

# 20's Plenty for Us E-news Feb 2022

20's Plenty has surpassed 600 campaign branches and 1400 people on our newsletter mailing list. Our volunteers matter because local people calling for 20mph is how to achieve powerful changes.

**Free Sun 20**<sup>th</sup> **Feb training zoom**. Please register for our 20:00 (8pm) training. Everyone is invited to get advice on, or share their campaigning experiences, all aspects of 20mph. Be inspired by a friendly training with other campaigners. January's training had a record number of attendees. Pre-register your details <a href="https://example.com/here/new/memory.com/here/new/memor

Highway Code changes Read the guest blog from solicitors Mooneerams explaining why the new Highway Code update that came into force in the UK on 29th Jan 22 won't work unless we adopt a general 20mph urban/village default speed limit <a href="here">here</a>Parish votes and media. Win with pressure upwards from Parishes and Town councils. How? Email the <a href="briefing and template motion">briefing and template motion</a> to your parish clerk/chair or contact your Local Govt Association (LGA) to spread the word. 20's Plenty for North Yorkshire for example have 71 parish motions for 20mph representing 82 Parishes. Anna explains why Parishes should vote for 20mph in 7 mins here.

A record 21 new branches began in January. Keep sharing how to join—email <a href="mailto:anna.s@20splenty.org">anna.s@20splenty.org</a> or phone 07572120439. Do join our <a href="mailto:campaigners Facebook group">campaigners Facebook group</a>, for the latest information and to share campaigning tips. Ask Anna to help set up a County Zoom where you live <a href="mailto:anna.s@20splenty.org">anna.s@20splenty.org</a>

**Valentine's cards and messages** Download our new Valentine's card graphics <u>here</u> Love Life Love 20 is a tagline. People enjoy getting love cards and messages. It keeps 20mph in mind.

**County-wide zoom training:** Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7.30pm. Register for tips on county-wide level activism. We think it's more powerful and effective to campaign together. Pre- register here

**London -** all Central London bridges from Tower Bridge to Westminster Bridge now have 20mph limits. During Feb and March, <u>20mph limits are coming</u> to important stretches of the TfL Red Route network: A10-A503 corridor in Haringey, A13 Commercial Road in Tower Hamlets, A23 London Road in Croydon and A107 corridor in Hackney

**Falkirk's politicians** have agreed 20's Plenty for all town and village centres. Read the news

International wins – Brussels - First results of the general 30kmh/20mph speed, now in place for a year, showed deaths reduced by 50%. **Globally** - Default urban/village 30km/h and 20mph limits are a key initiative in the UN's Global Plan for Road Safety 2021-203. This aims to reduce death on the roads by 50% by 2030. **Ireland** – The Welsh default 20mph limit will feature in a program for the Irish national broadcaster RTÉ which will also include interviewing our 20's Plenty campaigners in St Dogmaels.

### Tribute to Robert Molteno.

Everyone at 20's Plenty was extremely saddened to learn that Robert Molteno had died suddenly on 31st January. Robert lived an extraordinary life growing up in South Africa, teaching politics in Zambia before settling in South London. He worked as the editor for Zed Books but after retirement threw himself tirelessly into campaigning to make the streets of Wandsworth and London more widely safe and more pleasant for those on foot.

Together with Susie Morrow he set up Wandsworth Living Streets in 2010 and one of their original goals was for Wandsworth also to embrace the 20mph limits that were starting to be introduced across the London boroughs. A number of years' work for the 20's Plenty for Wandsworth group came to fruition when the borough moved to a 20mph limit on its residential streets in 2017. For this Susie and Robert were joint winners of 20's Plenty 2017 Campaigner of the Year Award for a campaign that had seen them working not only with Councillors and officers but also large numbers of parents and carers chatting to them at the start and end of the school day about the importance of lower speed limits. But Robert being Robert did not stop there. He was eager that the borough went further and he campaigned for 20mph to be extended to all of the borough-controlled main roads. This too came about in 2021. Again, Robert did not stop there! 20mph was the key ingredient to a fairer balance on our streets but equally important was compliance with the speed limit. In recent weeks and months, Robert had been working closely with the borough on new ways to ensure drivers stuck to the lower limits.

On top of this work on 20mph, Robert was a Vice-Chair of London Living Streets, campaigned for the roll-out of school streets in Wandsworth, was a member of the Tooting Bec and Broadway Neighbourhood Forum and helped bring about a huge reduction in pedestrian waiting times across London. There have been a huge number of tributes to Robert in the past couple of weeks and one from Fleur Anderson the MP for Putney & Roehampton says "Robert was a wonderful campaigner and a leader in achieving the 20mph speed limit amongst many other changes to our streets. He was always so charmingly forceful, warm, endlessly positive and a pleasure to be with."

We will all miss Robert hugely but his is a real and lasting legacy that we can all continue to build on as we strive for villages, towns and cities across the UK that are designed first and foremost for people.

Ask us anything anytime. Thanks for all you do.

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