

# AA Street Watch – Survey 1

(w/c 23 October 2010)



## CARRYING OUT THE SURVEY

This is to be a one hour survey on foot (**paying full attention to personal and road safety**). We are just interested in the number of items or issues that you spot - no measurement or detailed inspection is required. The survey form details the things we want you to look out for this time.

### When to survey

**AA Street Watch – Survey 1** is to be carried out in daylight between **23 October 2010 and 30 October 2010**. Results are to be submitted using the online form by **5 November 2010**. (*You'll need to follow the link in the last email we sent you so it's important you don't delete it*)

### How to survey

Walk a route of your choosing in your local area for around **60 minutes** – this means you will cover around **two miles**. Try to take in as broad a range of road types as possible including local footways or footpaths. You may feel more comfortable taking someone with you to help.

On narrow roads and footpaths – record your observations across the full width.

On wider roads – limit your observations to the pavement on your side of the road and the road surface up to the centre line. Of course you can record observations for the other side of the road if your walking route brings you back that way.

As you walk your route use the survey form to record your observations. When you've finished, record the total for each item by type of road in the corresponding yellow circle – this will make it easier when you come to submit your observations using the online form (*which you access by following the link in the last email we sent you*)

If you come across any particularly noteworthy or amusing examples of any of these issues why not **take a picture** and add it to the **gallery** in the [AA Street Watch Club](#) on the [AA Zone](#)?

Kerb stones – broken, sunken or dislodged	①	⑦	①	①
Iron inspection covers – sunken or raised	①	②	① –	①
Roadworks – taking place at time	③	①	①	①

## ROAD TYPES

### DO NOT SURVEY MOTORWAYS

The survey form is divided into four columns;

**Main Road** - an A-road or B-road that carries through traffic – this can have housing on it or not, and can be through a town centre or not

**Minor Road** - a country lane or a back street of a town carrying local and a little though traffic – this can have housing on it or not, and can be through a suburb/village or not

**Residential Street** - housing estate roads, urban suburban or rural residential streets, cul-de-sacs etc. – carrying only very local traffic

**Footway/footpath** - path alongside a road of any type or a path completely separated from a road. This can include shared footway/cycle paths.

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## WHAT TO LOOK FOR?

**POTHoles** – count single potholes larger than a saucer (approx. 15cm (6") diameter) and around 5cm (2in), or more, deep.

**PATCHED REPAIRS** – gas, water, telecoms and electricity companies dig holes or trenches to install or repair services. If not repaired properly a **raised** or **sunken** patch can result. Count '1' for each failed repair more than 5cm (2in) deep or high.

**KERB STONES** – separating some roads and footways. Count kerbstones **broken, sunken** or **dislodged** by more than about 5cm (2in) – If long sections are damaged count '1' for each 3m (approx 10ft) section.

**IRON INSPECTION COVERS** – inspection covers (water, cable, telecoms etc.) can **rise** or **sink** over time. Record any that are more than about 5cm (2in) deep/high.

**ROAD WORKS** – only record road works that are in place (cones, signs etc.) at the time of the survey.

**UNEVEN FOOTPATHS** – perhaps caused by tree roots, broken paving stones or utility company trenches. Count damage resulting in a step of about 5cm (2in). Where damage is extensive, count '1' for every 3 metre (10ft) run.

**BLOCKED DRAINS** – record the number of 'iron grid' covered drains – usually located at the kerb edge – that are completely **silted up** or **full**.

**ROAD SIGNS** – count '1' for any road sign you see that would be difficult to read from the road because of **vandalism, weathering** or because hedges or trees etc. have become **overgrown**.

**ROAD MARKINGS** – worn, faded or not reinstated following repairs. For this survey we're interested only in markings with **arrows** or **words** and markings **across the carriageway** – **give way lines/stop lines**. **We're not recording markings along the carriageway e.g. yellow, white or red lines at the edge and white centre lines**. Count '1' for each road marking where **less than half** of the original remains.

**PARKED VEHICLES** – count '1' for any vehicle partly **blocking a footpath** making it awkward for pedestrians – especially those partially sighted, people with pushchairs or those using mobility scooters or wheelchairs – to pass. Record these against the type of road along which the footpath runs.

**LITTER** – if litter is on a grass verge or pavement alongside a road then record it against the road type. Count '1' for single pieces of litter such as cigarette packets, soft drinks cans, take-away bags/boxes, household items, garden rubbish, paper etc. Don't count smaller items such as cigarette butts, or individual sweet wrappers.

**DOG FOULING** – simply count anything that dogs have left behind that their owners haven't picked up.

## Important notice

*You are responsible for your own personal safety at all times and should exercise due care when participating in this survey. You must ensure that at all times during your participation in the survey you comply with applicable laws, regulations and bye-laws and take all reasonable precautions to ensure your own personal safety. You should at all times respect the rights of third parties and not do anything that would constitute any form of nuisance. Neither Populus nor the AA shall be liable for any damage or loss which is incurred or suffered (whether directly or indirectly) by participants during the course of carrying out this survey, save that nothing shall exclude or limit any liability of the AA or of Populus for death or personal injury arising from the negligence of either AA or Populus respectively or for any other liability that cannot be excluded or limited as a matter of law.*

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Date:	Main Road	Minor Road	Residential Street	Footpath
<b>Potholes</b> – more than 5cm (2") deep	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Patched repairs</b> – sunken or raised	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Kerb stones</b> – broken, sunken or dislodged	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Iron inspection covers</b> – sunken or raised	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Roadworks</b> – taking place at time of survey	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Uneven Footpath</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Blocked drains</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Road Signs</b> – broken, faded, not visible to traffic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Worn/faded road markings</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Parked vehicle</b> – blocking footpath	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Litter</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Dog fouling</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>