



## Terence Bendixson

Terence Bendixson, journalist and author, is probably the longest serving campaigner for pedestrians throughout the world, and is now the President of Living Streets in the UK, the charity formerly known as the Pedestrian's Association. He was recruited to the cause in the 1960s by Tom Foley, the Association's co-founder, after an article he had written in the Guardian about the dominance of cars in our cities and towns. He is a strong believer in encouraging people to walk their daily errands, being aware of how street pattern and layout can influence travel behaviour and enhance or limit the experience of travel on foot. He has lived almost all his life in Chelsea, now a prized neighbourhood of London, our conversation takes place there one sunny morning along roads he has walked since he was eleven. 26'34" 12'34"

Notes from the podcast interview by **Andrew Stuck**: Recorded in July 2017 on a walk through the neighbourhood of Old Chelsea in London. Published in December 2017 on <http://www.talkingwalking.net>

Living Streets - the UK Charity for Everyday walking <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/>

Tom Foley - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Living\\_Streets\\_\(UK\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Living_Streets_(UK))

Chelsea [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chelsea,\\_London](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chelsea,_London)

Child evacuees in Canada

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar/stories/45/a4903445.shtml>

<http://online.liverpooluniversitypress.co.uk/doi/abs/10.3828/bjcs.2014.11>

Old Church Street, Chelsea [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old\\_Church\\_Street](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Church_Street)

Terence was recruited to the Pedestrian's Association in the 1960s following an article he wrote for the Guardian about the importance of walking - here is another article he wrote at the time: <https://www.theguardian.com/theguardian/2013/jun/26/town-planning-new-towns-cumbernauld>

Lord Cecil and Tom Foley established the Pedestrian's Association in the late 1920s

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert\\_Cecil,\\_1st\\_Viscount\\_Cecil\\_of\\_Chelwood](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Cecil,_1st_Viscount_Cecil_of_Chelwood)

Original priority of the Pedestrian's Association was crossing roads - a disputed provenance

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pedestrian\\_crossing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pedestrian_crossing)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zebra\\_crossing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zebra_crossing)

History of the Driving Test and other road safety events

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/history-of-road-safety-and-the-driving-test/history-of-road-safety-the-highway-code-and-the-driving-test>

Terence's mother was a driver for 'Ack Ack Command' during World War Two

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-Aircraft\\_Command](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-Aircraft_Command)

Elderly drivers - their safety record: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-24204489>

'crash' not 'accident' <http://www.roadpeace.org/take-action/crash-not-accident/>

Terence wrote the book 'Instead of Cars' <http://www.moda.mdx.ac.uk/object15930> that was published in the UK, USA and Japan

in 2017 Living Streets, Transport for London and Bloomberg, hosted a 'Walking Summit'

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/what-you-can-do/walking-summit>

London Street in Norwich in 1967 was one of the first street in Britain to be pedestrianised

<https://www.norwich.gov.uk/londonstreet> another was in Southend.



Article from the US on the amount of time cars are parked

<http://fortune.com/2016/03/13/cars-parked-95-percent-of-time/>

Uber <https://www.uber.com/en-GB/>

UK Government Cycling and walking investment strategy

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cycling-and-walking-investment-strategy>

Proportion of children who walk to school in the UK <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/who-we-are/press-media/walk-to-school-rates-decline-to-the-lowest-level-ever>

**Terence's recommendation for a walk is:**

1. The Thameside walk particularly along the south bank <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/walking/thames-path>
2. Always walk if you possibly can - it is not just a fine day experience