

Kendal Town Council News

Kendal, Gateway to the Lakes



Your newsletter from Kendal Town Council **Summer 2016**

**Kendal is
open for
business**

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Getting ready for Britain in Bloom



UK FINALIST
2016

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom is a nationwide community gardening campaign encouraging people to improve their local environment.

Kendal is very proud to have been selected to represent Cumbria as a 2016 UK Finalist.

The judges will be in Kendal on the 10th August. We need your help in ensuring the town looks its very best.

Can you help show how we have pulled together after the floods, how residents tend their beautiful gardens, how we are proud to 'Keep Kendal Mint Clean', enjoy our glorious parks and community projects?

Anything you can do to keep your local area looking clean and vibrant is welcomed. We want to show the judges our community spirit and what a lovely place Kendal Town is.

If you would like to undertake a community litter pick, the Town Council have some litter pickers available to loan free of charge. Please contact the office on 01539 793490 to arrange collection.



Does your organisation need a grant from the Town Council?

Each year the Town Council invites organisations whose activities are of direct benefit to the residents of Kendal to apply for a grant.

In 2015/16, we made grants totalling £28,065 to 20 organisations to support either special projects or general administrative costs - when necessary. Two examples are given here: the Quaker Tapestry and Kendal & South Lakes Centre for Independent Living "One Voice".

1) Quaker Tapestry

The Town Council supports tours of the Quaker Tapestry in order to promote the town. It is estimated that 10-15,000 people a year are made aware of the Kendal Tapestry through the travelling Roadshows. In 2015 Roadshows included the Woolfest

Festival in Cockermouth, New Lanark Mills World Heritage Site in Scotland, and the Irish Linen Centre and Lisburn Museum, Northern Ireland.

"The Town Council's grant towards the costs of the Tapestry Roadshows has been vital" said manager Bridget Guest.

2) Kendal & South Lakes Centre for Independent Living "One Voice"

"The Grants we receive from Kendal Town Council are very precious to us. They enable us to help people with mobility problems and/or health issues in Kendal. We are kept very

busy and our main focus now is helping people fill in forms for Employment and Support Allowance, Personal Independence Payment, Blue Badges and other related disability issues. Without the grants we have received from



Kendal Town Council over the past years I doubt we would still be here to do this."

Does your organisation need such a grant this coming year?

If so, then you need to submit a request by 7th Oct. this year.

Application forms for 2017/18 grants, along with the Council's criteria for awarding grants, can be downloaded from our website, www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk

If you need help, please contact the Office@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk

Educational grants for individuals

Town Councillors are the Trustees of the Schools of Science and Art Charity which was formed by the amalgamation of seven former charities

which had the common purpose of promoting education in Kendal. It has an annual income of around £500.

The Trust is able to make modest

grants to individuals or organisations within Kendal for example for school prizes, support towards educational visits and dance performances.

Applications are considered quarterly (January, April, July and October).

There is no formal application form and applicants are invited to write in to the Council, Office@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk

Introducing the new Mayor and his Deputy

In May the Town Council elected Cllr Stephen Coleman to be the Mayor for the year 2016-17.



Photo courtesy of the Westmorland Gazette

Stephen is 47 years old and is an Account Manager working for ABB in Marine and Ports. He is married to Sarah and has three children; Oliver, Thomas and Anna. He is an active member of St Thomas' Church, enjoys cycling & walking when he can and days out with his family on weekends.

"I am honoured to be elected Mayor and want to play my part in Kendal becoming a friendlier town" said Stephen.

His theme for the year is "Helping each other" and he looks forward to learning about acts of kindness in our community.

The new Mayor will be supported in his role by his deputy, Cllr Andy Blackman.

Andy was Headteacher at Milnthorpe Primary School for 20 years and continues to offer his experience in



education as a Governor at Heron Hill Primary School. As a member of Lakes Gospel Choir he, his wife and daughter along with more than 20 other people from the area support a school in Western Kenya where homeless children are offered love, hope, a home, a family and an education.

His other interests include Crown Green bowling, walking and cricket, albeit now as simply a spectator.

Groups can arrange for guided tours/talks of the Mayor's Parlour by request. See the Town Council's website for further details. See also Diary Dates on the back page.

Kendal achieves status of first 'organ donor town'

When he became Mayor last year Cllr. Chris Hogg and his wife Cllr. Rachael Hogg set themselves the objective of making Kendal an organ donor town.

During their year as Mayor and consort they succeeded in getting more than 800 people to register as donors.

Their achievement and that of the town is recognised by a plaque on Waterside. South Lakes MP Tim Farron and Anthony Clarkson, Assistant Director of Organ Donation and Nursing for NHS Blood and Transplant, unveiled the plaque.



Allotment vacancies

For about £1 a week – half the price of a cup of coffee – you can grow your own vegetables and flowers and stay fit.

A number of allotments have now become available especially on the Rinkfield site. If you are interested in an allotment please contact Janine Holt at allotments@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk or **01539 793495** for further information.



REBRANDING

KENDAL

The Town Council is working with Kendal Futures, Kendal BID and others to improve the promotion of the town as a destination for shoppers and visitors.

A significant step towards this has been the creation of a Kendal brand, led by Kendal Futures.

The branding includes a logo which can be used on promotional material, websites and elsewhere.

The idea behind the logo, designed by local firm Cactus, reflects the town's wool heritage, the four lines representing the four shafts on a loom.

Local businesses promoting Kendal are encouraged to download the guidelines from our website, which includes the Kendal logo, and integrate it into their own website.

The Town Council will be using the new brand in a series of new leaflets outlining Kendal's favorite walks from the town centre and on a new dedicated Kendal website which is being developed as part of the promotion of the town.

Town remembers Kendal Pals, and iconic photograph, 100 years on



This iconic and frequently used picture of the battle of the Somme is of the 8th Battalion Border Regiment - Kendal Pals - in captured German trenches at Ovillers on 15th July 1916.

On July 1st the Mayor and other civic leader joined the British Legion at the War Memorial for a candle lit vigil to remember all those who fought in wars and especially those who fell on the Somme.

Improving Signage



Kendal Town Council has been decluttering the town of redundant signage. 37 old posts were removed during phase 1 and more have been identified for phase 2.

Thanks to funding from SLDC new signage and interpretation is planned at Kendal Castle, together with a programme of footpath improvements to ensure the Castle area is looking its best for local people to enjoy and visitors to explore. New branded leaflets are also being developed to encourage visitors to enjoy a picnic and the view at Kendal's historic scenic spot. "Kendal Town Council are pleased to lead this project, encouraging more people to treasure Kendal's fantastic green spaces", says the Mayor Cllr. Stephen Coleman.

Cumbria Community Messaging

In our last issue we thanked everyone who had given generously for those affected by the flooding. But since the Grayrigg railway disaster, if not before, there has been recognition that many ordinary people want to volunteer to help in emergencies. If you are one of those people then find out more about how you might help by visiting www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk.

You can also pick up a leaflet with an application form in Kendal TIC in Branthwaite Brow. You choose what information you want to receive, for example about emergency incidents, Trading Standards, crime, fire safety and much more direct to you via email, text or phone.

Community Foundation grants Have you been affected by the floods?

Support is available to individuals or families whose properties and contents have been damaged by flooding (whether insured or not) or who are suffering other hardship as a result of the flooding.

To apply or for more information visit:

www.cumbriafoundation.org

Alternatively email grants@cumbriafoundation.org

or call 01900 825760 for an application form



Highway resilience and Northern Development Route to be assessed

The closure of Victoria Bridge (photo) demonstrated how fragile the road network is. Following a resolution of the Town Council, it, SLDC and CCC have agreed to commission a brief to look at what is needed to make the highway infrastructure "more resilient". "We are starting from the premise that the road network in Kendal is part of the national strategic network, for example when the M6 is closed" said Cllr Tom Clare, Chair of Environment and Highways. The assessment of highway needs will include a new look

at whether a Northern Development Route would help".

The study should start in July and be completed by March next year.



Your chance to comment on flood report

The various agencies responsible for flood resilience have now published their report into December's flood and their proposals for new flood

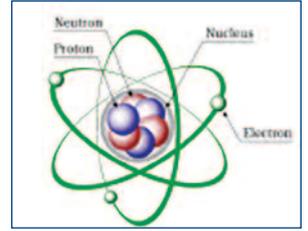
defences. The report can be seen on the County Council's website and we understand the consultation will close around the end of August.

The Town Council, which has already asked more than twenty questions, will also be responding.

Did you know?

John Dalton, father of atomic theory, taught at the Quaker School on Stramongate.

He was born in West Cumbria 250 years ago and to mark his birth there will be a public talk in the Town Hall on 16th Sept.



Did you also know...

The Tour of Britain cycle race is coming to Kendal again



The Tour of Britain will end in Kendal on the 5th Sept, at the top of Beast Banks as in 2013.

Photo courtesy of Steve Barber

Other diary dates

Council Meetings and civic occasions

June 21st	Exhibition of Beatrix Potter's Inspiring Legacy at Kendal Museum
July 3rd	Mayor's Sunday
July 4th	Council meeting
August 1st	Council meeting
Sept 5th	Council meeting
Sept 9th	Heritage Day, Mayor's Parlour open
Sept 9/10th	Torchlight
Oct 3rd	Council meeting
Oct 29th/30th	Wool gathering and tour of Mayor's Parlour
Nov 7th	Council meeting
Nov 13th	Remembrance Sunday

For concerts and other events see "What's on", on SLDC Website www.southlakeland.gov.uk

This newsletter is also available for people with visual impairments.



A braille version is available at Sight Advice, The Library or Town Council Office, Kendal Town Hall 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Text is also available on our website (below) for other people with visual impairments.

Telephone number for Kendal Town Council is 01539 793490

For more information on the articles in this newsletter and forthcoming events, please visit our website

www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk

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