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Southeastern cycle hub

Cyclists will soon benefit from a new cycle hub in Barden Road next to Tonbridge railway station. The project, led by Southeastern, is nearing completion and will provide secure spaces for 270 bikes.

An artist's impression of what the new cycle hub will look like.

Picture: The Trevor Patrick Partnership.



Do you want to learn to ride?

Or improve your skills and confidence on a bicycle? Check out our range of affordable courses at different sites across Kent at www.kentcycletraining.co.uk



Visit Kentconnected.org or download the free app to plan your journey and to find local walking and cycling routes near you.

New and improved cycle facilities on Quarry Hill Road

As part the Emergency Active Travel Fund we will also be carrying out works on the A26 Pembury Road to Brook Street.

We will be installing posts along the edge of the existing cycle lane and widening some of the footpath using bolt-down kerbs. The left turn off from the A26 roundabout onto Brook Street will be removed. In its place, we will be placing red and white barriers from Waterloo Road to the Pembury Road roundabout. Parking bays between 38 Quarry Hill Road and Aycliffe Dentistry will also be removed.

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Tonbridge

Town-wide 20mph on its way!

Work has started in Tonbridge this month on a new town-wide 20mph speed limit trial as part of plans to increase walking and cycling in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

Since lockdown on 23 March cycling has increased nationally by 300% and the government has pledged to support a 'cycling and walking revolution'.

Kent County Council has been awarded £1.6 million from the Department for Transport's Emergency Active Travel Fund to invest in walking and cycling initiatives across the county.

We are using some of this money to deliver 20mph town-wide trials in Tonbridge and Faversham. Tonbridge has been chosen because quite a large area of the town has already experienced a 20mph zone. There is an increasing demand across the county for town-wide 20mph schemes. With East and West Kent trials we want to make sure that these schemes work for large scale areas before further schemes are undertaken.



We want to hear your views

Your views will be vital in helping us to measure the success of the trial, to inform any future improvements and to help us decide whether to make the scheme permanent. The Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, which will make the new speed limit legal is available to view and give your response at kent.gov.uk/tonbridge20mph until Monday 1 February 2021.



Working together for a healthier, safer and cleaner Tonbridge

We are working with Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council to raise awareness of the new limit and promote walking and cycling in the town.

The scheme is being introduced as a trial, which means we can test the impact of the change and see how it performs.

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What are we planning to do?

The changes around town will include 20mph road markings and signs as well as signed 20mph 'gateways' as you drive in. These gateways will have either a buff or red surface to highlight the start of the new speed limit.

There will be no other traffic calming measures in the first phase. However, throughout the trial period we will be monitoring the effectiveness of the scheme and there may be a need for further measures to ensure that the road design encourages motorists to keep to the 20mph limit. Further measures could be introduced to improve pedestrian crossings and pavements as well as provide dedicated cycle lanes and paths for cyclists.



How will the new speed limit be enforced?

While it's the role of the police to enforce speed limits, the success of this scheme will rely heavily on drivers choosing to observe the 20mph zone and play their part in making Tonbridge a healthier, safer, cleaner place.

We will be working with Kent Police in the coming months to promote the scheme and encourage all road users to support its aims.

There are currently no plans to install new speed cameras.

Please do your bit and keep your speed within the 20mph limit and encourage others to do the same.



What are the benefits of a town-wide 20mph limit?

Studies show that 20mph schemes encourage more walking and cycling because people feel safer.




More walking and cycling can help:

- improve health
- save money
- reduce traffic congestion
- increase levels of physical activity
- improve air quality.

Lower speeds give drivers and others more time to react. Pedestrians are five times more likely to survive if hit at 20mph than at 30mph. A 1mph reduction in speed reduces casualties by an average of 6%.

Even driving at 20mph can pose a danger to cyclists and pedestrians. Whether you are driving, walking or cycling around the town, read safety information for all road users at kentroadsafety.info.

Key to plan

-  Extent of 20mph zone on arterial routes
-  Existing 20mph
-  New 20mph zone

Good reasons to drive at



- Driving slower and keeping the engine revs down means using less fuel and spending less money.
- Driving slower gives you more time to see and anticipate pedestrians, cyclists and the unexpected car door about to open.
- 20mph limits save money because there are fewer collisions and those that do happen are less costly to the NHS, emergency services and the insurance companies, which we all have to pay for either through tax or insurance premiums.
- Driving slower and within the 20mph limit reduces driver stress and fatigue.

20mph might still be too fast in some areas, especially near schools during drop-off and pick-up times. Be prepared for pedestrians, cyclists and vulnerable road users.

