

When driving verges on the dangerous

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The risk of traffic accidents is being increased because of long grass and tall weeds blocking drivers' views, the Automobile Association (AA) says.

Four out of ten of drivers have experienced overgrown vegetation obscuring their sight-lines at junctions, a poll of 21,877 AA members found. More than a third said road signs such as speed limits and low bridge heights were hidden by foliage, while a similar percentage reported that direction signs have been masked, making it difficult for drivers on unfamiliar routes.

AA president Edmund King said: "A mixture of warm and wet spring weather has caused grass and trees to grow so quickly that it has put drivers at risk when making routine journeys. Due to budget cutbacks, councils are struggling with controlling the fast growth...and that is increasing the likelihood of collisions."

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