‘Diolch am 20’ Thanks for 20 - Open Letter to The Press -
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We support the Welsh Government initiative to make 20mph the default speed limit for residential and built-up areas from today, 17th September. We praise the 20mph limit as being the huge contribution towards fairer streets and more liveable communities for all in Wales. It’s not just a road safety benefit. It also supports broader health, climate and societal goals such as helping the vulnerable to get about, improving social connection, reducing air and noise pollution, and more.

It benefits the 513,800 children in Wales who will find walking, cycling and scooting to and from school, friends, family or play places so much safer. And 298,519 households with no car or van, including 48% of lone parent households will gain from safer streets whilst walking or cycling.

Plus the 600,000 people with concessionary travel passes who walk for at least part of their journey, often standing at the roadside, will find their mobility improved.

And research shows that over 12,133 people won’t be injured by vehicles over the next 10 years. One of them could be any reader of this article.

We are grateful.

20’s Plenty for Us

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[Images and logos of various organizations supporting the 20mph initiative are shown.]