

Mike Sole's

April 2024 update

Kent County Councillor -Canterbury South

Canterbury City Councillor – Nailbourne



As it's the time of year when parish councils hold their annual parish meetings its always good to attend, talk to residents and hear about everything that community groups and the parish council have been up to in the last year. In April I was able to attend these meetings in **Petham**, **Ickham** and **Lower Hardres**. I look forward to attending others in May.

Canterbury City Council is piloting a Right to Grow scheme in a few locations across the district and I met with residents of Crookenden Place, **Barham** to discuss the scheme with them and identify a potential plot.

I was pleased to be at the unveiling of one of two defibrillators in **Ickham** with the Lord Mayor of Canterbury, that I was able to source a funding contribution towards.

With five new parish councillors in place in **Womenswold**, I look forward to passing over the reins in May, and the interim parish councillors appointed by the city council will step down, leaving things in the very capable hands of the new council.

On the City Council I have attended meetings of Council, Cabinet and Governance. I also attended the very well attended parish council engagement meeting and local plan consultation meeting in The Guildhall, Canterbury. Due to the popularity of the latter, I am asking for another session to be run.

It was very disappointing to hear that Stagecoach have amended their timetable so that the 89 no longer goes via **Bridge**. I have taken this up with Stagecoach and have set up a petition to show strength of local opposition and push for a reversal of this decision.

I was delighted to be guest speaker at the **Barham** with **Kingston** WI, talking about the lighter side of my role as a councillor and campaigner since I first got involved in politics 34 years ago. I also enjoyed chatting to residents at the **Chartham** coffee morning about council issues.

Finally, I was pleased to be able to secure some grant funding for the **Nailbourne Scout Group**.



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