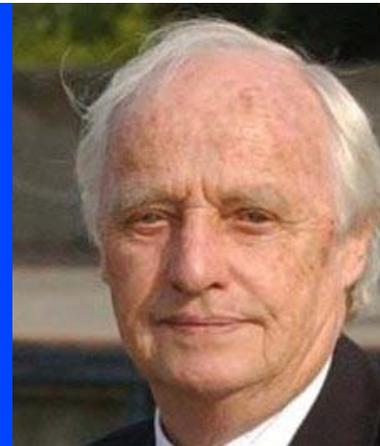


Mike Harrison

Conservative Member for Whitstable



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

Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Mike has been serving the community of Whitstable as a Member since 1995.

He was last elected in October 2009 and, like all KCC Members, serves a four year term of office. The next KCC elections take place on 2 May 2013.

About Mike

Mike and his wife Jeanne have been part of the Whitstable community for well over 50 years.

At just 15 Mike packed his bags and went away to sea starting as a 'lift boy' with P&O. finishing up as one of the youngest Head Waiters ever! Mike also met his 'wife to be' when she was a passenger on a cruise.

Mike then spent 30+ years as an Airline Steward starting with BOAC which became British Airways.

Mike held the rank of a Cabin Service Officer (CSO) responsible (after the Captain) for 17 cabin crew and 300+ passengers on long haul flights.

Mike and Jeanne have two grown up sons with families of their own, Mark and his family live in Whitstable whilst Andrew and his family are in Faversham.

15 years ago the Whitstable Oyster Festival was almost on the brink of disappearing. Mike without too much thought said "I can sort that out". Along with a small



Mike's Whitstable

group of volunteers he did.

Mike stood down as Chairman some 4 years ago.

Mike has a dreadful habit of not being able to say "No" which often gets him into all kinds of situations which at the time he may not know too much about! However it does not usually take him long to get to grips with whatever he has taken on and so far he has made a success of everything he has turned his hand to.

In the summer of 1995 Mike was asked if he had ever thought of standing for the County Council. The answer was NO he had not! Mike took up the challenge and stood for the KCC Member for Whitstable East in a by-election. With a lot of help Mike won the day and has been successful at this as well.

Learn more [about Mike](#).

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.

Mike has attended 5 out of 5 meetings of the Full Council.

Find out [more information about the meetings Mike has attended](#).

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 up to £10,000 to worthwhile causes within their community.

Here's how Mike allocated his last year:

Grasmere Pastures Land Registration to enable a community group to carry on with their work. Received £500

Whitstable Choral Society Music folders to enable this very popular group to perform at open air performances. Received £765

Whitstable Improvement Trust Heritage Board in the harbour explaining the project at Dead Man's Corner. Received £500

Seasalter Amateur Boxing Club Boxing equipment. This is a new venture and much use is being made of it already. Received £1,500

Tankerton WI This was a much needed new group for this area to help with office equipment etc. Received £500

Chestfield Parish Council Two waste bins - this is part of an ongoing partnership between local KCC member and parish council. Received £1000

Kent Highway Services Chestfield Two dropped kerbs. Once again a collaboration between local KCC member and Parish Council. Received £2000

CCC Street Scene, Whitstable Path Cleansing. For jet wash and gum removal throughout the entire town. Received £2500

Whitstable Samba Band, equipment. Once again support for a very community spirited group open to all. Received £735

If you wish to suggest a local group which could benefit from the Member's Community Grant then you will find your local Councillor's contact details on the front page.

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 is called the Members Highway Fund and here's how Mike allocated his Fund last year:

Residents of Windmill Road requested a new salt/grit bin with 3 refills per year. Received £620

Two benches on the footway A2990 between Long Reach roundabout and Estuary View Medical Centre. Received £3047

A new salt/grit bin plus 3 refills per year. At the junction of H.B. Road and St Johns Road. Received £620

At residents' request, 5 wooden posts and signs stating 'No Parking on Verge' at Millstrood Road. Received £1206.

Major parking problems in Kemp Road. 32 wooden bollards and making good of grass verges. Received £4756

After heavy snow, I had 2 new salt/grit bins put in place with 3 refills per annum. on the A2990. Received £720

Over the past 18 months Mike has paid for and had upgraded all 6 of the towns Zebra crossings with lit (LED) Belisha Beacons. Received £34,867

My achievements this year, and ambitions for next year

Much of my time over the past 12 months has been spent working locally for the residents of Whitstable which covers an area from the far reaches of Chestfield right across the CT5 post code to Seasalter. Most of that time has been to do with highway matters and I like to think we as the CT5 area have had more than our share of both work and funding from KHS.

My main duty at County Hall apart from being on various committees and attending numerous meetings is as Chairman of the Regulation Committee. This committee deals mainly with the many appeals and applications with regard to Public Rights of Way and Village Green enquiries and issues. A very time consuming job but it is one which I enjoy immensely. I also act as Chairman to the many appeal panels we (KCC) have for Home to School Transport for children with special needs both physical and financial.

As for my ambition for 2012/13 that is very simple. I would very much like to be selected and then re-elected and continue to be 'Your Man at County Hall'.

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](#)



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**Member Grant information for County Councillor Mike Harrison
9 March 2012
Small Capital Grants 2011 to 2012 - £5,911**

Organisation	Project Title	Amount
All Saints Nursery School	Canopy for Community Hall	£750
Whitstable Castle	Brown Tourism signs	£1,500
Canterbury Partnership	Bunting	£970
Kent Highway Services	Tower Hill Salt Bin	£620
Canterbury City Council - Street Scene	Kingsdown park gate	£1,830
Canterbury City Council Environmental services	Environmental enhancements at Mariners View	£241
Total spent		5,911
Remaining		£0

Local Schemes Grants 2011 to 2012 - £6,188

Organisation	Project Title	Amount
Kent Coastal Week	Creative Coast at Whitstable	£500
Canterbury City Council	Whit Card	£400
Public Rights of Way	Public footpath service enhancement	£3,000
Canterbury City Council Environmental services	Environmental enhancements at Mariners View	£1,099
Whitstable Improvement Trust	Jubilee Celebrations	£1,189
Total spent		£6,188
Remaining		£0

Members Community Grant 2011 to 2012 - £10,000

Organisation	Project Title	Amount
Grasmere Pastures	Land Registration	£500
Whitstable Choral Society	Music Folders	£765
Whitstable Women's Institute	Heritage Board	£500
Seasalter Amateur Boxing Club	Amateur Boxing Club	£1,500
Tankerton Bay Women's Institute	New Women's Institute start-up costs	£500
Chestfield Parish Council	Two waste bins	£1,000
Kent Highways	Chestfield dropped kerbs	£2,000
Canterbury City Council Street Scene	Whitstable Path cleansing	£2,500
Whitstable Samba Band	Whitstable Samba Band	£735
Total spent		£10,000
Remaining		£0