

MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL: Quality Gold Criteria 2(d)

Co-operating constructively with other organisations

Marden Parish Council (MPC) is very keen to work with village groups and organisations alongside neighbouring parish councils, groups and local authorities.

All village groups/organisations are invited to submit a report for the Annual Parish Meeting whereby a booklet is produced for all residents to view: [Annual Parish Meetings - Marden Parish Council - Marden Parish Council, Marden, Tonbridge \(mardenkent-pc.gov.uk\)](http://mardenkent-pc.gov.uk)

Many of the Parish Councillors sit on outside groups including:

Community Forum – consists of representatives from medical (GPs), education (primary academy and pre-schools), social care (Involve, Dementia group, Marden Foodbank) and community (Parish Council, Community Warden, Youth facilities) to name but a view. The aim of this group is to share knowledge and advice, signpost residents to the correct organisation/agency, and to highlight events/training available.

Patient Participation Group -consists of Marden Medical Centre, residents and Marden Parish Council representation. This group discusses any medical information which needs passing to the wider community and links in with the Community Forum group.

Maidstone Borough Council (Local Authority) Cluster Group – consists of neighbouring Parish Councils, MBC, Kent County Council, Police and other borough agencies. This group discusses the wider issues relating to rural villages along with policing, fly tipping, highways amongst other things – it is a forum to network and being about to share solutions to ongoing problems.

MPC will also help, where possible, village groups to engage with, and involve, the wider community.

MPC regularly meets with Borough and County Councillors as well as Police, Community Warden, housing associations, water companies, railway representatives and youth group to encourage a close working relationship and to assist with any projects/issues that may occur within the parish. MPC will engage with any other agency who can assist with issues in the community.