Fun Club - £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...

Chapel Street, Hythe – to slurry seal the footway and adjustment of all associated iron work and relaying of kerbing where necessary - £2015.36

Chapel Street, Hythe – resurface and all ironwork adjusted - £25,000.00

Hythe – repainting of street furniture - £20,614.00

My achievements this year, and ambitions for next year

Some time ago I set up a very successful Neighbourhood Forum to listen and take on board the concerns of the Hythe residents. This, together with the careful use of my Member Community Grants, has created a real opportunity to enable the people of Hythe to express their views and to be supported. However I have found it very difficult to take forward the views of local people to the relatively newly-formed Shepway Locality Board on the basis that contentious planning matters are not appropriate at the Locality Board. This I do not accept. For example, at the Neighbourhood Forum which attracted nearly 200 local people, a motion was passed unanimously asking me to place Princes Parade on the agenda of the Shepway Locality Board. Regrettably this has not been allowed on the agenda.

However I continue to use all the means available to me to ensure that the views of local people are properly reported to the County Council and locally through newsletters and through the press. I will continue to press the views of Hythe people in any further way I can.



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