

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 2022-23.

<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 755 primary school pupils.</p> <p>National Standards Level 3 Cycle training has also been delivered to 18 Adults.</p> <p>CCC Road Safety Team also funded the prize for the Sustrans 'Big Walk and Wheel' event, where the following top 3 ranking schools in Ceredigion received a show from Fusion Extreme: Ysgol Talybont Ysgol Plascrug Ysgol Felinfach</p> <p>Sustrans Active Journeys officer worked with 16 schools in Ceredigion which took part in the Sustrans 'Big Walk and Wheel' / 'Stroliwch a Roliwch' event this year, also arranging a show from Fusion Extreme as a prize for the top 3 ranking schools listed above.</p> <p>Several schools in Ceredigion have now completed their Active Journeys Programme with Sustrans, with notable mention to Ysgol Plascrug and Ysgol Comins Coch who are working toward their gold ATSA (Active Travel School Award).</p> <p>Ongoing collaboration with Emove (Sustrans' Welsh Government funded Ebike / Ecargo bike scheme) to support school community overall.</p> <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 national default 20 mph speed limit on restricted/ street-lit roads in the County.</p>
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	<p>Post scheme promotion of the Lampeter University Path Upgrade project undertaken in both the local press and CCC social media sites. This tarmac surface upgrade from a previously muddy path has proved very popular with a notable increase in users now enjoying this green and peaceful riverside walk.</p> <p>The Active Travel Network Map (ATNM) for Ceredigion was approved by the Minister for Climate Change on 03.08.22. Links to the ATNM hosted on the DataMapWales site were posted on Ceredigion Council's Active Travel webpage.</p>
<p>The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements</p>	<p>CCC Highways Officers have undertaken ongoing scheme development work on a number of potential active travel improvements during FY22-23. 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 application approvals secured in order to support the submission of a 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 large-scale scheme is ongoing.</p> <p>Aeron Valley Community Area School, Felinfach - CCC Highways 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 grant award, officers from across the Council have been engaged to develop and deliver active travel compliant provision along the Promenade towards the harbour and across the Rheidol to link with NCN Route 81. The work during FY22/23 included design development, with delivery on the ground expected during FY23-24 (excluding the bridge), with grant completion date of March 2025.</p>

	Unfortunately, an ambitious application by the Council for a new <i>Cylch y Cardi</i> active travel network via Levelling Up Fund 2 (Transport bid) - including new sections (e.g. Dyffryn Aeron) and upgrades to existing (e.g. Ystwyth Trail) was unsuccessful.
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). £470,614.93</p> <p><u>Safe Routes in Communities Grant</u> £34,683.88 In response to community concerns, the Council successfully applied for a first year of grant funding to commence scheme development for potential safer active travel opportunities in the coastal village of Llanrhystud. This work is continuing in FY2023/24.</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:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a n/a n/a
Length of improved routes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 metres n/a n/a
New and improved active travel facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 No. new cycle shelter installed at Penrhyncoch Primary School. 1 No. new cycle shelter installed at Comins Coch Primary School. 1 No. new cycle shelter installed at Ystwyth Vets in Aberystwyth.


	<p>1 No. new Bike Repair Station with Tyre Pump installed near Ysgol Bro Pedr (on NCN Route 82) in Lampeter.</p> <p>1 No. new Bike Repair Station with Tyre Pump installed in Cardigan Town Centre.</p> <p>8 No. new Sheffield cycle hoops installed at various locations in Cardigan Town Centre.</p> <p>2 No. sets of dropped kerb and tactile paving crossings installed on Rhodfa'r Felin in Cardigan improving connectivity to the new Health Centre.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

<p>3 No. utility poles were re-positioned on Gwbert Road in Cardigan to allow progress for further footway improvements at that location.</p> <p>1 No. pedestrian counter installed at Lampeter University as part of active travel monitoring program.</p> <p>1 No. cycle and pedestrian counter installed in Gwbert Road, Cardigan as part of active travel monitoring program.</p>

I confirm that this report will be published online and made available in hard copy on request, in accordance with the statutory Active Travel Act Guidance (2021 edition).

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30.09.23



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