

## Pen Portrait for Sarah Barker

I have been a Parish councillor in Kings Hill for nearly 10 years I was Chairman of Kings Hill Parish Council from 2009 to 2013. Wanting to know more about KALC I attended the Tonbridge and Malling Area Committee meetings and I have been Vice Chairman since 2011. I then joined KALC Executive committee and the F & GP Committee. In 2015 I was elected as one of three Borough Councillor for the Kings Hill Ward

I originally trained as an Analytical Chemist but in 1993 a move to Hong Kong saw a career change into IT Training. In Hong Kong I worked for the Government and a Real Estate company while my husband Andy was South East Asia Sales Manager for an Instrument Company. On returning to the UK in 1995 I set up my own business providing systems and software training Our clients included NatWest Bank, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, VOSA and NHS. I am now retired and able give more time to interests.

I am the Training & Development Co Coordinator for T & M KALC Area Committee and regularly promote the KALC training Courses to encourage councillors and Clerk to attend Training

I have seen great changes in KALC since 2011 and it is important to me that the Association continues to be an effective and efficient organisation This will involve working closely with our members to provide value for money and to maintain the excellent services provided by KALC Staff. It is also vital to continue work with all tiers of local, Regional and National Government as well as other appropriate bodies

In my spare time, I enjoy gardening and visiting gardens in Kent and farther afield