

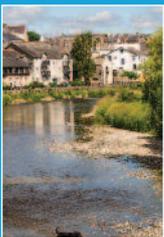
# Kendal Town Council News



Your newsletter from Kendal Town Council Winter 2016

## New leaflets

promote Kendal's walks and Cultural offer for residents and visitors alike



A series of promotional leaflets being produced by the Town Council highlight some of the main features and hidden gems of the town for potential visitors and local people to enjoy. Working together with Kendal Futures and Kendal Civic Society, we are creating four leaflets:

- Welcome to Kendal
- Kendal Culture
- Group Tours
- Kendal Trails

The leaflets will be available from leaflets racks in and around Kendal and as downloads from the new dedicated Kendal website ([www.visit-kendal.co.uk](http://www.visit-kendal.co.uk)) in the New Year.



## Town wins Silver Award

Kendal won silver in this year's **Cumbria in Bloom** competition. The results of Britain in Bloom will be known later this year.

### In this issue

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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](http://www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk)

Submissions to the editor, Cllr Tom Clare c/o Admin Assistant, Kendal Town Council on 01539 793490 or e-mail [office@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk)

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

# The town remembers the Somme: & “the blackest day in Kendal’s history”



On July 1st the Mayor and Town Councillors joined the MP, other Civic Guests, Army and Air Force Cadets and the British Legion in a torchlight commemoration of the centenary of the start of the “battle of the Somme”.



In September Councillor Bracey laid a wreath at the Thiepval Memorial where 72,000 soldiers from the Somme with no known grave are named. On the 11th November Councillor Bramham on a personal visit for the Armistice Day Commemoration will lay another wreath at the Menin Gate where another 53,000 with no known grave are named.

The wreaths sent by the Mayor read *“The people of Kendal remember the sacrifice that so many made on our behalf. 100 years on we still remember them and continue to honour their memory”*.

**The Mayor, Town Council and Royal British Legion invite you to attend Remembrance Sunday on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

# What some of our partners do in Kendal



**Kendal Futures** is the regeneration partnership for the town which seeks to facilitate and encourage investment in the local economy.

It has a board of 17 members representing both the public, private and third sector and is chaired by Peter Hensman OBE.

The Kendal Futures Board

work to achieve the Vision and priorities identified in the Kendal Economic Growth Action Plan (KEGAP) to grow the local economy, fuel job creation and increase the town's long-term prosperity. It has a part-time project co-ordinator who works closely with the board to manage a range of projects aimed at achieving these goals.

Some recent projects have included:

- Improving the brown and white tourism signage in and around the town.
- Developing and launching the Kendal Brand reported in the last Newsletter.
- Co-ordinating the Kendal Courtesy Toilet Scheme.
- Leading a partnership group to develop a new website to better promote the town to visitors, local people and investors and encourage people to visit, stay longer and spend more.

For more information or to download a copy of the Kendal Economic Growth Action Plan or latest Annual Report visit [www.southlakeland.gov.uk/kendalfutures](http://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/kendalfutures) or contact Paula Scott on 01539 793284.

## Kentmere Ward response

The Town Council responded to the possible loss of the Kentmere Ward by emphasising that good care required relatives and friends to have good access to patients and that provision in Workington should not be an alternative to provision in Kendal. "Both towns should have equal access to the same quality of service. It is better to consider service provision with Lancaster, across NHS Trust boundaries, than with West Cumbria, just because the latter is in the same Trust area" said Councillor Tom Clare, Chair of Management Committee.

The Council has invited the Trust to return and make a further presentation during the next round of consultations.

## Town Council helps fund exciting new Brewery-based project aimed at young people

**Kendal Town Councillors are Trustees of the Schools of Science and Art Charity, which can make modest grants to promote education in Kendal.**

In August of this year it awarded a grant of £1000 to support a bid by the Brewery to gain major funding

from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation for a project aimed at young people at risk of slipping behind during their transition from primary to secondary school. Entitled Emotional Warrior, the project will be delivered in partnership with local schools and bring together arts and sports

motivational techniques.

Applications to the Charity can be made at any time and are considered quarterly (January, April, July and October). There is no formal application form and applicants are invited to write in to the Council.

# A time to remember and a time to promote equality and diversity



*Above: Sikh troops are welcomed as they fight alongside British soldiers during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. Below: Polish pilots serving with the RAF scramble during the Battle of Britain.*

At its July meeting the Town Council was concerned to hear of an increase in “hate crime” in the town.

‘Whilst we understand hate crime increased after the BREXIT vote, any example, for whatever reason and whenever, is to be condemned’ said the Mayor. ‘Kendal has always been a town open to visitors and people of all backgrounds.

Our twinning with towns in Germany and the Republic of Ireland demonstrates our wish to reach out to peoples and we welcome our schools having links with teachers and pupils in other countries including places in East and West Africa’. The Council agreed to actively engage with the South Lakeland Equality and Diversity Partnership to address the issue.

**If you are a victim or see hate crime you can report it on line at [www.cumbria.police.uk](http://www.cumbria.police.uk) or [www.reporth8crime.org](http://www.reporth8crime.org) or phone crime stoppers 0800555111**



## Group has links with School in Western Kenya

A small group of people from Kendal, led by the Deputy Mayor Andy Blackman are supporting the school in Open Arms International village in western Kenya. The village provides homes, families, love, hope and potential for a bright future for 120+ children rescued from living on the streets as a result of being abandoned, abused or merely running away from desperate lives.

“The school’s vision is to provide high quality education for the children, many of whom have missed out on schooling in their formative years”, says Andy.

“These visits have resulted in a teacher exchange programme with St.Thomas’s school funded in its entirety through the British Council. Pupils in the two schools have also benefited by meeting people from the wider world. In an increasingly ‘global’ community this is so important.”

“It is a privilege and delight to be involved in the lives of ordinary people from extraordinarily different cultures than our own. Beneath the various layers of differing race, culture, language and lifestyle there beats the



heart of humankind which worldwide yearns for acceptance, friendship and love. In so many ways we are perceived to be different but in so many ways we are the same. It is good to embrace, celebrate and respect our differences whilst understanding and responding to our common needs.”

## Marking a milestone in flood recovery

Following a request from Councillor Lynne Oldham (who represents Mintsfeet Ward) the Town Council gave a small grant to help residents affected by the December floods mark completion of most building work by holding a small party at IBIS Social Club. ‘In giving the grant the Council is acutely aware that not all is

back to normal and the Council will continue to assess the situation, said Councillor Tom Clare, Chair of Management Committee.

The event, also supported by Rotary and a number of business who gave gifts in kind, was attended by the Deputy Mayor who cut the cake.



# Flood Warnings

At a recent meeting, the Town Council discussed how residents might get better warning of any future floods. Whilst the Council is continuing to explore options you might wish to sign up to receive warnings from The Flood Warning Service.

To get advance warnings of possible future flooding events, you can sign up for warnings on-line via this link:

[fwd.environment-agency.gov.uk/app/olr/home](http://fwd.environment-agency.gov.uk/app/olr/home)

If you would prefer to register by telephone, or need help during the registration process, then please call **Floodline** on **0345 988 1188** (local rate). You can sign up if you have a property in Kendal's Flood Warning Area. If you do not have a property in the Flood Warning Area but still wish to receive warnings for that or any other Flood Warning Area, then please call the Floodline number with your request.



## Wainwright Award recognises flood helper

The 2015 Wainwright Award was given to Ms Cheryl Berry in recognition of her contribution to Kendal residents during and since the December floods.

In their nomination, Mr and Mrs Robinson described how Ms Berry “swung into action, providing food, shelter and overwhelming kindness to people affected by the flooding, whether she knew them or not”. They drew particular attention to how she co-ordinated a hot meal delivery service, including a Christmas Dinner and presents, which she supplied and paid for. “All done in an unassuming and quiet way without searching for any recognition or praise.”

## Do you know someone who has done something outstanding for Kendal during 2016?

## If so, you can nominate them for the WAINWRIGHT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2016

This Award is made annually to the person, persons, club, association, society or other local body (political activities excluded), who, or which, in the opinion of the Trustees of the Award, has done most during the year to promote the prestige of

Kendal or has contributed significantly to the betterment of its inhabitants.

The Administrators are inviting nominations for the 2016 Award, which should be received by 11 January 2017; it is not expected that

any individual or society will nominate themselves.

**Nominations should e-mailed to:**  
[office@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk)

**or posted to: The Town Clerk,  
Kendal Town Council,  
Town Hall, Kendal LA9 4DL**

# Did you know?

## Whose medals are these?

## Diary of Council Meetings



These gold medals in the Mayor's Parlour were awarded to Sir Arthur Eddington. Born in Kendal in 1882 he became a world famous astronomer, physicist and mathematician. Wikipedia states that he did much after the 1st World War, which had "severed lines of scientific communication" with the Germans, to make Einstein's theory of relativity known to the English speaking world. The gold medals awarded to him by the Royal Society were gifted to Kendal Town Council and are on display in the Mayor's Parlour.

The Parlour can be visited by arrangement. See the Town Council's website for further details.

7 Nov	Full Council 7.30pm
13 Nov	Remembrance Sunday, Kendal Parish Church 10.45am
17-20 Nov	Kendal Mountain Festival
21 Nov	Budget Council 7.30pm
27 Nov	Christmas Lights Switch-On Event 1.30-5pm
5 Dec	Full Council 7.30pm
17 Dec	Mayor's Coffee Morning, Town Hall 9.30-12 noon
9 Jan	Full Council 7.30pm
6 Feb	Full Council 7.30pm
8 Feb	Mayor's Charity Dinner, Kendal College 7pm
6 March	Full Council 7.30pm

For concerts and other events see "What's on",  
on SLDC Website [www.southlakeland.gov.uk](http://www.southlakeland.gov.uk)

**KENDAL**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**LIGHTS**  
**SWITCH ON**

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2016 FROM 1.30PM  
KENDAL TOWN CENTRE & ABBOT HALL

CHRISTMAS MARKETS & FESTIVE FOOD  
MEET SANTA AND HIS REINDEER WITH PARADE THROUGH TOWN  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
THE LIGHTS SWITCHED ON BY A LOCAL HERO!  
A FANTASTIC DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

LOOK OUT FOR THE KCL BOOKLETS, COMING SOON!