

Torchlight



Kendal Torchlight Gathering will be back this year on September 23rd and 24th.

Following on from last year's Garden of Delights, the chosen theme this year is Scrapheap Legends.

Chair Craig Russell said "last year we chose to celebrate our gardens and green spaces after spending so much time in lockdown enjoying them. This year we continue our environmental theme but with a focus on scrap and recycling. We hope that people will be really inspired to make entries from a wide range of material, whether this is metal, cardboard, wood or fabric. Think Scrapheap Challenge meets Blue Peter and the Great British Sewing Bee.

The word 'Legends' could be legendary people from history or today, it could be characters or animals, a costume, a sculpture or a landscape. We want to inspire people to get involved".

There will be a host of events throughout the summer for people to get involved with including making workshops, masterclasses, dance and music.

The format of the event will be similar to last year's event which centred on Abbot Hall Park. On Friday night, foot based processions will make their way from the outskirts of Kendal to meet at a grand opening ceremony in Abbot Hall Park. These will be themed by large characters who will lead each procession: The Iron Giant, Patchwork Pegasus, Scrap Dragon and Litter Bug. There will be lot of opportunities to help make costumes, lanterns and to get involved in the processions.



On Saturday there will be a packed programme of events including storytellers, roaming characters, music, dance and a fire garden. Torchlight entries will be judged in the central ring and will form a carnival procession through the town centre.

The Saturday Street Party will take place in the town centre with music, performers, street theatre, stalls, workshops, and the daytime procession.

There are a host of activities to get involved with over the summer, helping to make costumes, lanterns and learning skills such as drumming and dancing. A full overview of how to get involved and enter will be available on the Torchlight website.

If you'd like to stay up to date with Torchlight be sure to follow them on social media, or alternatively, online at...

www.kendaltorchlightcarnival.co.uk

New Office

The Town Council is now operating from the former South Lakeland House thanks to the excellent refurbishment completed by South Lakeland District Council.

The redevelopment has created a new professional and flexible enterprise space in Kendal town centre. There are nine spacious and attractive suites together with hot-desking opportunities and meeting areas for hire, enabling businesses to take up short-term residency or hire rooms.

It offers a fuss-free opportunity to grow and expand your business, whether freelancers fed up with working alone from home or start-ups looking to branch out and find



their own space. Packages include the use of the meeting room, meeting booths and the dining and refreshment area. If this great flexible, modern and affordable opportunity sounds of interest, contact estates@southlakeland.gov.uk

to find out more and book a viewing.

The Town Hall remains open to the public and now operates as South Lakeland District Council's main reception area for all enquiries.

Jubilee

The Town Council helped to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by lighting the beacon at the castle together with SLDC, hosting an afternoon tea for dedicated community members and creating a new garden on Aynam Road complete with commemorative plaque donated by Parkin and Jenkins.



Street Signs

The Town Council's Environment and Highways Committee have granted SLDC funding toward improving street signs across the Town. Following an audit completed by Town Council Officers, SLDC have improved 19 out of 41 signs that were identified as needing improvements. Improvements have been welcomed by local residents.



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Grant Beneficiaries

Every year Kendal Town Council supports fantastic community initiatives to make Kendal an even better place to live and visit.

We've recently awarded grants to Kendal Rotary to plant beautiful crocuses, the Clean River Kent group to improve water quality and South Lakes Action on Climate Change (SLACC) to trial an electric cargo bike to support businesses to move toward low carbon deliveries.

Lead SLACC volunteer Jo Haughton said 'This grant helps us to raise awareness of the benefits and convenience of using an electric cargo bike. Several places will be participating in the trial, including the Town Council and Waste into Wellbeing who will use the bike to collect food for Kendal People's Cafe'.

The trial will take place for 4 weeks in September. Anyone interested to volunteer or get involved as a business can contact Jo by email at sitransition@gmail.com



The Clean River Kent Group said 'We're monitoring the health of the river to better protect its flora and fauna and all river users. We're keeping everyone informed via our website www.sustainablestaveley.org.uk where you can sign up for updates. We're very grateful to the Town Council and other supporters for their generous grants. We couldn't have got this far without you'.

If you run a community group, festival or biodiversity initiative please contact the Town Council via office@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk to learn more and apply for funding.

Council Meeting Dates

Please visit www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk for full details of all committee meetings

Solar Made Easy Kendal



Kendal Town Council is delighted to be partnering with Cumbria Action for Sustainability to bring 'Solar Made Easy' to Kendal.

Installing solar panels is just one way you can reduce your reliance on polluting fuels, cutting your carbon footprint and decreasing your energy bills.

We are helping homeowners and small business owners to:

- Understand if solar photovoltaics (PV) are right for your property
- Understand the planning process
- Arrange to receive quotes from CAfS vetted local solar suppliers.

We arrange quotes on a 'cluster' basis, gathering interest and

information from a minimum of 10 properties in the same community at the same time. This approach makes it more appealing to extremely busy installers to provide quotes and install.

Is solar right for my property?

Kendal Town Council commissioned a solar audit of Kendal's solar potential to estimate the amount of electricity that can be generated from solar PV on Kendal roof tops.

The audit data is available via an interactive map hosted on this website www.codeclass.co.uk/kendal

Once open, zoom onto your property and then hover over your roof to see what you might be able to generate - please note the map is based on the available data and may not be accurate for every roof.

The information box for your property will state the "solar power output (kWh)" which is an estimate of the annual electricity output from the indicated number of panels.

A good way to relate to this figure is to compare it to the household's annual electricity consumption which can be found on your electricity bills. However, please remember solar electricity is only available in daylight hours unless you also install a battery to store the generated power for use during hours of darkness.

The vetted installers we can connect you with will provide an accurate indication of what can be generated. Please view the audit map as an information starting point.

What about planning permission?

There are several local planning myths about solar that need to be clarified. It is regularly permitted and allowed!

Much of Kendal is within the Conservation Area where installing solar is allowed but does follow a slightly different planning process.

You can check if your property is within the conservation area by viewing SLDC's map at: www.southlakeland.gov.uk/media/1666/kendal-ca.pdf

Contact: development.management@southlakeland.gov.uk to outline the details of your property and discuss possibilities.



I live in the conservation area can I install solar?

If you can install your solar panels on your roof and ensure they aren't higher than the highest part of your roof, you can install without planning permission under the Government's 'Permitted Development' criteria. However, it's good practice and common sense to secure a free 'Certificate of Permitted Development' via development.management@southlakeland.gov.uk as a useful evidence document should you subsequently sell your home.

I don't live in the conservation area, what do I do?

Planning Permission is often not required. Double check your specific situation via SLDC and connect to a vetted supplier through us to provide your panels.

I live in a Grade 1 / 2 listed building, do I need planning permission?

Listed building consent is required to install solar panels on the roof of a listed property and can be granted depending on circumstances and location – this doesn't mean its not possible, it is. There are many examples of listed buildings across the country benefitting from solar installation.

If the roof is deemed too historically significant, you may be able to install solar on outbuildings or on a ground array in your garden.

Contact: development.management@southlakeland.gov.uk to outline the details of your property and discuss possibilities.

My property is highlighted on the audit map and planning seems straight forward.... What next?

- Spread the word! Talk to your neighbours, friends and family based in Kendal, they too might be keen to receive a quote and be part of a Kendal cluster.
- Register your interest in receiving a quote from a vetted local supplier by emailing anne-marie@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk by the 5th of September.
- We will pass on our first Kendal cluster to the vetted installers and keep you updated at every stage of the process.

Wait! I have some more questions....

Great! Follow this link www.cafs.org.uk/solar-pv-faqs.

If you can't find an answer there, please also ask any questions directly by emailing anne-marie@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk

Did you know...?

Integrating solar panels as part of a new roof is becoming increasingly popular because of the efficiency and cost savings. Please see the picture of the recent renovation at the former nursery on Gillington above.

Several Kendal-based roofing companies are able to provide integrated solar in conjunction with local solar suppliers.

You can read about how other Kendal residents have integrated solar on the energy map. zerocarbonkendal.org.uk/explore/integrated-roof-solar-panels

Key Solar Facts

- **2037 is Cumbria's target for net zero carbon emissions. Join in and help us to get there with free support today**
- **Local renewable energy generation is one of Kendal Climate Jury's recommendations – find out more about the Jury at www.kendalclimatejury.org**
- **Today's solar panels are generally carbon negative within 2 years because the amount of carbon they save is greater than the carbon that was used to produce them**
- **Solar panel technology is improving all the time, today's panels have a lifespan of 25-30yrs**

Help Us To Find Out

We want to hear from anyone who has information about the Kendalians killed in the Second World War. We currently have no more information other than the list of names as they appear on the War Memorial in Market Square. We're looking for addresses, biographies and other facts. Email the Town Clerk clerk@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk if you can add more.

Kendal Vision is catalyst for town centre regeneration

The Kendal Vision was published in March 2020, just before all our lives were disrupted by the pandemic. Behind the scenes, Kendal Futures, working with its partners, has been progressing the aims of the Vision and SLDC's Town Centre Strategy.

Kendal's community played a huge part in creating the Kendal Vision – a staggering 2,000 people of all ages shared their views about what's important to them, shaping the Vision's themes. The Vision has provided a catalyst for long-term change in Kendal, and while there's still a lot to do, the public were invited to hear about progress in early July. To read the full update from this event visit www.kendalfutures.co.uk

The update included:

- Funding overview to deliver activities including the appointment of a Vision Manager and action group work.
- The formation of the Kendal Town Team including SLDC, Kendal Futures, Kendal Town Council and Cumbria County Council – to jointly drive projects on.
- Approval of the Stramongate public realm improvement scheme for the upper section of Stramongate where it meets Blackhall Road – setting the scene for high-quality materials to be used in future improvements.
- Developing partnership led priority projects for investment from the government's Levelling Up Fund. Priority projects include Town Centre Regeneration (new campus for Kendal College at Westmorland Shopping Centre, Historic Market Hall and Market Place) and the Riverside Corridor to enhance the riverside for active travel.

Get involved

Nick Taylor, Kendal Futures' Vision Manager, is running Action Groups to guide the projects above and develop new initiatives which address the Vision's key themes. The groups meet monthly and are open to all so please come along to share your ideas or expertise. The Placemaking Group and Transport and Getting Around Group tackle the subjects which are at the heart of the Vision. Each group is chaired by a local volunteer and consider sustainability and actions which tackle climate change.

A group for local creatives is being planned and dates will be available soon. To find out more sign up to the Kendal Futures newsletter on www.kendalfutures.co.uk or contact Nick Taylor – nick@kendalfutures.co.uk

Zero Carbon Kendal

www.zerocarbonkendal.org.uk

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The Zero Carbon Kendal website exists to showcase brilliant Kendal businesses and individuals who are taking positive steps in

response to the Climate emergency. Thanks to corporate consciousness and/or personal accountability, the website highlights case studies and blogs of inspiring success stories. Recent blogs include Alex Downes, the Climate Change officer at SLDC.

Thanks to a new initiative with Kendal Futures, the website site will soon see more blog entries from Kendal residents who will be assessing their carbon footprint and then journaling their experience of reducing their household impact.

To take part email nick@kendalfutures.co.uk. To learn more about carbon footprinting and to train to become Carbon Literate contact Cumbria Action for Sustainability, office@cafs.org.uk for information regarding their Carbon Literacy courses.

Bloom Success



Thanks to the commitment and dedication of various friends groups, allotment holders, local schools, Kendal Civic Society and Kendal Conservation Volunteers; the Town Council co-ordinated a tour of Kendal's Green Spaces for the 'Cumbria In Bloom' judges with resounding success.

The judges were impressed by displays, biodiversity and improvements at our parks including Fletcher, Ford and Nobles, our schools particularly Heron Hill School and our community spaces and gardens such as Rosemary Lane Community Garden, Victorian Fern Garden, Unitarian Chapel and the Fern Planters throughout our town.

The judges commented on the variety and quality of the projects and how they are utilised by residents. To read more about the various community gardens and green initiatives in our town and how the Town Council supports many, please download the 'Bloom Portfolio' via the Town Council's news page www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk/news