

# Kingsteignton Town Council



Newsletter  
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Kingsteignton Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency

Mayor's Charity 2020/2021  
#DoltForDeaks  
A project to end the stigma around  
mental health and suicide

## 20's Plenty for Us

...making your place a better place to be



Kingsteignton has one of the poorest cycle-path to resident ratios in the whole of Devon. This is why as a Council we have joined a Nationwide campaign to promote a 20mph 'advisory' speed limit to improve safety for non-motorised transport in the town. Surveys consistently show 20mph is popular with more than 2 in 3 people and its popularity rises after implementation.

20mph is supported by many bodies including Public Health Wales, the Association of Directors of Public Health, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health, Alzheimer's Society, UK Health Forum, Sustrans, Brake, Living Streets, British Cycling, Cycling UK, OECD, and the World Health Organisation (WHO) and others.

Kingsteignton is a residential community, where the needs of residents come first. 20mph limits emphasise quality of life, helping to create places where walking, running, cycling, talking and even sometimes playing take precedence over traffic movements. We advocate a wide-area 20mph limit without speed bumps for Kingsteignton.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CAMPAIGN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!** See inside for more...

## JOIN 20'S Plenty for Kingsteignton

[www.20splenty.org](http://www.20splenty.org)  
[kingsteignton@20splentyforus.org.uk](mailto:kingsteignton@20splentyforus.org.uk)



## SINCERE APOLOGIES FOR FESTIVE EVENTS...

Please be advised that due to the current Government Coronavirus restrictions it is with sincere regret that we are unable to hold the Mayor's Civic Carol Service or the Outdoor Carol Service this year.



**NEW WEBSITE:** We are pleased to advise that Kingsteignton Town Council has launched a new website which has been designed by Vision ICT, in accordance with the WCAG 2.1 Accessibility guidance. Please see our accessibility statement.

Please visit:- [www.kingsteignton.gov.uk](http://www.kingsteignton.gov.uk)

## 20's Plenty — The Advantages...

- ♦ **Safer streets for all, particularly children and the elderly:**

Less risk of serious injury (20% fewer casualties), especially for vulnerable road users; less intimidation from motor vehicles for all road users and especially those walking and cycling.

- ♦ **Promoting active health for residents:**

Reinforcing healthy lifestyles by encouraging walking, cycling and active travel.

- ♦ **Environmental improvements:**

Reduced vehicle emissions and noise due to lower speeds and traffic volumes.

- ♦ **Better community life and a positive image of Kingsteignton:**

20mph enables lifestyle changes, renewed community life, sociability and the positive atmosphere we all want where we live. Our Town will become a more attractive, liveable place.

- ♦ **Strengthening the local economy:**

20mph aids local business as people want to shop and live in 20mph places.

- ♦ **Positioning Kingsteignton as a leader:**

The trend towards 20mph is well-established in the UK and other countries. 20mph would place Kingsteignton on the map and encourage other positive investments for our town.

## Frequently asked Questions...

### Why does 20mph matter?

It is safer, healthier, fairer, greener, quieter and better for people's quality of life.

### How much safer is 20mph?

You are at least 5 times less likely to die if hit at 20mph than 30mph or 10 times if over 60 years old.

In the distance a 20mph car can stop, a 30mph car will still be doing 24mph. Far better to just miss than actually hit someone or be hit at any speed.

### Are fewer people injured in area-wide 20mph limits?

Yes, about 20% fewer.

[http://www.20splenty.org/20mph\\_casualty\\_reduction](http://www.20splenty.org/20mph_casualty_reduction)

### Does 20mph mean speed humps?

**No.** We campaign for signs, road markings, community engagement, driver education and light enforcement.

## How is 20mph enforced?

4 in 5 drivers stay within the 24mph compliance threshold. Driver education and community engagement can help drivers to voluntarily comply with 20mph. Compliant drivers become pacer vehicles which enforce 20mph on traffic behind. As with all speed limits, periodic police speed checks are helpful. Camera technology can also be used. Some areas promote Community Speedwatch. Intelligent Speed Assistance and black box technology will be fitted to all new vehicles in 2022 revolutionising speed compliance.

## Where is 20mph agreed?

Most of the largest 40 local authorities in the UK and Wales - 21m people, or 1/3 of the UK population.

[http://www.20splenty.org/20mph\\_places](http://www.20splenty.org/20mph_places)

## Isn't 20mph around schools enough?

No. Slowing the last 100m doesn't help children to walk or cycle the entire route to school or prevent many casualties. 4 in 5 child casualties don't occur on the journey to school.

[http://www.20splenty.org/how\\_school\\_safety\\_zones\\_are\\_not\\_a\\_priority](http://www.20splenty.org/how_school_safety_zones_are_not_a_priority)

## How does 20mph affect the environment?

20mph limits are cleaner and quieter

<http://www.20splenty.org/airandnoisepollution>

## Where do 20mph campaigns exist?

Over 480 local campaigns across the UK, including [Ogwell). [http://www.20splenty.org/local\\_campaigns](http://www.20splenty.org/local_campaigns)

## Who decides if my area goes 20mph?

Ultimately, the Local Highway Authority sets local speed limits. This is usually the County Council Cabinet member responsible for Transport, but it's important that your local councillors support the proposal.

**Get a 20mph sticker** for your wheelie bin from:-

[Kingsteignton@20splentyforum.org.uk](mailto:Kingsteignton@20splentyforum.org.uk)

For more local information email:-

[kingsteignton@20splentyforum.org.uk](mailto:kingsteignton@20splentyforum.org.uk)

Or contact the 20's Plenty for Us National campaign [info@20splenty.org](mailto:info@20splenty.org) 07572 120439 @20splentyforum

*You will probably have noticed many of the signs like these shown above, that we have placed around our roadsides, just as a reminder...*

*Thank You in advance for complying!*





## Mayor joined Councillors on Litter Pick around Town!

Mayor Councillor Dave Rollason, accompanied by Councillors Dave Ripping, Julie Scagell, Tony Dempster and Bill Thorne, set off from the Community Hall at 10am on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020 in their Hi-Viz Vests with litter pickers and bin bags in hand.

Prior to this day members of the public had been asked via the Town Council Facebook page and Website to suggest areas that they felt needed litter picking. Areas tackled included Sandygate, Clay Pits Ways, Crossley Moor Road, Exeter Road, Gestridge Road, Ley Lane, Robers Road and the footpath leading off it and down the side of St. Michael's Church Hall in Chudleigh Road. Others scoured Church Street and the footpath leading down to the rear of Zealley House and finishing off with Priscott Way Park and Berry Lane. Councillors chatted with residents along the way including a couple who walk their dog daily around the Priscott Way area who also voluntarily pick up litter that they find. In total 5 black bags were filled with litter and later collected for disposal, by Kingsteignton Town Council's Weekend Litter Picker, Mr Mick Hedges.



Pictured above: -  
Cllr Thorne.

Opposite, left—right:-  
Cllr Ripping, Mayor Cllr  
Rollason, Cllr Scagell &  
Cllr Dempster



We are also aware that some of our residents do pick up rubbish left behind by others, therefore would like to express our sincere thanks to those of you who do, however, ask that you please do so very carefully. Also, thank you to all who do use the litter bins provided around the town or take your litter home with you!

## The 'New Normal' as the Autumn leaves fall...

As we are now well and truly into Autumn with cooler days and darker evenings, leaves falling around us, birds migrating, animals preparing for hibernation, many of us will be sitting watching TV or Netflix or becoming engrossed in our hobbies. We ask you to please remember that the Government has placed our area into Tier 1 category of restriction levels whilst the Coronavirus continues to spread across the UK.

Here in Kingsteignton, we want everybody to stay safe. So, let's embrace the rules and make the most of the beautiful environment that we live in. We are so lucky compared to many parts of the UK, within a few miles of us we have the opportunity to stroll along the beach, take a hike on the moors, or simply explore closer to home on foot, cycle or by car. A reminder, that what is important for us all, is to be able to chat, see each other, get outdoors, exercise and walk whether you have to walk a dog or not! Weekends are great, spare a little time for others that matter to you, keep yours and others mental well-being healthy, step up that fitness regime now the temperatures have dropped, or simply arrange to have a coffee or a meal in a safe environment where you can be socially distanced, but please at the same time, remember the **'Rule of 6'**.

Most of all remember those who are still extremely vulnerable, call and have a chat by social media or for those you know that don't have that option, give them a ring on the phone or just drop by and see if there is anything you can do for them! Please don't forget anybody, we've come this far during these unprecedented times and we will continue to get through this!

Look out for yourself but please look out for others around you, wear your mask whenever possible and most definitely whilst being around others within enclosed indoor spaces. Do please remember that we have many keyworkers who are placed in amongst the pandemic situations and we ask everybody to be appreciative of what they are doing for us all, be kind and be respectful to them.



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## Council Meetings:

From September 2020, all Committee Meetings are now held online via 'Zoom' & will continue to be so throughout the Coronavirus pandemic.

*Members of the public are welcome to join our meetings. To do so, please follow the link on the joining instructions published on our website 15 minutes prior to the meeting commencing. Click under the heading of 'Your Council' & 'Committees, Agendas & Minutes'.*

*Should a member of public wish to speak about an agenda item, please contact the Town Clerk at least three days prior to the meeting date.*

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For up-to-date information, please check our website: [www.kingsteignton.gov.uk](http://www.kingsteignton.gov.uk) or Facebook page

**Mayor's Message:** Over the past weeks I have had the good fortune to receive detailed updates from two major Kingsteignton Charities, the KingsCare annual report and a virtual presentation from Newton Abbot Community Mutual Aid. Both, major players in helping the community during lockdown, and still are. It was inspiring to learn about the range of services offered, how they have found the capacity for endurance, resilience and initiative to manage the ever changing scene as restrictions continually alter and how the return to work impacted on volunteering. Even now they are discovering and filling gaps in services. Importantly both are also looking to the future and consequently have strengthened their organisations and developed robust plans in readiness. Perhaps it's this that generates the motivation and optimism to keep going, knowing they will be here and thriving tomorrow. I know there are many organisations and individuals still doing their bit and we are all doing our best to follow guidance to keep the virus at bay. And this is how we will beat it.

"Thank you everyone".

Dave Rollason, Mayor and Councillor



## **USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS FOR REPORTING ISSUES**

POTHoles: **DCC HIGHWAYS : 0845 155 1004** [www.gov.uk/report-pothole/devon](http://www.gov.uk/report-pothole/devon)

PAVEMENTS: **DCC HIGHWAYS : 0845 155 1004** [www.gov.uk/report-problem-pavement/devon](http://www.gov.uk/report-problem-pavement/devon)

OVERGROWN HEDGES ON BOUNDARIES: **DCC HIGHWAYS : 0845 155 1004**

DOG FOULING INCIDENTS: **Environmental Hotline: 0800 328 6402**

FLOODING, SANDBAGS, OR OTHER ENVIRONMENT ISSUES, **OUT OF HOURS**, PLEASE CONTACT:

**TDC EMERGENCY LINE 01395 516854 or TDC 01626 361101 (during office hours)**

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU: 0344 411 1444**