

# Nick Chard

Conservative Member for Sevenoaks East Division



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

Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Nick has been serving the community of Sevenoaks East as a Member since 1997.

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 Nick

Nick feels very privileged to have been a Kent County Councillor since 1997.

He has continually stood up for local residents' interests and fought their corner to make a difference.

In the 15 years as a Member at Kent County Council Nick has held a number of positions within the Council; Chairman of the Economic Development Board, Cabinet Member for Finance, Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste and Chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### 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.

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

Find out more about the meetings Nick 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 Nick:

##### By Post

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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 Nick spent his last year:

Oxford PC – Play Equipment - £1,500

St John's PS - £518

River Drama Committee – Awards Event - £1,100

Kemsing Boxing – Boxing Ring - £1,500

DAVSS – Domestic Violence - £1,500

Greatness Res Association – Big Lunch - £1,382

VAWK – Disabled Youth Club - £1,000

Oxford Parish Plan Group – Village Gateways - £1,500

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...

A25 Seal – request to lower speed limit - £18,500

Six month trial reinstatement of the 402 service between Tonbridge and Sevenoaks via Sevenoaks Weald - £5,000

Childsbridge Lane, Seal – contribution towards scheme - £30,000

Church Road, Stone Street & Childsbridge Lane, new salt bins and salt - £700

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

Nick has been instrumental in many of the road improvements within his area. He has listened to local residents' concerns and has responded by overseeing road improvements, improving safety and road surfaces.

His role as a Governor at the Knole Academy means that Nick is very aware of education issues within the town. He will continue to support improving academic standards so that every student can reach their potential.

Nick is seen as a champion of his area and will continue to support and stand up for his residents so their voice is heard at County Hall.



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