

Bristol Walking Alliance: 2021 Police and Crime Commissioner manifesto commitments

Bristol Walking Alliance (BWA) is a consortium of organisations and individuals campaigning to improve the walking environment. BWA is asking candidates for the 2021 Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) election to support walking as a safe and inclusive mode of travel, and commit to the following:

1. Increase police enforcement action where pavement parking and parking across dropped kerbs makes it difficult or impossible for people to use the pavement safely.
2. Support 20mph speed limits in neighbourhoods and increase enforcement of speed limits especially in residential areas.
3. Support initiatives that encourage walking and promote a safe and inclusive pedestrian environment e.g., Walkable neighbourhoods, Healthy Streets, School Streets, Liveable Neighbourhoods.

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Further information

Bristol Walking Alliance website: <https://bristolwalkingalliance.org.uk/>

1. Pavement parking, and obstructing blocked kerbs, cause problems for people of all ages and abilities but are particularly dangerous for people with visual, mobility or cognitive impairments and for people with small children in buggies.

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/campaigning-campaign-resources-my-street/cars-pavement>

<https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/how-you-can-help/campaigning/our-current-campaigns/streets-ahead#pavement-parking>

<https://eachother.org.uk/nuisance-wheelchair-users-pavement-parking-ban/>

2. 20mph speed limits reduce traffic speeds, cut road traffic casualties, and promote community health and wellbeing through road danger reduction but there are concerns about compliance.

<https://uwe-repository.worktribe.com/output/875541/the-bristol-twenty-miles-per-hour-limit-evaluation-brite-study>

3. In walkable neighbourhoods, people feel safe and welcome which increases community cohesion, promotes physical and mental health, and can help to reduce crime.

<https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/ex/sustainablecitiescollective/improving-street-walkability-reduces-crime/37605/>

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/news/blogs/2019/february/walkable-neighbourhoods.aspx>

<http://schoolstreets.org.uk/>

<https://liveablebristol.org.uk/>