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28 October 2026

To Members of the Environment Committee

Cllr G Archibald (Chair)	Cllr J Cornthwaite
Cllr B Bisby	Cllr S Long (Vice-chair)
Cllr S Blunden	Cllr C Russell
Cllr D Brown	Cllr K Simpson
One vacancy	

You are summoned to a meeting of Kendal Town Council Environment Committee on **Monday, 2 November**, at **7.30pm**, in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal.

Yours faithfully

Chris Bagshaw
Town Clerk

AGENDA

Public Participation

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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 (pages 4–8)

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 7 September 2026 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a correct record.

5. Project Activity Report and Overview (pages 9–19)

To consider an update of ongoing projects, including Bowling Fell Phase II.

6. Project Close Out Reports (pages 20–2)

To consider any project close out reports. This is a standing item relating to Project Reporting.

7. Assets and Infrastructure (pages 23–26)

To review an update of assets and infrastructure items.

8. Budget Monitoring 2026-27 (pages 27–30)

To consider the Budget Monitoring statement for the current financial year, showing details of spend against budget.

9. Environment Budget 2027-28 (pages 31–33)

To consider a report on the proposed draft budget for the Environment Committee for the financial year 2027-28.

10. Biodiversity Grants (pages 34–36)

To consider a biodiversity grant from Ghyllside School Parent Teacher Association.

11. Footpaths (pages 37–43)

To receive a report on the footpath priority path improvement list and consider an additional path.

12. Natural Kendal (pages 44–45)

To receive an update report on the work of Natural Kendal, including a brief on their spending proposals for 2027-28.

13. Mintsfeet Working Group and Sandy Bottoms

a) To receive any verbal update from the Westmorland and Furness Council Mintsfeet Working Group.

b) To consider a proposal to make the current year's £7,500 budget allocation available for the enabling of Park Run at Sandy Bottoms.

Background

Whilst the longer-term aim of the Mintsfeet Sports Hub is still a live project, it has not yet progressed to a position where it seems likely to draw down KTC funding in the current year. Meanwhile, the proposed Park Run on the adjacent site will require some enabling funding. It is proposed that the Committee makes this funding available to the Management Committee, should it recommend that the Town Council takes the necessary steps to enable the development of Park Run at Sandy Bottoms in the current financial year.

14. Committee Priorities and Local Ward Infrastructure

To receive a brief verbal update from the Chair on the development of Committee priorities and responses to requests for local ward infrastructure priorities.

15. Items for Press Coverage and the Newsletter

To consider whether any items should receive press coverage or be included in the next edition of the Council's newsletter (digital or Autumn 2026).

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Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee held on Monday 7 September 2026, at 7.30pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Kendal.

Cllr G Archibald (Chair)	Present	Cllr S Falshaw	Present
Cllr S Blunden	Present	Cllr S Long (Vice-chair)	Present
Cllr D Brown	Present	Cllr C Russell	Present
Cllr J Cornthwaite	Apologies	Cllr K Simpson	Present
One Vacancy			

In attendance: Ben Unsworth (Democratic Services Assistant), Chris Bagshaw (Town Clerk), Judith Lomax (Development and Delivery Manager Maternity Cover), Rebecca Hewitson (Projects Officer), and 3 members of the public.

E35/2026 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Cornthwaite.

E36/2026 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Russell reminded members that he was in a leading position in Natural Kendal and would leave the room if any conflict of interest emerged.

E37/2026 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No items were excluded from the agenda.

E38/2026 Minutes of the Previous Meetings

As per the previous meeting, Cllr Blunden noted he was happy with the changes made to the meeting of 11 May 2026 to better reflect his report.

Resolved: To authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record.

E39/2026 Project Activity Report and Overview

The Committee considered the work of officers and praised them on their efforts. They then considered, with the assistance of the Projects Officer:

Project KTC016 Footway Lighting – Heron Hill
W&FC's approval was noted, as was the ongoing issue re. ownership of the site of the footpath.

Resolved: To note and further the relevant comments.

Project KTC001 Accessibility of Public Spaces
The Committee considered the issue of metreage. It was noted that a request for clarification from Highways was still ongoing. The Chair expressed a desire for Cllr Richard Sutton and the W&FC Portfolio Holder to be kept informed of developments concerning this.

Resolved: To note and further the relevant comments.

Project KTC021 Signage
The Committee were informed that Network Rail have sent an invoice for £5,000, on account of supervision and management over 2 11-hour days. It was agreed that this was vastly exorbitant given Network Rail's minimal involvement – therefore, the Committee did not accept the quote. The Committee then reviewed some of the workarounds being investigated, including seeking suggestions from the Cumbria Community Rail Project.

Resolved: To note and further the relevant comments.

Project KTC026 Birchwood Bench
The budget was noted. The Committee reviewed the outgoings for the project, which are higher than anticipated, but nonetheless deemed them beneficial and worth the expenditure and so agreed to proceed.

Resolved: To note and further the relevant comments.

Project KTC013 Bowling Fell Phase 2
It was reported that Phase 1 was completed and Phase 2 steadily underway. The Committee were updated on the choice of illustrations and the locations of the signs and viewpoint, including that Natural Kendal had been involved in wording the signs, with brevity as a priority. It was further noted that scheduled monument consent will be required from Historic England; W&FC as landowners have agreed to the sign location in writing, but they haven't yet followed this up with a memorandum of consent. Stakeholder engagement has so far been positive, however further engagement is required with neighbouring properties. Veterans Community Working Party CIC, assuming KTC buys the material, have agreed to fit the required stone plinths.

The Projects Officer asked of the Committee whether they were happy with progress thus far, whether she could take £2500, as outlined in the report, from the accessibility feasibility scheme (so there's more money available for sign installation), and whether signs should be installed gradually, as and when permissions are in place. They responded that they were happy with the Officer's progress, granted the £2500, and agreed that she should persevere with the gradual installation of signage.

The Committee suggested Kendal Limestone and Kendal Quarry be approached about purchase of the sandstone.

The details of Phase 3 were briefly discussed, including that the Committee are still keen on accessibility being integrated, however the full details are yet to be confirmed.

Resolved: To note and further the relevant comments.

E40/2026 Project Close Out Reports

This is a standing item and no projects were proposed for close out at this time.

E41/2026 Assets and Infrastructure

The Committee received a verbal update from the Town Clerk. The scoping and in-progress elements were reviewed. A wider list is in-progress, finalised after Councillor input with priority status for discussion, and proceeding steadily.

Resolved: To note and further the relevant comments.

E42/2026 Environment Budget

The Committee were notified by the Town Clerk that the probation service's request for a long pole hedge trimmer had been approved, with delivery occurring the week of 14 September. The Chair suggested that the probation service's duties could hopefully be expanded to include other paths on account of this.

Resolved: To note the report.

E43/2026 Footpaths

The Committee reviewed or received reports on the following priority paths:

St. Thomas's school – Hallgarth end of path
Discussions with South Lakes Housing are ongoing.

Riverside Connectivity South – Wattsfield to Scroggs Wood
The potentially dangerous state of this path was noted. Plans to ensure this is a viable nature corridor with regular nature walks were also considered.

Vicarage Park – Michaelson Road-Stainbank Road-Collin Lane
Keeping this as a nature corridor is a priority. A feasibility study for how to sort a sustainable drainage scheme (SuDS). A survey from W&FC is awaited and Council is expected to be fully involved after it arrives.

Furthermore, it was requested that officers circulate LCWIP walking network maps to the Committee and for W&FC to give presentations on every path (as deemed to be such by KTC and this Committee). Progress on creating a park run

was noted, as it has now been deemed viable in light of positive path maintenance undertaken by this Committee. Plans by park run to raise £4,000 are ongoing. Cllr Long also informed the Committee of an investment fund meeting by W&FC on 9 September 2026.

Resolved: To note the report and the actions taken by officers, and to circulate the maps

E44/2026 Natural Kendal

Firstly, the Committee received a small presentation from Terry Parr of Natural Kendal (NK) on a map which has been drawn up, explaining MOSPaN's 4 objectives and how the Open Spaces Survey has been deemed fruitful thus far. It was explained that biodiversity mapping was a core tenet of the map and efforts were ongoing to make it easily accessible to the public, not least by including a habitats map and suggestions for biodiversity net gain. Communities are to be aided in utilising this information easily.

There were a few queries over the limitations of the map, but Terry assured Councillors that linking up nature corridors to ones beyond Kendal is a priority and that the map includes more comprehensive metrics than, for instance, Natural England's "Magic Map".

Secondly, the Committee received a report on NK from Cllr Russell. He updated them on Kendal Nature Recovery Festival on 26 September, for which he highlighted Kendal College's involvement and an initiative to boost young people's engagement henceforth. He then discussed the National Emergency Briefing on 8 October, where he requested that KTC have some representation to talk to attendees. The Town Clerk agreed to formulate a leaflet to help advertise KTC's climate change initiatives. He then informed Councillors of NK's intentions moving forwards: namely, to join up nature corridors and ensure they aren't interrupted by other developments, and to develop a neighbourhood plan. The Chair dictated that this latter point was best done in conjunction with the Planning Committee. Furthermore, it was suggested that KTC adopt a document advising Councillors on how to protect nature corridors, with reference to other towns' similar initiatives.

It was also requested that W&FC pay £1 to United Utilities to take over Sandy Bottoms Land, for which officer input would be required.

The Chair firmly requested that NK create a budget proposal in time for the next meeting, so future budgets can be available to continue their positive work.

Resolved: To note the reports, for the Town Clerk to formulate a leaflet to advertise KTC's climate change activities, and to reiterate Kendal Town Council's support for Natural Kendal.

E45/2026 Mintsfeet Working Group

In the absence of Cllr Cornthwaite, no update was possible.

E46/2026 Committee Priorities and Local Ward Infrastructure

The Chair reminded the Committee that he and Cllr Falshaw had done walkarounds of their wards and encouraged other councillors to do the same. The Town Clerk then informed the Committee that he was still waiting for an update on the land at Kirkbie Green from Bob Gibbs.

Resolved: To note the report and further the relevant comments.

E47/2026 Items for Press Coverage and the Newsletter

The items discussed in the meeting were all mentioned for potential inclusion in the newsletter; officers informed the Committee that their plan to drip-feed information into the newsletter was thus far successful. It was noted that headshots of councillors at sites remained outstanding.

Resolved: To note and further the relevant comments.

The meeting closed at 9.11pm.

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Agenda Item 5

Project Activity Report

Project Phases:

E&H Budget Heading	Project Ref	Project title and description	Council plan priority	Progress	Partners	Project Phase	Additional Notes
New Infrastructure £0 budgeted Funding to be explored via CIL applications as and when required.	KTC016	**Footway Lighting – Heron Hill**	Public Realm, Getting Around	Works are complete and the switch on is scheduled for 16:30 on Friday 30th October.	W&FC (Westmorland and Furness Council) Friends of the Lake District	Delivery	One contact, enquiring why the Scafell Drive has been excluded. Request for a post survey to be done so people can comment what they think of the scheme.
	KTC001	**Accessibility of Public Spaces -** Handrail for Vicarage Drive – Birchwood Close connecting footpath	Public Realm, Getting Around	W&F Council are going to site to look at the scheme 28/10/26 A drawing has been submitted to W&F for the handrail elements and the feedback looks positive. The grit bin element can't be supported by W&F due to space and width of path.	W&F Highways Owners of the land – unconfirmed Maintenance of the land – W&F	Delivery	

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Infrastructure Maintenance	KTC002	**Signage –** Explore Kendal Repair / update 17 'Explore Kendal' Signs.	Public Realm, Thriving Town	The first totem at Abbot Hall Park is complete. There is a plan in place to do all remaining totems by mid-Feb at 1 per week. We may accelerate to 2 per week once it is running well. A licence has been obtained for all totems with W&F.	Lakeland Arts, Brewery Arts, Quaker Tapestry, Contractors W&F Council	Delivery	Central totems are being avoided in the Christmas holidays.
Approved Infrastructure **CIL Allocation**	KTC004	**Water Bottle Refill Point**	Public Realm, Climate Change and Biodiversity	Costs have increased since initial allocation. The budget is no longer required by W&FC because of the larger Heart of Kendal project. KTC can continue with the installation at an alternative location within the town centre, if desired. Possibilities: - Shopping Centre downstairs – near public toilets - Kendal Town Hall reception area	W&FC Praxis	Close out	Committee resolved to not allocate further funding to project, to retain CIL allocation of £5,000 and re-visit viability of project following use metrics from water refill point installed through HoK, if possible. • £ 5,000 allocated from CIL, so will require CIL approval from Management committee to holdover. This will be put to the Management

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				Alternative locations would be subject to approval and permissions. The refill station would require ongoing maintenance moving forwards, to be taken from appropriate budget lines. This could be provided by suppliers under a maintenance agreement.			Committee at its November meeting.
Approved Infrastructure **CIL Allocation**	KTC017	**Kendal Pump Track**	Getting Around, Supporting People and Community Wellbeing	The contract has been awarded and the first meeting with them is taking place 28/10/26.	Contractor, W&FC, Kendal Cycling Club	Delivery	The pump track should be delivered by end of this financial year.
	KTC020	**Bus Shelters**	Public Realm	Just Burton Rd, Leisure Centre bus shelter to be done, then all complete.	W&FC Suppliers	Delivery	
	KTC019	**Easy Travel Kendal**	Getting Around, Public Realm	Bike Parking New meeting set with all KTC Councillors invited for 11/11/26	Kendal Futures, BID, W&FC, EA, Stagecoach.	Delivery	A note will be sent separately to all Councillors to give them a chance to look at bike parking locations in advance
				Kendal Bus Station Officers attended an update on the larger W&F		Delivery	KTC Officers have put forward our interest in interesting in-ground planting at the station.

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				Project. Kendal Bus Station is currently progressing through the Council's capital project governance process. The scheme has received Capital Delivery Group (CDG) Gateway 1 approval, enabling project development and scope definition work to proceed. Further development work and stakeholder engagement are now underway before a detailed proposal is brought forward for Gateway 2 consideration. The proposed funding is £250k from DfE and will focus on: Aesthetics, Passenger Comfort, Lighting, Wayfinding, Accessibility, Traffic/Pedestrian Movement			A separate project will look at Real Time Passenger Information on buses.
Climate Change	KTC005	**Kendal Climate Citizens' Jury**	Climate Change and Biodiversity	Scope, including objectives and outcomes, to be scoped and PM procured. Suggested delivery timescale by November	Various	Review	Meeting scheduled for 17 November 2026 – Cllrs will be invited.

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				2026 – subject to procurement process.			
Biodiversity Initiatives & Grants		**Management of Open Spaces –** Vicarage Drive Land Mintsfeet Land	Climate Change and Biodiversity, Public Realm,	Ecological surveys scheduled for May – September 2026. Baseline ecological survey and habitat management plan outlining measures to maintain and enhance habitat condition.	Natural Kendal 'Friends of'	BAU	Consider future projects Estates and Grounds Officer, following survey results.
	KTC024	**Planting for Pollinators Enrichment Project**	Climate Change and Biodiversity	Two pollinator sites Esthwaite Green and Kendal Green have been plug planted during September. Project Close out is in the agenda	Cumbria Wildlife Trust W&F Council	Close Out	
Cycling and Walking	KTC011	**Various Priority Paths**	Getting Around	Report Provided.	W&FC	Various	Report Provided.
	KTC018	**20 MPH**	Supporting People and Community Wellbeing, Getting Around, Public Realm	KTC to consider funding and next steps following 6-month 'bedding in'. Potential match funding from Westmorland and Furness Council for Speed Indicator Devices.	WAFC Kendal Cycling Club	Delivery	

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				November update – W&F have appointed Metcalfe Plant Hire Limited to undertake the works. They will be on site putting up signage until the end of November. This will be followed by a 6-month 'bedding in period', after which time the SIDS will be installed.			
Public Realm Improvements	KTC021	**Signage -** **From Oxenholme to Kendal** (*Oxenholme train station*)	Getting Around, Public Realm	The 3 prints with low resolution have been replaced. Officers are awaiting approval from Community Rail prior to going back to Avanti.	WAFC, Avanti, Stagecoach, Lakes Line Rail User Group, Oxenholme Village Residents' Group	Delivery	An unveiling event needs to be organised with Avanti and Community Rail Group.
	KTC023	**Oxenholme Explore Kendal**	Getting Around, Public Realm	Network Rail have confirmed the £5k invoice for on-site supervision needs to be paid prior to the trial hole to ascertain the width away from their wall for the metal totem. Option B is to put vinyls information signs on the white boarding in the subway. NR have	Avanti, WAFC, Lakes Line Rail User Group, Civic Society, Oxenholme Village Residents' Group	Definition	Decision required from committee – Are members happy with the change in direction to vinyls on the subway rather than a metal totem. Budget TBC

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				indicated this would obtain approval. Officers are now in consultation with the designer.			
	KTC013	**Bowling Fell** **Phase 2**	Climate Change and Biodiversity	The tree coppicing has taken place and revealed the view. The artist has drawn the new Town View and it is currently being annotated. W&F have given written permission for the relocation of the signs and are now preparing a MOU. Scheduled Monument Consent request is now with Historic England. Officers are obtaining quotes for the signs.	WAFC, contractors, KCV, Historic England, Fellside Forum, Civic Society, Kendal Archeological Society	Delivery	
		Kendal Yards		Scope to be developed for 2026 / 2027 delivery plan.		Concept	New project – 2026/2027
		Community Noticeboards		Project not started. A grant has been received to support the installation		Concept	New project – 2026/2027

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				of a Community Board at Hallgarth. Officers have obtained a list of possible community groups to work with, from the W&F Community Development Officer			
	KTC026	**Birchwood Bench**		Officers have received the bench from the EA however it needs some repair. Quotes are being obtained. Once this is done and a date set with the contractors, Officers will require a license from W&F Estates.			
Green Spaces Improvements		**Mintsfeet Sports and Nature Hub** £7,500 allocated	Supporting People and Community Wellbeing, Climate Change and Biodiversity	Working group set up within W&FC. Park run meeting taking place 2nd September.	WAF, Millennium Field Trust, The FA, Sandgate School.	Concept	Update from Chair of working group on agenda.

CLOSED OUT

Project Reference	Project Name	Date of Close Out
KTC003	Yard 5	10.03.25
KTC006	The Eddington Climate Hub	19.05.25
KTC007	Dark Skies Retrofit	19.05.25
KTC008	Cumbria Plan Bee – Solitary Bee Boxes.	10.03.25
KTC009	Canal Head Wetland Planting	19.05.25
KTC010	Pollinator Planting	10.03.25
KTC012	Ivy Screening Project	10.03.25
KTC013	Bowling Fell Phase 1	17.07.25

ISSUES LIST

Priority	Project title and description	Notes	Partners
	Signage	Hedgehog signs for Hedgehogs crossing, following WAF policy development.	WAFC
	Footway Lighting	Kirkbarrow Lane – requirements to be explored. Aikrigg Avenue now included in footpath network report.	
	LCWIP	Officers liaising with W&FC active travel team regarding progress.	WAFC
	Gooseholme ASB Improvements	A range of measures agreed with SLDC following completion of bridge and flood defence works. To be reviewed when the EA Flood Scheme work is completed – expected 2027.	EA W&F
	Vicarage Park *Previously: Collinfield Open Space*	Now included in footpath network report.	WAFC Story Homes
	Handrails	Further handrail maintenance is required across a number of locations, predominantly on Fellside.	W&FC
	Seating at Bus Stops	Ward members being surveyed for priority sites	W&FC
	Bus Shelter Maintenance	W&F new Bus shelters to be maintained by KTC in the future. List received from Srivinas	W&FC

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PROJECT CLOSE OUT REPORT

Date Created: 26/10/26

Project Reference Number: KTC024

Project Name: Planting for Pollinators Enhancement 26/27

Committee: Environment Committee

Minute Reference: M85/2025

Project Summary:
Working with partners, landowners and local communities we aim to increase the biodiversity of two prominent community green spaces in Kendal, making these sites visually attractive and better for wildlife.

The project aims to:

- Enable people to take positive action for nature on their doorstep
- Develop skills, knowledge and expertise within local communities
- Help connect residents with their local green spaces
- Raise the profile of pollinators in Kendal and empower people to help reverse their decline
- Provide knowledge and best practice advice including ongoing management plans for landowners/contractors, community groups, and stakeholders to ensure success in increasing biodiversity and enabling sustainable outcomes

What did the project deliver?
Working with Cumbria Wildlife Trust and W&F Council, KTC funded the plugging of two pollinator sites at Kendal Green and Esthwaite Green. These were attended by:

<u>Kendal Green</u>
St Thomas's Primary School
Kendal College
Right2Work
Local residents

<u>Esthwaite Green</u>
Kendal College
Cumbria Wildlife Trust's Kendal Local Support Group

KTC have promoted CWT videos on social media educating people on why we need pollinators and common misconceptions. We've also promoted the planting days in September along with further education on why pollinator sites are cut.

Project Milestones:

- 4th September: Social Media promotion of the upcoming pollinator planting events
- 7th September: CWT put up on-site posters
- 21st September: Social media reminder
- 22nd September: Plug planting at Kendal Green – also attended by 2 staff of KTC

- 24th September: Plug planting at Esthwaite Green
- 26th October: Social media post sharing photos (KTC had to await permissions prior to posting)

Budget:
- Total allocated: £11,500
- Spent: £11,500
- Remaining: £0

Final actions:
Progress report after planting to see if new species have taken.

Ongoing requirement:
Possibly future years.

Learnings:
One resident said that the area used for planting was the only flat area of the green and had been previously used for rounders/cricket matches. By the time this was revealed it had been plug planted for two years. There were comments when the area was originally planted that the residents nearby had not been included or notified, perhaps if they had been, this would have come to light and a nearby area with a bit of a gradient could have been chosen instead.

Due to the comments from last time, posters were put up in the local areas so residents were aware and could join in the planting if they wished.

Kendal College were a great supporter of the events, which we were pleased with, as engagement with the 11-18 year old aged group has been limited in the past.

Recommendations for future projects:
For any new sites consult with local residents to see what the area is used for.
Hold back any contingency payments until required.

Committee Decision

Approval for Project Completion

	Name	Date	Minute Ref
Officer			

Committee			
Ward Representative			

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Agenda Item 7

Assets and Infrastructure

Active and Requests (FY 2026 – 2027)

E&H Budget Heading	Category	Item	Approved/ Request	Progress	Partners	Additional Notes
New Infrastructure	**Benches**	Kirkbie Green x 2	Approved	Requests submitted for permission, awaiting responses from Persimmon and W&FC Highways. 2 x benches available from existing KTC stock.	Persimmon W&FC	Likely to be delivered in FY 2026 – 2027, due to timeframe on receiving permission. Permission is linked to adoption of land by Town Council, which is currently being scoped.
		Birchwood Close	Approved	1 x bench at Birchwood Close green space. Permission granted by W&FC. Cost collated for siting.	W&FC Parks and Open Spaces and grounds maintenance	Bench available from existing stock. Likely to be delivered in FY 2026 – 2027 due to procurement.
	Bins	Kirkbie Green x 1	Approved – completed	Completed	W&FC Street Scene	
		Milnthorpe Road (Scroggs Wood) x 1	Approved – completed	Completed	W&FC Street Scene	
Green Infrastructure Maintenance	**Land**	Ecological Surveys on KTC owned land	Approved	See project activity report 'Management of Open Spaces' for further detail.	External	

E&H Budget Heading	Category	Item	Approved/ Request	Progress	Partners	Additional Notes
Infrastructure Maintenance	**Railings**	Low Fellside – painting of railings on steps.	Approved	Site visits conducted to confirm locations. W&FC contacted to confirm maintenance and ownership.	W&FC Estates W&FC Highways	Previously documented as Sepulchre Lane
		Serpentine Road – painting of pavement railings.	Approved			

Agreed and Requests (FY 2026 – 2027)

E&H Budget Heading	Category	Item	Approved/ Request	Progress	Partners	Additional Notes
New Infrastructure	**Bus Shelter**	Kent Lea, Burneside Road	Approved	Awaiting approval of budget via CIL before process initiated.	WAF Bus Team	£12,000 agreed as CIL funding by Management Committee
New infrastructure	**Bus Shelter**	Lound Road	Request	Being scoped	WAF Bus team	MOP request after newsletter.
New Infrastructure	**Handrails**	Installation of handrails in Hallgarth	Approved	Included in Small Scale Improvements Project.	WAF Active Travel	Opportunity to fund project when scoped a part of study.
Infrastructure Maintenance	**Handrails**	Handrails – painting Undercliff Road to Golf Club Lane	Approved	Requested by ward councillor. Location confirmed and W&FC provisionally contacted for permissions.	WAF Assets	Not owned by KTC. Clearence of path would also be required.
	Handrails	Beast Banks	Request	Scoping in progress	W&F Highways	
	Handrails	Birchwood	Request			

New Infrastructure	**Seat**	Seat – at end of Birchwood	Delivery	Awaiting fix of bench.		
New Infrastructure	**Grit Bin**	For footpath between Birchwood Close and Vicarage Drive	Scoped	W&F have informed that it is not possible due to width and slope of path.		
New Infrastructure	**Light on Footpath**	FP536207 by Kirkbarrow Lane	Request			
Infrastructure Maintenance	**Handrails**	Handrails to be painted near Cliff Lane – The Syke	Request			
Infrastructure Maintenance	**Handrails**	Handrails to be painted near Stoney Lane	Request			
New infrastructure	**Zebra crossing**	A65 in Oxenholme	Request		WAF Highways	
New infrastructure	**Bus Shelter**	Asda Roundabout	Request	Various locations	WAF Bus team	
New infrastructure	**Zebra crossing**	B6254, Oxenholme station to car park	Request		WAF Highways	
New infrastructure	**Footway reinstatement**	A65 Oxenholme	Request		WAF Highways	
Infrastructure Maintenance	**Refurbish seating**	Hawesmead Park	Request		WAF Parks & Open Spaces	

Full List of Assets and Infrastructure relating to Environment Committee

	Quantity	Location	Maintenance	Next Required
Benches and Seats	94	Various / mapped	Regular checks to be conducted to highlight maintenance and repairs. Officers implementing new system.	

Bins (sponsored)	12	Various/ mapped	Managed by Westmorland and Furness Council. 'Sponsored' by KTC through budget contribution.	
Boundary Boards	4	Town Entrances / Exits	Cleaning and condition checks.	Replacement of 'vinyls' required – condition checks to be completed in 2026.
Bus Shelters	10	Various / mapped	Maintenance underway through Bus Shelter project. Annual cleaning routine established.	
Notice Boards	2	Phone Box, Helmside Road	Cleaning and condition checks.	Replaced in 2025.
		Bolefoot Playpark, Helmside Road	Cleaning and condition checks	Will be replaced in April 2026.
Phone Box	1	Helmside Road	Cleaning and condition checks.	
Signs – Explore Kendal	17	Various/ mapped	Current project. Vinyls being replaced. Ongoing cleaning routine to be established.	
Speed Indicator Device	1	Milnthorpe Road	Battery replacement.	2029/ 2030
Speed Radar Gun	1	Office	Annual Calibration.	September 2027
Yard 5 – Artwork	10	Yard 5	10-year MOU.	To be monitored.

Officers are migrating assets onto new asset management system beginning January 2026. Review of owned assets to be done in conjunction and list will be updated accordingly.

		25/26		26/27				27/28		
		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
600	**E - New Infrastructure/Improve**									
5104	E - Bio & Climate Grants	10,000	3,920	8,000	2,913	8,000	0	0	0	0
5105	E - Bus Shelter & Railings (H	0	0	12,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
5106	E - Oxenholme Signage Improvem	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
5107	E - New Infrastructure	1,625	1,625	2,875	4	0	750	0	0	0
5108	E - Infrastructure Maint	8,850	6,628	9,000	2,859	8,500	0	0	0	0
5112	KTC002 E - Explore Sign Projec	11,496	11,496	7,961	0	0	0	0	0	0
5113	KTC023 Oxenholme Explore Totem	4,195	4,195	6,805	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	36,166	27,864	46,641	5,786	16,500	750	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	14,016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(36,166)	(13,848)	(46,641)	(5,786)	(16,500)		0		
620	**E - Infrastructure Maintenance**									
5311	Green Infrastructure Main	2,350	2,350	6,000	3,435	6,000	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	2,350	2,350	6,000	3,435	6,000	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(2,350)	(2,350)	(6,000)	(3,434)	(6,000)		0		
630	**E - W&F Charges**									
5310	E - W&F Charges-Bins	4,250	1,884	4,420	0	4,420	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	4,250	1,884	4,420	0	4,420	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(4,250)	(1,884)	(4,420)	0	(4,420)		0		
900	**Projects - Climate Ch**									

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		25/26		26/27				27/28		
		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
9055	Climate Web Costs	615	615	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	615	615	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	615	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(615)	0	0	0	0		0		
910	**Projects - Biodiversity**									
9120	DNU KTC007 Bio Dark Skies	2,735	2,735	665	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	2,735	2,735	665	0	0	0	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	2,735	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(2,735)	0	(665)	0	0		0		
920	**Projects - 20MPH**									
9200	KTC018 - 20 MPH	882	882	30,718	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	882	882	30,718	0	0	0	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	882	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(882)	0	(30,718)	0	0		0		
930	**Projects -Cycling & Walking**									
9305	KTC011 Kirkbarrow Connections	7,117	7,117	22,583	1,950	0	9,080	0	0	0
9307	KTC017 - Kendal Pump Track	0	0	34,180	0	0	34,000	0	0	0
9309	KTC011 - C&W Footpath Impr	1,950	1,950	18,050	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	9,067	9,067	74,813	1,950	0	43,080	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	9,067	0	1,950	0	0	0	0	0

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		25/26		26/27				27/28		
		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(9,067)	0	(74,813)	0	0		0		
935	**River Corridor Connectivity**									
9600	River Corridor Connectivity	8,893	8,893	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	8,893	8,893	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	8,893	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(8,893)	0	0	0	0		0		
940	**Projects - Green Spaces Impro**									
9400	KTC013 - Bowling Fell Project	205	205	9,795	480	8,682	2,500	0	0	0
9411	Mintsfeet Development	0	0	7,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	205	205	17,295	480	8,682	2,500	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	205	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(205)	0	(17,295)	(480)	(8,682)		0		
950	**Projects -Public Realm Enhance**									
9502	KTC024 Pollintor Planting	0	0	11,500	11,500	0	0	0	0	0
9503	KTC016 Heron Hill Lighting	0	0	33,000	48	0	20,588	0	0	0
9506	PR Kendal Yards	20	20	4,980	0	1,493	0	0	0	0
9507	KT021 Oxenholme Station	0	0	6,514	400	0	3,718	0	0	0
9508	PR Aynam Road Fountain	0	0	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	0
9512	KTC019 PR Easy Travel	3,000	3,000	47,000	4,761	0	7,500	0	0	0
9513	KTC020 Bus Stop Improvements	15,280	15,280	4,720	370	0	8,800	0	0	0
9514	Natural Kendal	10,000	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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		25/26		26/27				27/28		
		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
9515	KTC004 Water Fountain Refill	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	28,300	28,300	117,714	22,079	1,493	40,606	0	0	0
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	0	13,300	0	22,031	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(28,300)	(15,000)	(117,714)	(48)	(1,493)		0		
	Total Budget Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Expenditure	93,463	82,796	298,266	33,730	37,095	86,936	0	0	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	-93,463	-82,796	-298,266	-33,730	-37,095	-86,936	0	0	0
	plus Transfer from EMR	0	49,713	0	23,981	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(93,463)	(33,083)	(298,266)	(9,749)	(37,095)		0		

Kendal Town Council

Agenda Report

Committee: Environment	Meeting Date: 2 November 2026
From: Town Clerk	Agenda No: 9
Description: Environment Committee Budget 2027 – 2028	

Background

The Committee must consider its expenditure aims for the next financial year and make its recommendations to the Council's Budget Working Group. Expenditure should be in keeping with the aims of the Council Plan.

The Environment Committee's expenditure plan can seem complex at times, because it tends to work through Projects, which are, by their nature, longer term than the single-year budget headings traditionally expected in a council budget.

For this reason, the budget below concentrates on the money to be raised on the Council Tax and spent within the financial year (Revenue funding). It excludes Project funding which will be drawing down existing funds, or will be seeking alternative funding such as that provided by the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Project proposals which arise in-year may be scoped for CIL or other funding. CIL allocation decisions are taken by the Council's Management Committee.

Summaries of existing projects are shown on the Budget Monitoring Report considered elsewhere in this agenda.

Decision Required

The Committee is asked to consider the recommendations contained in the report and recommend them to the Council and its Budget Working Group.

Environment Committee Revenue funded budget proposals

Some budget headings were for specific projects in the current financial year. For ease of comparison, these have been expressed collectively under their most appropriate heading. Where a project is more appropriately funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), this has been noted.

	26-27	27-28	Notes
New infrastructure	CIL	5,000	1
Green space management	6,000	12,000	2
Infrastructure maintenance	9,000	10,000	3
Green space improvements	9,795	10,000	4
Natural Kendal	0	15,000	5
Climate and Nature Recovery Grants, Planting and Projects	8,000	12,000	6
Active travel and River Corridor Connectivity	CIL	CIL	7
Bins	4,420	5,000	8
Mintsfeet Sports Hub	7,500	7,500	9
Total	44,715	76,500	

1. Proposals for specifically new infrastructure, such as seating or bus shelters, could be funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy, as funding allows and as projects come forward, but a core of new works should be delivered from Revenue funding.
2. Green space management reflects the Council's growing role in managing a variety of open spaces around the town. This proposed revenue-funded budget would contribute to costs likely to be incurred in the management of Sandy Bottoms, Mintsfeet riverside, Vicarage Drive etc.
3. Infrastructure maintenance is for the timely repair and renewal of physical items in the Council's estate, such as seating and bus shelters.
4. Green space improvement would include projects like the work at Bowling Fell. It may be supplemented by funding from other sources such as existing earmarked funds or CIL.
5. Natural Kendal are important partners delivering against the Town Council's commitments on nature recovery. The proposed funding would

be unrestricted to support their general activities, as reported to the Committee elsewhere.

6. This budget line maintains the council's ability to support others promoting biodiversity and nature recovery. It could also be used to develop in-house projects not funded elsewhere (for example by Kendal in Bloom), and for tree planting schemes.
7. The capital costs for improvements to active travel and riverside connectivity should continue to be funded through existing earmarked funds and the CIL.
8. The Town Council continues to support a number of additional waste bins managed and recharged by Westmorland and Furness Council.
9. The Mintsfeet Sports Hub is an aspirational project on the former Highways Depot in Mintsfeet Industrial Estate. Although it's current status is subject to review at Westmorland & Furness Council, it may be deemed appropriate to maintain a funding mechanism to support the early stages of development.

Kendal Town Council

Biodiversity Grant

2026 - 2027

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
Ghyllside School Parent Teacher Association	Laura Moss
Address of organisation	**Address of contact**
Ghyllside Primary School, Gillinggate, Kendal LA9 4JB	As with school
Date of application	18 October 2026
Telephone	[redacted]
E-mail	[redacted]

Description of organisation	
We are the PTA for Ghyllside Primary School. One of the PTA's projects this year is to reimagine to school community garden. The aim is to bring together pupils, families, local residents and volunteers to improve wellbeing, develop practical life skills, enhance biodiversity, promote healthy eating and create a shared outdoor space for learning and community connection. We have had a plan drawn up and obtained quotes for the required works (which includes moving a fence and building an accessible path). The quotes we obtained were eye watering so we are now calling on parents to help with it - so far we've had two community days (involving over 60 parents, teachers and children) and cleared the existing site ready to build raised beds, improve the path and hard standing area, and begin planting.	
How much funding do you require in total?	£15,000
How much funding are you requesting from the Town Council (maximum £500)	£500
Have you approached other funding sources? If so, please list them and the amount you have applied for.	National Garden Scheme: £5000 Morrisons Foundation: £5000 PTA fundraising: £800 so far Kendal in Bloom grant from KTC

	We have also contacted various garden centres and other businesses asking for donations in kind.

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

We would use it to buy:

- **Planters and herbs plants for a herb garden area - to serve a double purpose as a sensory garden and to attract pollinators**
- **Wild flower seeds and native wildflower plug plants for the existing orchard area**
- **Compost and tools for children to use in garden club and in lessons**

How will your activity benefit the people of Kendal?

It will help improve nature recovery within our town by including a range of plants for insects and butterflies.

It will also help educate our children on topics such as pollination, planting, the life cycle and the environment. There will be a knock-on effect as children take this learning home.

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

It will contribute to biodiversity within the town as the wildflowers and other plants will attract pollinators. Rather than external contractors coming in, the work on the garden will be done by children and parent volunteers so there will be no transport costs contributing to the town's carbon footprint.

Do you have a constitution? **Please send a copy with your application**	***Yes***

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.

Trustees of Ghyllside School PTA

[redacted]

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**	**Laura Moss**	**Position**	**Garden project co-ordinator**
Signature		**Name**	**Anna Ward**	**Position**	**Chair**
Signature		**Name**	**Michelle Tunnicliffe**	**Position**	**Treasurer**

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

Form ref KTC BDG 2026

Kendal Town Council

Agenda Item 11

Footpaths - Priority Path Improvements

Priority Paths

Path	Ward	Path Type	Progress status	Budget	W&F Team/Contact	Next Activity
Collingfield Lane to Vicarage Drive	Kirkland	PROW 536079	Completed in partnership with W&F May 2024	Funded by KTC		Completed
St Thomas' School access	Strickland		Completed by SLDC in 2023 (funded by SLDC)	£6,240 spent		Completed
St Thomas' School - Hallgarth end of path	Strickland		Path is not owned by KTC and will be explored as part of Active Travel's Small Scale Improvement Project. W&F Community Development also involved for safety issues around the garages.		Active Travel Community Development	Small Scale Improvements Study - update expected from W&F Active Travel Team. Still awaited
Vicar's Garth to Vicarage Drive	Kirkland	PROW 536045	Completed - November 2025	£3,700	W&F Countryside Access	Completed
Vicarage Drive to Echo Barn Hill	Kirkland	'Adventure Footpath'	Work appears complete but awaiting confirmation from W&F. Some design issues emerged after initial work, which required immediate attention. Comms in Autumn 2026 Newsletter.	*Up to £15,000 approved*	W&F Assets and Estates Team. South Lakes Housing	Completion confirmation from W&F still awaited.

Path	Ward	Path Type	Progress status	Budget	W&F Team/Contact	Next Activity
Riverside Connectivity South - Wattsfield to Scroggs Wood	Stonecross	FP 536065	Surfacing works completed	£25,000	Countryside Access	
			Community payback will maintain vegetation from Romney Bridge to the treatment plant as ongoing project. KTC have provided equipment to Probation Service. W&F managing permissions.		Countryside Access	
Riverside Connectivity North -	Mintsfeet	All works being funded and co-ordinated by W&F				
		Dockray Bridge to Shap Road via Minstfeet Estate/Jubilee Fields	Design still being looked at by W&F Active Travel.		Active Travel	Updates provided by W&F. Final design due November for consultation for implementation in Spring 2027.
		Dockray Bridge to Railway	Design and delivery pending solution to railway land crossing.		Countryside Access	
		Railway Land	Survey on retaining wall completed - underpinning has been done, wall face being pointed. In talks with Network Rail for path/rail crossing. Helen Brown from W&F working on this.		Countryside Access	

	Ward	Path Type	Progress status	Budget	W&F Team/Contact	Next Activity
		Dockray Bridge to Mintsfeet Nature Area (UU/EA)	Works undertaken by Countryside Access - tree maintenance and path surfacing completed by March 2026.		Countryside Access	Completed, but selected widening required for planned Parkrun.
		Railway Bridge to Skate Park	Beezon Fields completed by EA. Access path works done in sub-base grade stone - requires surface dressing, which is planned for Spring 2027. W&F land. W&F list.			
		Sandy Bottoms	Path system completed, but land ownership negotiations required for proposed Parkrun.			
Vicarage Park Michaelson Road - Stainbank Road - Collin Lane)	Kirkland	Former SLDC Land	Short term surface improvement made between Michaelson Road and Stainbank Road in December 2025.	<£3,000	Countryside Access	Monitor Surface
Sparrowmire Lane to Empson Road Path	Strickland	W&F Ownership PROW 536077	Surveyed by W&F's Countryside Access team, no obstructions or particular issues found. Feedback that it is difficult to know what improvements could be made and what use this path would be put to other than dog walking (which it is already suitable for).	£11,000	Countryside Access	Councillor Archibald action from footpath meeting to feed back to the Residents' group.

	Ward	Path Type	Progress status	Budget	W&F Team/Contact	Next Activity
Aikrigg Avenue to Lakes Line Railway	Strickland	PROW 536016	*From Aikrigg Avenue end near Burneside Road. It is uneven, rough, waterlogged and muddy. Safety concerns.* W&F Active Travel including path in route assessment to confirm suitability for improvements - awaiting further update from Active Travel Team. W&F Countryside Access team to add tarmacking this path to potential improvement projects for 2026/2027.		Active Travel Countryside Access	Update from W&F. The unauthorised use of the path by cycles and motorcycles will be part of a consultation.
Briarigg/Hawthorn Gardens, through open space and alongside playpark	Strickland	Permitted footpath, not PROW	Uneven surface in places, between two tarmacked path ends. Poor surface during wet weather, muddy. Poor quality resident interventions worsening surface.		W&F Parks and Open Spaces Team	Committee have allocated budget up to £5,000 from Footpath budget

Scoping

Path	Ward	Path Type	Concerns	Prioritisation	Comments
Ford Terrace to Wattsfield Road	Kirkland/ Stonecross	District Council public space	Becomes muddy after rain	Route to School for Wattsfield Road area residents	Links to PROW network and potentially LCWIP/Riverside Connectivity
Castle Stores to Castle Walk	Castle	District Council public space	Becomes muddy after rain	Route to shops without crossing Roads	Runs parallel with existing Highway pavement on opposite side of road. Could be seen to be in two sections.

Prioritisation criteria: school prxomity/route to school, biodiversity potential, accessibility intervention need.

Background

Kendal Town Council is allocating funds to improve the footpath network across Kendal.
Our ambitions are to improve connectivity and routes to school, as well as encourage the modal shift away from using cars for local journeys.

Activity to date:

2022 - Footpath Audit: Mapping and photographs of footpaths in Kendal estates

- Kirkbarrow Connections - Kirkbarrow (and schools - Vicarage Park and Dean Gibson)
- Collinfield
- Hallgarth
- Heron Hill
- Rinkfield
- Kendal
- Sandylands
- Strickland

Prioritisation Criteria

- School Proximity

- Biodiversity potential
- Requirement for accessibility intervention
- Scale of intervention
- Councillor request

Process for footpath regeneration

Our preferred solution is to partner with W&F, with KTC providing the funds and W&F using its contractors and schedule to complete the work. This requires:

- Confirmation of land ownership.
- Engagement of W&F Officers.
- Explanation and agreement of the required work - providing visuals, conducting a site visit as required.
- Gathering preliminary quotes, if required (to be sent to W&F for procurement and contracting).
- Scheduling work with W&F based on availability - suggestions can be made based on optimal times of year etc.
- Arrangement of funds form KTC to W&F.
- Updates on the work and progress - regular meetings with W&F where possible.
- Following completions - photography and publicity.

Identification of Footpath/Responsible team at W&F

Type of path	Explanation	Land Owner	Team	Contact
Public Rights of Way (PROW)	Unsurfaced footpaths designated as PROW	W&F	Countryside Access Team	Helen Brown Hazel Wainwright
Unsurfaced Footpaths	Non-PROW	W&F	Assets Team	Matt Messenger
Surfaced Footpaths		W&F	Highways	Helen Karaaslan
Privately Owned			Individual Owners	

Additional stakeholders: Active Travel (W&F), Community Development (W&F) and path specific stakeholders ie United Utilities.

Budget

	Total Budget (£)	Available Budget (£)	Source	Comments

Kirkbarrow Connections	31,700	11,000	Cllr Allocation + Cllr contribution	Cllr contributions funded Vicarage Drive to Vicars Garth, and Vicarage Drive to Echo Barn Hill.
Riverside Connectivity South	25,000	0	United Utilities contribution	Works completed.
Footpath Renovation	50,000	50,000	CIL Allocation 2024/2025	No budget spent or allocated.
Footpath Design - Mintsfeet	15,000	15,000	Cllr Allocation 2024/2025	No budget spent.
Footpath Improvements	20,000	17,500	Cllr Allocation 2025/2026	Spend used for Vicarage Park - Michaelson - Stainbank footpath improvements
Vicarage Park	10,000	10,000	Cllr Allocation 2025/2026	No budget spent
Total Budget	**151,700**			
Total Available		**103,500**		

Future Footpath Works and budget

To enable future small scale footpath improvements works for any footpath on the priority list, without the need for additional or individual agenda item meetings, the committee

Reporting requirement

The Environment Committee have a standing agenda item on Footpahts as of March 2025.
Ward Councillors should also be included in any planned works or issues.

MOSPAN – NEXT STEPS (September 2026) – DRAFT 2/10/2026

Application to Kendal Town Council for funding Stage 2 of

Kendal's "Mapping Open Spaces for People and Nature" (MOSPAN)" project

This proposal by "Natural Kendal" is for funds to support the second stage of the MOSPAN project. Its broad aims are to: (i) support nature recovery and enhance biodiversity within Kendal; (ii) raise awareness among local people of the benefits of nature recovery; (iii) provide a wide range of opportunities for local people and organisations to take part in nature recovery activities in Kendal.

In stage 1: we completed ecological surveys of 350 open spaces within Kendal. We are currently developing the GIS system required to make these maps available on our web-site. For each site these maps will include:

1. Baseline maps of current open space within Kendal's urban and suburban areas. Each map shows the key habitats within the site and their relative value for nature.

2. Maps of potential areas within each site for nature recovery.

3. Maps for each site showing where and how management could be modified e.g. to reduce cost and enhance nature recovery.

These maps will form the basis of consultations with local communities. We started this process at Natural Kendal's Festival on 26th September 2026 and have scheduled a repeat event in December 2026. The official launch of MOSPAN is being planned for Spring 2027 when all maps will be available on our web-site.

Funding Requested for Stage 2.

Beginning in March 2027: we aim to launch our effort to encourage local communities to get actively involved in the management of their local open spaces and facilitate their direct involvement in nature recovery plans and projects. We will be demonstrating to the public how they can use the MOSPAN maps and explore with them how they might get more actively involved in nature recovery closer to their homes.

The following Table summarises our proposed activities during the period March 2027 to September 2028.

TABLE 1. MAIN DELIVERABLES FOR STAGE 2 OF MOSPAN		
Activity	**Who/How /Funds requested ?**	**Measurable outputs**
1. Operational Objectives: Communications & PR		
1.1 Public engagement. Develop web site and social media to help local communities undertake nature recovery projects. E.g. by providing information on nature recovery methods & options.	Web site & social media development (4000) and meeting costs (1000). + volunteer experts.	Activity & Participation stats.
2. System Development		
2.1 Develop a system for recording additions or corrections to "baseline" habitat maps.	GIS consultant. (1000)	Verified baseline map.
2.2 Develop method for updating maps to record changes in management and habitats e.g. to deliver "Biodiversity Net Gain" (BNG) estimates	GIS consultant/programmer (3000)	Activity & BNG stats reports for Kendal
2.3 Apply for accreditation under the "Nature Towns and Cities" programme which could open up funding sources for future nature recovery work in Kendal.	Natural Kendal	Application report.
2.4 Extend MOSPAN mapping to include school and college playing fields.	Field ecologist ? is this a separate project ? (x)	MOSPAN maps for school & college sites.
3. Inputs to Local Policy Development		
3.1 Contribute to W&F Nature Strategy (2025-35) for Priority 25: "Enhance the ecological value of our built environment ….while meeting community needs"	Natural Kendal	Examples
3.2 . Input into the development of the new W&F "Local Plan".	Natural Kendal	Examples
3.2 Explore the social impacts of nature recovery by using MOSPAN with relatable mapping products such as: - Environment Agency/Natural England "Index of Multiple Deprivation" (IMED) - EA/NE Environmental Equity Index (EEI)	Natural Kendal	Potential report on the benefits of nature recovery in Kendal.
TOTAL SUM REQUESTED FROM KTC	9000 + x	
Timescale: work will begin in March 2027 and continue for 18 months.		