



Emma Griffin

Emma Griffin is a transport journalist, turned pedestrian activist, and maker of Footways maps of London, that identify calm and pedestrian-friendly routes and streets for us on foot to enjoy. One such route is the canal-side towpath, that Emma and Andrew Stuck walk along when they meet at Haggerston in Hackney, or so it should be, however, they have to share the path with inconsiderate cyclists. Emma argues that cyclists are part of the solution towards a more pedestrian-friendly London, as are Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, and the real battle is with the car drivers. 26'09" 12.3MB

Notes from the podcast interview by **Andrew Stuck**: Recorded in May 2023 and published in August 2023. <http://www.talkingwalking.net>

Living Streets: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/>

Living Streets, Hackney and London Living Streets: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/local-groups/london>

Masters in Urban Studies at UCL (University College London) <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/urban-lab/study/postgraduate/msc-urban-studies>

Road pricing, Stephen Glaister (Imperial College): <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/people/s.glaister>

Footways Maps - maps for people on foot <https://footways.london/> - Living Streets' colleague David Harrison - seeking out the more enjoyable route nearby.

Footways have had many achievements in their short history including:

The Central London Footways map:

- First edition sponsored by Transport for London in 2020.
- The second edition was published in May 2022 with support from Network Rail, City of London Corporation, Central District Alliance, Cross River Partnership, the developer for King's Cross, LNER, The Northbank BID and Urban Partners.
- Third edition, published in 2023, was sponsored by Network Rail and distributed from eight of its mainline stations. More than 25,000 copies have been distributed so far.
- They won a Network Rail *Achieving Communications Excellence (ACE)* award.
- *Map of the Month* in November 2022 at map retailer Stanfords <https://www.stanfords.co.uk/>.

Hackney Central Footways:

- Maps for Hackney Central were published in January 2023 using a grant from Hackney Council.
- Researched features for the map working closely with local community groups, businesses, walk leaders and cultural destinations.
- Maps are being distributed for free from libraries, Hackney Museum and by local businesses and at lunch clubs.
- The [King's Park Moving Together project](#) is using our maps as a tool to encourage residents in two housing estates to walk more and further.

Women walking more safely - Young Mayor of Hackney - Sudenaz Top: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/sudenaz-top-a4119b207/?originalSubdomain=uk>

more people, more eyes on the street - Jane Jacobs: <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/193660-a-city-street-equipped-to-handle-strangers-and-to-make>

LTNs - Low Traffic Neighbourhoods: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Low_Traffic_Neighbourhood#

Network Rail - the rail infrastructure company: <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/>

Salisbury Walking Forum (1990s) and the current (2023) walking map of Salisbury: <https://www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk/getting-around/walking/walking-routes/>



Active Travel England: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/active-travel-england>

2018 Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London Transport Strategy: <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/about-tfl/the-mayors-transport-strategy#>

Vision Zero: <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/safety-and-security/road-safety/vision-zero-for-london>

Red routes: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/red-routes>

Design company Applied - Legible London: <https://www.appliedinformation.group/projects/legible-london>

Emma's recommended walks:

1. London Squares route from Paddington to Liverpool Street, along the route of the Elisabeth Line. <https://footways.london/london-squares>
2. Ancient path for market porters - Hackney London Fields to via Broadway market and Columbia Road to the City - known as The Black Path: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Path#