

What you can do

Surveys of Wirral pedestrians have shown the major concerns to be:

- antisocial / illegal / dangerous parking on street corners, on pavements and at schools
- traffic speeds too high
- cycling fast on pavements

Wirral Council and Merseyside Police will respond to public pressure. So if you want things to improve for pedestrians, you need to say so, and keep saying it!

Contact Wirral Council

To report damaged footways, overgrown hedges, street lighting, potholes, or obstructing bins, contact Streetscene via

- 0151 606 2004
- or streetscene@wirral.gov.uk

You will be given a reference number and can report anonymously, if you wish.

Alternatively, use www.fixmystreet.com.

If not satisfied, don't give up. Keep raising your concerns, and if necessary, persuade your friends, families and neighbours to complain; and contact your local councillor.

Pedestrian Forum: Wirral Pedestrian Forum was set up by Wirral Council in 2010 with the aim of working with other organisations, including the local Pedestrians' Group, to improve the conditions for pedestrians, and to promote walking as a healthy exercise. It meets every 3 months. Everybody is welcome to attend. Contact 0151 606 2004 or pedestrianforum@wirral.gov.uk for more details or to be added to the circulation list.

Contact Merseyside Police

To report illegal parking, phone 0151 709 6010 or 101.

The more people report problems, the more the Police will take notice.

Join us

Our Association is open to anyone who supports our aims. We encourage everyone interested to join (£2 per year) - there is strength in numbers. Members can choose to receive newsletters by post or by email. Join via the website, or phone or email us, or contact a committee member. To just be added to the (free) email newsletter list, register via our website.

We hold meetings every two months.

Contact us

<http://www.wirralpedestrians.org.uk>
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Wirral Pedestrians Association

Standing up for pedestrians

We're campaigning for safe, attractive and enjoyable streets, where people want to walk.



Campaigning for Pedestrians

Our Aims

- To campaign for the safety and convenience of pedestrians, including all legitimate users of footways such as walkers, runners, wheelchair users, and mobility scooter users
- To ensure pedestrians are placed at the centre of transport planning and systems
- To ensure pavements are well maintained and are free of obstructions such as illegally parked vehicles, wheelie bins, and overhanging vegetation
- To work with Merseyside Police and Wirral Council in improving pedestrian safety
- To promote walking as a sustainable means of transport, and as a means of keeping healthy and saving money



Road Safety

The UK has some of the worst pedestrian safety figures in Europe, and Merseyside is one of the worst areas in the UK.

Wirral Council and Merseyside Police have a duty to make Wirral's streets safe for pedestrians. We feel they could do more.

Safe Routes to Schools

Children want to walk to school. We think that every parent and child should feel that the child can walk safely between home and school. Many Wirral pedestrians have major concerns about illegal parking around schools. We feel that the local police could and should do more to prevent this.

Illegal Parking on Pavements

It is illegal to drive on to or obstruct a pavement except in an emergency or unless signs permit it. Illegal antisocial parking is an increasing problem affecting

- people with disabilities, especially those in wheelchairs
- people with visual impairment
- parents with children especially those with buggies
- groups of people walking for health

We feel that the law should be enforced. Pedestrians should not have to dodge vehicles driving along or parked on pavements, or be forced into the road to walk around them. We welcome Wirral Council's flyer for illegally parked vehicles. We are also promoting our own recommendations.

20 mph default speed limits

Slower speeds save lives, reduce injuries and make streets feel safer and more pleasant spaces. Some cities (Portsmouth and Oxford) have already changed from 30 mph to 20 mph as the standard speed limits in residential areas, **without using speed bumps**. It means more people can cycle and there is less congestion. Wirral now has some small 20 mph areas, but pedestrians would benefit if the whole of Wirral followed suit



Cycling on pavements

This is a concern to many, as some pedestrians have been knocked down. The law against cycling on pavements should be enforced.

Overhanging hedges and wheelie bins blocking pavements

These are persistent problems. Wirral Council has an enforcement strategy for these problems. It could be better publicized.

More resources for pedestrians

On Merseyside, cars are owned by only 40% of residents (if including children in the total), but 93% of Wirral Council's roads budget is spent on motor vehicles. We want to see a higher proportion of resources spent on facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.