

# UPLANDS

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## LOCAL PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREENER, CLEANER, HAPPIER & MORE WALKABLE UPLANDS & BRYNMILL

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# HELLO UPLANDS & BRYNMILL!

We are a group of local residents who share a vision for a greener, cleaner, happier and more walkable environment for Uplands & Brynmill, and we're meeting regularly to try and make some good things happen in our area. Having met some of you at our stall at Uplands Market in September, and with around 80 local people involved so far, this is our first community newsletter to reach out to everyone and invite you to get involved! We hope you'll be interested to hear about some of the great ideas and actions that we are working on together so far, and we would love to welcome you to our next meeting to hear your views!

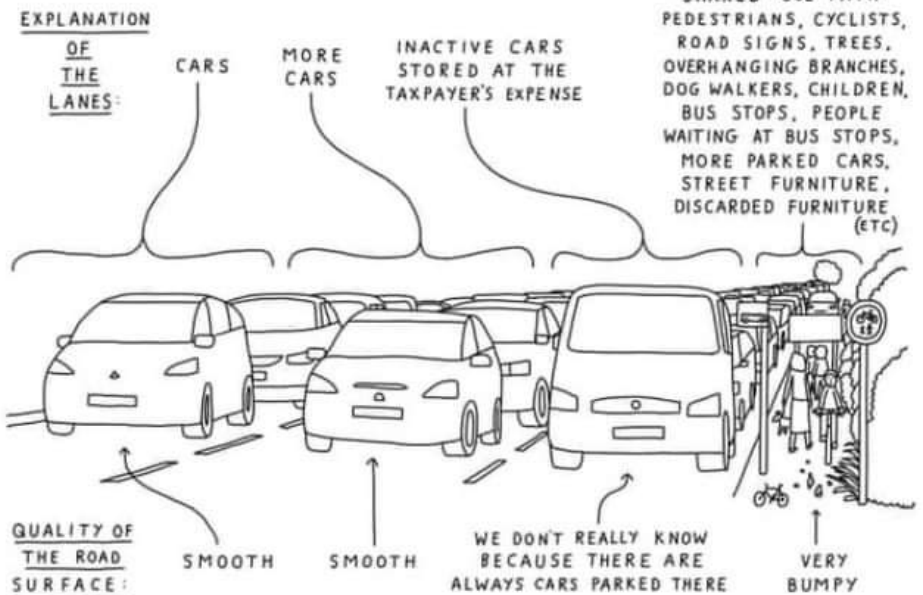


## RECLAIM OUR PAVEMENTS!

The pavement outside Subway in the centre of Uplands, is too narrow, too obstructed and too difficult to navigate! The bus stop blocks the pavement, and there is no way for pedestrians to remain "socially distanced" - or for wheelchairs or buggies to pass. Meanwhile, there are FIVE lanes of traffic on this stretch of Uplands Crescent. Surely there is a way to make this area work better for all?

## THE SHARED-USE PATH

AS FOUND IN MANY CITIES



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## WHAT DO PEOPLE IN UPLANDS WANT?

We held a local survey over the summer to find out what people want to see in Uplands. Here are some of the results:

### WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE CENTRE OF UPLANDS:

Choices	Percentage
More trees and planting	70.29%
A cycle path into the city centre	54.35%
Space for cafe tables on the street	53.62%
More benches, places to sit down	50.00%
More community events	44.93%
Less traffic	44.20%
Community gardens	40.58%

As an independent community group, we want to work together to support ideas to make Uplands better. If you want to support ideas that put the needs of local people and businesses above the needs of traffic, please come and get involved in your Uplands Living Streets local group!

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### WHAT ELSE DID LOCAL PEOPLE SAY?

Places to park bikes. More cafes and shops instead of more bars. Make it nice to spend time during the day.

A 20 mph speed limit on Uplands Crescent and all the local residential areas

A Carol Concert in Gwydr Square at Christmas!

I would like to see an exploration of the advantages/disadvantages of partial street closures and/or one way streets in the area south of Sketty Road (Ernald, Pantygydr, Bernard, Knoll, Beechwood etc), in order to reduce traffic in this area.

Traffic calming on Bernard Street; the junction with Glanbrydan Avenue has seen a number of accidents with vehicles mounting the pavement.

I think the more we can encourage safe cycling and walking and discourage cars in the area the better.

Electric car charging points

Having had car doors opened in front of me whilst cycling on Walter Rd several times, a safe cycling route from Uplands to the city centre and railway station would make a huge difference.

More planters for shrubs, flowers. The amount of parks in the vicinity allow for plenty of green space...perhaps better signage for these? Some of the shop fronts, particularly the fast food outlets could be improved. More parking provided at the back of the shops, where Chubbs used to be.

Generate community gardening, including front garden initiatives ( see below) - changing some busy streets from 30 to 20 would also help. Having public toilets nearby would be useful.



# THE BACK LANES PROJECT

We're surveying, photographing and mapping the many diverse back lanes of Uplands & Brynmill! Could these be made into safe walking / cycling routes, or used for growing, art or community events? Would YOU like to team up with neighbours to re-invent YOUR back lane? If so, get in touch to join our Back Lanes project, and why not have a chat with your neighbours?

Email us at: [UplandsSwanseaGroup@livingstreets.org.uk](mailto:UplandsSwanseaGroup@livingstreets.org.uk)

## “Adopt” your back lane!



Some of our back lanes are in a worse state than others, blighted by flytipping, dog mess and broken glass. In some, local people have already adopted their lanes to plant veg and flowers. There are even chickens in one back lane!

Report flytipping to the Council:  
[www.swansea.gov.uk/tidyswansea](http://www.swansea.gov.uk/tidyswansea)



*It's been done in other places. This once-dingy lane in Middlesbrough, Teesside, is now a haven of hanging baskets, trellises and trees bearing apples and pears.*

Keep an eye on our website, where we will be uploading photos and commentary on all our back lanes over the coming weeks.

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More regular market days (weekly), other kinds of traders would improve the footfall - fruit and veg shop, another charity shop, butchers, florist, rather than more cafes/bars.

Landlords should work to improve the front gardens of their properties, with more planting, the street scene is improved and wildlife encouraged. Gwdyr Crescent in particular.

More parking needs to be made available for people wanting to come and spend a few hours during the day, maybe some parking meters.

I would like to see Uplands become a hub in the daytime, not just a nightlife destination. An aesthetically pleasing place to spend time outdoors socialising (ie street cafes) and also a place which meets day needs eg shops - bakery, butcher, greengrocer.

Could space be found for a dedicated parking area for the shops so that less parking is required on roads and pavements can be widened, planted up with greenery?

The Grove could have some seats and a path.

I think the area would be hugely improved with the removal of the short stretch of road, and some trees/foilage, and fixed seating, encouraging local cafes and bars' customers to socialise on the street.

Changing traffic controls to benefit pedestrians would encourage more walking especially when it's raining.

More free disabled parking with traffic wardens to enforce it. More disabled parking near the shops. Smoother pavements for wheelchair access near the shops. Financial help like tax breaks for local firms and independent environmentally aware local shops rather than the national chains.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? YOU CAN LET US KNOW VIA OUR WEBSITE:

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# WORKING TOGETHER

All our local councillors have attended one or more of our meetings and we are grateful for their input. We're trying to get everyone working together, including the schools, parks, churches and businesses, to make Uplands the best it can be!

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## BENCHES! ...BUT WHERE?



Lots of people agree that more seating in Uplands would be a good idea. But where would you like to see a bench installed? We're investigating a few potential spots but we'd love to hear from you!

[www.uplandslivingstreets.org/benches](http://www.uplandslivingstreets.org/benches)

## ROOM TO GROW

Repurposing unused spaces in Uplands and Brynmill

## CALLING HMOS AND HOMEOWNERS!

Turn your front garden into community growing space with this fab local project operated by Angie Bettany of Hoogah.

[www.roomtogrow.wales](http://www.roomtogrow.wales)

## INVESTMENT IN PLAY AREAS

Uplands local councillors have got a new £30k council funding allocation to be spent on "play" in the ward. What would you like to see? A group of young people want improvements to the skate park at Victoria Park. Longer term, we want to see a multi-use games area (MUGA) in the right location, although we understand this idea will cost more than the £30k on offer this time!

## LET'S KEEP THE MOUNT PLEASANT



A great community-led campaign of public art decorating Mouth Pleasant is building pride among local residents. Could we do something similar in Uplands? If you've got any creative suggestions, please get in touch!

**ON THE UP!? ONWARDS & UPLANDS!?**

**We hope you have enjoyed our first newsletter! Please share share share and get involved!**

**JOIN UPLANDS LIVING STREETS FOR £1 OR DONATE TO SUPPORT OUR ACTIVITIES!**

**WE MEET ONLINE VIA ZOOM ON SATURDAY MORNINGS & EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

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## Sustainable Uplands

### A NEW COMMUNITY FACEBOOK GROUP

A space for people living in Uplands & Brynmill who want to share their ideas, work, projects and daily travails as they seek to build an environmentally sustainable life for themselves, their families and within the community.

[www.facebook.com/groups/sustainableuplands](http://www.facebook.com/groups/sustainableuplands)

**Let's Walk: Walking for Health, and for Fun**

**WEEKLY, TUESDAY  
9.15-10.30AM  
GROUP WALK**

A weekly group walk starting from the Wellbeing Centre and exploring the local green spaces.

Contact Brigid Haines: 07951 393971

