

## **Sevenoaks District Councillor For Fawkham and West Kingsdown Ward.**

I continue to work for the benefit of residents especially in the villages of West Kingsdown and Fawkham.

During a very difficult year its seen people come together and support one another. Fawkham like other villages has a lot of very kind people who have been there for each other in difficult times. As part of Care in the Community I have coordinated volunteers to support residents not only in West Kingsdown but also Fawkham when I was contacted direct. Those volunteers continue to be on standby should needed. One of the things the pandemic has highlighted is the community spirt we have and particularly so in the rural villages.

The District Council meetings have continued over the last year although they have been virtual, I continue to sit on Health and Housing committee, Housing liaison group, Finance and Governance Committees and represent the voice of Fawkham at those meetings. I have also attended various training sessions relating to planning which have been provide virtually by SDC and have been very informative. I have continued to regularly attend Fawkham Parish Council meetings and find out what is happening and how I can best help Fawkham.

The Community Cupboard, a food bank in West Kingsdown opened in October 2019. It has been an enormous asset to the local community and further afield too and never did I think when I became involved in the beginning of the project that it would be so needed. It's a sad reflection of difficult times people find themselves in but good that people are supported during that time. I continue to be a drop off point for donations for those who want to donate and can't get up to the Community Cupboard or I will collect from anyone who wants to donate food I am always happy to help.

Like many of you I took part in the "Clean up Sevenoaks Campaign" and was out collecting litter with my daughter, in lanes in Fawkham and in West Kingsdown, it's amazing but also sad how many bottles of vodka (empty I might add ) plastic bottles and polystyrene packaging from takeaways you can find in the road and hedgerows. Thank you to all the residents who have been out during lockdown litter picking helping to make Fawkham tidier.

My door is also open and that's my policy. I have been able to help with residents questions and listen to their concerns and will continue to do so as part of my role in Fawkham

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