Canterbury North Update

Cllr Alex Ricketts

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Hello!

Summer looks to be coming to an end, but we are still under a hosepipe ban, and our water supplies remain uncertain at best.

As if we needed more interventions from utility companies, SGN have been digging up Pean Hill for some time. Obviously, we all want the gas main repaired safely and well, but the disruption has been huge for many people. I've been working with SGThe timetable is on the next page.



The glamorous life of a local councillor: visiting Shelford Landfill

Some of my key areas of work in recent weeks include:

- **Blean Bus:** See timetable on next page.
- **Shelford Data Centre:** I attended a site visit, ahead of the planning committee meeting on 13 October where the application will be decided.
- **Transport appeals:** I have assisted several families with their home to school transport appeals.
- **Health Overview:** I raised serious questions about the drop in the number of over 40s having free NHS health checks, in part due to the change in contract at KCC.

I am always happy to hear from residents on any manner of issues, and will help where I can.

All the best,

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A lot of my role involves attending meetings, here is a selection:

CCC Meetings

- 16 September, General Purposes Committee and Full Council: Consideration of proposals to protect Canterbury's city status and determine future arrangements for local representation.
- 8 October, Overview Committee: Housing and Homelessness strategies.
- 15 October, Companies Advisory Committee: As Chair I have asked for Canenco and Stour Environmental Credits Company to come and update on their performance.
- 20 October, Joint Transportation Board.
- 22 October, Full Council.

KCC Meetings

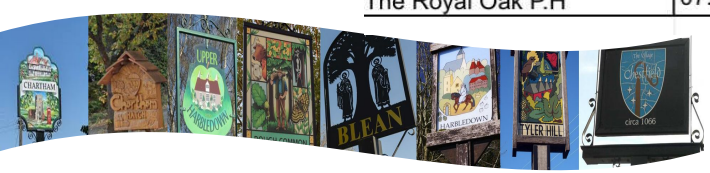
- 17 September, County Council: Where the Regiment of Gurkhas received the Freedom of Kent
- 24 September, Adult Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee: Including scrutiny of NHS Health Check uptake among eligible adults aged 40–74.
- 7 October, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

I try to attend all parish council meetings, diary permitting, and if you live in a parished area, I urge you to do so too.

Blean Common-St Edmunds School

Diagram							
The Royal Oak P.H	07:34	08:04	09:54	12:54	14:54	15:34	17:24
Tyler Hill Road jtn, bus stop	07:35	08:05	09:55	12:55	14:55	15:35	17:25
Blean Primary School	07:36	08:06	09:56	12:56	14:56	15:36	17:26
Rough Common Turn	07:37	08:07	09:57	12:57	14:57	15:37	17:27
St Edmunds School, bus stop	07:38	08:08	09:58	12:58	14:58	15:38	17:28

Diagram							
St Edmunds School, bus stop	07:48	08:18	10:20	13:20	15:25	15:55	17:55
Rough Common Turn	07:49	08:19	10:21	13:21	15:26	15:56	17:56
Blean Primary School	07:50	08:20	10:22	13:22	15:27	15:57	17:57
Tyler Hill Road jtn, bus stop	07:51	08:21	10:23	13:23	15:28	15:58	17:58
The Royal Oak P.H	07:52	08:22	10:24	13:24	15:29	15:59	17:59



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