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Meet the councillors

Find out who they are and what they're doing down your road



Chairman: Graham Page

I have been on the Parish Council since 1983 and was elected Chairman in 1991. I've lived in the same house in Ashford Road all my life so have a fair knowledge of local life. For many years I've been a trustee of a local charity that offers small financial assistance to two designated pensioners in the Parish. At Thanington Without PC we are aiming to be as proactive as possible—that is to anticipate problems

before they arise and deal with them effectively. I think we've achieved this in a number of areas recently — notably in relation to a proposed large-scale development in the North Ward. We made it clear we were opposed to this well in advance.

We took the initiative to establish our own website and this has raised awareness of the work we do—it's also enabled one old resident, now in Australia, to get in touch!

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Vice chairman: Pam Blackman

We came to live in Tonford Lane in 1940 and I have remained in the same house since then. I joined the Parish Council after I retired 19 years ago as I have a great love of the area and think it's worth looking after. For 49 years I have been an active member of Thanington Women's Institute and I am very involved in the management of the Ashford Road Community Association. I call it my second home as my mother and I were

founder members and my husband helped erect the original old huts. I have two children and five grandchildren, all grown-up now.

The achievements of the Parish Council are sometimes small things—perhaps the public do not always notice, but collectively I hope they make the area better kept, cleaner and more pleasing to live in.

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Ian Bain (North Ward)

I have lived in this area for 33 years and work from home. My children and grandchildren live close by. I walk every day for three to five miles around the area — just for the exercise — and so have got to know it pretty well over the years. I like the community spirit of the Parish Council. It's all about making life more pleasant for each other, trying to think of one another.

Pam and I have worked together to improve the pavements and parking problems around Tonford Lane — it's taken a while, there's been a lot of maintenance work done, but it's been worth it. We've also worked recently to clean up the areas around Tonford and Milton bridges.

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Ken Stokes (North Ward)

It's now 16 years since I joined the Parish Council and during that time I've taken a lot of interest in keeping the footpaths clean and tidy — I inspect them all on a regular basis. I took a course in strimming and for years I spent my spare time strimming the bushes and keeping the footpaths clean from Cockerling

Road to New House Lane. I work in estates maintenance at Kent University, I have two daughters, one who lives nearby, and eight grandchildren.

One area I would like to see tidied up is the triangle of land on the corner of Cockerling Road where the stile is. My aim is to have a bench there and to have it looking nice.

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