

Tony Armstrong:

Tony is Chief Executive of Living Streets, Britain's leading campaigning organisation for the pedestrian and pedestrian-friendly public spaces.

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Living Streets are celebrating their 80th Anniversary on the 13 August 2009 http://www.livingstreets.org.uk - they are based at Universal House, 88-94 Wentworth Street in London's vibrant Spitalfields neighbourhood.

Living Streets has offices in Newcastle and in Scotland.

In England:

The Department of Transport published Manual for Streets: http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/sustainable/manforstreets/

The Department of Health has published an Obesity Strategy: http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuid ance/DH 082378

The Department for Communities and Local Government policy work on Green spaces and public realm:

http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/greenspacesbetter3

Living Streets put much store in how people feel about their immediate surroundings and the connectivity of neighbourhoods and these elements are central to their Fitter for Walking initiative: http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/take-action/our-projects/filter-for-walking

Very Important Pedestrian in London's West End began in 2006 and has become an annual traffic free pre-Christmas shopping event: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/6119926.stm

Buchanan Street in Glasgow: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buchanan Street

Living Streets works closely with the Department for Transport in promoting National Walk to School: http://www.walktoschool.org.uk/

Tony recommends walking in Buenos Aires and San Francisco and takes his family on leisure walks in the Peak District http://www.peakdistrict.org/ and Lake District http://www.lake-district.gov.uk/ national parks.