

Graham Gibbens

Conservative Member for Canterbury City North East Division



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

Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Graham has been serving the community of Canterbury City North East Division as a Member since June 2001.

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 Graham

Mr Graham Kenneth Gibbens was elected to the County Council in June 2001 as the Member for Canterbury East. The electoral division is now known as Canterbury City North East.

Before becoming a County Councillor, he was an International Business Consultant working with the European Union and Department for International Development, as well as other major organisations. Previous to this, he worked for ANZ Banking Group Ltd in the UK and abroad for 32 years.

He lists his interests as playing bridge and the occasional game of tennis.

He is a member of the Methodist Church and is active within the local Methodist Circuit in Canterbury.



Graham is the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health.

He is married to Angela.

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.

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

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

Sturry Road Community Garden – Marked Walking, Running and Cycle route - received £1,300

Mustard Seed Singers – New equipment and music sheets - received £500

St Stephen's Community Centre – Cleaning Equipment - received £1,000

Northgate Over 60s – Befriending and shopping service - received £1,500

Canterbury & Early Years Project – Grandparents Group - received £2,400

Craddock Road Residents' Association – Play for all - received £828

The Choose Day Club – Lunch Club for older local residents - received £500

Canterbury Early Years Project – Infant Massage Classes in St Stephen's - received £1,000

Northgate Ward Over 60s – Practical Support of St Stephen's Residents - received £972

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...

Funded additional dropped kerbs and trees, bus stops improvements and bollards to prevent parking on verges and pavements - received £25,000

My achievements this year, and ambitions for next year

Locally, Graham has worked to develop facilities for families and young people in Northgate and St Stephen's and been able to support the Prince of Wales Youth Club and the Riverside Youth Club. Both these centres provide an excellent range of activities for young people, which Graham is working to ensure these remain strong with further activities.

Graham supports the retention of suitable open spaces for leisure and relaxation across the division, which includes Kingsmead field. Graham has worked with local residents' groups, both in Kingsmead and at the Chaucer field to ensure that valuable open space is retained for future generations to enjoy.

Graham raised concerns about the traffic developments around the Westgate Towers, which has resulted in significant extra traffic not only in Station Road West, where both congestion and pollution are now unacceptable, but also across many other parts of Northgate and St Stephen's.



