

John London

Conservative Member for Sevenoaks Central Division



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

Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. John has been serving the community of Sevenoaks Central 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 John

John has lived in Sevenoaks all his life. Married to Merrill for fifty years, his three children went to local schools as do their grandchildren who live in Sevenoaks.

John went to school in Tonbridge and served in the Royal Artillery until he contracted a life threatening illness and was invalided out. He spent all his working life in the City, finally working in the Money Market. After early retirement, he spent a time looking after the money for an Army Museum in Woolwich. Whilst doing these things he has had a continual involvement with local government being first elected to the Sevenoaks Urban District Council in 1959 being Chairman in 1970/71 and after local re-organisation, representing the area where he lives, on the Town Council being three times Mayor. On His recent retirement from the Town Council John was made the first Freeman of Sevenoaks. He was first



Knole House, Sevenoaks

elected to the County Council in 1997 and has been Chairman of the Planning Committee and the Group Advisory Committee. John has also been a long term member of the Superannuation Fund Committee. He was Chairman of the Council in 2005/06.

John has represented the KCC on the Kent Police Authority and the Kent Fire and Rescue Authority on which he still sits.

Locally, he has been actively involved with the Scout Association for many years and was instrumental in starting the Sevenoaks Mental Health Association (now MIND) when he was asked to be its first Chairman and help set it up.

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.

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

Find out more about the meetings John 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 John:

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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 John spent his last year:

Sevenoaks MIND – Garden Project received £2,000.000

St John's Primary School – Supporting school sport by funding sport kit etc received £3,810.00

Kenward Trust – Supporting rehabilitation of drug and alcohol dependants received £890

West Kent Extra – Make do and Mend received £300.00

Sevenoaks Historical Society – Book on Sevenoaks History received £2,000

Sevenoaks CAB – updating Computer System received £1,000.00

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.

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...

Replaced a broken streetlight on The Vine to fit in with Conservation Area £4,004.00

Improvement of footway surface and widen where possible, including guardrails on banked section at Witches Lane, Riverhead junction with Worships Hill received £10,000.00

Improved eroded footway and widened where possible in Lyndhurst Drive received £5,500.00

New salt bin at junction of Shoreham Lane and Churchfields received £595.53

Contribution to Riverhead PC for provision and maintenance of a village notice board received £2,250.00

My achievements this year, and ambitions for next year

Much of my time over the past twelve months has been spent working locally for the residents of Sevenoaks. It is not always the grand things that matter most to residents but the relatively minor irritants that can annoy so much. To this end I try to answer all letters and emails within 24 hours. I strive to attend all parish council meetings and listen to their concerns and report to them what is happening at County Hall. This is what I have been doing for fifty years in one way or another and I have enjoyed helping those who have asked for help.



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