

Pedestrianisation city centre statistics

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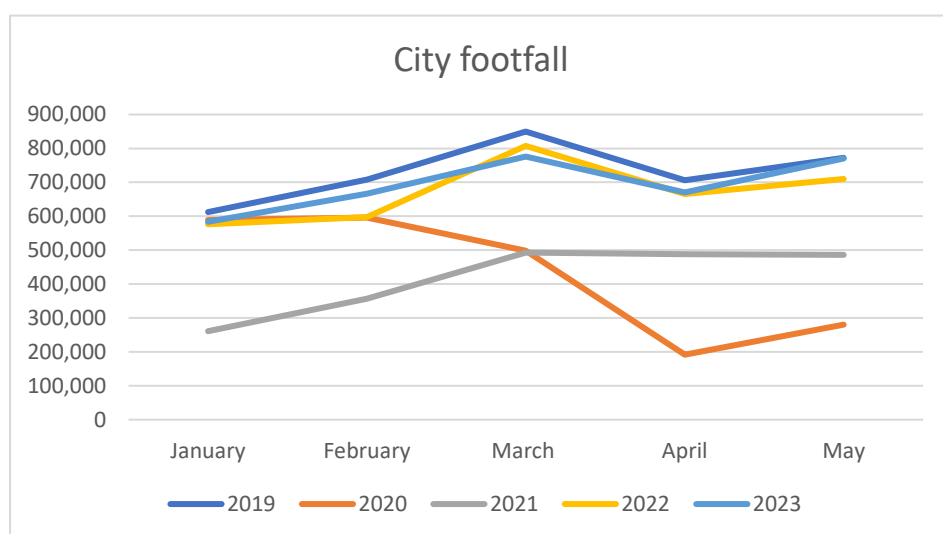
Footfall statistics

The following statistics are taken from footfall counters that measure footfall in Tamworth Street, Dam Street, Market Street and Bird Street.

Whilst the statistics show that the footfall figures in the city are not yet back to pre-covid levels, it does show that they are recovering in line with pre-covid levels – as illustrated by the two blue lines with the darker blue being pre-covid and the light blue being current figures. It shows that in May 2023 the footfall was just 1,926 below pre-covid levels.

The figures also show that in March 2023 the figure dipped significantly below 2022's footfall figures, however as this did not continue as a trend in April or May, it is hard to attribute this to any one issue. The figures are however being kept under review ongoing.

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	612,253	588,705	260,937	576,315	583,673
February	707,752	595,871	357,042	597,218	666,741
March	849,707	498,686	492,755	807,467	775,977
April	705,966	191,717	487,711	665,961	670,605
May	772,121	279,895	485,718	710,161	770,195



Traffic movement and type statistics

The below traffic movement statistics are taken from a study conducted by Staffordshire County Council in May 2021. The figures show that the majority traffic in the city prior to the experimental traffic regulation order (ETRO) was non-delivery driver traffic:

	Average bicycles per day	Average non-delivery vehicles per day	Average delivery vehicles per day
Market day	97	299	50
Non-market day	92	324	64

The study did not seek to determine the exact nature non-delivery driver traffic, as it is not possible from a fixed-point study to distinguish whether drivers are a city centre residents/businesses or a disabled driver who will later park/display their badge out of sight of the reviewer. It is however understood that a large percentage of the non-delivery driver traffic would have been comprised of disabled drivers. A further study will be undertaken during the ETRO.

Accident statistics

Accident records are only maintained where a personal injury accident has occurred that involves the person being taken to hospital by ambulance. The length of time the individual remains in hospital classifies the severity of the accident.

Staffordshire County Council has a record of one road traffic accident in 2018 that resulted in an ambulance attending the scene. It is understood the individual involved was released from hospital within 48 hours. No further information is known/recorded.

Damage only accidents or minor collisions that do not require hospitalisation are not recorded by the police or added to national data sets.

Penalty charge notice statistics (during ETRO – as of 21 June 2023)

Stoke City Council carries out on-street parking enforcement in Lichfield City centre on behalf of Staffordshire County Council.

During the trial period, the parking enforcement team has been leafletting cars parked in the pedestrianised area with both a leaflet about the trial and a warning notice.

445 warning notices have been issued that have not required drivers to pay a fine. The notices state that 'no payment required, but second occurrence will incur a penalty charge'. The notices are also now accompanied by a leaflet that explains the trial in more detail.

Within the same period, 33 penalty charge notice have been issued where payment has been required, but these have only been issued to commercial vehicles who have driven into the pedestrianised area after 12noon. The team have politely requested these vehicles leave the area before issuing any PCNs and if they have done so, no fine has been issued. Where drivers have refused to leave, fines have been payable.

Air quality statistics

The council does not monitor air quality in the city centre, however, is seeking statistics on request from local groups.

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