

Who does what and how does the Parish Council fit in with the other local authorities?

Kent has a 3 tier council system and the Parish Council is the smallest of the tiers. Most people know that there is Kent County Council, Maidstone Borough Council but don't understand where the parish council fits in and what services all the authorities deliver.

Kent County Council is responsible for

- Highway maintenance including road safety and street lighting.
- Trading Standards.
- Social Services including adult and children services
- Education including adult education
- Libraries
- Registration of births, marriages, civil partnerships and deaths
- Transport Planning
- Waste Disposal

Maidstone Borough Council is responsible for

- ❖ Housing including Housing and Council Tax benefits
- ❖ Planning and Development Control
- ❖ Council Tax collection and non domestic rates
- ❖ Waste Collection
- ❖ Electoral Registration
- ❖ Land Charges
- ❖ Food and Safety
- ❖ Environmental enforcement
- ❖ Building Control
- ❖ Museum
- ❖ Theatre
- ❖ Crematorium and cemetery
- ❖ Leisure Centre
- ❖ Parks and open spaces
- ❖ Street cleaning
- ❖ Abandoned vehicles
- ❖ Community Safety including provision of CCTV
- ❖ Arts and sports
- ❖ Public conveniences
- ❖ Car parks, car parking and yellow lining

Different parishes are responsible for different functions and can take on some of the duties (if they wish to do so) of KCC and MBC. The following give an indication on what your council spends its money on or becomes involved in

Boxley Parish Council

- ✚ Open spaces, village green and play areas
- ✚ Community Halls
- ✚ Roadside verges
- ✚ Seats and shelters
- ✚ Crime Prevention
- ✚ Litter bins and anti litter campaigns
- ✚ Supporting local groups and organisations
- ✚ Burial Ground
- ✚ War Memorial
- ✚ Legal consultee on planning applications
- ✚ Responds to local authority and government consultations

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