

Sarah Hohler

Conservative Member for Malling North Division



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

Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Sarah has been serving the community of Malling North as a Member since 1989.

She 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 Sarah

Sarah Hohler was born at Chipstead and brought up in Tunbridge Wells. Sarah was educated at the Convent of the Sacred Heart (Beechwood), Prior's Field School, the British Institute in Paris, Queen's Secretarial College in London and then read PPE at St Hugh's College, Oxford.

Sarah worked for Pergamon Press for two years as Assistant European Sales Manager, for Oxford University Press in Hong Kong (editing educational books), for Hong Kong University Press and then for Macmillan Education at Basingstoke.

Sarah's diplomat husband, Fred, was posted to New York for five years where Sarah founded and ran a playschool, worked for International Play Group to raise funds by organising a worldwide Young Artists Exhibition and then as school librarian at Spence School. After New York, the family returned to Kent before being posted to Brussels where Sarah was an English Language Assistant and the children

went to the French Lycee.

Fred left the Foreign Office and went into business in London while Sarah successfully stood for the County Council in 1989 to represent Wrotham, Stansted and Fairseat, Offham, Addington, Trottiscliffe, Birling, Ryarsh, Leybourne and Snodland. Sarah was appointed Vice Chairman of Highways and served mainly on committees concerned with the Environment, Planning, Highways, Waste and Economic Development, becoming the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning in 1997. Sarah then became Cabinet Member for Communities and Deputy Leader to the late Lord BruceLockhart. When the Leader retired in October 2004, Sarah also chose to stand down from the Cabinet.

In June 2009, Sarah became Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education and now sits on the back benches and serves on the Scrutiny Committee.

Sarah has four daughters and six grandchildren, all educated at state and private schools, both in this country and overseas. All but the youngest grandson have attended Stansted Church of England Primary School, as did their father/grandfather.

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.

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

Find out more about the meetings Sarah 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 Sarah spent hers last year:

- Development of Nevill Park Playground in Snodland received £2,661.00
- Improvements to Fairseat Village Hall car park received £1,000.00
- Installation of Solar Panels at Snodland Town Council received £1,500.00
- Y2 Crew Project in Snodland received £250.00
- Safety Access Gate at Trottiscliffe Parish Council received £689.00
- Christmas Celebrations in Snodland received £400.00
- Changing rooms at Townsend Hook received £500.00
- Disabled Toilet/Baby Changing Room at Offham Village Hall received £1,500.00
- Pebbles Pre School Creativity Workshops received £1,500.00

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.

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...

- Salt bin in Ryarsh Road received £162.00
- Installation of Interactive Sign to reduce vehicular speeds at Parish Council request. Birling Road - Ryarsh received £3,200.00
- Birling Road, Snodland - Installation of 'wig wag' flashing sign and realignment of the dropped kerbs received £4000.00
- Installation of Dog- Bones to eradicate commuter parking together with resurfacing the area near the woods received £5,000.00
- Castle Way - For the provision of priority markings received £5,000.00

My achievements this year, and ambitions for next year

I strive to listen to what my constituents have to say and to represent them well. To this end, I aim to reply seven parish councils and one town council in my division, both by email and by attending meetings and I keep them up to date with what is happening at the County Council by sending written reports as well. I intend to continue to do this and to be particularly aware of local issues, such as planning matters, and also of local need so that I can help with my member and highway grants.

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.

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