20’s Plenty for Us Feb 2023  E-News

General News

2023 has started well for 20mph! We work with our 700 volunteer branches (including over 100 that joined last year), many of whom are ably putting the case for 20mph with their local politicians and progressing well. See the 2022 report here. Anna and Adrian have recently reorganised their responsibilities so that Anna can spend more time supporting local communities in Wales. Adrian has taken responsibility for communities in England outside London, south and east of a line that extends (roughly) from the Severn to the Wash.

20’s Plenty has published a new map showing those places that have adopted 20mph.

Join the UK National 20mph Campaigner Facebook Group for updates between e-newsletters. A vibrant, interactive way to learn what’s happening and how to win. It’s a closed group for campaigners. Join by filling in a couple of questions at https://www.facebook.com/groups/177304489851446.

Training – Mon 20th February Zoom call at 8pm pre register here. Come to ask us anything and hear what other campaigners are doing across the UK. We learn from each other.

20mph saves fuel. New calculations show that 20mph limits in an urban environment reduces fuel costs significantly - up to 10p per mile / £247 a year for a 5 mile daily urban commute. All due to the slow/stop/start nature of urban traffic. Fuel typically costs 14-27p a mile so this is a huge saving. See the Save Fuel briefing

English News

TfL’s new research on 20mph limits across a range of roads it controls (typically London’s arterial roads - the "Red Routes") shows that, after speed limits were lowered, collisions involving a vulnerable road user have decreased by 36% (from 453 to 290), while collisions resulting in death or serious injury have decreased by 25% (from 94 to 71). The number of collisions involving people walking has decreased by 63% (from 124 to 46). There have been speed reductions of 1.7-5mph across most sites and that in 2020, speed was a contributing factor to 48% of fatal collisions. See press release

Cornwall Council will spend £3.8M on wide area 20mph limits by 2026 county wide. Cllr Desmonde powerfully explains its popularity in a 5min video (76% in towns; 85% in rural areas).
The Wirral is turning 1700 roads 20mph with £350k of funding from Liverpool city region. Unanimous council decision for the first phase of delivering 20mph across the authority.

Manchester City Council references 20mph urban default successes in its Active Travel Strategy which commits to setting 20mph as the default speed limit in the city.

Doncaster (pop 308,000) has confirmed its commitment to 20mph for all residential roads over the next 2 years and allocated £1M in the budget. Plans exist for 80% of residential roads so far.

Herefordshire wide area 20mph limits in plans for Hereford and we understand is to extend 20mph across the county for residential roads.

Standards complaint - North Yorkshire’s Cabinet Member for Transport Cllr Keane Duncan put out a factually incorrect press release on 1 Feb ahead of a meeting on 3 Feb. 20’s Plenty made a formal complaint to the County Council monitoring officer. 53% of the population’s local parishes or area committees have voted for 20mph

New county campaign in Essex has already gained support for #20mph from over 50 parish councils in a couple of months.

Parishes campaigning – getting a vote at as many parishes as possible for 20mph is still the most effective County level tactic. Video here

Derbyshire CC plans for Buxton and Long Eaton’s 20mph zones are too small to count as wide area 20mph. The consultation closes on 13 April. Reply that you want ‘wide area 20mph limits’

London Borough of Southwark 20mph scheme, completed on the 16 March 2015, has been reviewed. Roads where speeds remained high (over 24mph) will now be addressed by physical speed reduction measures, subject to the necessary consultation and approvals.

Royal Borough of Kingston (pop 175,000) is set to drop almost all of its residential streets to 20mph

West Sussex has agreed a new speed management policy, which puts vulnerable road users and active travel at its heart, enabling more #20mph

Hampshire is slowly moving towards a more inclusive #20mph policy, with support from a senior cabinet councillor

UK Parliament Transport Select Committee has been asking ideas on “What does the future of transport look like?”. We have submitted a proposal for a national urban/village default of 20mph for England and Northern Ireland (Wales and Scotland already have devolved authority for this).

Welsh News

Diolch am 20/Thanks for 20 – Helping to make Welsh streets fair for all again. Wales will have a national default 20mph (signing exempted 30mph roads) in seven months’ time on 17th September 2023. New monthly Zooms for supporters of the 20mph national limit on the 17th of every month at 7pm. It will be an opportunity for empowering supporters and maximising community engagement. Pre-register via this link. We also have a new Facebook group Diolch am 20/Thanks for 20. See the Welsh Government video on why 20mph.

Scottish News

Glasgow’s extensive 20mph plans commit £4.5M.

Edinburgh celebrates a 30% reduction in casualties, extending 20mph limits and reducing speed limits on rural roads too.

Ask us anything anytime. Thanks for all you do