

BENEFITS OF THE PUFFIN COMPARED WITH THE PELICAN

For Drivers

As soon as people have crossed, the lights will quickly change back to **GREEN** for traffic. This means that drivers will not be held up once people have crossed.

Traffic will not be stopped if people press the button and cross before the lights change, or if they change their minds and move away from the push button area.

For Pedestrians

The new crossing is better for pedestrians, particularly those who may need more time to cross. The Puffin crossing can adjust to a person's walking speed.

The **'GREEN MAN'** and **'RED MAN'** are now above the push button which makes it easier for pedestrians to see. On Pelican crossings they are on the other side of the road and are sometimes hard to see in bad weather or very bright sunlight.



FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information regarding road safety education, training and publicity, please call the Road Safety Team on 01752 307730 or e-mail roadsafety@plymouth.gov.uk

For further information on traffic signals and pedestrian crossings, please call the Urban Traffic Control Team on 01752 305555.

If you require this leaflet in an alternative format, such as large print or braille, please ring the Road Safety Team on 01752 307730.



How To Use A Puffin Crossing



Over the next few years more Puffin crossings will be introduced and more and more Pelican crossings will be replaced with Puffin crossings. This leaflet explains the benefits of Puffin crossings and how to use them safely.



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This is all new to me. How do I use this?

Press the button and wait for the green man to show.

Where does the green man appear?

Here on our side of the road above the white button.

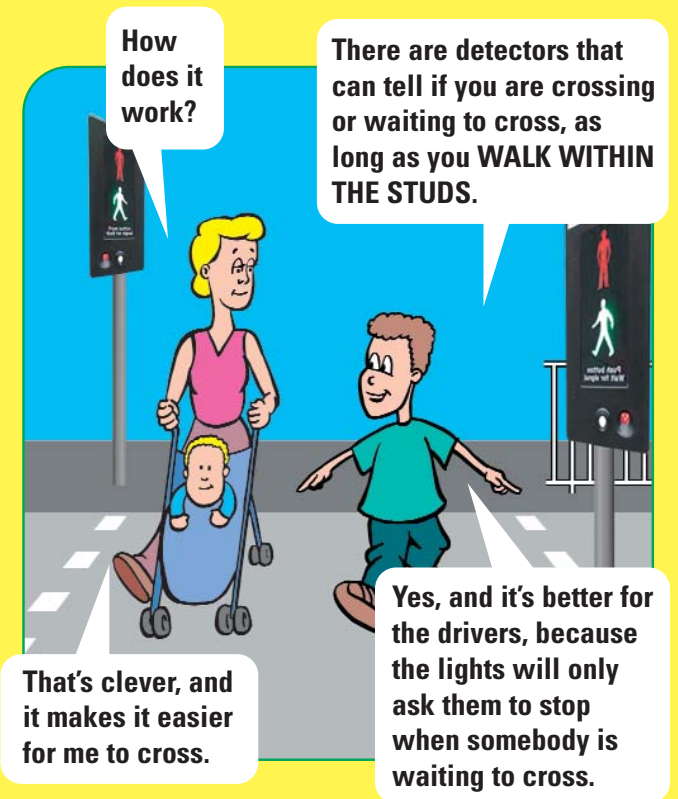


Can I still cross when the green man is flashing?

There isn't a flashing green man. When you see this green man, you can cross, but make sure all the traffic has stopped.

How long do I have before the lights change again?

As long as you start crossing when the green man is showing, you will have time to cross.



How does it work?

There are detectors that can tell if you are crossing or waiting to cross, as long as you WALK WITHIN THE STUDS.

That's clever, and it makes it easier for me to cross.

Yes, and it's better for the drivers, because the lights will only ask them to stop when somebody is waiting to cross.

The lights will normally stay on **GREEN** for traffic until someone presses the button.

After they have pressed the button the person waiting to cross has to stay close to the push button box. The Puffin can tell when people are waiting to cross. If the person changes their mind and walks away from the area the lights will not change.

People who find it difficult to see the **RED MAN** or **GREEN MAN** should stay near the push button box with one hand touching the underneath of the box. A knob will then spin when the **RED MAN** changes to **GREEN**.

When the **RED MAN** changes to **GREEN**, check that all the traffic has stopped before starting to cross.

When using the crossing, keep between the two lines of studs on the road.

The Puffin will then be able to tell whether you are still on the crossing.

When the **GREEN MAN** changes to **RED**, the people already crossing will be given enough time to cross.

If the **RED MAN** is showing people **MUST NOT START TO CROSS**.

The **GREEN MAN** will not flash, it will simply turn back to **RED**.

The flashing **GREEN MAN** for pedestrians and flashing amber light for drivers have been removed.