

Streetwise Information and Action

Join The Architecture Centre in pointing the way to better streets.

Find out how you can improve your street and how we can make better streets for the future.

Improving existing streets

- Do a street audit or Placecheck to identify what needs improving
- Organise a street party to help make your street a social space
- Assess the 'liveability' of your street through Living Streets
- Leave the car at home – and encourage others to do the same
- Find examples of good streets and campaign for similar improvements

20's plenty

www.20splentyforbristol.org.uk

Group campaigning for a 20 mph default speed limit on residential streets in Bristol.

Actions: What you can do with the city

<http://cca-actions.org>

Exhibition presenting 99 actions that instigate positive change.

Bristol Streets

<http://bristolstreets.co.uk>

Explore and contribute to interactive maps of Bristol.

Campaign for Better Transport

www.bettertransport.org.uk

Join campaigns to improve public transport and reduce traffic.

Community Planning

www.communityplanning.net

Help for residents involved in working with professionals to shape their local environment.

Cyclescheme

www.cyclescheme.co.uk

Get a tax-free bike to cycle to work under the Government's Cycle to Work initiative.

English Heritage – Save our Streets

www.english-heritage.org.uk

Carry out a street audit and download examples of good street design.

Fix my Street

www.fixmystreet.com

Report and discuss local problems such as graffiti, fly tipping or street lighting.

High Street UK

www.highstreetuk.org.uk

Learn about initiatives in town centre management. A programme by the Civic Trust and the New Economics Foundation.

Living Streets

www.livingstreets.org.uk/what_you_can_do

Find out the 'Liveability' rating of your street and get involved in your local branch of Living Streets, a charity campaigning for better streets. You can contact Bristol Living Streets at livingstreetsbristol@gmail.com

Placecheck

www.placecheck.info/Placecheck_streets.htm

Placecheck is a method of assessing the qualities of places for communities. Organise a street placecheck in your area.

Streets Alive

www.streetsalive.net

Encourages culturally thriving communities through organising traffic-free street events and supporting street parties.

Streetwire

www.streetwire.org

Find out what is going on in your local area based on your postcode. Content is user generated.

Sustrans: Liveable Neighbourhoods

www.sustrans.org.uk/default.asp?sID=1090834683408treet

Find out about DIY streets, a project aiming to make 'Homezone' style streets more accessible to communities.

MORE OVERLEAF

Timebank

www.timebank.org.uk

Timebank connects you to voluntary projects in your local area.

Up My Street

www.upmystreet.com

Information tailored to your local area: businesses, services and community contacts.

Making new streets

- **Develop and commit to a strong physical and organisational vision**
- **Put people (not vehicles) first, and consider the needs of all street users**
- **Apply lessons from elsewhere – CABE is a good source of case studies**
- **Design streets that encourage active travel (walking and cycling)**
- **Consider local identity and the need for green space**

CABE

www.cabe.org.uk/streets

Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment: advises on well-designed buildings, places and spaces. Case studies and publications including *Civilised streets* and *This way to better streets*.

Living Streets

www.livingstreets.org.uk

Advises on improving opportunities for walking and the quality of public space.

Manual for Streets

www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/sustainable/manforstreets

Key Department for Transport publication; sets out design principles to encourage more people-orientated streets.

Masterplanning Checklist

www.bettertransport.org.uk

Checklist for sustainable transport in new developments commissioned by the

Walking Works

www.walkingworks.org.uk

A campaign from Living Streets. Visitors to the website can make a pledge to walk to work.

Walkit.com

www.walkit.com/bristol

Website provides walking maps of selected UK cities, including Bristol.

Campaign for Better Transport; download from the Campaign's website.

RUDI

www.rudi.net

Independent web resource dedicated to urban design and placemaking. Case studies and links to resources such as the *Urban Design Compendium*.

Sustrans

www.sustrans.org.uk

Sustainable transport charity; Active Travel section works with policy-makers and practitioners to promote walking and cycling.

Walk 21

www.walk21.com

Champions the development of communities where people choose to walk; organises conferences worldwide.

Video resources

The Architecture Centre, Bristol

<http://architecturecentre.blip.tv>

Watch videos of The Architecture Centre's recent events including a panel discussion on walkability.

CABE – Streets videos

www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=2483

Urban Designer Sue McGlynn summarises the spatial attributes of quality streets. Andy Cameron, co-author of *Manual for Streets*, gives a broad overview of the Manual's principles.

Towards a Fine City for People: Lars Gemzoe/CABE

www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=2451&refid=1924&sl=6.7.7

Lars Gemzoe from Gehl Architects based in Copenhagen (www.gehlarchitects.com) gives a view on the people-centred approach to street design.