

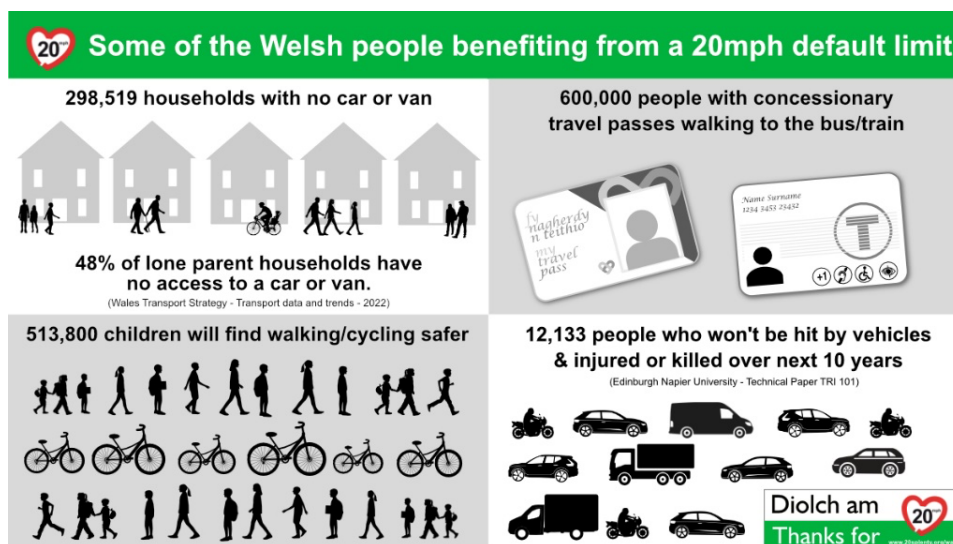
20's Plenty E-news - September 23

17th September is a red-letter day in Wales, when 20mph will become the default urban/village speed limit. Let's celebrate this major win for Welsh communities.

It's now 5 years since Wales gained the devolved responsibility to set national speed limits. We are delighted that in just a few days' time, after years of Welsh Government collaboration with stakeholders, local authorities and other government agencies, the national default urban/village speed limit will become 20mph on 17th September 2023.

This is a huge win for Welsh communities. The default 30mph national limit will be changing to 20mph with local authorities able to set exceptions (keeping at 30mph) wherever there is evidence that a higher limit does not risk the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

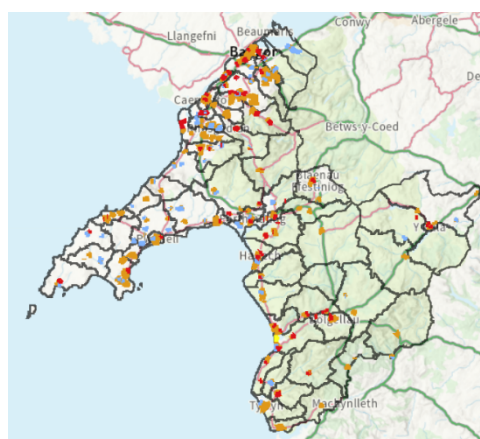
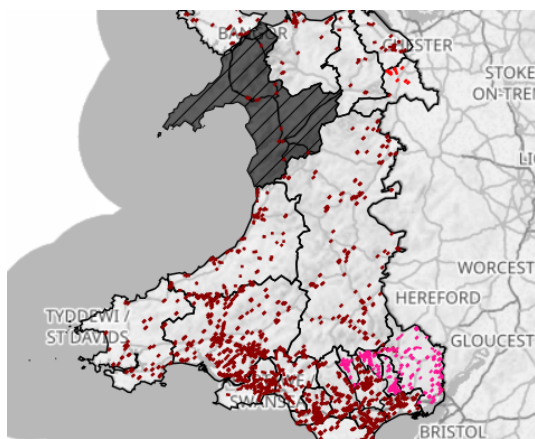
It has huge backing from public health, NHS, emergency services and local communities and aligns Wales with global best practice and the 30km/h which is normal in so many European places. Most importantly it will help protect some of the most disadvantaged road users.



Welsh Affairs editor of Wales Online Will Hayward praised it as a [“fantastic idea”](#) saying:

“As a journalist, nothing would make my life easier than if the 20mph policy was a dumb one. However, after a lot of research and weighing up the evidence I am forced to conclude that the policy isn't just good, it is bloody excellent.”

We would stress that the limit is NOT a “blanket” but has been designed so that local authorities can set exceptions to the national default of 20mph. These can be seen on this [DataMap Wales](#) map or the map of [Gwynedd](#) which has its own exceptions.



Annual 20's Plenty Conference

And for another part of the UK, we are delighted to announce that our 2023 conference will be held in Edinburgh. **7th Dec 2023** is the date for the [20's Plenty for Scotland](#) conference in Edinburgh. The conference will be co-hosted by City of Edinburgh Council.



[Book here](#)

20's Plenty for Scotland

Thursday 7 December 2023

Edinburgh City Chambers

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Superb presenters will offer their up-to-date knowledge. They include :

- Lee Waters MS, Deputy Minister for Climate Change - Wales
- Kaarina Ruta, Transport Assistant, Welsh Local Government Association
- Cllr Scott Arthur, Principal Policy Lead - Roads, City of Edinburgh Council
- Ellen Townsend, Policy Director, European Transport Safety Council
- Will Norman, Walking and Cycling Commissioner for Mayor of London
- Philippa Gilhooly, Team Leader for Traffic and Road Safety Management, Scottish Borders Council
- Dr Sarah Jones, Consultant in Environmental Public Health, Public Health Wales
- Dr Margaret Douglas, Consultant in Public Health, Public Health Scotland
- Fiona Hyslop, Minister of Transport, Scottish Government (invited)
- Gail MacGregor, Environment and Economy Spokesperson, COSLA (invited)

If you are in Scotland then please ask your local authority to attend. It's a great opportunity for those in public health, road danger reduction, emissions, active travel and so many other areas to hear from experienced and knowledgeable professional from the UK and Europe with insights around 20mph implementation.

The conference is priced economically for public sector at just £95 for the day. Note that we really welcome campaigners at our conference and have a subsidised price for regular 20mph campaigners. Please email conference@20splenty.org

OTHER NEWS

Cambridgeshire have announced £1.2M for [area wide 20mph schemes](#).

Derby City's ruling group are meeting with 20's Plenty. Their winning manifesto said to "Introduce Twenty's Plenty where there is demand or need."

Westmorland & Furness Council announced a £300k budget for 20mph including town-wide for Kendal.

See a video of Rod at the Foundation for Integrated Transport's webinar on [Road Safety and Traffic Reduction](#). The Foundation are long standing 20's Plenty funders.

Rod King and Monica Saunders (20's Plenty for Richmond) spoke at at the [MOVE Exhibition](#) at **ExCel, London** on 21st June.

Recently Prof Alan Tapp presented at one of our *Diolch am 20/Thanks for 20* webinars on Driver Behaviour. We recorded his [presentation](#) and it makes excellent viewing.

News story on BBC website about how 20mph saves lives <https://www.sciencefocus.com/20mph-speed-limits-save-lives>

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20mph speed limits do save lives, and most road users respond to them well, study suggests

While debates continue over the introduction of 20mph speed limits on UK city roads, research suggests lower traffic speeds improve safety and make our neighbourhoods nicer places to live in.





By [Michael P Kelly](#)
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CAMPAIGNER INFORMATION

We now have **693** registered 20's Plenty campaign branches. Please ask to join or for help or ideas where you live. We listen and respond. Volunteers really are making key changes.

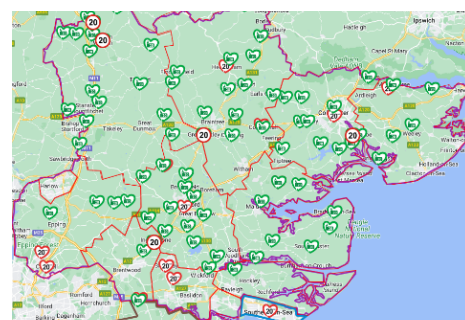
Special plea ... while 20's Plenty's services are free, we do incur costs. Please ask your local council to [buy materials](#), or [donate](#) to help sustain our campaigner assistance.

20th of the month training Zoom returns on 20th Sept at 8pm (20:00 hrs). Ask questions and share experiences at this friendly training. It's for County and individual town level campaigners. Pre-register [here](#).

20's Plenty for North Yorkshire wrote their own speed management review and consultation plan after the Transport lead Councillor refused to share his officer's draft. Of **239** replies **71.5%** were in favour. Full results are at [this link](#) hosted in Whitby. Whitby is facing the problem of the likely closure of a secondary school. An outcome is that children will be forced to walk along, and cross, a 40mph road. 152 Parishes in North Yorkshire support a 20mph default representing over 54% of the population. A Mayor will be elected for York and North Yorkshire Combined Authorities in May 2024 and 20's Plenty will run an on-line hustling.

County campaigns are a good way to win together. Ask anna.s@20splenty.org or adrian.b@20splenty.org for help to get parish and district councils to support 20mph. Briefing & video [here](#). Nearly 500 UK Parish Councils now support the 20mph campaign.

Gmail addresses Counties are finding that having a 20splenty.county@gmail.com add address allows several people to share resources: one email address, google drive for files. Adrian helps load up template files for mailing lists, proforma council resolutions, emails etc and a county campaign map to display local support like this one in Essex. Contact adrian.b@20splenty.org



Join our [Campaigner Facebook Group](#). A vibrant, interactive way to find out how to win, it's a private group.

Welsh supporters can join the **Facebook Group** [Diolch am 20/Thanks for 20](#). See the [Wales](#) micro-site with [Welsh FAQs](#), [graphics](#), [stickers](#) and [newsletters](#)

Media Interview Training Please ask anna.s@20splenty.org if you would like to learn or improve your interview technique.

Finally, the map of 20mph in the UK is changing. In addition to the Welsh and Scottish Highway Authorities 66 out of 153 English Highway Authorities already have 20mph as a norm - 120 out of 208 in total. 20's coming and is coming to the whole of the UK. And that's because of all your efforts. Take a pat on the back.

Ask us anything anytime by phone, email, Facebook or Twitter.

Thanks for all you do

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