

# Kendal Town Council News



Your newsletter from Kendal Town Council

Spring 2017

## Overcoming adversity, going for Gold

Last year in the **Britain in Bloom** competition Kendal won Silver-gilt in the large town category as well as an award for “overcoming adversity” following the floods caused by storm Desmond. We have now been invited to enter the town again for this prestigious competition.

“This is a great opportunity to make the town an even better place to live and work and showcase Kendal to support our tourism industry” said the Mayor.

This year the Kendal in Bloom Committee wants to follow the theme set by the Royal Horticultural Society and “green the Auld Grey Town”.

Further details of this and the Kendal in Bloom Competition are given inside this Newsletter together with an application form to take part.



## Flood Defence Proposals Awaited

Please see the Town Council website for details of our written correspondence with the Environment Agency, CCC (the Lead Local Flood Authority) and SLDC. We now await a further response, in particular to questions raised in response to the Section 19 Flooding Report published in December 2016.

We wish for direct involvement with the consultants who will be producing a list of options for minimising the risks of future flooding .

The responsible authorities should strive to ensure that Kendal is regarded as a ‘special case’ in planning terms because of its sensitivity to flooding in general and Kendal needs defining as a ‘critical drainage area’.

Meanwhile we strongly believe that SLDC should not permit further developments on the eastern bank of the River Kent or on the floodplain.

## Peat Free Compost in the Floral Planters in Kendal

The Town Council have recently started to use peat free compost in all our planters around Kendal.

“This is good environmental practice and it will be interesting to see if it makes a difference to the blooms in Kendal” said the Mayor.

## Also in this issue

- Kendal’s new walking festival
- Canal towpath improvements
- Community walk
- 25 years of Twinning
- ...and more



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



# Our partners

# Horticare

Horticare is a community based day opportunity for people with learning disabilities. Horticare use social and therapeutic horticulture to provide service users with therapy, education and personal development. Activities include; community and amenity landscape maintenance, plant nursery production, and recycling green waste. Horticare can be found on Wattsfield Road, Kendal. "Feel free to call in, plants are available for the public to purchase on weekdays. You will be welcome", said Diane Winder.

## Canal towpath to be improved



The Town Council is supporting proposals by the Lancaster Regeneration Partnership to improve the old canal towpath. Although the Councils £10,000 will support specific improvements in Kendal, we welcome the wider ambition to create a 'Towpath Trail' along the old Canal route down to Natland and beyond to Lancaster. The plan is to create an all-weather surface accessible to all.



# Return of the Otters

This year has seen the welcome return of otters to the town centre, with a mother and cubs delighting passers-by with their antics in the river.

"The recovery of the otter is a remarkable conservation success story. This recovery is really down to improvements in water quality. Our otters will, however, soon grow up

and move on but with any luck an otter family will be gracing the Kent with their presence again next year" said David Harpley of Cumbria Wildlife Trust based at Plumgarths.



# Greening up the Auld Grey Town!

Each year Kendal in Bloom encourages communities, businesses and groups to take part in making Kendal a nicer place to live and work. This year it has decided to follow the RHS call for the national transformation of grey areas into beautiful “green” ones.

We are looking for community groups, home owners, organisations, like-minded people and businesses to get involved to make a difference to the local area. It doesn't matter if your idea is big or small. You may want to create a community garden; turn a boring grey space into an attractive haven with pots and planters; arrange a local litter pick; grow food in a small space and in innovative ways; work together to make your street an attractive place to live; recycling initiatives; encouraging wildlife, the list is endless!

The initiative will have 4 entry categories:

- **Communities** (*Community Groups, Residential Areas etc.*)
- **Health & Social Care** (*Residential and Nursing Homes*)
- **Commercial** (*Shops, Pubs and Businesses*)
- **Hospitality** (*Hotels, Self-Catering Establishments*)

In addition to the community initiative we also run a competition for Schools and Young People and an Allotment Competition. The theme for Schools and Young People this year is “Greening Grey Britain for Wildlife” and the allotment competition is for the “Best Allotment Plot in Kendal”.

Contact Janine Holt at **allotments@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk** or **01539 793495**. Alternatively you can complete the reply slip below and return to **Janine Holt, Kendal Town Council, Town Hall, Kendal LA9 4DL**.



# Help us go for gold by getting Kendal buzzing



The Kendal Pollinators Project is a joint 3 year venture between South Lakes Action on Climate Change (SLACC), Kendal Town Council and SLDC. It aims to explain the importance of, and create homes and habitats for, pollinating insects.

Central to the project will be the creation of “a corridor buzzing with life” on the canal tow path through the middle of Kendal. Schools and community groups will be asked to develop plots there which will, in different ways, explain the importance of and encourage pollinating insects.

The project, led by SLACC, is being led by a project officer. If you want to find out more, contact Stuart Lockton by phone on 07967 630956 or e-mail **stuart@activelearning.org.uk**

## An invitation to volunteer to create edible planters

Edible planters aim to encourage people to grow food and understand the pleasures and benefits of growing fresh food. ([www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk/home](http://www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk/home)). In Kendal last year there were three experimental ones: two at Nobles Rest park and one outside the Leisure Centre. Families, children and others were invited to talk about, identify, look at and taste what was on offer.

If you want to volunteer to help, or just find out more, either e-mail **slacc@slacc.org.uk** or phone **01539 732556**

## Greening The Auld Grey Town

I/We are interested in taking part in the Kendal in Bloom initiative. Please send further details.

Name/Group .....

Address .....

Contact Nos ..... Email .....

Please indicate which category you would like to be entered into:

Community

Health & Social Care

Commercial

Hospitality

# Celebrate 25 years of Twinning

## Kendal Concert Band and the Ernestinum Band

27<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm at the Town Hall

28<sup>th</sup> May 3.00pm at the TAP Brewery Hall

The Kendal-Rinteln Association is 25 years old this year. Supported by the Council but led by residents it aims to "promote international friendship and understanding between Kendal and Rinteln". Since 1992 there have been numerous visits between groups and individuals in both towns and many close friendships have developed over the years between families.

As part of the celebrations the Kendal Concert Band and Ernestinum Band from Rinteln will give two concerts in Kendal and a group of Kendalians will be travelling to Rinteln for the annual Altstadtfest in mid-August.

For more information contact:  
philliball@googlemail.com

## Schools benefit from links

Several schools in the town have established links with schools and pupils in Rinteln.

"We have particular links between our year 4 and 5 children and the parallel classes in Rinteln. The children exchange letters several times a year and are always very excited to receive their latest letter from their pen-pal! The opportunity for the children to communicate in writing with a German child is a very relevant and important part of the children's learning of a modern language – developing their written skills but also putting their language learning into a very real context" said Peter Hicks, Head of Heron Hill, one of those schools



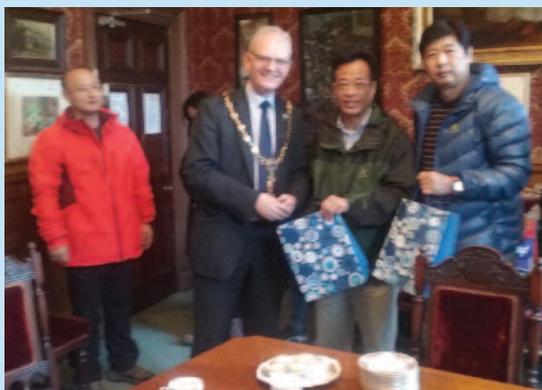
### What some year 4 pupils of Heron Hill said about having pen-pals in Rinteln:

"It's exciting having a pen-pal and it was a lovely surprise when I got my letter!"

"It makes me feel like I am German. I was amazed to get my letter"

"I felt special and shocked - it was a nice surprise. I would like to meet Leonita in real life"

"The letter made me feel happy because I have got a new friend"



Above, The Mayor shows members of a delegation From Nanshan, China, some of the "treasures" of The Parlour. The delegation had come to sign a cultural agreement with the town, Lake District National Park Authority and SLDC.



# What's on in Kendal?

## New website to help promote the town

Together with Kendal Futures, Kendal BID and SLDC, Kendal Town Council launched a dedicated Kendal website on the 16th February to promote our wonderful town. It features a social media wall to share tweets and Instagram posts utilising #kendal or #visitkendal, embedded videos from Kendal Film Festival, business directories and blog opportunities. To ensure your accommodation, food or retail business is highlighted on the site contact Helen Moriarty via [projectmanager@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:projectmanager@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk) for instructions.

## Torchlight Carnival



This year the Friday Procession will be on 15th September and the Street Party will on Saturday 16th September 2017. The theme is "Handmade in Kendal"

Now in its 47th year the Carnival relies on volunteers to help on the night. People are needed to be marshals, from those walking with a float or standing in static positions along the route to those responsible for road closures.

Everyone gives up their time for free and Torchlight simply couldn't happen without their support. There are usually around 2000 people in the procession and an organising team of 200 volunteers. The Committee will need at least that number again in 2017.

If you can help in anyway please drop us an email now to: [volunteers@kendal-torchlight-carnival.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@kendal-torchlight-carnival.co.uk)

## Diary of Council Meetings

6 March	Full Council 7.30pm
3 April	Annual Town Assembly - come and hear all about the work by your Council in 2016 - 7.30pm in the Bindloss Room, Town Hall.
3 April	Full Council at 8pm
8 May	Full Council 7.30pm
5 June	Full Council 7.30pm



## 10 years of Moonfest

Congratulations to all who have helped make this the success it is.

The Town Council is pleased to continue to support you.

This year's festival will be held on 12th & 13th May 2017

**NEW**

# Kendal Walking Festival

## For residents and visitors alike



The Town Council is supporting a group of Councillors who have come together with a number of walking groups to create this new festival. "It is aimed at people of all ages and all abilities" said Cllr Andy Blackman who is leading the initiative. "We hope

everyone will take the opportunity to look at what is on offer. If successful we aim to repeat it next year but for now we are grateful to those who have offered their time and energy."

**Planned walks include**, Kendal Fell, Cunswick Scar, Benson Knott, the

Kentmere Horsehoe, walks down the river, walks around the town... and more.

**For more information visit the Kendal Website**  
[www.visit-kendal.co.uk](http://www.visit-kendal.co.uk)

## Promotional leaflet updates

Kendal's promotional leaflets which feature walks around the town, are now available throughout the Lake District encouraging visitors to make Kendal part of their holiday plans. The leaflets are also available as downloads on the new website [www.visit-kendal.co.uk](http://www.visit-kendal.co.uk)

## An opportunity to raise money for your group

### Kendal Community Walk



Five years ago, The Rotary Club of Kendal organised a successful sponsored walk to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. They are repeating this on Sunday afternoon 23 April 2017, St George's Day, local community groups, individuals and families are invited to take part in the Kendal Community Walk. It gives you the opportunity to raise funds for your organisation or good cause. There will be three routes all starting and finishing at Kirkbie Kendal School, and walking along the route of the old canal and footpaths. Thanks to the generosity of Kendal Town Council, all those successfully completing the walk will receive a commemorative medal which is illustrated here.

For details of the arrangements, and how to obtain sponsor cards, look at [kendalcommunitywalk.uk](http://kendalcommunitywalk.uk). See you on 23 April.



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)

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