## Green New Deal Norwich team Norfolk Car Free Day – Sunday 19th September

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This year’s event is focused on Play Streets ([https://www.carfreenorwich.co.uk/playstreets](https://u1584542.ct.sendgrid.net/ss/c/atcYNHk4Eh2YdGnwBh-YDJ090tlQBAtB4btjBacOG44VHZjrhplsulv30HP2TP7HrAQnV1-sD7GHjZEzzt2EXGK5EzzT8-pNXoeaFv-G9mSt2uguWc0G1ChqlXkn5u3nCpVGlw_8Md6Mb-uRt6UkMQCiSOeD-WMvVC08h2CsAZQ5LKInKAUO1eqdMoaA0wZ-wZmyTGhohCR3f5Cvzw3Otzm0dypnOp8NbyLRfG8TaofBUw8jSA1Moy9NkkiEs9aCcPABdqHETwcoU6UIyig4C47WEx0-M6Ta3YI3EplLa1UUNuDWkS8styrAdDcNxkco/3ec/opRGLhVFSxeu2sK6-59Mmg/h1/OQHnwO_fcupnJgPI7VDB6_5ngMknA9KXW0ZngBGxFQA)). Play Streets are a brilliantly simple idea: roads are temporarily closed to general motor traffic (often for just a few hours) to create additional safe space for children to play in – giving them a taste of the freedoms that previous generations enjoyed. It’s not all about the kids though: these events are brilliant at getting adults chatting to each other too, creating community connections that often last long after the road has reverted to normal use. These events over the last few years have involved huge chalk drawings, musical performances, scootering, street badminton, basketball, hula-hooping, yoga…you name it! Oh, and cake. Lots of cake.

During a street play session, residents can still access their properties by car if needed – they just have to go at walking pace behind a steward, to ensure everyone’s safety. These events are entirely resident-led: the closures are applied for by residents who live on each street, and each one can only go ahead if more neighbours support the idea than oppose it.

GND Norwich is supporting Norfolk Car-Free Day because a safe and just future is one with more play and less pollution, where walking and cycling are the obvious choice for short journeys and where much less public space is devoted to cars. We see neighbourhood-led initiatives like Play Streets as essential to build community and set the stage for the bigger systemic changes we need.

If you would like to apply for your street to become a Play Street, please go to: [https://www.carfreenorwich.co.uk/playstreets](https://u1584542.ct.sendgrid.net/ss/c/atcYNHk4Eh2YdGnwBh-YDJ090tlQBAtB4btjBacOG44VHZjrhplsulv30HP2TP7HdFo5dr8dLMNo7wjSdbG5ZL7W7gMPI-TRSD_R5-C-USCgJeZWUI7NFK_2YMD4aZoWu8KMiYSew1fO_b2J6dTqmuYFraHg1_NTa84LhFfWtoxPskMPwQ4AG8v3ieG7GibSbZFMRXQgk4irfAo9BoUf7dq84qPauICI51C9tok02eposZYt8js_SA3FsQ_3_PJ9ODUnYULCPt1L4piYfSq-9ScpOPMTAkG9268inRX1xDKOKcNu5wmhvcw1OoE6K7mU/3ec/opRGLhVFSxeu2sK6-59Mmg/h2/erBtYZsG2cWhsKPJGnyWVwUFMpYwIXJJ73RnNdAqHMg) for details to apply to the Council – the deadline is 28 August. It would be great to hear from you if you are planning a Play Street session so we can gauge interest and offer assistance if you need it! Please contact norwichgnd@gmail.com to let us know.