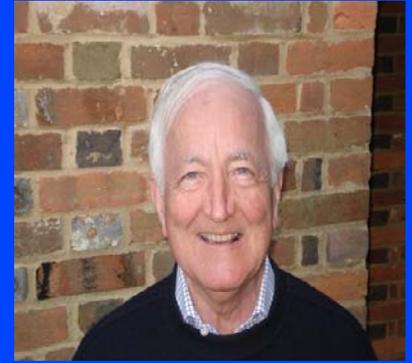


Peter Lake

Conservative Member for Sevenoaks South Division



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

Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Peter has been serving the community of Sevenoaks South as a Member since 1993.

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 Peter

Peter Lake was born in Giggleswick, Yorkshire but has lived in Kent all his life. On leaving school Peter joined the Army as a private soldier in the Royal West Kent Regiment. At the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst he studied sociology and engaged in a major review of the Prison Service. He was commissioned in the Royal Armoured Corps and served as a troop leader. In the Army he learned to fly and to parachute. Peter joined the Stock Exchange as a Stock Jobber and rose to become Chief Executive of an International Stock Broking firm. Just before retiring from the City, Peter was head hunted to look after lottery winners on behalf of a major High Street bank. Peter is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment (FCSI). Peter was elected as a Sevenoaks District Councillor in 1980. He was appointed to the Tunbridge Wells Community Health Council and became Vice-Chairman of the Maternity and Child Care Committee



Inspecting the new Eden Centre

Peter was first elected to the County Council in May 1993 as the Member for Sevenoaks South. He has served as Chairman of the Superannuation Committee and as Cabinet Member for Social Care and Community Health. He became Chairman of Kent County Council on 15 May 2008.

Peter is currently Deputy Cabinet Member for Adult Services, Specialist Children's Services and Public Health. Peter has served on the Board of the Kent and Medway NHS & Social Care Partnership Trust as a non-executive director and has been a member of the Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority. He is currently a member of St John Ambulance Kent and a member of Fairbridge Kent, Part of the Prince's Trust.

Peter is married to Nella, a board member of Relate National and past Chairman of Relate West & Mid-Kent.

They have three grown up daughters and five grandchildren.

He lists his interests as music, sailing, skiing, golf and extreme sports.

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.

Peter has attended 8 out of 8 meetings of the Full Council.

Find out more about the meetings Peter 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.

To contact Peter:

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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 Peter spent his last year:

Eden Christian Trust – running costs - received £750

Leigh PS – Project Management - received £2,500

Holcot Group – Holiday Scheme - received £500

Stangroup Comm Action – Minibus driver vols - received £1,500

Compaid – Minibus service - received £1,500

West Kent Extra – Make Do and Mend - received £300

Penshurst PC – Fordcomb Playgroup - received £700

Eden Valley Festival – Summer Festival - received £750

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...

Spode Lane, Cowden – salt bins - received £700

Marsh Green Road, Edenbridge – speed limit measures - received £4,700

Cowden Village – introduce new 30mph speed limit - received £5,750

Hildenborough Road, Leigh – safety improvements - received £7,500

Lingfield Road, Edenbridge – extend 30mph speed limit - received £1,420

Fordcombe Road, Penshurst –illuminating speed reduction sign - received £3,500

My achievements this year, and ambitions for next year

Over the past year, I have played an important role encouraging Edenbridge Town Council and Sevenoaks District Council members to accept our commitment to build the Edenbridge Community Centre and this is nearing completion. This will house a new library, a youth centre and a Citizens Advice Bureau, together with other amenities. I represent parents and their children at school and transport appeals and I advise my constituents on matters relating to KCC services, from planning, social services, Kent Highway Services to schools and admissions criteria. I brief Sir John Stanley MP on constituency business. In the coming year, I will continue to do my utmost for all my constituents in Sevenoaks South.

I attend and speak at Parish and Town Council meetings particularly about the way forward for KCC as part of The Big Society, but I also talk about local issues – noise issues from planes flying into Gatwick are of particular concern to local residents. My telephone, e-mail and address are freely available 24/7.



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