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As the year seems to be flying by, please find below my update for September. It has been another busy month, with parish meetings, council meetings, surgeries and plenty of local casework across the ward.

At the beginning of the month, I attended **Littlebourne** Parish Council, where we discussed a number of local matters, including planning and planning enforcement. Councillor Mike Sole and I also held a drop-in surgery in Littlebourne, which was very well attended. Residents raised a wide range of issues, including licensing, highways and other local concerns. These surgeries are a useful opportunity to hear directly from residents, discuss problems and work out how best to take them forward.

I also attended meetings with **Adisham, Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne and Wickhambreaux** Parish Councils, as well as **Canterbury City Council** meetings, including Full Council and the Licensing Committee. Alongside the formal meetings, I have continued dealing with individual casework raised by residents across the ward.

In **Wickhambreaux**, I have been working on issues involving boundary clearance and trees on council housing land. It was also good to see the graffiti on the pillbox dealt with by Canenco. Although this was outside their normal remit, I was pleased they were able to assist and get the problem resolved.

I have continued chasing KCC Highways regarding potholes on the List, and I have now been advised that works are programmed. I will continue to monitor this and make sure it is followed up. There were also some bin collection issues on the Street and the List earlier in the month, which were raised with the relevant contacts.

In **Ickham**, I have been dealing with casework relating to flooding, fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour on rural roads. In **Adisham,** issues around grounds maintenance and parking have continued to be raised, and I am pursuing these with the relevant organisations.

In **Littlebourne**, I have dealt with casework around planning permission rules and was pleased to resolve a couple of long-standing green bin collection issues by liaising with contacts at Canenco.

Towards the end of the month, I attended the **Little Stour River Day** talk in **Wickhambreaux**, as part of the wider district **Stour Valley Riverfest**. It was an interesting evening, although also concerning to hear again about the condition of our local chalk streams and the pressures they continue to face. These are important environmental assets, and it is vital that their condition continues to receive the attention they deserve.

Although highways are the responsibility of Kent County Council, I am always happy to help raise and chase local issues. If you have a pothole or other highway problem, please send it to me with the location, ideally using What3Words. I keep a spreadsheet of reported issues and regularly check progress. Recently, some items have been removed from the reporting system, so issues sometimes need to be reported again.

As always, if there is anything else I can assist with, please do get in touch. I will always do my best to help or put you in contact with the organisation responsible.