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5 September 2022

To Members of the Environment and Highways Committee

Cllr G Archibald (Vice-Chair)	Cllr E Hennessy (Chair)
Cllr S Blunden	Cllr S Long
Cllr D Brown	Cllr C Russell
Cllr J Cornthwaite	Cllr K Simpson
Cllr M Helme	

You are summoned to a meeting of Kendal Town Council Environment and Highways Committee on Monday, 12 September 2022, at <u>7.00 p.m.</u>, in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal (please note change of time).

Yours faithfully

Chris Bagshaw Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive and accept any apologies. If accepted, apologies will be considered to be for reasons approved by the Council under the terms of Local Government Act 1972, s85.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

3. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

To consider whether there are any agenda items during consideration of which the press and public should be excluded.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Highways Committee held on 13 June 2022 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

5. E&H Budget 2022/23

To receive a report on the E&H budget for the current year (see attached).

6. Budget Proposals

To discuss and endorse various budget requests and biodiversity grant applications (see attached budget report – a biodiversity grant application is attached at the end of the pack at Appendix A).

7. Project Update Report

To review an update of ongoing projects and answer members' questions (see attached).

8. Reports from outside bodies

To receive reports from outside bodies (see attached).

9. Climate Hub Update

To receive an update and inform next steps (see attached).

10. Solar Made Easy Kendal Update

To receive an update and inform next steps (see attached).

11. Footpath Audit Update

To receive an update and inform next steps (see attached report – full audit information to date is attached at the end of the pack at Appendix B).

12. Kendal Bike Storage Update

To receive an update and inform next steps (see attached).

13. Bus Shelter Maintenance

To discuss and endorse Bus Shelter Maintenance requests (see attached).

14. River Kent Discharge

To discuss recent discharge incidents (see attached).

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Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Highways Committee held on Monday, 13 June 2022 at 7.00pm at Kendal Town Hall.

Cllr G Archibald (Vice-Chair)	Apologies	Cllr S Blunden	Present
Cllr D Brown	Apologies	Cllr J Cornthwaite	Present
Cllr M Helme	Present	Cllr E Hennessy (Chair)	Present
Cllr S Long	Present	Cllr C Russell	Present
Cllr K Simpson	Present		

In attendance: Cllr P Thornton (in non-voting capacity as not a Member of the Committee), Town Clerk (Chris Bagshaw), Kendal Town Council Project Manager (Helen Moriarty), Projects Officer (Anne-Marie Sanderson) and Democratic Services Assistant (Inge Booth).

E1/2022 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs G Archibald (Vice-Chair) and D Brown.

E2/2022 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were raised.

E3/2022 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues were considered for exclusion.

E4/2022 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The agenda item had incorrectly referred to the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 January 2022, with no minutes having been attached. A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14 March 2022 had, therefore, been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

Resolved: To receive and accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Committee held on 14 March 2022 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record.

E5/2022 E&H Budget 2022/23

The Committee considered a budget monitoring report for 2022/23. The Kendal Town Council Project Manager indicated that there should be an amount of £300 left in the Environment and Highways Budget for allocation to the Friends of Fletcher Park Group.

Resolved: To receive the report.

E6/2022 Working Groups Working Group Membership

The Committee considered the appointment of representatives to sit on working groups for the forthcoming year.

Resolved: To appoint representatives to sit on working groups during 2022/23, as follows:-

Working Group	Representative(s)
Kendal Northern Access Route Reference Group	Cllr J Cornthwaite Cllr S Long
Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership	Cllrs S Blunden and K Simpson (joint representatives)
Dark Skies Kendal	Cllr G Archibald Cllr S Blunden Cllr J Cornthwaite Cllr E Hennessy
20mph	Cllr G Archibald Cllr S Blunden Cllr E Hennessy
Solar Made Easy Kendal	Cllr G Archibald Cllr S Blunden Cllr E Hennessy
Natural Kendal	Cllr G Archibald Cllr E Hennessy Cllr C Russell

Working Group Updates

The Committee was provided with verbal updates on the activities of working groups, as follows:-

20mph - The Chair was hopeful for a concrete proposal from the County Council at a meeting scheduled to be held on 11 July and was keen to see how this would align with the Town Council's aspirations. Cllr Peter Thornton suggested that it may be useful for Kendal Town Council to write to the Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority to indicate what Members would like to see happen in this regard in Kendal, as well as with regards to other aspirations. The Chair explained that it was the Town Council's plan to ensure that the matter was included within the 2023/24 Budget. Attention was drawn to Kendal Vision's plan to look at changes to traffic flow in Kendal and the need to be aware that the outcome of this may influence location of 20mph areas, as well as traffic calming measures. The Kendal Town Council Project Manager drew attention to the need for suitable consultation that would garner positive responses and reminded Members that £19,000 had been allocated by the Town Council to support the 20mph aspiration, some of which would be spent on communications. The need to concentrate on promoting the benefits of the scheme and changing the culture of the Town was stressed. Attention was drawn to the current closure of one of the lanes on New Road and the fact that this had not hugely impacted on traffic flow. It was felt, therefore, that one lane could possibly be dedicated to two-way cycling.

Solar Made Easy – The Kendal Town Council Project Manager reported that she had met with CAfS who had funding to develop Solar Made Easy for Kendal. Data had been examined which showed that there were a number of large buildings in Kendal which were suitable for solar panels. There had been a meeting with Kendal College who were interested in putting up solar panels, as well as a business on Dockray. Kendal Town Council was acting as mediator and introducing businesses to different co-operative solar options. Regarding the residential aspect to the initiative, a meeting had been held with South Lakeland District Council in order to try to break down and simplify the planning process and to provide clear information by means of a flowchart for potential applicants via a resident leaflet. She suggested that the Planning Committee would be able to reference the solar audit tool within their comments on applications and undertook to share details on the tool, which pinpointed suitable buildings for installation of panels, with Members of the Environment and Highways Committee. It was suggested that there were some glitches with the computer tool, which was slow to upload, and the Kendal Town Council Project Manager undertook to find out if this could be addressed prior to it being made publicly available. In addition, she suggested that successful case studies could be included within the leaflet. The importance of South Lakes Housing as the largest housing association in the area addressing the issue of solar panels was raised and the Kendal Town Council Project Manager informed Members that a new Sustainability Officer would shortly be joining the organisation and was keen to meet. Discussion also took place on how capacity for solar panels on new builds could be made a requirement. The need for further research to be carried out and further discussion on this topic at a future meeting was raised.

Natural Kendal – The Chair drew attention to the baseline research which had been commissioned by the Council and included on the agenda. The research covered policies, activities and organisations that would or could have a positive impact on biodiversity across the Town, as well as those with a negative impact. The aim of Natural Kendal was to look at these projects under one umbrella, to provide support and to source funding and create connected corridors. The Chair drew attention to the need to determine the status of the group, either as a CIC or a CIO. He informed the Committee that the intention was to take on around half a dozen projects referred to within the report for further development, for example, on land at Hallgarth and at Vicarage Drive. Attention was drawn to a forthcoming meeting regarding habitat at the Vicarage Drive site and the need to get the Kendal Kingfisher Group, as well as schools, involved.

E7/2022 Project Update Report

The Committee gave consideration to an update from the Kendal Town Council Project Manager on ongoing projects.

Infrastructure Maintenance – There was £1,893 available in the budget, not enough to cover all proposed projects, some improvements might have to wait until next year. It was suggested, therefore, that the repainting of the Thorny Hills barrier be moved to 2023/24.

Biodiversity Schemes and Grants - The £6,000 unallocated budget was highlighted.

Public Realm Improvements – Discussion took place on the fact that the trees planted in planters at the Woolpack Yard had not survived. The Project Manager indicated that new trees were to be planted by a Horticultural Expert. She planned to discuss the matter with the Arboriculture Officer at South Lakeland District Council.

Green Spaces Improvements – A visit to Sizergh Wild Trail had been arranged to inspire natural play provision at Serpentine Woods. Ideas would be reported back to the Committee at its September meeting.

With regard to the unallocated budget of £11,000, it was suggested that this could be put towards the rebuilding of the wall at Nobles Rest which remained an ongoing dispute between the Town and District Councils. Details would be presented to the next Committee once costs were determined.

A number of comments were raised with regard to ongoing projects. Members welcomed the ivy screening at Longpool which was felt to make a great improvement to the area. Discussion took place on anti-social behaviour at Gooseholme and the potential for removal of part of the hedge at the Castle Walk end in order to open up the area. The Kendal Town Council Project Manager explained that it would be difficult to address the situation until the Flood Improvements and bridge installation had been completed at which time appropriate measures could be considered. The Town Clerk provided additional information regarding planned improvements, including on the current status of the CCTV camera and removal of the hardstanding; there would be a clear field of vision in 2023. The Environment Agency was aware of the need to take anti-social behaviour into consideration within the Flood Relief Scheme and both the Town Council and Police were being asked for input.

In response to a climate change query, the Kendal Town Council Project Manager explained that £10,000 per year for three years had been committed to the Sustainability Hub.

Discussion took place on environmental improvements in terms of an art project aimed at uniting people along the riverside in response the storm Desmond floods. The need for discussion to take place on the type of artwork and to ensure something that resonated with the Town was stressed.

Resolved: That the Project Manager move Thorney Hill repaint to the next financial year.

Resolved: That the Project Manager links with Sticklandgate House and Waste into Wellbeing to provide an update re the sustainability hub for the next meeting.

E8/2022 Happy to Chat Proposal

The Committee considered a report regarding the installation of "Happy to Chat" signs on 50% of Kendal Town Council's 62 benches. Happy to Chat benches were proving to be a popular and effective way to reduce social isolation in other areas. This would be at little cost to the Council, each of the signs costing approximately £3.

Members felt that the proposal for 31 signs was too many and suggested initial installation of six signs, with locations central to Kendal and where there was more than one bench to be considered and decided by the Chair and the Kendal Town Council Project Manager.

A comment on the bench near Dockray Footbridge, which had been removed in preparation for the flood defence works, was raised and the Project Manger undertook to research options for its replacements.

<u>Resolved:</u> To instal six Happy to Chat signs on Kendal Town Council benches within the centre of the Town in locations where there are more than one bench, the Chair and the Kendal Town Council Project Manager being delegated to consider and decide on the appropriate locations.

E9/2022 Bike Repair Stand Proposal

The Committee considered the installation of a number of bike repair stands within Kendal, at an approximate cost of £1,000 each. The stands which provided a number of tools enabled cyclists to carry out basic repairs to their bikes.

Attention was drawn to the fact that cyclists capable of using the equipment provided on the stands generally carried their own tools. In addition, the potential for vandalism of the stands was raised. Furthermore, it was pointed out that that there was such a stand within the Westmorland Shopping Centre that was not well used and it was, therefore, suggested that this could be moved to a more central location and tested. Also raised was the need for bike lock up provision at the other end of the Town.

The Kendal Town Council Project Manager undertook to carry out further research and, in addition, to find out what Kendal BID was doing in this regard.

During discussion, the need for public drinking fountains and bottle refill points within the Town was raised and it was suggested that this matter should be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

Resolved: To audit current bike stand provision and liaise with Kendal Bid regarding current repair stand in Westmorland shopping centre.

E10/2022 Biodiversity

The Kendal Town Council Project Manager reported that the draft Policy had been updated as requested at the previous meeting (Minute No.E50/21/22 b) refers). The Policy included reference to risk assessments for carbon reduction and biodiversity meaning that any future proposals would need to have regard to these issues.

The Chair raised the potential to change the reference regarding "distribution of 500 trees each year" to "distribution of 500 trees or hedge plants". Further consideration was then given to the figure of 500 and the possibility of an increase, however, it was acknowledged that this aim could be revisited in future. In addition, discussion took place regarding the need to make the Policy feel more tangible by way of inclusion, for example, of an expected outcome and clarification of what the aim of the Policy was. It was suggested that something defining the purpose of the Policy could be included by way of introduction to the document.

Resolved: To update the Biodiversity Policy accordingly and share with members.

E11/2022 Explore Kendal Signage

A condition survey in May 2022 had found that 11 of 17 large information signs which had been transferred to Kendal Town Council in 2019 would benefit from maintenance and refurbishment. The signs offered useful information to visitors and locals alike and featured maps corresponding with the Visit Kendal leaflet and web maps, as well as historical information. There was currently £1,893 remaining in the Infrastructure and Maintenance Budget and Sun Signs had provided a guote of £1,385.60 to repair/replace damaged panels.

Resolved: To give approval for the repair/replacement of Explore Kendal Signage as appropriate.

Note – At 9.00 p.m., in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders No.3 Meetings Generally x, a meeting shall not exceed a period of 2 hours, the Committee voted to continue the meeting.

E12/2022 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

Kendal Town Council had been asked by Cumbria County Council to review and endorse the LCWIP for Kendal. The Chair of the Committee suggested that the document should be endorsed by the Town Council although not necessarily unqualified. He, therefore, proposed some wording, welcoming the opportunity to pass comment on the document and wholly endorsing and supporting the stated ambition and the acknowledgement of the benefits of active travel, as well as the fact that this was a live and evolving document. He further suggested a number of comments around: the need for consideration for prioritisation of safe routes to school, in particular the east west route from Hallgarth to Queen Katherine School; the fact that Kendal College appeared to have been deprioritised; and concerns that what the Town Council would view as a priority route through the centre of Kendal, linking to Kendal College, was currently deprioritised pending the provision of a Kendal Northern Access Route. Advice from Cycling UK's campaign department was that having some aspects of the LCWIP that could be delivered very quickly from within the local council's existing budget could be beneficial when applying for further funding. It showed political willingness to achieve a modal shift when it came to active travel. Cllr Hennessy believed that potential "quick wins" should be prioritised.

Lengthy discussion took place around the need to carefully make it clear within the comments to the County Council that the Town Council endorsed the LCWIP while suggesting that no aspects of these proposals should be necessarily dependent upon the provision of the NAR.

The Kendal Town Council Project Manager informed Members that the County Council required a response as soon as possible.

Resolved: To authorise the Chair to re-word and share his draft response with Committee Members prior to submission to Cumbria County Council.

E13/2022 Kendal Castle Pumptrack

The Committee considered a report detailing that the Council had commissioned Velosolutions, a national pumptrack provider, to create a visual representation of a pumptrack in situ at the foot of Kendal Castle. The Company had met with Kendal Town Council Officers and the Chair of the Committee onsite and it had been agreed that the picture contained within the report showed the most preferable site to allow easy construction access and provide parking for users going forward. The site, to the east of Castle Hill, was also secluded whilst being accessible to many Kendal residents. The Kendal Town Council Project Manager informed the Committee that the Company had indicated that an amount of £150,000 would create a great pumptrack.

Members were keen for a pumptrack in Kendal, however, referred to the potential for uncontrolled dogs to run across the site shown unless suitable fencing or hedging was installed. Further raised was the potential for anti-social behaviour and the fact that the site was tucked out of site which could lead to some people feeling uncomfortable and unsafe in this location.

It was suggested that the relevant Westmorland and Furness Shadow Portfolio Holder should be contacted for valuable input and, in addition, the need to source more information in relation to the actual asset, including aspects around history and heritage, as well as future maintenance, was raised. It was highlighted that this should be a community-led project and it was suggested that the issue could be suitably promoted through social media.

<u>Resolved:</u> That the Project Manager share the aspiration with the relevant shadow portfolio holder and consider options to engage the facebook group members.

<u>Resolved:</u> That the Project Manager contacts Velosolutions to better understand the maintenance required for Pumptracks.

The meeting closed at 9.41 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS		22/23 Budget	Exp to Date	Forecast
New Infrastructure & Main	22/23 Budget	£8,166		
	. Oxenholme Signage Improvements	£500		
	. SLDC Signage Improvements		£3,000	
Infrastructure Maintenance				
	. Infrastructure Maintenance	£1,893	£23	
	. CCTV / Defib / SID Maintenance	£2,300		
SLDC Service Charges				
	. Footway Lighting	£3,751		
	. Bins	£2,650	£1,254	
Total E&H		£19,260	£4,277	£19,760

Kendal Town Council 2022-23 Budget Income/Exp

4 Months Exp - April-July

New Action Plans/Projects for 22/23

OIN	IG COMMITTED ACTION PLANS /	PROJECTS	Proposed 22/23	Exp to Date	Forecast
1	Climate Change	22/23 Budget			
		. Town Centre Recommendation Hub - WIW	£10,000		
		. Kendal Citizens Jury Website Host	,	£398	
		. Solar Audit Campaign	£4,565		
		. Zero Carbon Kendal Website	£1,000		
		. New Projects TBC	£1,519		
		- Jury Recommendations Sculptures		£350	
		Sub Total	£17,084	£398	£17,0
2	Biodiversity Schemes & Grants				
		. Dark Skies Campaign	£5,000		
		. 2nd Round of Biodiversity Grants	£6,000	£500	
		. New Projects TBC	£10,400		
		Sub Total	£21,400 ‡	£500	£21,4
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3	20mph	<u>Sub Total</u>	£19,400 ‡	<u>£0</u>	£19,4
4	Cycling & Walking	22/23 Budget			
	3,4 3,4 3	. Footpath Quality Audit	£12,000		
		. Kirkbarrow Connections	£15,000		
		- Cllr Long Contribution	£2,000		
		- Cllr Severn Contribution	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		
		. Signage Improvements for Footpath &Cycle	£4,000		
		. Kendal Castle Pump Track	£4,000	£2,000	
		. LCRP 22/23 Cont.	£5,000	22,300	
		Sub Total	£42,000	£2,000	£42,0
	5 Public Realm Improvements	22/23 Budget			
		. Nobles Rest Connection KCS Project	£5,000		
		. Further Ivy Screening Projects	£2,000		

	. New Projects TBC	£4,000		
	- Woolpack yard		£23	
	Sub Total	£11,000	£0	£11,000
6 River Connectivity	. FRSWG Connectivity Scheme	£15,000		£15,000
	. FRSWG Connectivity Scheme (Reserve Pot)			
7 Green Space Improvements	22/23 Budget			
	. Fletcher Park	£607		
	. Bowling Fell Improvement Project	£7,000		
	. Serpentine Woods Alphabet Trail Maint	£1,000		
	. Fellside Play Provision	£5,000		
	. New Projects TBC	£11,000		
	Sub Total	£24,607	£0	£24,607
Total Action Plans		£150,491	£2,898	£150,491

Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 12 th September
From: Project Manager	Agenda No: 6
Description: Budget Spend Requests	

Nobles Rest Wall

To fix the damaged wall at Nobles Rest via the Green Spaces 'New Projects tbc' budget, current balance £11,000.

Three quotes received:

- Jack Ellerby £650
- A La Catre £2772
- S.T Johnson £1,600

Officer recommendation is Jack Ellerby due to previous positive experiences.

Triangle Community Garden

To install a handrail at the Triangle Community Garden. Fellside Forum have £500 towards installing a handrail, an additional £500 would enable a handrail of their choice to be installed. The £500 would be spent via the Green Spaces 'New Projects TBC' budget as above.

Dockray Bench

The riverside bench at Dockray was removed in advance of the new flood protection scheme. To reinstall the original bench £1000 is required to sand blast the iron work, install new slats and paint. The £1000 could be allocated from the Green Spaces 'New Projects TBC' budget as above.

Town Crests

The Town Crests at Windermere Road and Kirkland are in need of repainting at a costs of £1500. The green spaces at both locations would be significantly improved with this investment and it is proposed the Green Spaces Improvements; new projects tbc' budget is utilised.

Hallgarth Bins

The Hallgarth Residents Association has requested that 8 new bins are installed in several locations. Currently the new infrastructure budget can accommodate 1 new bin at £250. Council Officers recommend allocating funding in the next financial year subject to collection approval from SLDC.

Biodiversity Grants

A biodiversity grant has been received from Manna House for £500 to create a wildlife area, please see full application details at the end of the agenda pack. The current biodiversity grant balance is £5500.

Agenda Item 7

Project Update – September 2022

E&H Budget Heading	Project title	Progress	Partners	Red Amber Green Progress	Additional Notes
New Infrastructure (£5,166 available)	Street Signage Improvements	Audit complete and shared with SLDC. Funding transferred and improvements in progress.	SLDC	Complete	SLDC to share before and after pictures for inclusion in next KTC newsletter.
	Happy to Chat Benches	Proposal at June E&H.	KTC	Complete	Installed outside Town Hall, Barclays, Library, Nobles Rest, Iluvmemost, Somervell Gdns
	Handrail at 'The Crack' Kirkland	Quotes requested: approx. cost ~£350 – permission now obtained from 48 Kirkland & 1 Kirkbarrow Lane	Residents, Kendal Civic Society	In development	
	Handrail at Fountain Brow	Approx. cost ~£2300 Permission obtained from SLDC. Quotes to follow now permission is secured.		In development	
	Handrail at Triangle Community Garden	Approx. cost tbc. £500 funding via Fellside Forum Additional £500 requested.	Garden Community Group	In development	
	Handrail at Vicarage Drive	Approx. cost ~£1700 Permission obtained from SLDC. Quotes to follow now permission is secured.		In development	
	Kendal Castle signage at the Castle	Heritage Officer tasked with locating whilst organising storage room following move.	n/a	In development	
	Nobles Rest signage at M&S (£75)	Quote received and reviewed. Commissioned Matthew Richardson & Ormrod to design and install.	M&S	Complete	

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	Oxenholme to Kendal (Cllr Rathbone Locality budget)	HM. Meeting arrange with Avanti for 13 th Sept to discuss options.			
	Additional SIDs	On hold until 20mph boundary is known.			
Infrastructure	Explore Kendal Signage	Sun sign quote received at £1385.	n/a	In development	
Maintenance (£1,893 available)	Refresh	Additional information sent, awaiting response.			
	Ivy Screening KTC logos	Installed in July.	n/a	Complete	KTC crest stickers installed in July
	Research to improve signage mix and improvement options at Abbot Hall car park	City scape questions sent to SLDC – awaiting response to gather info for funding request for next FY.	SLDC, CCC & Lakeland Arts	Next FY 23/24	
	Green finger posts (x3) refresh	Quote requested – awaiting response to gather info for funding request for next FY.	n/a	Next FY 23/24	
	Sepulchre and Serpentine Road handrail repaint	Painted 2 nd September by Ian Penney.	SLDC	Complete	
	Thorny Hills barrier repaint	Quotes received beyond current budget - gather info for funding request for next FY.	CCC	Next FY 23/24	
	Undercliff Railings improvements	Further information received, quotes to be researched.	tbc	In development	
Climate Change	Zero Carbon Kendal Website	New blog posts and case studies added	Various	Complete	New comms plan in development
(£7,084 unallocated)	Citizens' Jury Recommendation monitoring	Monitoring dashboard report of recommendation progress from KTC and relevant partners in development. Annual informal reunion for former Jury members organised for the 29 th of September. ZCCP Local Authority Officer group attended.	Various	In development	

Environment and High	ayarl2September 2022 Engagement	Newsletter sent in August and circulated to staff and KTC team.	n/a	Complete	Page 15 of 117
	Festival Engagement	Recommendations stall booked for Torchlight celebrations.	Fellside Forum & public	Complete	
	Kendal Solar Audit	See update paper.	CAfS, residents and business owners.	In development	
	Waste into Wellbeing (£10,000 per year for three years agreed)	See update paper.	SLACC	In development	
	Electric Cargo Bike	£500 grant processed.		In development	
		Pierre training completed. Booked for the 12 th to complete Townscape Manager tasks and take pictures to promote and 29 th as part of Jury Reunion to show the Council's support for the initiative.			
Biodiversity Schemes & Grants (£10,400 unallocated)	Somervell Wild Flowers	Maintenance transferred to KTC, new mower purchased to manage grass between flowers. Positively received.	CCC	Complete	
	Dark Skies Campaign (£5000 allocated)	Lighting audit of KTC lamps conducted with Jack Ellerby (FLD) & Mike Monaghan (Light Library) 9 th Aug. Awaiting a proposal from Mike.	Friends of the Lake District	In development	Report to be presented at September's E&H.
		Small switch off event agreed with CL&F Committee to raise awareness at the Switch On event.			
	2 nd round of biodiversity grants (£6,000 allocated)	Additional organisations contacted including: South Lakes Housing, Cumbria Butterfly Conservation, Kendal Swifts, SCRT, KCV, Kirkbarrow Residents' Association, Lions Club, Men in Sheds (Age UK), Manna House, Kirkbie Kendal School, Tennis Club, 1st Kendal Scouts,	Clean River Kent Group	Ongoing	Applications received from: Manna House Briary Meadow

Environment and High	Ways 12 September 2022 Biodiversity Policy	Westmorland Red Squirrels, Stramongate School, Sandgate School Two applications to be considered at September Committee. Policy updated as per Councilor requests. Staff training event in development to embed policy into all projects and initiatives and consider how it can influence partners and grants.			Page 16 of 117
20mph (£19,400 available)	20mph	Members briefing completed to review initial boundary draft provided by CCC. Comments sent to CCC to include in second boundary draft for Councillors to review.	CCC		
Cycling & Walking	Footpath Quality Audit (£12,000 allocated) Signage improvements for footpaths and cycle paths (£4,000 allocated)	See update paper. Spend to be informed by report above.	tbc	In development	Report to be presented at September's E&H
	Kirkbarrow Connections (£17,000 allocated)	Awaiting transfer of Vicarage Drive. Improvements can follow once ownership is transferred.	KTC Solicitors	In development	
	Kendal Castle Pumptrack (£4,000 allocated, £2000 invoice expected)	Visual complete and sent to Westmorland and Furness Councillors via E&H Chair. Engagement options explored to be developed.	Velosolutions	In development	
	LCRP contribution (£5000 allocated)	No request to draw down to date. No response to request for further information regarding Councillor requirements.	LCRP		
Public Realm Improvements	Windermere Road Railings improvements (£3000 re-allocated into Public Realm funding)	Cumbria County Council have agreed to replace the broken railings. Discussions on going re: colour. KTC have offered to engage residents, awaiting CC reply.	CCC	Complete	

Environment and High	wars 12 September 2022 Projects (£3000 allocated)	Potential locations to be researched. Awaiting above action.	ccc		Page 17 of 117
	Woolpack Yard	New planters installed following successful Welcome Back Funding application. New planting installed to replace damaged trees.	SLDC and Continental	Complete	
	Ivy Screenings	Ivy screenings complete at Blackhall Road & Longpool. KTC Crest stickers ordered.	CCC	Complete	KTC crest stickers installed in July
River Connectivity	Mintsfeet connectivity (£30,000 allocated)	Purchase request with solicitors.	Landowner	In development	
Green Spaces Improvements (£11,000 unallocated)	Bowling Fell Improvement Project (£7000 allocated)	n/a	SLDC		
(£11,000 unanocateu)	Serpentine Woods Alphabet Trail (£1000 allocated)	Forum aware of allocation but no drawdown request to date.	Fellside Forum	In development	
	Serpentine Woods Natural Play Provision (£5000 allocated)	Successful Sizergh 'Wild Trail' visit complete with Forum Members and Kendal Conservation Volunteers. Summer Holiday play design competition devised, launched and promoted via FB and posters to gather ideas from local children. Group to meet again in September to review entries and discuss next steps.	SLDC, Fellside Forum, Kendal Conservation Volunteers, National Trust	In development	Site assessed. Next steps: engage with SLDC
	Nobles Rest community growing space	SLDC currently assessing the transfer of the former play area to KTC to develop additional growing space. Action to chase again.	SLDC		
	Gooseholme ASB improvements	A range of measures agreed with SLDC following completion of bridge and flood defense works including: - CCTV signage - Toilet signage - Putting green boundary improvements (SLDC to lead)	SLDC and Cumbria Constabulary.		

Environment and Highways 12 September 2022	- Public Spaces Protection Order (SLDC	Page 18 of 117
	to lead)	
	- Assess Marshall option once site is	
	accessible and ASB levels have been	
	reviewed.	

Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 12 th September
From: Project Manager	Agenda No: 8
Description: Reports from Outside Bodies	

Environment and Highways Councillors represent Kendal Town Council on the following outside bodies and have provided updates for the following action groups;

- Natural Kendal
- South Lakes Action on Climate Change
- Kendal Northern Access Route
- Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership
- 20mph
- Dark Skies

Natural Kendal

The purposes of Natural Kendal are to:

- 1. Support nature recovery and enhance biodiversity within Kendal itself and in the surrounding area, including the catchments of the rivers Kent, Sprint and Mint
- 2. Raise awareness among local people of the social and economic benefits of nature recovery
- 3. Provide a wide range of opportunities for local people and organisations to take part in nature recovery activities in and around Kendal
- 4. Connect Natural Kendal with other nature recovery areas throughout Cumbria via a network of wildlife corridors

The membership consists of the three KTC reps (Eamonn, Craig and myself) plus biodiversity experts; Quentin Merritt, Terry Parr, Chis Winnick and Dan Hinton.

Activities include:

- Collating a complete list of all organisations and community groups in Kendal whose activities could favourably impact biodiversity. (Done)
- Meeting with schools to encourage learning on biodiversity, practical action and in involvement in sustainability decision making.
- Undertaking special projects, such as potentially working with the Hallgarth residents association to enhance the estate.
- Reviewing how the group might help with the Vicarage Drive enhancement.
- Raising funds for projects.
- Providing advice to community groups on biodiversity and wildflower planting.
- Sharing information among interested groups

South Lakes Action on Climate Change *SLACC Trustees meeting 4th August 2022*

Housing Developers

At the AGM a member suggested SLACC should launch a campaign aiming to get housing developers to build sustainability (including solar panels) into all new homes. It was agreed to defer discussion of this to a future meeting.

Attendance of non-Trustees at SLACC meetings

A document on this was circulated prior to the meeting. Carole gave a brief summary of it and the thinking behind it, and asked for comments. Duncan said he was happy with the document and asked Mhairi if the arrangement was reciprocal — with SLACC able to attend and speak at council meetings. Mhairi said that as far as she is aware, all council meetings are advertised on the KTC website, open to the public and provide opportunities for members of the public to speak. Carole asked Mhairi if she could flag up key meetings for us to attend (based on what's on the agenda). Mhairi agreed — and added that E&H meetings will almost always be relevant to SLACC.

Future Direction for SLACC-tt

A paper on this was circulated prior to the meeting – based on the members forum held on 12 July and the trustee meeting held shortly afterwards. There was a wide-ranging discussion of various issues, including: **Name change**: There is no consensus on this yet and it was agreed to revisit this at a later date. It was noted that this would need to be resolved by the time we change the legal structure of SLACC – if we do decide to do that. Chris proposed 3 phase approach to developing our comms: looking to improve how they interact with the public and with members. It was agreed by all that Chris should proceed as proposed.

Report from SLACC, including the Public Inquiry on Cumbria coal mine application

Duncan reported that an announcement on the coalmine is now expected in mid-August. This has since been postponed again!

Report from Waste into Wellbeing

Chris reported that WiW had received a 5-star Environmental Health rating for operation of the larder – thanks to our new procedures etc. This means we can now develop new relationships with some supermarkets. Chris also gave an update on customer numbers (steady), volunteer hours and so on. Building on her previous work, we will be paying Stacy from September to do some educational work with Kendal College and to work with one or two supermarkets on their waste streams. Duncan reported that we have been awarded money this week by Cumbria County Council for food to help vulnerable families through current difficulties. Duncan also gave a report on ongoing discussions with Stricklandgate House trustees about our future use of the premises and their plans for the premises more generally. Angela expressed concerns about the idea of running a café on a commercial basis but Chris and Duncan were able to reassure everyone that if this happened, it would not compromise the operation of the People's Café. In fact, the whole point would be to support the People's Café.

Cumbria Sustainability Network

Carole and Quentin provided brief feedback on the recent meeting. This included an observation that there was a certain amount of grassroots frustration at the slow rate of progress with the sector

working groups (still talking about their terms of reference). Giles emphasised the firm commitment of the new W&F Council to take climate action at pace.

There was a brief discussion of the Big Green Week (24 Sept to 2 Oct). Carole asked if we could do anything for that. Chris said has passed it on to Jo to see if there is a link with the cargo bike project. Carole asked about WiW. There was a general feeling that SLACC didn't have the capacity to start something new for this. Carole mentioned the ZCC Community Climate Champions programme and said she would talk to Coordinator (Clare Taylor) at CAfS about this.

Kendal Northern Access Reference Group

The next Reference Group meeting is on the 7th of September, update to follow for Novembers E&H Committee.

Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership

Officers requested information regarding LCRP membership and Councillor's role within the partnership. Awaiting response and Management Committee to discuss.

20mph Working Group

Officers and members met on July 11th to discuss our request to implement 20mph speed limits across Kendal.

During this meeting Cumbria County Council (CCC) officers provided an outline of probable costs. These related to further limited data collection for roads such as Parkside Road, the implementation of the required TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) to include public consultation, and costs associated with actual physical implementation of any scheme. Potential sources of funding were also discussed. It is likely that KTC will need to make a contribution and it is being considered whether CCC local area committee may be able to offer some financial support.

CCC officers also provided a proposal for a 20mph scheme for Kendal. This was discussed at length.

KTC provided initial details as to how it could look to engage with residents prior to any formal consultation process. CCC agreed that any evidence gathered by KTC would be considered as part of the formal process.

On July 25th the Chair of E&H met with the committee's associated Active Travel Group. Subsequent to this meeting recommendations were received from the group with observations and proposed amendments to the scheme.

On August 18th, all members of E&H along with Cllrs Stephen Coleman, Peter Thornton and Douglas Rathbone were invited to a member's briefing in relation to the proposed scheme. Observations and recommendations made were collated and have subsequently been provided to CCC. These include a recommendation that Oxenholme is considered for inclusion within any scheme as it falls within the boundaries of Kendal Town Council.

We await confirmation of our next meeting. It is hoped that proposals will be satisfactorily finalised shortly in order that the consultation may get underway, and we can begin the process of identifying the source of funding.

At this stage the details of the proposals remain confidential until finalised.

Dark Skies

The Dark Skies working group endorsed a consultant led audit of the street lights owned by Kendal Town Council to identify where dark sky measures could be introduced. The audit is complete and the report is in development.

The group also endorsed an awareness raising event to take place as part of the 'Switch On' event on the 16th of November. A mini switch off will take place and Jack Ellerby from Friends of the Lake District will give a brief overview of the need to increase our dark skies. If possible, star gazing opportunities will take place on the same night nearby. This has been approved by the Christmas Lights and Festivals Committee.

Other actions and updates;

- KTC to Distribute JE's Dark Sky Supporters 6-8 weekly update to all E&H Committee
 Members
- Parish Church in Kirkland on hold, chair advised with the lighting being on SLDC land it would have to be put on hold until the Unitary was up and running next April.
- A good lighting engineer consultant is helping Jack Ellerby with a cross section of demonstration business lighting improvements. The Westmorland General Hospital would soon get lighting replacement recommendations, and Jack had liaised with Helen re: potential KTC funding contribution (if required).
- Working together with all nine Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in Cumbria we have just appointed lighting consultant Kerem Asfuroglu (Dark Source | Dark Sky Lighting Design | London (dark-source.com) to produce this document to improve knowledge, consistency of advice and lighting practice. The aim is to have it ready for adoption by the two Unitaries and two NPAs after next April.
- Cumbria Dark Skies Festival 28 Oct 12 November 2022: Lots of events being planned all across the County. Jack has arranged for two in Kendal: Monday 31 Oct Eddington AS Moon and Telescope gazing session with Kirkbie Kendal pupils and Mobile Telescope session likely on Kendal Castle Tuesday 1 Nov with Gary Lintern
- Action: KTC Autumn Residents Newsletter to include advice on Dark Sky friendly lighting, and to include the two simple advice pieces in these links: Home Lighting - International Dark-Sky Association (darksky.org) Home Lighting Assessment - Print (darksky.org)

Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 12 th September
From: Project Manager	Agenda No: 9
Description: Climate Hub Update	

Background

Following the recommendations of the Kendal Climate Change Citizens' Jury, the Council have been developing options to create a Climate/Sustainability Hub in partnership with Waste into Wellbeing. The Council have committed £10,000 per year for three years to Waste into Wellbeing to support their enterprise and connect a Climate hub to their existing activity to strengthen the reach, appeal and impact of a Kendal Climate Hub. Multiple venues have been explored to date but prices and development costs have made town centre options unviable.

Update

Waste into Wellbeing currently utilise Stricklandgate House for part of their operation; a food larder and food share service operates from the former coach house area of the building. Stricklandgate House is embarking on exciting developments, as outlined below, and Trustees are keen to offer an enhanced space to Waste into Wellbeing to enable all of its services, including The Peoples Café, to operate from Sticklandgate House. Waste into Wellbeing and Stricklandgate House are currently reviewing lease options and, if successfully agreed, Waste into Wellbeing will oversee the extension to accommodate all of its services and become a trustee of Stricklandgate House to support its development in alignment with Waste into Wellbeing's needs.

A £75,000 Expression of Interest to the Shared Prosperity Fund has been submitted to support the Climate hub ambition, this funding would support the hub's development and program of activities at Stricklandgate House.

Next Steps

- Continue to support developments via the working group, outlined below via Cllr Russell
- Develop proposal to release the Council's budget commitments when appropriate
- Submit full shared prosperity application if EOI is successful

Additional Information

Cllr Russell Update - Stricklandgate House

Creating Developmental and Strategic Roles for the Third Sector in Westmorland and Furness

SGH Trustees have embarked on an exciting programme to renew and refresh Stricklandgate House. The building has held several significant historic roles and it has been the Centre for Voluntary Organisations in South Lakeland since 1993.

This report proposes, that alongside its role to accommodate voluntary organisations, the Centre should look to enhance its developmental and strategic roles for the Third Sector to address wellbeing, climate change and the needs of the disadvantaged and vulnerable in our society. Creating these roles will greatly enhance the building renewal programme and the significance of Stricklandgate House within the new unitary authority of Westmorland and Furness.

There is a great need for civic renewal and community development as we come out of Covid-19, the county is restructured, and our communities face a new series of social, environmental and economic challenges.

Several organisations in Stricklandgate House already lead in these fields. Working with them, SGHT would seek to become the Centre for the Council of Voluntary Service and the 'Sustainability Hub' for Westmorland and Furness.

Both of these initiatives would seek to provide a collaboration and a support role across the voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector through training, networking, community empowerment, advocacy and information exchange.

1. Westmorland and Furness Council of Voluntary Service.

Stricklandgate House Trustees recognise that Cumbria CVS have the role to support and coordinate and resent the Third sector across Westmorland and Furness area. SGHT propose to open up discussions with them and the other related groups in Barrow and Eden, as to Stricklandgate House becoming the main centre for this role in the new unitary authority.

CVS working groups to be established:

Representing SGHT: Margaret Belk, Colin Renshaw and Craig Russell, plus representatives of Cumbria CVS and Westmorland and Furness Council.

2. Sustainability Hub

SGHT would work with representatives of Waste into Wellbeing and South Lakeland Action on Climate Change to seek to accommodate their plans for a café and a 'sustainability hub', to carry forward the recommendations of the Kendal Citizens' Jury on Climate Change. A feasibility study to create a kitchen and café space using the ground floor of the stable block and the small meeting room should be undertaken as soon as possible. The plans for the reconfiguring of the building would need to be phased so that this could be implements as stage one of the building renewal.

Sustainability Hub Working Group to be established:

Representing SGHT: John Leigh, Craig Russell, and one another SGH Trustee, plus Helen Moriarty (Kendal Town Council), Chris Rowley (Waste into Wellbeing), Duncan Pollard (South Lakeland Action on Climate Change), representative of Westmorland and Furness Council.

Both of these workgroups would report to the SGH Trustee Board.

Craig Russell

24th July 2022

Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 12 th September
From: Project Manager	Agenda No: 10
Description: Solar Made Easy Kendal Upd	ate

Solar Made Easy Kendal

Background

In partnership Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS), following the completion of a town wide solar audit and driven by the Solar Audit working group, the Council has launched the Solar Made Easy Kendal initiative to promote easier routes to solar installation for Kendal residents and businesses.

Update

Residents

Planning information was gathered from SLDC officers and a double page article created for the KTC Newsletter. The aim of the newsletter article was to dispel myths regarding the planning requirements of Solar within conservation areas and on listed buildings. The article also aimed to encourage residents to register as part of a Kendal cluster to be connected to vetted (via CAfS) suppliers. Connecting to a supplier in Kendal is difficult because of demand and suppliers prefer to quote on a cluster basis for efficiency. As part of the Solar Made Easy Kendal cluster residents will be provided with several quotes from vetted suppliers and the arrangements will be managed on their behalf.

80 residents have registered to date, the deadline is the 5th of September.

Next steps – Continue to work with CAfS to connect everyone who has registered with vetted suppliers and track progress accordingly.

Businesses

Officers assessed the solar audit data and have contacted businesses where a large solar installation would make a considerable carbon and financial saving to local businesses.

The Council, in partnership with two Solar Co-Operatives who can install solar arrays free of charge and in return provide reduced electricity to the business / occupier, have made

introductions and attended meetings to encourage business take up. To date interested businesses have included:

- Marks & Spencer
- Dockray Industrial Estate
- Cox Motor Village
- Kendal College
- Sand Aire House

To promote this opportunity more widely a promotional package has been prepared for Kendal BID who will share in their next newsletter. Kendal Futures Chair, Mark Cropper, has also made Solar connections with large firms such as Gilkes and Mardix. CAfS were working with Kendamil prior to the launch of Solar Made Easy Kendal.

Next steps – Depending on BID response, promote via additional business networks, collate and celebrate any installations after development phase.

Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 12 th September
From: Project Manager & Projects Officer	Agenda No: 11
Description: Footpath Audit Update	

Background

The Council have committed £29,000 to upgrade footpaths in Kendal to enable better access for all. Initially funding was committed to employ an external consultant to audit Kendal's footpaths, however with additional resource the audit has been completed by Town Council officers.

Footpath Audit

Anne-Marie has progressed an audit of footpaths of Sandylands, Hallgarth, Heron Hill / Kendal Parks / Rinkfield, Collinfield and Kirkbarrow. This audit has built upon ward information supplied by Councillors. Full findings to date are included at the back of the agenda pack.

Phase One Priority Paths Identified

Officers have prioritised paths to improve during a phase one of improvements, according to the following criteria:

- Proximity to schools to increase the opportunity for every child in Kendal to walk and cycle safely to school
- Opportunity for increased accessibility
- Opportunity for biodiversity gain

Lighting considerations were also noted from both safety / accessibility and dark skies perspectives. Footfall estimates were also noted although community input would improve the accuracy as audit took place over the summer holidays. Priority paths have also been selected based on location to ensure improvements are disrupted across Kendal's communities.

- Kirkbarrow Adventure Access Vicarage Drive to Echo Barn Hill (240 metres)
- Vicarage Park and Dean Gibson School Access Vicarage Drive to Collinfield Lane (95 metres)
- St Thomas' School Access Hallgarth Circle to Underley Avenue (115 metres)

Total proposed metres of paths to improve in phase one is 450 metres. Estimate improvement costs per metre is £60 (to allow for edging enhancements, groundworks, surfacing, hedging / biodiversity enhancements)

TOTAL Estimated costs = £27,000

Next Steps

- Confirm community support for improvements of prioritised paths (informal conversations with users, formal contact with potential partners i.e., schools)
- Confirm costings for prioritised paths
- Confirm improvement permission from landowners of prioritised paths

Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 12 th September
From: Project Manager	Agenda No: 12
Description: Bike Storage Update	

Background

Following a proposal for a Bike Repair Stand at June's E&H Committee meeting (which was not progressed), Councillors noted that such a stand already exists in the Westmorland Shopping Centre multistorey car park, and that it was not well used. Councillors asked for a full audit of bike storage in Kendal.

Update

Officers have carried out further research on the WSC Cycle Hub. Enquiries with duty staff indicate that the bike racks are better used at the weekend than during the week, and that while the lockers were reasonably well used, the two changing rooms were not. Periodic checks by officers confirmed that this cycle storage is not well used during the week. Poor signage and difficult access may be contributing factors.

Information about usage frequency of the Repair Stand was not available.

Town centre bicycle parking has been assessed, with bike racks at the following public locations:

Abbot Hall Social Centre x2
Abbot Hall Playground x2
Abbot Hall Park (by Peppercorn Lane car park) x2
Brucie's Bike Shop x2
Town Hall x4
Opposite Town Hall x5
Birdcage (Highgate) x2
Opposite entrance to Wainright's Yard x2
Entrance to Blackhall Yard x5
Library x5
Finkle St (below Birdcage) x6
Finkle St (by former Beales) x3
Waterside (bottom of Lowther St) x3
Kendal Train Station x6
Westmorland Shopping Centre Cycle Hub x5

Each rack can accommodate 2 bicycles = **total 108 bike parking spaces**. Additional spaces are available business premisses such as Booths, Brewery Arts and Mintworks.

Proposal

 Better promote bike storage areas via map to be promoted via Visit Kendal and the reprint on Visit Kendal leaflets. • Liaise with SLDC to consider signage and promotion opportunities of WSC facility.

By raising awareness of Kendal's bike storage options we can support and encourage cycling across the town.

Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 12 th September
From: Development and Delivery Manager	Agenda No: 13
Description: Bus Shelter Maintenance Rec	quests

Background

Following a resident request to CCC, funding (via CCC) and permission (via CCC) has been secured to install a bench at the Westmorland General Hospital bus stop.

Kirkbarrow Residents Association are installing a new bus shelter and have written to Kendal Town Council to ask for maintenance support.

Proposal

Councillors to confirm additions to the Council's asset register and maintenance responsibilities at the following locations:

- Echo Barn Hill (Bus Shelter)
- Westmorland General Hospital (Bench at bus stop)

Agenda Report

Committee: Environment & Highways	Meeting Date: 12 th September
From: Project Manager	Agenda No: 14
Description: Discharge into the River Kent	

Discharge into the River Kent

On 26th May 2022 I observed (below) the discharge of unknown matter into the River Kent from the outlet beneath Waterside adjacent to Lowther Street.



Initial contact with the Environment Agency suggested that this was most likely surface run-off due to the heavy rain at that time. I requested that this be investigated further and that a definitive answer be provided as to the source of this matter.

Environment Agency officers investigated the complaint and with the help of United Utilities identified a number of properties that had foul drainage mis-connected into the Lowther Street clean water drainage network. These misconnections were subsequently resolved to prevent further "foul drainage discharges entering the River Kent".

I followed this matter up for further clarification asking the following questions with responses shown below —

1. To clarify, "foul drainage", is that from sanitary ware within a property and could therefore consist of faecal matter?

Foul drainage is anything flushed into the foul drainage system and includes toilets, kitchens, bathrooms etc.

2. Can you confirm that these issues have been fixed and that there should be no recurrence?

Yes UU have confirmed that these particular cross connections have been fixed

3. Is it possible that there are numerous other properties within Kendal with similar issues? Cross connections are a constant issue. When domestic properties construct and develop new properties and extensions etc they plumb the foul drainage into the clean drainage pipe. It is a known problem and working with United Utilities we have an established phased process to resolve these issues. When a Contaminated Surfacewater Drain (CSW) is identified UU and ourselves carry out an initial survey to assess the size and impact of the problem. The site is then scored and placed on a list of prioritised sites for a Phased 2 detailed investigation. Phase 2 identifies the individual properties causing the problem and ensures that the cross connections are fixed.

At the moment the Lowther Street CSW is not on the list as UU have identified and resolved the problem. The only other site in Kendal on the priority list is West Street, Kendal CSW where a Phase 1 is complete and is awaiting a Phase 2 investigation.

It is proposed that we consider this report and what further questions may be asked of the EA and UU with regards to these issues.

Cllr Eamonn Hennessy

Chair of Environment & Highways Committee, Kendal Town Council.

Biodiversity Grant 2022-2023



Please use this form to apply for a Biodiversity Grant from Kendal Town Council. You must complete all the boxes on the form and submit it along with the required paperwork. On receipt of this form you will be given a date when your application will be considered by the relevant committee. You can use additional pages if you require.

Name of Organisation	Principal Contact
Manna House (Cumbria)	Andrea Aldridge
Address of organisation	Address of contact
The Stephenson Centre, Ann Street, Kendal, LA9 6AA	same
Date of application	14/07/2022
Telephone	01539 725534
E-mail	andreaa@manna-house.org.uk
Description of organisation	

Description of organisation

Manna House provides a community of support to meet physical, social and emotional needs of people who are homeless and vulnerably housed in the South Lakeland district of Cumbria. Our main areas of support are:

- a) Practical material assistance to address urgent physical needs
- b) Compassion, acceptance and positive role models for social and emotional wellbeing
- c) Advice, assistance and advocacy on housing and money matters to improve housing security
- d) Learning opportunities that improve health, wellbeing and employment prospects

How much funding do you require in total?	£1500
How much funding are you requesting from the Town	£500
Council (maximum £500)	
Have you approached other funding sources? If so, please list them and the amount you have applied for.	No, we are asking volunteers to do fundraising activities to supplement a potential grant from KTC. We also pay for our Coordinator's salary through other grant monies, not included in the total above.

Tell us what you will do with a grant from Kendal Town Council?

We need a greenhouse with potting shelving and tools, as well as pieces of equipment to make on-site volunteering possible, including storage benches. We would like to create a wildlife area including hedgehog house and bug houses to increase pollination.

We also need fruit and vegetable seeds and plants. If we are granted this funding, we are likely to run a community callout for seeds and plants to include more of our neighbours in the ownership of the plot.

How will your activity benefit the people of Kendal?

Manna House is turning a previously disused allotment (used as a rubbish dump) into a fertile, food producing site. We have already removed 760kg of plastic waste and rubbish from the site. We offer volunteer opportunities which benefit mental wellbeing and the need to exercise and enjoy being outdoors. We are teaching self-reliance and a sense of achievement through the experience of hard work to the many clients of Manna House and volunteers from the community who participate in our twice weekly sessions.

How will your activity help to reduce Kendal's Carbon Footprint?

We have recently secured an allotment which is located near Fletcher Park, turning it from a neglected overgrown rubbish dump, into a carefully tilled and cultivated setting. Walking through town to get there from Manna House twice weekly, participants are attempting to grow enough onsite to cut down our reliance on fruits and veg from abroad.

Do you have a constitution?

Yes

Please send a copy with your application

Bank Details – How does the name of your organisation appear on your bank account? Include your account number and sort code. This is who we will transfer funds to, should your application be successful.

Manna House (Cumbria)

Sort Code: 16-52-21 Bank Account: 53190423

Please include the following documents with your application

- Most recent bank statements and last audited accounts
- Constitution of group. This must include a statement on how you promote equality

Declaration

- I/we understand that grant money from Kendal Town Council must be used for the agreed purpose.
- I/we will abide by the conditions of funding.

Please note that we do require 3 signatures in order to present your application to Committee.

Signature		Name	Andrea Aldridge	Position	Chief Officer

Signature		Name	Karen Greene	Position	Trustee
Signature		Name	Charles Cowling	Position	Trustee

Please return completed forms by e-mail or post: Kendal Town Council, Town Hall, Kendal, LA9 4DQ. Email: office@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk

Form ref KTC BG1 2022

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Kendal Footpath Audit

Following on from an audit of footpaths in Kirkbarrow completed in early 2022, this document includes the findings of initial work completed in Kirkbarrow, as well as Sandylands, Hallgarth, Heron Hill, Kendal Parks, Rinkfield, and Collinfield. This audit is not comprehensive but aimed to include paths which are used to access schools. Further work is yet to be completed.

Useful info

CCC Public Rights of way team are responsible for unsurfaced footpaths if designated as Public Right of Way (PROW). CCC Highways team are responsible for surfaced footpaths.

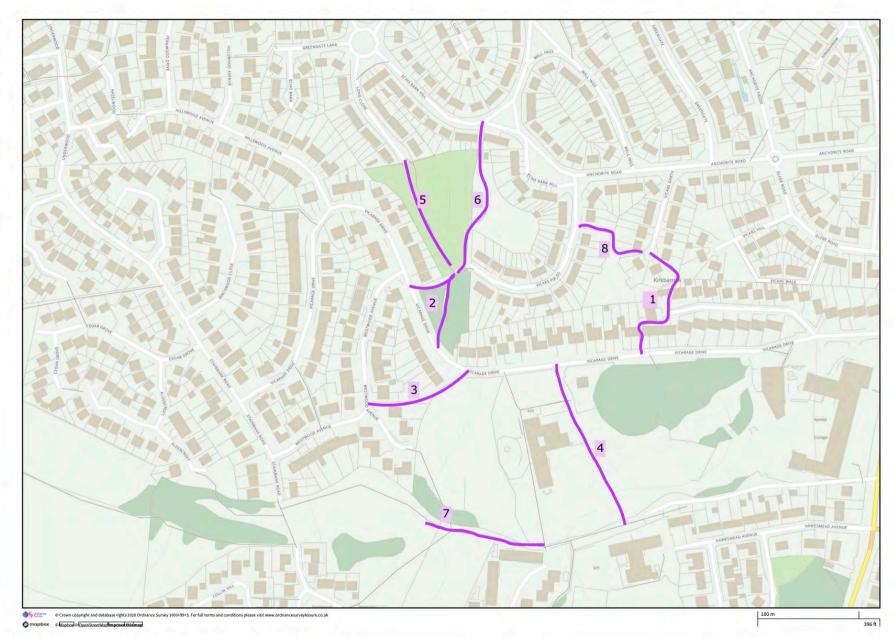
Kirkbarrow Connections

No & map ref	Name	PROW status	Ownership	Condition	Footfall	Biodiversity Opportunities	Lighting	Quote	Action
1	Vicarage Drive to Vicars Garth	PROW	Unregistered (southern half) SLDC (northern half)	Average. Hard surface.	High (access to Vicarage Park School)			tbc	Confirm southern half ownership Consider removing steps at Vicars Garth access point.
2	Vicarage Drive to the Adventure	none	Fleetwood Ltd, willing to gift to Local Authority.	Poor. Edges need tidying and new surface required to enable	High			tbc	SLDC Officers unable to process adoption. KTC to seek SLDC

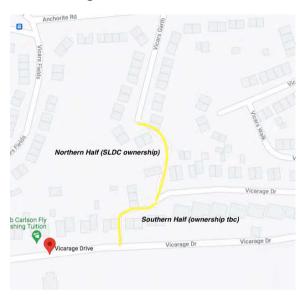
				wheel access.				Councillor support.
								Seek quotes for both paths, likely to action the longest as appears to have highest footfall.
3	Vicarage Drive to Westwood Avenue	PROW	tbc	Good	High		tbc	Consider improving public realm by removing old fence posts.
4	Vicarage Drive to Collinfield Lane	PROW (RHS)	Vicarage Park School	Poor. No surface.	High (school access)		tbc	School confirmed the PROW has a greater footfall than the SLDC owned route. Confirm improvement costs.
5	Long Close to The Adventure	None	SLDC	Fair but narrow.	High (park access)		tbc	Consider applying for PROW status. Consider improving entrance by replacing Long Close steep steps with ramp.

6	Echo Barn Hill to The Adventure	None	SLDC	Fair but narrow. Condition declines at	High (park access)	t	tbc	Consider applying for PROW status
				northern end making wheel access impossible.				Consider widening and improving access point.
7	Collinfield Lane to Vicarage Park Public Fields	None	tbc	Poor.	High (park and school access)	t	tbc	Consider improvements at access point initially.
8	Vicars Garth to Vicars Park	tbc	tbc	Poor and blocked	tbc	t	tbc	Arrange site visit with Cllr Finch to understand background. Costs to reinstate likely to be high.

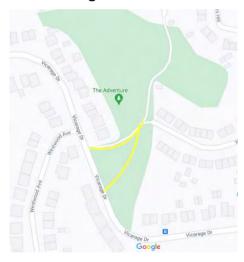
Kirkbarrow Connections Map Overview



1. Vicarage Drive to Vicars Garth

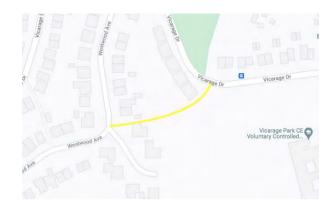


2. Vicarage Drive to the Adventure





3. Vicarage Drive to Westwood Avenue





4. Vicarage Drive to Collinfield Lane





5. Long Close to The Adventure



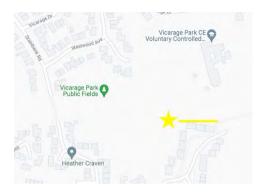




6. Echo Barn Hill to The Adventure



7. Collinfield Lane to Vicarage Park Public Fields

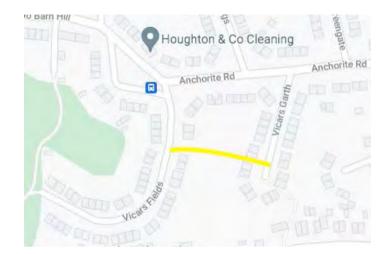






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8. Vicars Field to Vicars Garth





Hallgarth Connections

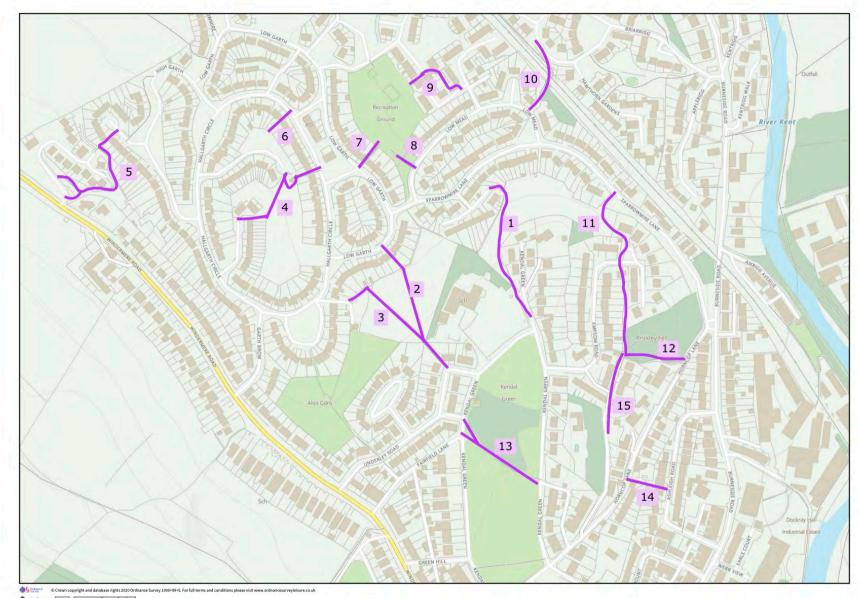
No & map ref / what3words	Name	PROW status	Owne rship	Condition	Footfall	Biodiversity Opportunities	Lighting	Quote	Action
1.536007	Kendal Green – High Mead	Yes		Both ends of footpath are hard to find and overgrown. Kendal Green end has a wooden fingerpost sign but is hidden by undergrowth. High Mead end — unsignposted. Rough path through vegetation. Locked gate and stile at Kendal Green Entrance. Not wheel accessible.	Presumed low because of condition (or condition is a result of low footfall?)	Path goes through grassland area – further investigation needed	No		Only access to footpath was assessed – revisit to check entire length on foot & report to CCC Countyside access team if necessary
2. 536003	Low Garth – Underley Rd	Yes		Low Garth end: well-spaced wooden posts. Hard surface. Fairly flat until steep steps, then fairly steep slope with three sets of barriers. Rocky bump and narrow point by school entrance (coming from Underley Rd). Unsignposted.	High (main route to St. Thomas's School, Kendal Green and town)	Passes between fields. Potential for hedge planting + hedgerow trees	No		Liaise with school & community to understand needs & whether accessibility improvements would be welcomed.
3.	Hallgarth Circle – St. Thomas's School			Unsignposted. Access behind garages on Hallgarth Circle, gravel track, becoming narrow between tall grasses. Not wheel accessible.	High - main path to St. Thomas's School.	Passes between fields. Potential for hedge planting +	No		Liaise with school and community to assess footfall and

			If widened & surfaced, could offer step-free access as an alternative to path #2.		hedgerow trees		community needs.
4.	High Ridge – Garth Bank – Hallgarth Circle		Slightly narrow at High Ridge end. Access at Garth Bank a little overgrown. Good width at Hallgarth Circle access point. Good hard surface throughout.	Presumed high — main connectio n to shop, communi ty centre, PO	Potential for tree planting & wildflowers on green space. There's already an apple tree – plant more, community orchard?	Yes	Other potential improvement: mural painting on El Sub Sta walls
5. 536005	Fir Tree Rise – High Garth	Yes	Two unsignposted access points from top of Fir Tree Rise, one step free. Reasonable compacted gravel surface but potentially muddy in winter. Informal access point next to #14. Not currently overgrown, but has potential to become so. Between bottom of Fir Tree Rise and High Garth is paved, with 3 sets of two steps. High Garth access point signed by wooden fingerpost.	?	Trees seem to have been planted by the developer on the Fir Tree Rise section of the path. Potential for wildflowers by High Garth access.	No	Research potential of replacing steps with low gradient slope.

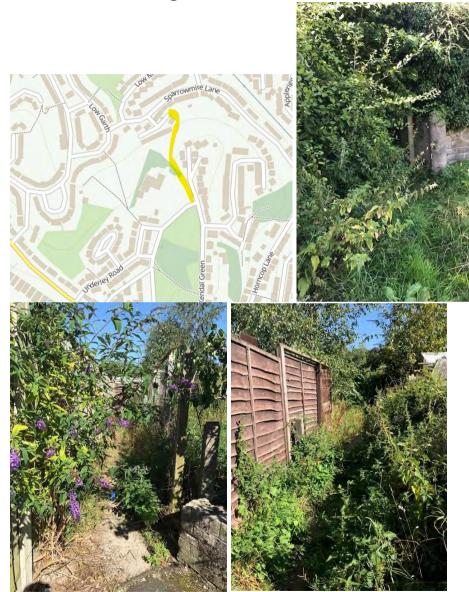
6.	Hallgarth Circle – Garth		Paved at Hallgarth Circle opening out onto	3	Possibly, but other areas	No	
	Bank		grass play area.		on Hallgarth may have more scope.		
7.	Low Garth – Recreation Ground		Paved, good width. Barriers may restrict access for buggies etc.		No	Pavem ent is lit at Low Garth end – not sure if light reaches the path.	
8.	Low Mead – Recreation Ground		Paved, slightly narrow. Park gate is a pinchpoint restricting accessibility.	?	Yes, on grass at Low Mead. Trees / wildflowers.	Pavem ent lit at Low Mead. Not sure if light reaches the path.	
9.	Bishopdale/Ov erdale Court – Recreation Ground		Info to follow				
10. 536008	Low Mead – Blackthorn Close	Yes	Info to follow				

11. 536077	Sparrowmire Lane – SW corner of Prickley Fell	Yes	Info to follow			
12. 536014	S. Border of Prickley Fell	Yes	Info to follow			
13.	Kendal Green		Info to follow			
14. 536271	Ashleigh Rd – Horncop Lane		Info to follow			

Hallgarth Connections Map Overview



1. Kendal Green – High Mead







2. Low Garth – Underley Rd



3. Hallgarth Circle – St. Thomas's School



4. High Ridge – Garth Bank – Hallgarth Circle



5. Fir Tree Rise – High Garth









6. Hallgarth Circle – Garth Bank



7. Low Garth – Recreation Ground



8. Low Mead – Recreation Ground



9. Bishopdale/Overdale Court – Recreation Ground



Pictures to follow

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10. Low Mead – Blackthorn Close



Pictures to follow

11. Sparrowmire Lane – SW corner of Prickley Fell



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12. S. border of Prickley Fell



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13. Kendal Green



Pictures to follow

14. Ashleigh Rd – Horncop Lane



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15. Airethwaite – Prickley Fell



Pictures to follow

Sandylands Connections

No & map ref / what3words	Name	PROW status	Ownership	Condition	Footfall	Biodiversity Opportunities	Lighting	Quote	Action
1.	Fowl Ing Lane – Jenkin Rise	Along N side of allotments only (536021)	SLDC but KTC allotment tenancy covers whole field	At its lowest point it floods and becomes very muddy and virtually impassable after rain. In winter the route is often unusable. Cllr Evans is supporting a Cumbria County Council footpath improvement scheme for the right of way between Fowl Ing Lane and Jenkin Rise, which includes the section of path through the	High – allotment access, QKS & nursery	Potential for wildflowers, fruit trees etc on grassy area. Tie in with allotments for food production – community orchard?	Yes. Lighting audit (9 th Aug) suggests an additional lamp may be beneficial between existing ones (KTC assets 6020 + 6021).		CCC work planned — liaise w/Cllr Shirley Evans to understand planned design / accessibility improvements. Research scope for additional lighting. Consult residents on potential uses for green space.

allotment. It
is the main
access path
to the
allotments
from most
locations.
The Town
Council has
attempted to
patch this
path on a
number of
occasions
and had
scheduled
further work
this winter –
mostly the
compacting
of self-
binding
aggregate on
the worst
bits.
Additionally:
redundant
rails clutter
the Jenkin
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point
detracting
from the
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of this path.

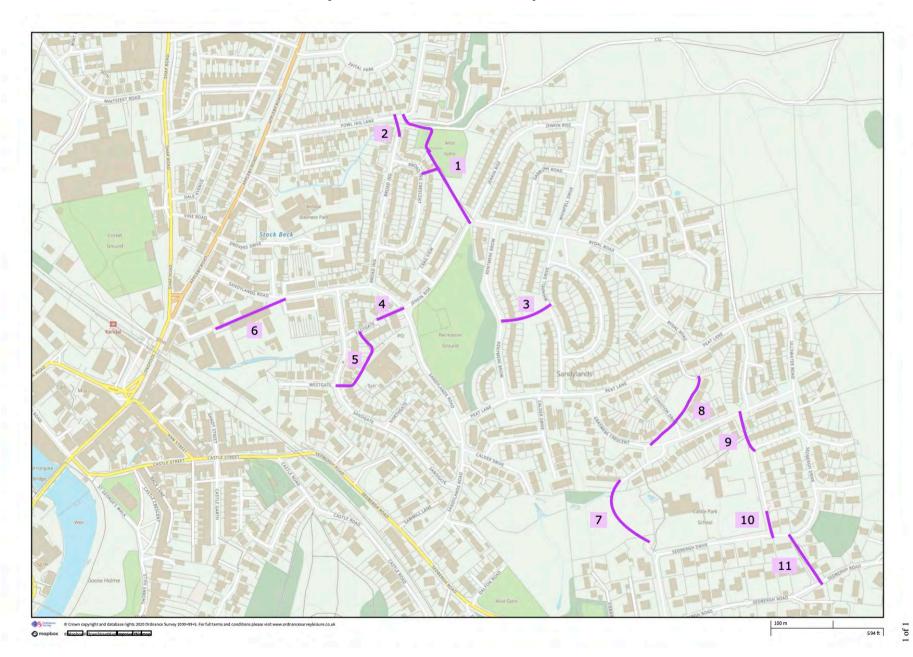
2.	Fowl Ing	No	SLDC (?)	Barriers at midway point restrict accessibility.	High	Mown grass	Nearby	Research planting
	Lane – Broad Ing			surface. Potential to become slightly overgrown by hedge, but fine at present.		could be enhanced with wildflowers/small tree.	on street	opportunities
3.	Kentmere Brow – Whinfell Drive	No	SLDC	Good hard surface. Quite steep in midsection. Widely spaced barriers not likely to hinder accessibility.	?	Mown grass could be enhanced. Tree planting / swathes of grass uncut / hedge planting	At Whinfell Drive, light may not reach path (path is behind light)	Research planting opportunities
4.	Jenkin Rise - Eastgate	No	SLDC (?)	Wide. Mix of surfaces (paving slabs, tarmac, concrete), a little bumpy.	High – access to shops, PO, playground.	Planters could be added to one side or down middle. Could be edible / ornamental / community project – Incredible Edible Sandylands?	No	Research costs for planters. Consult with residents.

	NB – Along Eastgate there is a continuation of this path, see photos			Wide pavement has breezeblock wall at roadside.		Suggestion: Herb planters – great for pollinators and relatively low maintenance. As with main section of path, planters could be added.	On opposite side of road.	Recommend that wall is removed, then as above.
5.	Eastgate – Sandgate - Westgate	No	?	Completely blocked at both access points (Eastgate + Westgate)	None at present, but would provide access to Sandgate school.			Ask school if they would like path to be reinstated.
6.	Longpool – Sandylands Road	No		Good hard surface, ample width.	High – main connection to train station / town	Potential for planting on grassy triangle at Sandylands Road end	Yes – well lit	Investigate planting options.
7.	Sedbergh Drive – Grasmere Crescent	No	? Permissive access path – land owner not known.	Path splits and meanders a little. General landscape is wasteland – evidence of concrete foundations.	Low	Great biodiversity – many species of wildflower & pollinator observed.	No lighting	Find out who owns it. There could be potential to link with the school/residents' association to make the most of the biodiversity already existing here. Could be a

				Possible ASB hot spot.				good place to keep bees.
8.	Peat Lane – Grasmere Crescent	No	SLDC?	Good hard surface. Slightly narrow in places but generally fine.	?	Young trees have been planted on grass nearby. Potential for wildflower swathes.	Appears to be well lit (if lamps are angled correctly)	Consult with neighbours to gauge support for long grass/wildflowers.
9.	Bowland Drive – Castle Park School	No	?	Good hard surface. Good width.	Access to school.	Potential for planting on grass at Grasmere Crescent end and on wide verge at Bowland Drive end. Potential to plant a hedge along metal fence.	Not lit	
10.	Sedbergh Drive – Bowland Drive	No	?	Good hard surface. Good width. A dropped curb at Bowland Drive would improve accessibility, as would wider spacing between barriers at	Access to school.	Potential for hedge/small trees/both alongside wall.	Not lit.	Investigate dropped curb & barrier widening.

			Sedbergh Drive end.				
11.	Sedbergh Road – Sedbergh Drive	No	Good paved surface. Good width. Narrow barriers at South end hinder accessibility.	Access to school for small number of houses.	Grassy verge to S. end could be enhanced – a damson tree exists. Potentially plant more, or plant a hedge (or both).	KTC lamp	Research barrier widening & planting possibilities.

Sandylands Connections Map Overview



1. Fowl Ing Lane – Jenkin Rise (CCC work planned)















2. Fowl Ing Lane – Broad Ing



3. Kentmere Brow – Whinfell Drive



4. Jenkin Rise – Eastgate



5. Eastgate – Sandgate – Westgate





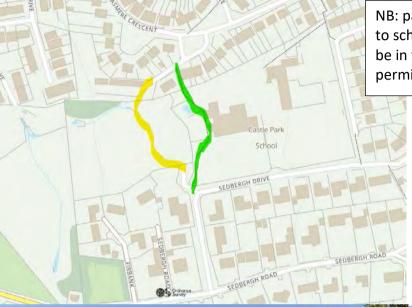


6. Longpool – Sandylands Road





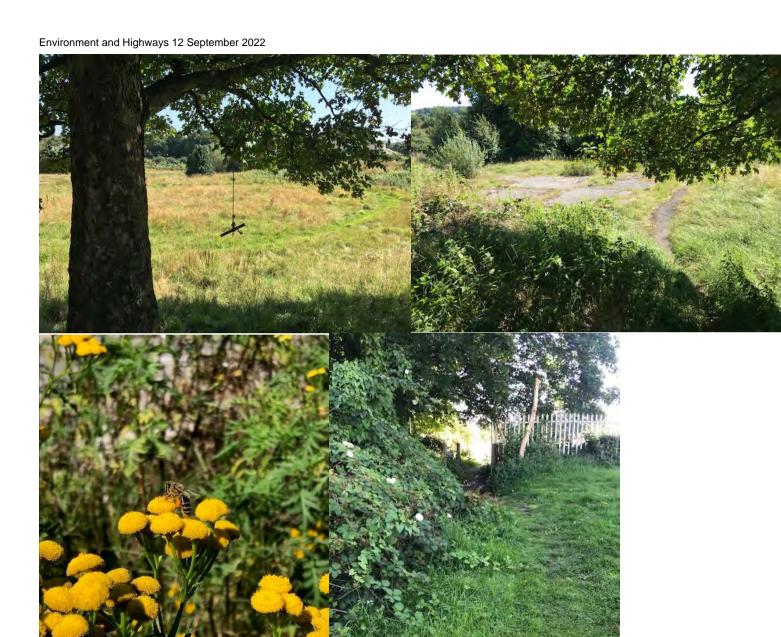
7. Sedbergh Drive – Grasmere Crescent



NB: path marked in green is direct access to school (not for general use). Appears to be in fine condition. Pictures are from the permissive access path marked in yellow.



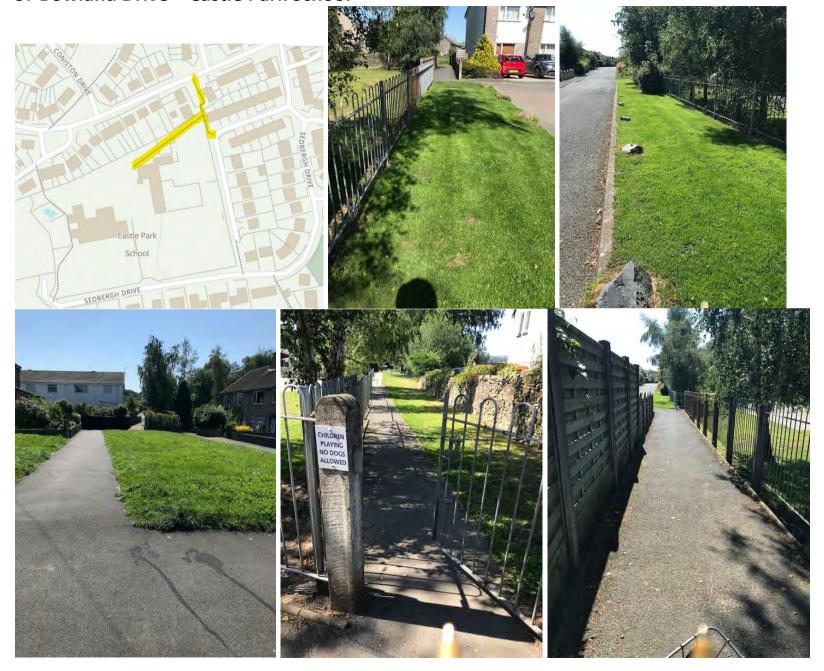




8. Peat Lane – Grasmere Cresent



9. Bowland Drive – Castle Park School



10. Sedbergh Drive – Bowland Bridge







11. Sedbergh Rd – Sedbergh Drive









Heron Hill (inc Rinkfield & Kendal Parks) Connections

No & map ref / what3words	Name	PROW status	Ownership	Condition	Footfall	Biodiversity Opportunities	Lighting	Quote	Action
1. 536076 ///cool.yard.desks	Canal Path to Dunmail Drive (N)	Yes	SLDC?	Overgrown and narrow, unpaved. Improves alongside house, becomes a paved path.		Many wildflowers & pollinators in evidence, knapweed, meadow pea, geranium, hogweed. Encourage self-seeding, introduce more species (scabious, yellow rattle, poppies etc?) control hogweed so it doesn't dominate.	None.		Check again to see if SLDC have mown (other mowing works currently taking place). If not, report to CCC public rights of way team (& SLDC first?) Consider improving visual connectivity to pond/wet area & celebrate this with

							info board detailing species to look out for.
2. ///wings.ropes.copies	Canal Path to Dunmail Drive (S)	No	Good. Paved. Wide.	High – main link from Heron Hill to Canal Path.		Nearby on canal path.	
3. ///parent.cases.rents	Hayfell Ave - Wordsworth Drive	No	Unsignposted. Good surface & width		Wildflowers/ landscaping present	None	
4. ///object.mess.nurse	Lingmoor Rise – Crummock Drive	No	Unsignposted. Good surface & width. Bollards present at either end.		Hedges in adjacent gardens in places. Space for planting in rocky edge.	None.	
5. 536069 ///handed.vision.visits - ///aware.traded. olive	Tarn Close – Buttermere Drive	Yes	Unsignposted. Good surface. Not v wide (beech hedge encroaches from neighbouring property)		Space for planting, esp by bin in middle ///kite.sleepy.punch (currently covered by woodchip – have trees recently been removed here?)	None.	
6. 536272 ///proof.haven.counts	Murley Moss Lane – Ruskin Close	Yes	Unsignposted. Fine width. Good surface.				

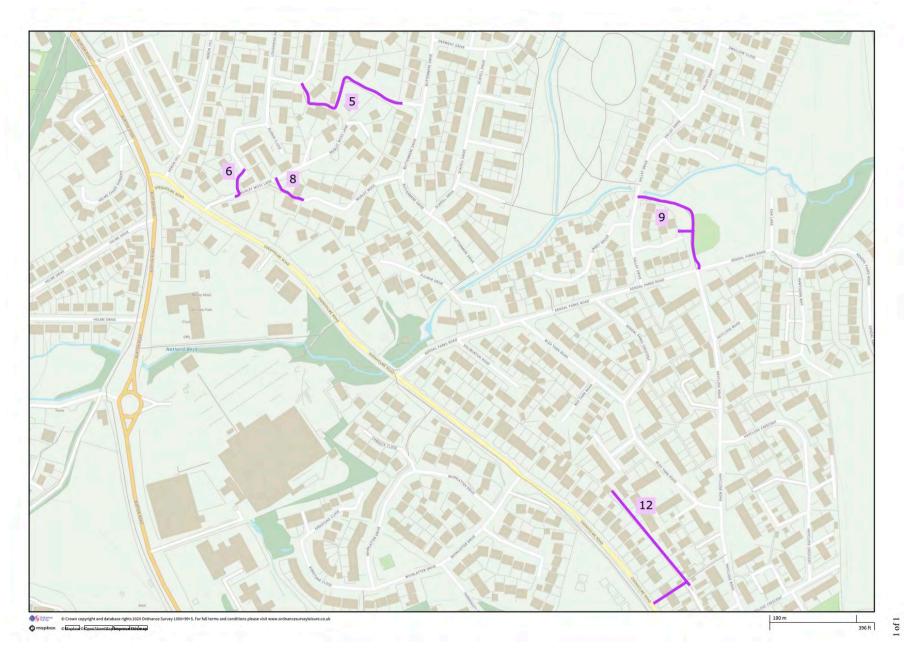
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7. ///almost.rents.battle	Crummock	No		Unsignposted.			
	Drive -			Good surface			
	Beckside			& width, but			
				narrows to			
				the South, as			
				it drops down			
				to Beckside.			
8. ///sooner.liked.surely	Murley	No	SLDC?	Unsignposted.	Repurpose play	Yes, at	Remove
	Moss Lane –			Good surface	area to community	Murley	play area
	Murley			& width.	garden / wildlife	Moss	signage.
	Moss			Barriers may	area	Lane	Engage
				reduce			with
				accessibility			residents to
				for buggies			find out
				and adapted			best
				(or cargo)			options for
				bikes.			repurposing
				However, 'no			this space.
				cycling' signs			
				are displayed			
				– because of			
				former play			
				area?			
9. ///sunset.coast.best	Valley Drive	No	SLDC	Fine, hard	Lots of scope for	Yes	
7,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Play Area			surface.	planting in and		
	,			Doesn't	around play area		
				connect to cul	ar carra pray ar ca		
				de sac at mid			
				point – access			
				point in fence			
				appears to			
				have been			
				blocked (does			
				not affect a			
				significant			

				number of dwellings)			
10. ///pump.scarf.inform	Burland Grove to Canal Path	No		Hard surface. Fine. Steep, but there's a handrail.		No	
11. ///cards.shorts.abode	Rinkfield Play Area to Canal Path	No	SLDC?	Good compacted gravel surface alongside houses, then just grass behind houses. From Burland Grove to play area is a good compacted gravel surface.	In keeping with canal path. Potential for wildflower swathes around perimeter.	No	
12. 536073 ///guards.ranch.zebra	Oxenholme Road (between 88A & 90) to Blea Tarn Rd / Garages	Yes		Narrow between houses, then uneven with curbs between sections			

Heron Hill Connections Map Overview



Heron Hill Ext / Kendal Parks Connections Map Overview



1. Canal path to Dunmail Drive (N)



2. Canal Path to Dunmail Drive (S)



3. Hayfell Ave to Wordsworth Drive



Verges on Hayfell Ave by footpath entrance (///silks.kinks.rooms). Maintained by residents? Examples of

biodiversity opportunities.

4. Lingmoor Rise to Crummock Drive



5. Tarn Close to Buttermere Drive



6. Murley Moss Lane to Ruskin Close



7. Crummock Drive to Beckside



8. Murley Moss Lane to Murley Moss



9. Valley Drive Play Area





10. Burland Grove to Canal Path



11. Rinkfield Play Area to Canal Path







Collinfield Connections

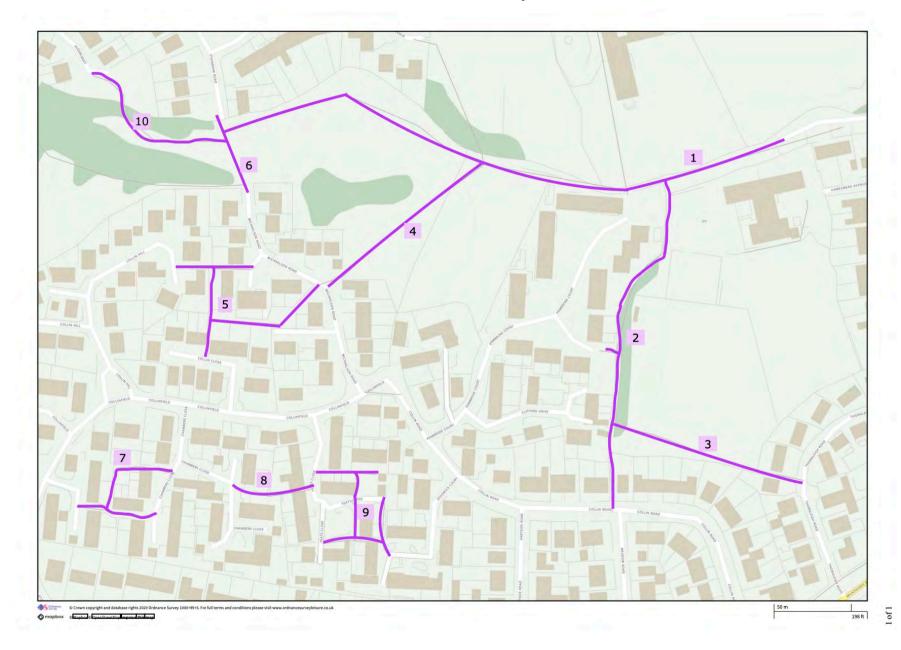
No & map ref / what3words	Name	PROW status	Ownership	Condition	Footfall	Biodiversity Opportunities	Lighting	Quote	Action
1.	Collinfield Lane			Good hard surface from Milnthorpe Rd to Pembroke Ct. At Pembroke Ct there are irregular level changes and curbs before switching to gravel, and becoming bumpier to the west, turning to a mown grass path at Vicarage Park Public Fields.	Paved part: assumed high footfall as main entry to Dean Gibson School.		Not lit		
2. 536046	Collinfield Lane – Collin Road	Yes	SLDC	Hard surface. Wall is broken (has cones around it suggesting repairs are due). Wire fence v poor & potentially dangerous.	Assumed high footfall as connects to both Dean Gibson and Vicarage Park schools.	Replace wire fence with hedge.	Not lit		
3.	Thornleigh Rd – behind Clifford Drive		SLDC (dog PSPO in place)	Mostly good. Hard surface. Over grown towards			Not lit		

	(Wattsfield Youth FC)	Thornleigh Rd end.			
4.	Michaelson Rd – Collinfield Lane	Grass. Mown path. Muddy in wet weather.		Not lit	
5.	Collin Hill – Michaelson Rd	Fine. Hard surface. Play area has no play equipment. Steps toward Collin Close, no handrail.		Yes	Remove play area signage. Engage with residents to find out how the space is used / could be used.
6.	Michaelson Rd – Stainbank Rd	Gravel surface. Fairly narrow, especially gateway at Stainbank Rd end.		Not lit	
7.	Collinfield – Chambers Close (N + S)	Paving slabs. Not easy for large buggy/wheelchair. Hard surface on southern stretch.	Yes, in play area. Southern part is bordered by gardens with flowers.	Yes, at junction of paths	
8.	Chambers Close – Yeats Close	Hard surface.	No	Not lit	
9.	Yeats Close	Hard surface. Narrow steps by garages.		Not lit	
10.	Aldercroft – Stainbank Rd	Steep grassy slope at Aldercroft end. Uneven steps at	Potential for planting at	Not lit	

		stone wall, then	Aldercroft.		
		passes through	Fruit trees?		
		rough/muddy			
		ground to meet			
		with path #6.			

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Collinfield Connections Map Overview



1. Collinfield Lane





2. Collinfield Lane - Collin Rd







3. Thornleigh Rd – behind Clifford Drive (Wattsfield Youth FC)



4. Michaelson Rd – Collinfield Lane



5. Collin Hill – Michaelson Rd









6. Michaelson Rd – Stainbank Rd



7. Collinfield – Chambers Close (N + S)











8. Chambers Close – Yeats Close



9. Yeats Close



10. Aldercroft – Stainbank Rd

