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Several parish and local councils have approached the service asking about opportunities to fund, or part fund their warden and here in West Kingsdown there is the opportunity to join with New Ash Green, Hartley and Fawkham to fund our Community Warden to work in the four parishes.

This, of course, is going to cost money and would mean an additional amount on the part of the Council Tax you pay to West Kingsdown Parish Council. The cost would be in the region of £45,000 but if this is shared by the four parishes the cost to West Kingsdown residents would be in the region of £14,850. Shared amongst the 2408 council tax payers this would be an increase of around £6.17 per annum.

The Parish Council would like to know your views and whether you consider the community warden service one you would be prepared to support locally.

Many of you will know Jackie West who has worked in the local community for a number of years, and it would mean that she would continue to work in our local community.

Please let us have your views by contacting us:

- Through our Website <http://westkingsdownparishcouncil.org.uk>
- By email to wkpcclerk@gmail.com
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