

Have your say on a 20mph speed limit for Kendal

Q1 What is your connection to Kendal?
(Please tick more than one, if applicable)

- I live here I work here I shop here
 I am a visitor I am a student I drive in Kendal as part of my job

Q2 What is the purpose for most of your journeys? (Please tick one only)

- Commute to work School run Shopping
 Part of my job Leisure Other

If other please give details

Q3 How often do you travel around Kendal? (Please tick one only)

- Daily 2-3 times a week Once a week
 Once or twice a month Less often Never

Q4 What time of day do you travel around Kendal? (Please tick all that apply)

- Early morning Morning rush hour School drop-off & pick up times
 Mid morning to mid afternoon Afternoon 'rush hour' Evening

Q5 How often do you use these forms of transport? (Please tick one only on each line)

	Every day	2-3 times a week	Around once a week	Once or twice a month	Less often	Never
Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Walking with pram/push chair	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Bus	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Bicycle	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Motor Bike	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Mobility Scooter	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Car-driver	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Car-passenger	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Q6 Do you support the principle of 20mph speed limits? (Please tick one box only)

- Yes No Don't know

The Mayor looks back over his eleven months in office

Dear fellow residents,

By the time this Newsletter reaches you I will have almost completed my eleven months in office and so would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity of being Mayor for a second time; the last time being at the turn of the millennium.

In the last 11 months:

We have commemorated the centenary of the start of WW1 with the Royal British Legion at a special ceremony at the War Memorial, by a concert to raise monies for "Help for Heroes", by the Town Council organising an exhibition about how the war impacted on the town and individuals - a theme picked up by the extra ordinary play, "Kendal Pals", written and performed by Queen Katherine School and by creating a Peace Garden in Abbot Hall park.

The "Kendal Pals" play was also a reminder of the role which young people play in the life of the town and Kendal is fortunate in having a large number of organisations and activities which they can join; from Sea Cadets, Air and Army Cadets through Scouting and Guides to Dance Attik and the Lads and Girls Club (celebrating their 50th anniversary this year). Nor should we forget that others, such as the Gilbert and Sullivan Society and Operatic Society encourage young people to join and perform with them, as for example in their wonderful performances of "Pirates of Penzance" and "Oliver". May I thank all those who give or have given their time to such activities.

Indeed a feature of the town which I discovered 15 years ago and which has not diminished is the amount of music - and opportunities to take part in music - which exists. Who, for example, can forget the part played by QKS groups in Radio Cumbria's Christmas Carol Concert from the Parish Church, or the War Requiem performed there?

And then there is another role for music such as that of "singing for the Brain". During the last few months I have been pleased to help bring together and launch Kendal as a Dementia and Age Friendly town. By Age Friendly we mean, as indicated above, a town which aims to be inclusive of young people as well as old.

I have also been pleased to work with and have the support of The Ramblers Association in promoting the town as a place from which to walk and a number of new leaflets detailing routes have been produced. These can of course be used by visitors but are also for you to use, because walking is one way of staying healthy, and it is part of being an Age Friendly town.

I mentioned that the Lads and Girls Club had celebrated 50 years but other groups have also marked anniversaries. This year the Rotary Club of Kendal which organises the Fireworks on Castle Hill celebrated its 90th Anniversary and the Lions their 50th birthday proudly, and justifiably so, announcing that in those 50 years their Santa's sleigh collection has redistributed within the town some £120k.

In that context I would like to conclude by thanking all those who supported, worked for and given to the Mayor's Charities: the King's Food Bank, Manna House and Kendal Relief in Need.

And to all of you, thank you for making myself and the mayoress, Alyson, welcome wherever we went.

Tom Clare



Kendal Town Council has the following vacancies: Full-Time Town Handyman

Permanent

37 hours per week

Pay Range £16,231 - £17,714
(according to experience)

Local Government pension scheme

We are looking for a Handyman who will be responsible for dealing with day to day activities resulting from Kendal Town Council's responsibility for management of small scale infrastructure, allotments, Christmas lights and Kendal in Bloom. This will include a wide variety of tasks including allotment site monitoring, general maintenance such as grass and hedge cutting, repairs, liaison with tenants and contractors, overseeing the work undertaken by contractors and watering, feeding and deadheading of blooms.

Applicants should enjoy working outdoors and using their own initiative.

They should possess experience of dealing with the public and contractors, be able to prioritise workloads, possess good physical fitness and flexibility. Experience of similar work and health and safety would be beneficial. A clean current driving licence is essential.

If you would like to apply, please send your details (preferably a cv) and a covering letter, explaining why you would be suitable for the job together with two referees to:



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Kendal Dementia Action Alliance (KDAA)

Was launched by the mayor on 14th April. It is supported by the Alzheimers Society and aims to get the town recognised as being "Age and Dementia Friendly".

It brings together various groups that offer advice and activities for those living with Dementia or those caring for them. Our aim is to make Kendal a Dementia Friendly Community.

If you want to find out more contact
Annemarie@lakelandarts.org.uk

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Love Where You Live

An invitation to participate in a new competition

Kendal Town Council are proud to announce the launch of a new community initiative which will replace the Kendal in Bloom competition.

Community groups, home owners, organisations, like-minded people and businesses can all get involved to improve the local area. We are looking for your local environmental initiatives, big or small. Some project ideas are:-

- Creating a community garden
- Encourage wildlife, use of pollinator plants, create bug habitats

For further ideas visit : www.rhs.org.uk/communities/pdf/bloom/winter-2014-grass-roots

There will be an informal evening of celebration in September where all the initiatives will be shared and acknowledged.

If you have an idea for a project, register your interest by contacting [Janine Holt](mailto:Janine.Holt@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk) at allotments@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone 01539 73495

Also in this issue

An Action Plan for Kendal; an invitation to comment on speeding and the Mayor records his thanks

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

Submissions to the editor, Clr Tom Clare c/o Admin assistant, Kendal Town Council on 01539 793490 or e-mail office@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk

Your views sought on a plan to make Kendal an even better place to live, work & explore

The Town Council has developed a set of actions which we believe will enhance the experience of residents and visitors. However we would like your input.

- The Town Council want Kendal to be:
- A centre for arts and culture
 - A vibrant market town
 - A great place to do business; and
 - Age friendly

The full action plan can be found on the Kendal Town Council website.



Cllr. Sylvia Emmott next to the telephone boxes in the Market Place which are planned to be removed as part of planned improvements.



The action plan is integrated with the plans of other bodies, such as Kendal Futures, the other councils and the Business Improvement District and is intended to be implemented in collaboration with them.

Proposals include

- A revamped marketplace and improved market experience
- Better signage
- Enhanced walking and cycling routes
- A desire to improve the evening economy
- Improved infrastructure such as seats

We would like your views, particularly any suggestions for additional actions that we should consider.

Contact
giles.archibald@gmail.com
with comments ideas and questions.

Should vehicles within town be limited to 20mph?

Many cities and town have introduced 20mph speed limits on their roads. Within Kendal some areas - Rinkfield, Kirkbarrow, Hallgarth and Queens Rd - already have a 20mph mandatory limit, whilst other areas including Castle Estate and Valley Drive have "Twenty's Plenty" advisory limits

What the Town Council wants to know is whether you wish it to ask the County Council to extend these existing arrangements.

Any changes to speed limits in Kendal are the responsibility of the County Council, with enforcement from the police. Kendal Town Council does not have the powers to introduce such a scheme. However, the Town Council does want to know whether you want it to advocate the extension of existing speed reduction schemes.



Do you want:

- no changes to existing arrangements
- a 20mph limit on all roads in the town
- a 20mph limit on some roads
- and, if the latter, which one(s)?

On the next page we invite you to give your answer by completing a questionnaire – and answer some questions you might have.

How can I have my say?

You can give your views by completing the questionnaire attached or on line at www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk/20-mph. Additional paper copies can be collected from, and returned to, Kendal Town Hall Office, Hallgarth Post Office, Sandylands Spar, Castle Stores, Rinkfield Post Office, Greengate Lane Shop, Oxenholme Post Office and Heron Hill Spar shop. Alternatively paper copies can also be posted to Kendal Town Council (20mph), Town Hall, Kendal, LA9 4DL.

The deadline for giving us your views is 30th June

Some Questions Answered

If I think that a particular street should be excluded from 20mph speed limits; how should I respond?

It is important to recognise that a town-wide 20mph scheme will only be successful with widespread community support, rather than residents only supporting a 20mph speed limit in the street in which they live. If you support a town-wide scheme but believe a particular street should be excluded then indicate support for the scheme and provide comments on the response form detailing which streets you feel should be excluded.

Where are the accident hotspots in Kendal?

According to the Police the number of reported accidents - where a vehicle has hit a cyclist or pedestrian - between January 2013 and February of this year are:

LOCATION	CYCLIST	PEDESTRIAN
A6, Aynam Rd, Burton Rd and Windermere Rd	10 (50%)	16 (55%)
Secondary like Gillingate & Burneside Rd	5 (25%)	3 (10%)
Town Centre Rds like Stramongate	0	6 (21%)
On estates	5 (25%)	4 (14%)
Of these, accidents at junction	5 (25%)	7 (24%)

What is the difference between 20mph speed limit scheme and a Twenty's Plenty scheme?

20mph zones are nothing new to Kendal. They have already been introduced in areas such as Rinkfield, Kirkbarrow and Hallgarth.

The Castle estate and Valley Drive are two areas where Twenty's Plenty signs have been introduced. These are 'advisory' indicators of appropriate speed limits and do not carry any threat of enforcement.



How much safer is 20mph?

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents says that on urban roads with low average traffic speeds, any 1mph reduction in average speed can reduce the frequency of collisions by around 6%.



Would bus services or taxi fares be affected?

As part of this process Kendal Town Council will seek the opinion of bus and taxi companies to determine whether timetable adjustments would be needed or whether prices would be affected.



If you have a query please contact KTC office:
Phone: 01539 793490 • Email: office@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk
www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk/20-mph

Q7 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following?

(Please tick one only on each line)

Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>				

Q8 Where should 20mph speed restrictions be implemented? (Please tick one only on each line)

Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other – Please give details				
<input type="text"/>				

Q9 If introduced, 20mph restrictions should be..... (Please tick one box only)

Advisory (Twenty's Plenty) Mandatory Don't know

Q10 Any other comments? (Please give details below)

Details provided in Q11 & Q12 will only be used to check circumstances where there are deemed to be an inappropriate number of responses from the same household. Failure to provide this information will result in this response being nullified.

Q11 What is your post code?

Q12 What is your house number/ name?

Q13 What was your age last birthday? (Please tick one box only)

Under 16 16-25 26-39 40-60 60-80 Over 80

Q14 Do you have a disability that affects you getting around town? Yes No