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SPRING NEWSLETTER

Create Streets is a design practice, town-builder and think tank. Here's a round up of what we've been up to and what we've got in the wings for you. [Do get in touch](#) if we can help you create or steward places to be beautiful, sustainable and popular.

JOIN THE 'PAVE IT BACK' MOVEMENT

We've all seen this: instead of preserving the paved streets, the utility companies pull them up in slices and squares, crack them or worse, throw them away needlessly and replace them with a scar of tarmac which lingers for months or years or forever, seemingly mocking the pride and self-worth of the local communities. Our latest report [Street Scar](#), discussed in [The Guardian](#), The World Tonight, [The Architects' Journal](#) and [Local Gov](#), sets out precisely the legislative and regulatory changes required to fix this. While you're here, please sign the [Petition on Change.org](#).



A DESIGN CODE FOR LICHFIELD CITY CENTRE

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"highly appropriate." It captures a people-first pattern of streets, defined by buildings that strongly incorporate the materials, palette and look of Lichfield's historic centre. We made sure we had a good sample of what the residents wanted. Thank you Lichfield Council for your kind words : 'An efficient and effective team. Far thinking and challenging us to think outside the box, certainly kept us on our toes. Also prepared to come and stand on windy wet street corners to engage about the process', We enjoyed it too!



RESTITCH - THE SOCIAL FABRIC SUMMIT (7 - 8 March)

How do we create and steward places to weave us together not tear us apart? Join us in Coventry for [Restitch](#), a programme of discussions and talks on how to restitch our social fabric and an opportunity to meet community leaders, politicians, third sector, officials, businesses, designers, architects and planners. We are delighted to be co-hosting Restitch with [Onward](#) and [Labour Together](#). Attendance is free thanks to our generous sponsors. There are still a very few places available but you need to register [here](#).



SAFER STREETS FOR WOMEN

Here's a leading new initiative for the [Create Communities](#) platform, to coincide with International Women's Day. We're so thrilled to be involved. Do the women in your community feel unsafe in some streets in your town or neighbourhood? Do you want to do something about it but don't know where to start? More info going live on our website on Thursday.



MORE PLANNING SUPPORT FOR MORE HOMES

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Watch this two minute video to see how

we designed a beautiful slice of Devon around a village green, increasing the number of homes from 34 to 44 and winning rave reviews from the approving planning committee: *'I don't know what else they can do to make this application better.'*

GREENING UP

Following on from our seminal [Greening up](#) report, we've been busy helping deliver resident-backed planting strategies rooted in public engagement and popular support. Our work has been with [neighbourhood groups](#), [highways authorities](#), local planning authorities, [town councils](#), [developers](#) and [land promoters](#) to 'green up' existing place and create new ones which have street trees and sustainable drainage throughout. Please support the [Create Streets Foundation crowdfunding](#) campaign to help Grimsby [East Marsh group](#) fund their greening up.



SHERBORNE SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

'I learnt more in these three days than my three-year degree!!' 'Fabulous course... my mind was buzzing. Thank you all.' Reviews from 2023.

We are delighted to be running the second Create Streets Foundation Urban Design and Architecture Summer School on 15-21 July, joined by our friends from [James Armitage Architects](#) and [Adam Architecture](#). Find out more and apply [here](#)



IN THE BLOG AISLE

[How to improve your neighbourhood](#) - We are often contacted by individuals or community group asking how to improve their neighbourhoods. Here are some top tips.

[Planning says no](#) - A Hastings resident reflects on his recent attempts to create a new home.

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Parish CLT in rural West Dorset.

Kingston renaissance? - The genesis and ongoing success of the traditional design course at Kingston University.

*And that's a wrap!
Till next time and do stay in touch.*

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