

Delivering for Tonbridge



Installing new LED lanterns on Big Bridge, while working with TMBC to enhance the town centre.



Arranging for ambitious and successful road resurfacing projects across Tonbridge, such as this recent example on Lodge Oak Lane.



KCC are responsible for public health, and unlike many other towns we've helped secure two vaccination sites in Tonbridge.



Securing Tonbridge Library's future. Our campaign has made it one of Kent's highest Tier 1 Libraries.



Delivering a safe zebra crossing at York Parade on Shipbourne Road.



Michael and Borough Councillors collecting litter and clearing the rediscovered footpath on Tudeley Lane.

Community matters

Tonbridge

News from Richard Long and Michael Payne Conservative Candidates for Kent County Council Spring 2021



Dear Resident

When you elected us as your County Councillors four years ago, we made clear we would be our town's voice at County Hall, and not County Hall's voice in Tonbridge. Since 2017 this has been our overriding ambition.

We have been here to serve you, working late into the night and through many weekends as well to have your voice heard.

We now seek your support to continue that work for Tonbridge as your Kent County Councillors.

Please do spare the time to read about our work in the community here in Tonbridge, and a summary of what we have already achieved. It has been an honour and privilege to represent you, and with your support we can continue that work for you.

Yours sincerely,

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Clearing litter around Strawberry Vale.



Successfully getting graffiti removed from Tudeley Lane.



Richard helping prepare Darenth Avenue for a Roadside Nature Reserve this summer.



Securing agreement to have Orcas on Shipbourne Road removed.

What have **Richard Long** and **Michael Payne** done for us?

- ◆ Ensured KCC continued to **work for the people of Tonbridge** throughout the pandemic
- ◆ Made **scrubs for NHS heroes** at the height of the Covid19 pandemic
- ◆ Successfully secured **Tonbridge Library** as a 'Tier 1' Library in Kent, meaning it is one of the very first to re-open after each lockdown
- ◆ Introduced a **Mobile Library near Martin Hardie Way** which will use a new sustainable fleet of vehicles
- ◆ Used Richard's position as KCC Cabinet Member for Education to keep our schools as some of the **best in the whole country**
- ◆ Secured funding for essential bus services to **Hugh Christie**
- ◆ Helped fund the **Forest School** at Slade Primary School
- ◆ Built a new pavement on **Brook Street** so Judd students don't have to cross the road when walking to playing fields
- ◆ Supported Tonbridge school children by attending the West Kent Travel Forum, **improving bus services around town**
- ◆ Helped fund **Trench Ward Youth Group** activities
- ◆ Secured additional funding for local charities **supporting vulnerable people** during Covid-19 pandemic
- ◆ **Supported and donated to food drives** in north Tonbridge run by Trench Ward Councillor, Georgina Thomas, to support Sustain foodbank at Tonbridge Baptist Church
- ◆ **Distributed 1000s of Crime and Community Surveys**, and worked with Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Scott to make our town centre safer
- ◆ Hosted **regular surgeries** including online meetings, so you can raise concerns directly with us, Matthew Scott and Tom Tugendhat MP
- ◆ Helped fund **Manor House Meadow Nature Reserve** at the Star and Garter site
- ◆ Replanted roadside trees in **Cornwallis Avenue**, to start restoring the spelling of the road's name from each end
- ◆ Cut back the **Morley Road** footpath, allowing pedestrian access to both ends of the road
- ◆ Supported litter picks along **Woodland Walk**, keeping the area tidy and free of rubbish
- ◆ Secured funds from KCC to support the **Leigh Flood Storage Area expansion**
- ◆ Resurfaced the path on Medway Wharf Road to create **step free access** from the High Street to Cannon Lane, via Townlock
- ◆ Secured a safe, accessible crossing on the traffic island by **Bank Street** and **Castle Street**, allowing pushchairs and wheelchairs to cross the road safely
- ◆ Successfully introduced a much needed **Zebra Crossing over Shipbourne Road** at York Parade
- ◆ Asked for the removal of the unpopular **Quarry Hill Road pop up cycle lane trial**
- ◆ Introduced **new dropped kerbs on Hadlow Road** to allow better access for wheelchairs and pushchairs at each junction
- ◆ Supported the **new cycle hub** at Tonbridge Station
- ◆ Worked to secure cycle access to the new **Tonbridge Trade Park** when it opens
- ◆ Rediscovered the footpath connecting **Lodge Oak Lane** and **Somerhill Green**, ahead of its resurfacing
- ◆ Worked with TMBC to prioritise clearer bus stop markings on **Pembury Road**
- ◆ Campaigned to prevent use of the **Mableton Road gate** from Judd School unless absolutely essential
- ◆ Encouraged KCC to commission Southern Water to help resolve **drainage issues on Pembury Road**, by Tonbridge Police Station
- ◆ Worked with Highways England to have a **temporary crash barrier** agreed on the A21 between Tonbridge and Pembury, ahead of a permanent replacement
- ◆ Had Tonbridge accepted as a 20mph town-wide trial, with a promise to **review limits on arterial routes** at the end of the trial period
- ◆ Moved **'Bus Stop 'G'** back into a layby, easing northbound congestion on the High Street
- ◆ Introduced 'No access' restrictions to prevent rat running on **Old Hadlow Road**
- ◆ Helped establish speedwatch on **Dry Hill Park Road**
- ◆ Had extended **double yellow lines on Shipbourne Road** between High Street and Yardley Park Road, reducing problem parking
- ◆ Successfully campaigned for parking restrictions on **Tudeley Lane**, allowing for safe access to and from Somerhill Green and Bishop Chavasse Primary School
- ◆ Secured extra signs to prevent large vehicles accessing narrow roads in **The Slade**
- ◆ Successfully introduced the five minute drop off and pick up point at the front of **Tonbridge station**
- ◆ As KCC Cabinet Member for Transport, Michael has ensured nearly **4,000 potholes** each year are filled in on all roads around Tonbridge
- ◆ Successfully introduced a warmly welcomed 30mph speed limit on **Three Elm Lane**
- ◆ Opposed Green Party plans for a **costly civic centre**, an unaffordable 'white elephant' when budgets are under more pressure than ever
- ◆ Campaigned against excessive development by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council at **Tudeley**, which would make Tonbridge more congested
- ◆ Introduced reflective bollards at the end of **East Street** to help exit safely on to Borden or Hadlow Road
- ◆ Campaigned for better protection for residents in south west Tonbridge from **A21** road noise.

**You asked;
Richard and Michael delivered.**

On Thursday 6th May, place your **X**
where you know you can place your trust

Richard LONG
The Conservative Party Candidate



Michael PAYNE
The Conservative Party Candidate

