

Appendix F – Annual Report

To the Welsh Ministers,

Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 Reporting Duties

In accordance with the duties under sections 7 (3) and 10 (2) of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, please find **Ceredigion County Council's** annual report for the year 2023-24.

<p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p>	<p>Ceredigion County Council (CCC) Road Safety Team delivered National Standards Cycle training levels 1 & 2 to 529 primary school pupils.</p> <p>National Standards Level 3 Cycle training has also been delivered to 20 participants (adults and children).</p> <p>Sustrans Active Journeys (SAJ) Officer has worked directly with 5 schools across Ceredigion (lower numbers due to new officer in post) notably Llwyn yr Eos in Penparcau, where potential for behaviour change is considerable due to good and improved active travel infrastructure. SAJ Officer partnered with Summit Cycles to deliver bike maintenance training to teachers in 4 schools in Aberystwyth cluster.</p> <p>Ysgol Gynradd Plascrug has been awarded a Gold Active Travel Schools Award – the first school to achieve this in all of West Wales (covering the Dyfed-Powys and Gwynedd areas).</p> <p>SAJ Officer teamed up with Ceredigion Actif to deliver scooter sessions for all KS1 pupils in Aberystwyth school cluster at The Ceredigion Actif Festival in June.</p> <p>SAJ Officer has successfully completed 4 Active Travel School Plans with primary schools within the Aberystwyth cluster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ysgol Llwyn yr Eos• Ysgol Plascrug• Ysgol Penrhynoch• Ysgol Penllwyn <p>The 'Cycle to Work' scheme was offered to CCC employees with 2 application windows during the year.</p> <p>CCC Highways officers were engaged in planning for local implementation of the Welsh Government (WG) national</p>
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	<p>default 20 mph speed limit on restricted/ street-lit roads introduced in the County in September 2023.</p> <p>Post scheme promotion of the ‘Waunfawr to IBERS Active Travel Link Scheme’ after completion of ‘Phase 1’ construction of the new shared use path linking Aberystwyth directly to Comins Coch Primary School. Pupils from the Primary School were engaged in the scheme promotion which was undertaken in both the local press and CCC social media sites.</p> <p>A large number of updates were made to The Active Travel Network Map (ATNM) for Ceredigion on the DataMapWales platform (DMW) complying with the WG September 2023 deadline.</p>
<p>The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements</p>	<p>CCC Highways Services Officers have undertaken ongoing scheme development work on a number of potential active travel improvements during FY23-24. One of the main scheme development priorities progressed was the ‘Waunfawr to IBERS Active Travel Link’ scheme (Future Route ref: CER-FR-AB-631) where engagement with a number of key stakeholders was required. Land purchases were secured, along with Planning Permission and Suds Approval Body approvals secured in order to support the grant bid to the Welsh Government to fund construction of the Phase 1 section in FY23-24 (grant award received May 2023). Scheme development work for subsequent phases of this significant scheme is ongoing.</p> <p>Aeron Valley Community Area School, Felinfach - CCC Highways Services Officers worked in conjunction with CCC Learning Services from the pre-application stage to ensure active travel facilities and infrastructure were included in the scheme design and planning application for the new school i.e. scooter / cycle parking shelter, new path link to nearby housing and traffic calming measures / crossing facilities on the school site.</p> <p>Levelling Up Fund (Cultural, Heritage and Carbon Reduction) – Following this £4.8m grant award from UK Government, officers from across the Council have been engaged to develop and deliver active travel compliant provision along Aberystwyth Promenade towards the harbour and across the Rheidol to link with NCN Route 81 at Riverside Terrace. The work during FY23/24 included design development, with delivery on the ground expected during FY24-25 (excluding the bridge), with grant completion date of March 2025.</p>

	Design work and a Planning submission to provide a new Active Travel compliant shared use link between the junction of the Ystwyth Trail / Rheidol Trail at Pont yr Odyn in Aberystwyth to Park Avenue through Maes yr Afon car park.
Costs incurred for new active travel routes and facilities and improvements of existing active travel routes and related facilities carried out in the preceding full financial year	<p><u>Active Travel Fund</u></p> <p>Core Allocation Grant (Includes minor works scheme construction costs. Also includes Future Route scheme development costs i.e. schemes not yet constructed). £473,924.76</p> <p>Waunfawr to IBERS Active Travel Link – Phase 1 Scheme Construction £1,608,716.79</p> <p><u>Safe Routes in Communities Grant</u> Continued scheme development work for potential safer active travel opportunities in the coastal village of Llanrhystud. £50,000.00</p>

In addition to the above, the following information provides an overview of infrastructure that has been implemented during the previous year:

Indicative spending for new active travel routes and facilities and improvements of existing active travel routes and related facilities funded or part funded by third parties.	n/a
Length of new routes: - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use	 n/a n/a 1,200 metres
Length of improved routes: - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use	 192 metres 150 metres n/a

<p>New and improved active travel facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Avenue Footway in Aberystwyth improved with new tarmac surfacing and the installation of new fluted channels and gulleys to improve previous ponding issues on this busy Town Centre footway. • 1 No. new pedestrian and cyclist crossing refuge installed on the TRA487 in Trefechan to improve connectivity of The Ystwyth Trail via Gerddi Rheidol. • 2 No. sets of dropped kerb and tactile paving crossings installed on Rhodfa'r Felin in Cardigan improving connectivity to the new Health Centre. • 1 No. set of dropped kerb and tactile paving crossing on Gwbert Road in Cardigan. • 2 No. new recycled plastic benches installed on the new shared use path link to Comins Coch. • 2 No. new picnic benches installed in the Comins Coch Community Play Area, along with installation of new play equipment to enhance this community area as part of the Phase 1 construction scheme. • 6 no. sinusoidal speed humps installed in Comins Coch to enhance road safety environment and encourage active travel as part of the Phase 1 construction scheme. • A number of ecology measures, including new bird and bat boxes and 2no. hibernacula, were incorporated within the Phase 1 construction scheme. Native species tree planting scheme were further ecology measures which also improve the local environment and attractiveness of the route.
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Additional information (optional)

<p>1 No. cycle and pedestrian counter installed at Waungau Lane in Waunfawr, Aberystwyth as part of active travel monitoring program.</p>

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