

It is Cut the Clutter week

Living Streets are promoting Cut the Clutter week from 10 to 16 July 2023.

This is when members of the public are urged to report to councils any obstructions that make it difficult for pedestrians to walk and wheel easily.

The UK walking charity wants councils to ban all A-board advertising on the pavement, remove unused phone boxes, and cut back hedges that encroach on pavements, amongst other measures to cut the clutter on Britain's pavements.

With a rise in electric vehicles, e-scooters and e-bikes the charity also wants a commitment from councils that charging points and cycle storage will be placed on the carriageway and not on the pavements, unless there is at least 1.5 metres clearance left for people walking and wheeling.

It is the third year that Living Streets has run its Cut the Clutter campaign. In previous years, the biggest blights reported by Brits were overgrown trees and hedges, intrusive sign and lamp posts.

Research[1] from Living Streets found that nearly one in five (18%) parents of primary school aged children would be more likely to walk their child to school instead of drive if there was a better walking environment.

Stephen Edwards, Chief Executive, Living Streets said: "We shouldn't have to overcome a gauntlet of street clutter to enjoy the health and happiness benefits of an everyday walk.

"For some people street clutter is just unsightly, but for

wheelchair users, families with buggies and people with guide dogs, obstructions can force them off the safety of the pavement and into the road.

“Cut The Clutter Week helps know where the problems are, what they are and provides an easy way for people to report issues to their local council.”

To write to your council asking them to Cut the Clutter on your local streets, visit livingstreets.org.uk/Clutter





