



Councillor Mike Sole's monthly report

Kent County Councillor : Canterbury South
Canterbury City Councillor : Nailbourne

*Working for you all
all year round*

This is my monthly update for **May 2025**.

Firstly, I was delighted to be re-elected to KCC with an increased vote share and larger majority. Thank you for your support. There has been a significant change in the administration at KCC and the Liberal Democrat group that I belong to is now the official opposition with 12 councillors. There are also 5 Green, 5 Conservative and 2 Labour councillors, but with 57 councillors Reform are now running the council.

The only KCC meeting that has taken place so far was the AGM where the new leadership was appointed. At this meeting I challenged the new administration on their decision to no longer fly the Ukrainian flag or Pride flag during Pride month, but it was confirmed that neither will be flown again.

In an unusual move many KCC meetings due to take place in June have been cancelled and we are still awaiting confirmation on some committees, but I hope to serve on the Growth, Economic & Communities Committee, Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue and the Flood Risk Management Committee.

During May I attended annual parish meetings in **Petham, Wickhambreaux, Womenswold, Thanington** and **Barham** where I was able to speak to many local residents about my role, local government reorganisation and changes at KCC. I also attended the usual monthly meeting of **Thanington** Parish Council Council and Canterbury City Council annual meeting.

I was really pleased to hear that KCC have now agreed to fully fund the accessibility bus stop improvements by The Firth Trust in Barham that I have been campaigning for.

I held a very good councillor surgery in Barham with the KCC Community Warden and Kent Police. I was good to see so many people and I am following up on the issues raised with me. I also had a separate meeting with Cllr Lee Castle and the KCC community wardens that cover both Nailbourne and Little Stour & Adisham. Unfortunately, the other areas of my KCC division are still without wardens.

I've had a couple of meetings with group of residents in Bekesbourne and Bridge to discuss various issues – if I can help with anything, please get in touch.



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