



**Tony Hills, Kent County Council member for the Romney Marsh Division. Report for March 24.**

*Spring has sprung...and it's still raining...*

### **Kent Highways...**

We are facing a 17 week closure of the coast road to replace an ageing gas main. It's been there since 1938! I'm negotiating with SGN to keep one lane open for emergency access...Here are a couple of charts showing reports to Kent website.

#### Business Services

##### Customer Satisfaction

The final quarter consisted of hazardous storms with cold, wet and windy weather. As expected, this resulted in high demand from our customers for service areas in potholes, drainage, tree and streetworks permit. The pressure on Street Woks continues with ongoing high levels of emergency works. For instance, Southern Gas Networks failing infrastructure is resulting in many large schemes coming in as emergency permits which would have otherwise been planned work.

Month	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
April	1000	1000	1000	1000	5000
May	1000	1000	1000	1000	2000
June	1000	1000	1000	1000	1500
July	1000	1000	1000	1000	1500
August	1000	1000	1000	1000	1500
September	1000	1000	1000	1000	1500
October	1000	1000	1000	1000	1500
November	1000	1000	1000	1000	1500
December	1000	1000	1000	1000	1500
January	1000	1000	1000	8000	1500
February	1000	1000	1000	2000	1500
March	1000	1000	1000	3000	1500

Use of the online reporting tool remains high with 65.5% of all enquiries coming through the reporting tool.

Month	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
April	500	500	500	500	1000
May	500	500	500	500	500
June	500	500	500	500	500
July	500	500	500	500	500
August	500	500	500	500	500
September	500	500	500	500	500
October	500	500	500	500	500
November	500	500	500	2300	1500
December	500	500	500	500	500
January	500	500	500	1500	500
February	500	500	500	500	500
March	500	500	500	500	500

In my opinion Kent does a great job in these difficult cash strapped times.

KCC continues to maintain our highways on a reduced budget. But remember safety comes first, so if you find what you consider to be dangerous, please report it.

<https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public/ReportAFault.aspx>

## Flooding Matters

### Surface Water Flooding on the Marsh

We have had a record breaking February for rain falling on soaking wet ground with a high level of groundwater from November. Southern water has been busy trying to reduce levels of water using tankers where necessary.



Photograph of Dungeness, showing the rising of ground water. Link this to the heavy rainfall. This has caused a lot of surface water flooding affecting many homes across the Marsh. I'm working on long term solutions to manage water better.

### Kent's Plan B



Spring is here and our pollinators will be soon out and about.

The Romney Marsh is a very special place for Bees with several rare species living here with us.

I will be doing 'No Mow May' this year...only a small garden but every little bit helps.

Contact Kent to see how you can help.

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