



Councillor Mike Sole's monthly report

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*Working for you all
all year round*

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

It's certainly been a month a road works, and there doesn't seem to be much reprieve from this in the next few months. I nearly every case this is due to utility companies who have a legal right to access their infrastructure, or developers working on improvements that they legally have to deliver as part of planning consents. Although KCC issue the permits for these closures, in reality they can't refuse permits but they do need to do a better job of challenging emergency works and coordinating closures, and I continue to pass on all complaints and push for intervention.

I am pleased to see that many of the potholes that I have reported for action have been filled, and others are scheduled to be repaired.

I met up with landowners, National Highways and the Kent Police Rural Task force in the A2 Lay-by near Shelvin Lane. This has been a hotspot for crime and damage to property. National Highways are now looking into various options to address this.

I attended the KCC scrutiny committee where the decision to remove the funding to district councils to help collect council tax was challenged.

On Canterbury City Council I attended the Cabinet meeting and a meeting of the Kent & Medway Fire Authority but it has been a quieter month of meetings due to the KCC elections and the purdah restrictions placed on councils which is why I have not attended parish council meetings in April.

Other issues covered this month have including assisting council home tenants, planning issues, new bus stop request, overgrown trees, blocked drains, and mowing of wildflowers.

I was very pleased to be asked to take part in the Passions in Public Health Podcast.

Finally, KCC elections take place on 1 May. I hope to be back with another monthly report next month, but that is in the hands of the electorate!



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