

Richard Long

Conservative Member for Malling Rural East Division



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

Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Richard has been serving the community of Malling Rural East as a Member since 2005. 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 Richard

Richard was born in 1958 and moved to Kent in 1991. He is married with two sons born in 1995 and 1997 while the family was living in East Peckham.

Richard is a solicitor working with local businesses and people inside and outside Kent. He has also been a Territorial Army officer since 1976 and is still serving. He sits on the boards of Integrated Services Programme and the Dandelion Trust for Children (a Charity), organisations providing help for children in Kent.

Richard's interests now include the Highways of West Kent and trying to mitigate the effects of traffic and population growth on the villages he represents: East Peckham, West Peckham, Hadlow, Mereworth, Wateringbury and Kings Hill, an area strongly affected by the A26 and the A228.

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.

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

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

Playground improvements in the Wateringbury Parish Council Playing Fields received £2,000.00

Taxi vouchers for elderly residents of West Peckham without cars and unable to access public transport received £300.00

Kings Hill Youth Club Summer Activities Programme received £1,738.00

Flowers planted on the verges in Hadlow and other help for the Hadlow Carbon Community received £300.00

Walk to School programme in Hadlow received £450.00

Kings Hill preschool summer club activities received £950.00

Contribution to new junior football pitch in Hadlow received £1,243.00

Kings Hill Women's Institute PA system received £250.00

Kings Hill First Responders Defibrillator received £987.00

Kings Hill Tiddlers and Toddlers activities received £575.00

Hadlow over 60's table tennis club received £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

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...

2 Salt bins for Hadlow received £700.00

Removal of tree stumps and planting of new trees in Worcester Avenue Kings Hill received £2,265.00

Traffic Management Scheme for the Street, Mere worth received £15,000.00

My achievements this year, and ambitions for next year

Kings Hill:

Primary Schools: I am campaigning for an expansion in capacity as families want genuinely local schools for their children.

Wateringbury:

Roads: a scheme to mitigate the worst effects of traffic on part of the A26 and improve safety for pedestrians

Mereworth:

a. Roads: a Scheme to improve safety for residents at a dangerous junction at Kent Street on the A228 and a better winter plan which was tested (just) in 2012.

b. WCs for the Church.

Hadlow, East Peckham and West Peckham:

a. Roads: I have worked with the Parish Council on a number of road repairs and improvements to the service. I am supporting the wish of residents to have more comprehensive speed limits on certain roads.

b. Library: I am supporting the Parish Councils in developing new ways of delivering the Library service for the 21st Century.



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