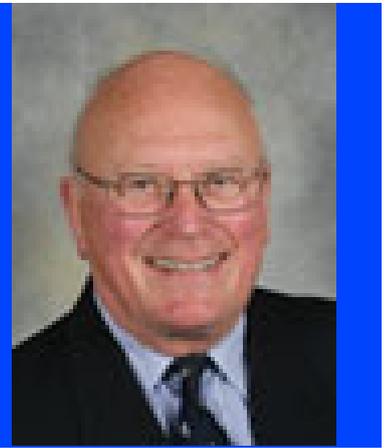


# Bryan Cope

Conservative Member for Dover West Division



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

Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Bryan has been serving the community of Dover West 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 Bryan

Before entering politics, Bryan ran a family laundry business for 30 years, which is now being run by his son and daughter.

Bryan first joined Dover District Council in 1987 and became Chairman of Finance on the District Council. Following this, Bryan joined Kent County Council in 1997. During his period with the County Council, he has been Vice Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee, was a Member of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee, has been Chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and is currently the Chairman of the Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority.

Bryan is ably supported by his wife Sheila, to whom he has been married for 47 years.

Bryan's hobbies include sailing and rowing. Bryan was the Commodore of the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club and President of the Rowing Club.

### 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.

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

Find out more about the meetings Bryan 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 Bryan:

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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 Bryan spent his last year:

Temple Ewell School Bell – Temple Ewell CEP School - £2,300  
Apiary – Dover & District Beekeepers Association - £1,700  
Temple Ewell Children's Project – Dover Fencing Club - £750  
Safe Fencing Project – River Pre-School Playgroup - £850  
External insulation and cladding – Lydden Village Hall - £2,000  
Play equipment – Hougham Play and Amenity Project Group - £2,400

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...

Gravel Lane, Hougham Without, Dover – request to expand the restriction and to relocate the signing - £2,100.00  
Canterbury Road, Lydden – request to investigate a scheme to enhance the existing speed limit gateway - £6,098.00  
Aspen Drive and Beechwood Close – request for two new salt bins - £1,190.00  
Lewisham Road – the replacement of six trees and maintenance program - £4,524.68  
Brookside, Temple Ewell – patching and leveling of problems on the carriageway - £5,300.00  
Contribution of the remaining MHF to the Operations Team to allow for improvements to the footways in Kersney Avenue - £5,141.32

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

I am proud of the modernisation programme that I have led for the Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority and I am looking forward to it settling down over the next few years.

I think the future years are going to be difficult for the Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority because of European legislation.

I also believe that the future of Dover in terms of its port related services should bring an exciting future for the town and is long overdue.



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