

Steve Manion

Conservative Member for Dover North Division



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

Kent County Council has 84 Members representing every part of the County. Steve has been serving the community of Dover North 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 Steve

Steve has been county councillor for the Dover North Division at Kent County Council. He is also a member of Dover District Council and serves as the council's representative on The Alliance (formerly known as the Coalfield Communities Campaign). As part of this role he is Vice Chairman of the Midlands and South Region. He also represents the Kent Coalfield for the Liaison Committee of the National Coal Mining Museum in Wakefield. He is a keen supporter of the parishes and makes it a point to attend as many of the parish councils meetings as he can. Parish councils are an important first step in the chain of local government and their concerns need to be heard by other levels of local government. He is also a regular attendee of the weekly drop ins at both Great Mongeham and Eastry so that residents can bring him their concerns. Councillors need to be readily accessible to residents and these events provide a regular

chance for residents to meet and talk to their district councillor. Stephen also serves the community by being a school Governor at Northbourne CEP School and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Aylesham.

Stephen is a consultant in operations management. He has worked both in the United Kingdom as well as Australia. He writes and runs training courses in Resource Management. He is a fellow of the American Production and Inventory Management Society and of the Institute of Operations Management in the UK. He has also qualifications in management and agricultural science.

Stephen also serves on his local Parish Council, and is an authorised Lay Minister for his village church St Martins Great Mongeham. He is married with four children. He is keen to help his children to be active members in the local community too.

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.

Steve has attended 66 out of 84 meetings of the Full Council.

Find out more about the meetings Steve 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 Steve:

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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 Steve spent his last year:

Tilmanstone Miners Welfare Machinery Upkeep received £700.00

Aylesham Heritage Centre Lock up container received £1800.00

Pegasus Playscheme "Memories are made of this" received £2500.00

Aylesham Youth & Leisure Centre Aylesham Holiday Activities received £2500.00

Nonington Dolphins Young People Club New Forest Residential Explorer received £2500.00

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...

Sandwich Road, Nonington:

Revisions to speed limits within village, additional signing, road markings and a new section of footway received £35,565.00

Hangman's Lane, Guston:

Village gateway scheme consisting of kerb build out, signing, lining and bollards received £5257.00

Atlee Avenue, Aylesham:

New gate and pedestrian access to Aylesham Primary School with additional surfacing in front of main school entrance received £6944.00

Mongeham Road, Ripple:

Construction of new raised bus stop and short footway link received £2745.00

Dorman Avenue, Aylesham:

Contribution to Parish Council to allow for surfacing of village car park received £3000.00

Various locations, Dover District:

12 Salt bins in various locations, Rural Dover District received £7146.00

My achievements this year, and ambitions for next year

During the last 12 months I have supported parishes across the division to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee as well as facilitated highway projects in parishes.

There was also a scheme to distribute Grit bins across the division. My ambition is to support the wishes of the communities to take more control of services within their scope.

The work in Aylesham on the youth centre is an important test of this philosophy. I look forward to empowering local residents to enhance their communities and build safe resilient places to work and live. I want all residents to feel that they have a strong and approachable voice in local government. I want all communities to feel that their views and ambitions are valued and that I will support their efforts as well as bring in resources which they can use at their discretion.



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