

FOOTWAYS ARE FOR PEDESTRIANS



Encouraging regular, brisk walking is a cost-effective way of tackling health problems such as coronary heart disease and obesity. There is strong evidence that the decline in childhood walking, particularly to school, is storing up serious long-term problems for adult health.

The council is determined to give residents the opportunity to walk on our footways without unnecessary obstruction.

Footways, or pavements are intended to allow the safe passage of pedestrians. Obstructions can cause a danger to pedestrians, in particular wheel chair users, blind or partially sighted pedestrians or those who have a mobility difficulty. These make simple journeys more difficult by reducing the available footway width and forcing pedestrians onto the road.

Parking on the footway not only makes it difficult for pedestrians to get past, it can damage underlying services such as water and gas and can also cause the footway surface to deteriorate creating an additional danger to pedestrians after the vehicle has moved on. Overgrown hedges and overhanging bushes can cause similar obstructions and be a hazard to drivers, as they can block visibility at junctions.

Attaching banners or advertising posters to pedestrian guardrails can hide children waiting to cross the road so increasing the risk of an accident.

Please help to make North Lanarkshire a healthier, safer and more attractive place to live, work, shop and walk!



-  **Don't** park or drive on a footway.
-  **Don't** leave wheelie Bins, bin bags or loose rubbish or place advertising hoardings or shop displays on a footway where they may be a danger to pedestrians.
-  **Don't** erect scaffolding without the prior permission of the roads authority.
-  **Don't** place skips on the footway without the permission of North Lanarkshire Council's roads authority.
-  **Don't** attach fly-posters or advertising banners to pedestrian guardrail.
-  **Do not** allow hedges or trees to overhang footways.
-  **Do** report advertising hoardings or shop displays on a footway, road sign or lamp column.

We will take action against those who flout the law or cause unnecessary obstruction.

Call Northline on **01698 403 110**

For further information or advice please contact:

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SAFER FOOTWAYS



Walking is good for you and good for the environment. Please help us to make it easier for people to get around on foot.





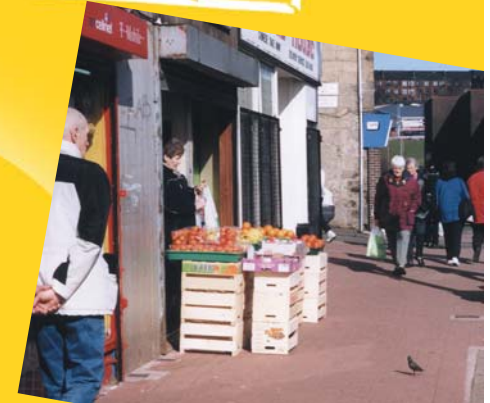
Wide footways are not provided to allow more rubbish to be placed on them!



What a load of rubbish!
Can you find a better location for your wheelie bin?

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Keep Them Clear!



For sale - but this is not acceptable if you are partially sighted or blind!



Overhanging bushes or hedges can cause problems for pedestrians as well as obstruct visibility for drivers. Trim yours regularly!

Banners on guardrail... free advertising, but at what cost? These can hide small children and prevent drivers seeing through the gap at the top - it's there for a reason!



There is no excuse for parking on a footway. This is the most common complaint by pedestrians and can be avoided with a little thought for others. Footways are for pedestrians.

