



Where does the time go? Nearly all the doors in the streets of our advent calendar are open. Before we switch off for Christmas, here's a look back at our fantastic year at Create Streets HQ. From creating streets to building towns...

George Payiatis, channeling his inner wise man on a suitably seasonal vehicle, has made it back just in time for Christmas from Cairo.



He's been running urban design training workshops alongside Create Streets fellow Nada Elfeituri, the World Monuments Fund and a group of 20 artists, architects, engineers, conservationists and urban designers from **Benghazi**.

Our town centre **Lichfield design code** has seen over **100 code-compliant homes** being brought forward by a small developer.



Our **Surrey street design code** is now fully up and running, setting design standards for all new developments across the county with more street trees and wider pavements. Cheshire West & Chester's code is next!

Back in March we released our much discussed **Road to Nowhere** report.

The result: vision-led transport planning to support 'gentle density' development with more homes on less land is now in the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and our MD, David Milner, **has been appointed** to the Government's Capital Review Panel.



We're planting trees! Over 5,000 trees and saplings have been planted across nine schools in **Grimsby** as part of the **Create Streets Foundation's** street transformation with **East Marsh United** and North East Lincolnshire.

Ed and Eleanor have been getting their hands dirty!



Our landmark **Back on Track** report explained why British trams are so expensive to build and how to use trams to create 'gentle density' in Leeds and nationwide.



We're now launching our **Trams Network**. Do **get in touch** if you'd like to help us get 15 tram lines under construction within 5 years.

We've also been busy supporting the **Create Streets Foundation's** growing education programme. The Creating Places Academy taught 43 students and professionals in London and Sherborne.



Watch this space for news imminently on our **2025 Summer School**. You can register now for the upcoming **Dare to Draw**, **Creating Gentle Density**, or **Living with Listing** master classes.

Create Streets works from the national to the very local.

We're over the moon to see our improvements to the Riverside Youth Club co-created four years ago with residents nearly **built out**.



And finally, we're really spreading our wings.

In addition to work in England from Cumbria to Somerset Create Streets really went international in 2024, giving lectures or leading or supporting visits and projects in **Ukraine**, **Benghazi**, Finland, Paris, Utrecht, Belfast, **Athens** and the Middle East.



CREATE STREETS IN NUMBERS

In 2024 year we:

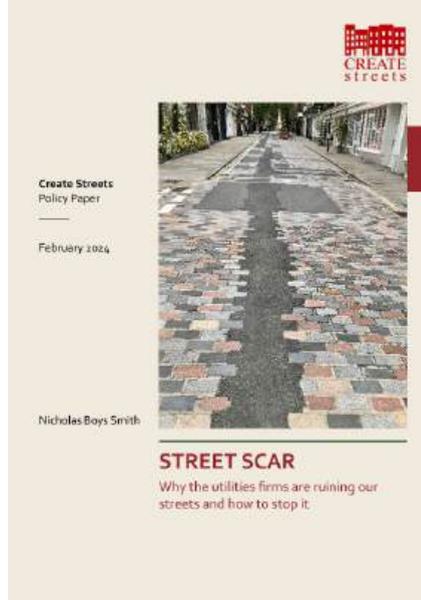
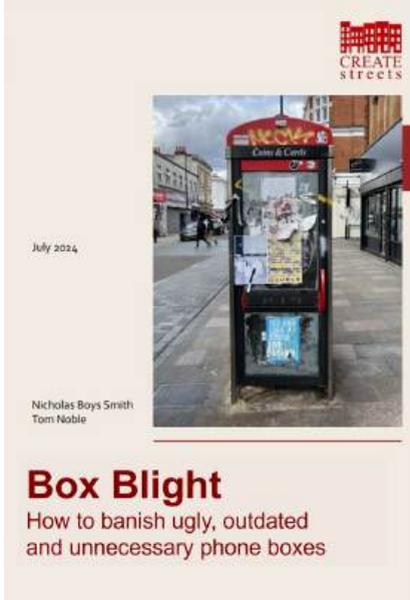
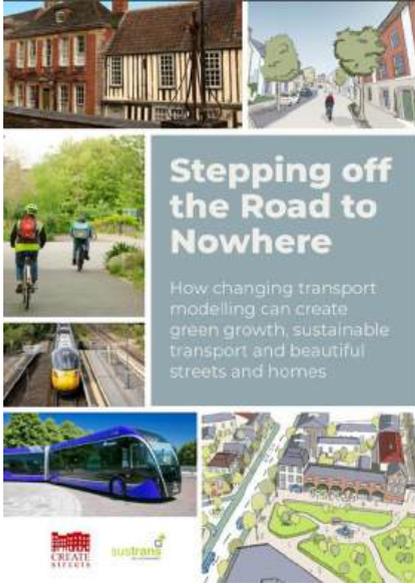
- Delivered **7** design codes benefiting **1,940,000** people in the UK
- Designed **15** masterplans
- Supported **16** councils
- Partnered with **8** developers and landowners.
- Engaged with over **80,000** social media followers.
- Had **2** babies join the team!



HERE ARE THIS YEAR'S FAVOURITE REPORTS

The collage features several report covers and images:

- Left Panel:** A purple background with the text "BRITAIN REMADE" at the top. Below it, a white box contains the text "BACK ON TRACK" and "HOW TO BUILD NEW TRAMS IN THE UK AND GET BRITAIN MOVING". At the bottom, there is an image of a blue tram on a track.
- Top Middle:** A photograph of a busy street scene with pedestrians and a green traffic light showing a bicycle symbol.
- Middle:** A blue box with the title "Move Free" and the text "Why and how making it easy to get about towns and cities in as many ways as possible boosts prosperity, high streets and freedom, happiness, health and house-building". Below the text is the date "March 2024".
- Right Panel:** A red box with the title "Becoming a nation of townbuilders" and the text "From housebuilder to townbuilders. How to deliver 1.5 million new homes by creating locally supported, beautiful town extensions." Below the text are images of buildings and a map.
- Bottom Middle:** A photograph of a person riding a bicycle on a path, with a signpost in the background.



IN THE BLOG AISLE

- **From housebuilding to town-building.** Report from our debate about new towns at Labour’s annual conference.
- **Preston Basin strikes back.** Could we recreate part of the Lancaster canal?
- **The virtuous circle of place.** Our founder reports back on his talk in Athens on how to create sustainable cities. And why we should **rebuild the ancient forum!**
- **The mansard revolution.** Why it’s time to unleash the mansards and how .
- **Why Coventry’s ring road needs to go on a diet.**
- **And don't forget Restitch 2024!** We ran our landmark conference in Coventry with Onward and Labour Together back in March.

***Merry Christmas and happy new year everyone!
Thank you for supporting our mission in 2024. Here’s to another year of creating
better, happier places!***

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