



20's Plenty E-News – March 2026

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Read on for the latest news and information on 20mph limits ...

Government's new Road Safety Strategy

The Government's long-awaited Road Safety Strategy includes plans for a '*clear and ambitious path to improve road safety in Great Britain*', including commitment by 2035 to:

- **Reduce deaths and serious injuries on UK roads by 65%**
- **Reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured on our roads by 70%**

In 2024, 1,602 people were killed and 27,865 seriously injured on UK roads, with half of all casualties occurring on 30mph roads. Local authorities can go a long way towards achieving the UK government's ambitious casualty reduction targets, simply by implementing 20mph speed limits and, in the process, deliver an immediate 12% reduction in deaths and serious injuries. For those walking and cycling the impact of lower limits would be even greater as currently six out of every ten casualties occur on 30mph roads.

It is encouraging to learn that the new Road Safety Strategy incorporates 20's Plenty's call for a Safe System Approach. This requires five key elements: **Safe Roads and Roadsides, Safe Road Users, Safe Speeds, Safe Vehicles and Safe Post Crash Response**. 20mph speed limits are a foundation of this approach and required in every town and village centre.

You can read Rod's response to the Road Safety Strategy in his blog post [here](#) which includes a video clip from our latest webinar, where presenters answered the question "*Should 20mph be implemented nationally or locally*". You can see the videoclip separately [here](#).

You can read the full **Road Safety Strategy** [here](#) which includes an explanation of the **Safe System Approach**.

Guidance for local authorities

The focus on Safe Speeds will rely heavily on planned changes to the guidance that the Government gives to Local Authorities in **Setting Local Speed Limits**. We welcome the government's commitment to changing this guidance to support those Local Authorities that wish to implement 20mph.

NEWS FROM WALES

Q3 2025 casualty figures released

The latest quarterly road casualty statistics for July to September 2025 show that there were 207 (33%) fewer casualties on 20/30mph roads in Wales than in the same quarter in 2023, before the default 20mph limit was set. This is more evidence that default 20mph limits are a both a life-saving and life-enhancing initiative.

Below are the casualty figures for the years pre and post 20mph implementation.

Wales - Casualty Figures			
Speed limit	12 months before 20mph default	1st year of 20mph default	2nd year of 20mph default
20/30mph	627	431	420
All other	633	685	627
Total casualties	1260	1116	1047
% change		1st year of 20mph default	2nd year of 20mph default
20/30mph		-31%	-33%
All other		8%	-1%

24 months of Wales Speed Data analysis

The two years' worth of [speed data](#) now available for Wales shows a large decrease in speeding: 52% of drivers travelling at or below 24mph in Summer 2025, versus 23% in Summer 2023.

Review of 20mph and 30mph limits on Trunk Roads

The Welsh Government has published its [Review of 20mph and 30mph speed limits on trunk roads](#).

Overall, few changes are planned. The speed limit will increase from 20mph to 30mph on some sections of just 7 trunk roads and reduce from 30mph to 20mph on 3 other roads. In 25 places where the speed limit remains the same, further safety improvements will be considered, such as pedestrian crossings, better pavements, buffer speed limits and improved signage.

UK NEWS

May 2026 Election changes bring renewed opportunity for 20mph campaigning

With legal challenges forcing the Government to overturn its decision to allow many local authorities to cancel their May election this year, this is an opportunity for campaigners to push for 20mph policy changes in places that have yet to adopt a wide area 20mph policy. You can find a wealth of useful information and campaign material on our [website](#).

UK Regional News

The roll out of 20mph limits continues. Here is a selection of news stories on recent schemes from across the country.

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- Good news from [Suffolk](#), where the County Council approved changes to its 20mph policy, making it easier to reduce the speed limit in residential and high-pedestrian areas to 20mph. Under the new scheme any applications for a 20mph limit in an area where recorded average traffic speeds are 28mph or under is likely to be approved.
- More 20mph limits could be on the way in [Worcestershire](#) and it is encouraging that West Mercia Police say that they're ready to start "applying the same approach" to 20mph zones as legal limits elsewhere.
- Plans are underway to roll out 20mph in 18 areas in [Southport](#) in addition to the 1,700 roads already approved for speed reductions across the Liverpool City region.
- On the [Isle of Man](#), 20mph speed limits are set to be introduced in the island's capital, Douglas, and neighbouring Onchan as part of the government's efforts there "to foster more "inclusive streets" and "considerate driving".
- Changes are happening in [Dorset](#) where, following requests from local and parish councils, new 20mph schemes are set to be implemented in ten towns and villages before Easter this year.
- [Hertfordshire County Council](#) recently announced a new target to implement 20mph limits on 50% of urban roads by year end 2027/28 with an extra £1.5M investment.
- As part of the Scottish Government's national strategy [Orkney](#) is the latest place to announce its plans for introducing 20mph limits.

LONDON NEWS

While things in the boroughs have quietened down ahead of the Local Elections in May, it is great to see Phase 3 of TfL's Lower Speed Limits programme up and running with 20mph limits planned for more Red Route roads across the capital. Full details [here](#). Highlights include part of the A1 Archway Road in Haringey and parts of the A23 and A214 in south London.

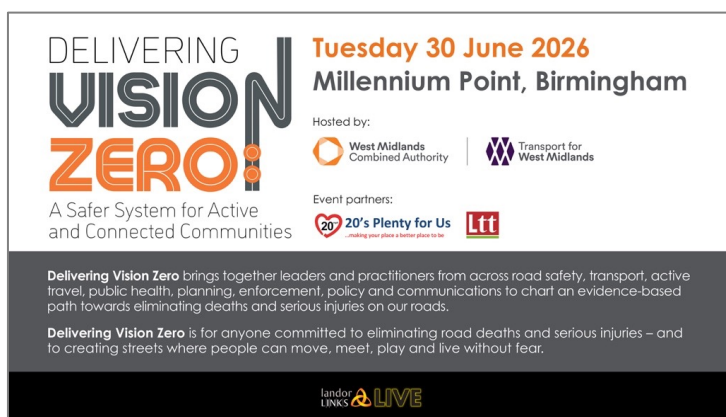
WEBINAR/CONFERENCE NEWS

Delivering 20 Webinar series

Our next webinar on **Delivering 20** will be in May (date tbc) and focus on the Government's Road Safety Strategy and the role that 20mph limits can make in reducing road danger in local communities.

Delivering Vision Zero Conference

Building on the success of last year's Vision Zero Conference in Liverpool, we are pleased to support this year's [Delivering Vision Zero Conference](#) at Millennium Point, Birmingham on **30 June**. The event brings together experts from road danger reduction, highways, enforcement, communications and public health to chart an evidence-based path to Vision Zero.



DELIVERING VISION ZERO

Tuesday 30 June 2026
Millennium Point, Birmingham

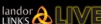
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A Safer System for Active and Connected Communities

Delivering Vision Zero brings together leaders and practitioners from across road safety, transport, active travel, public health, planning, enforcement, policy and communications to chart an evidence-based path towards eliminating deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

Delivering Vision Zero is for anyone committed to eliminating road deaths and serious injuries – and to creating streets where people can move, meet, play and live without fear.

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It will explore issues of leadership and collaboration to eliminate road harm and increase active travel.

Themes are likely to include:

- Beyond 20mph: maturing the Safe System
- Enforcement, compliance and legitimacy
- Safe spaces for active travel
- Vision Zero as a public health and equality strategy
- Case studies: positive change
- Designing out danger when signs and paint are not enough

CAMPAIGNER NEWS AND INFORMATION

20's Plenty Campaigner Zooms are back!

Our Campaigner Zoom sessions have returned after a bit of a break. Our next session will be on **20 April at 7pm**. You can register [here](#) in advance and come along to ask us anything about local campaigning.

Do let us know if you've been featured on local (or national) TV, radio or in print. We can help with media training. Watch the 15 min media training by Ian Conlan, 20's Plenty Campaigner of 2023 winner, at the 20's Plenty for North Yorkshire YouTube [here](#) on how to write a press release. Setting up a **County campaigns** work well. Ask adrian.b@20splenty.org for help or watch this [briefing and video](#).

500+ UK Parish Councils support 20's Plenty. Share resources, like a list of supporting parish councils using a Google account and create campaign map. With over **700** registered campaigns across the UK we are here to help. We have a wide range of resources available on our [20's Plenty website](#) for use in your local campaign, including **graphics**, **briefings** and **articles**.



Join our private, vibrant [Campaigner Facebook Group](#) and find out how to win.



If you find "X" too toxic these days, you can follow us on **Bluesky** at [@20splenty.bsky](#)

Thanks for everything you do. Ask us anything, anytime.

The 20's Plenty Team



Help Support our Campaign

We don't have a membership fee and provide a wealth of useful campaign resources on our website free of charge. However, costs continue to rise.

Help us to continue with our work supporting local communities by making a [donation](#) or buying our 20's Plenty campaign [banners and stickers](#).

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