


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 below **Carmarthenshire County Council's** annual report for the year **2024-25**.

<p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p>	<p>The Road Safety team continue to work with a number of schools throughout the county to encourage active travel journeys. This is done via the dedicated Safe & Active travel training co-ordinator that helps to set up events and activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walk to school week:  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy and Eco schools with setting and working towards targets;• Kerbcraft, national standards cycling, safer cycling etc;• In partnership with Sustrans to deliver the active journeys programme.• Co-ordinate whole school cycle training.• Assists with School Travel Planning.• Ongoing 'School Streets' scheme at two locations in the county - Burry Port & Maes y Morfa. Plus, development of Penygaer site. Full information is now on the CCC website. School Streets - Carmarthenshire County Council <p>The Council offers National Standard Cycle Training (NSCT) courses Levels 1 and 2, to all primary schools for their Year 6 pupils. During 2024-25, 1449 students were able to commence their NSCT, with 141 of these pupils attaining Level 1 and 1308 going on to complete their Level 2 course. Child pedestrian training, including Kerbcraft, continued to be provided to primary schools throughout 24/25 and with the help of volunteers, was delivered to more than 1351 children.</p> <p>4 schools have also been taken forward with Sustrans via the Active Journeys programme.</p>
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	<p>Cycle and scooter parking have been installed at 4 schools across the county:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ysgol Penygroes • Ysgol Y Felin • Ysgol Dewi Sant • Ysgol Penygaer <p>The Council regularly updates it's Access to Walking and Cycling (Active Travel) webpage and continues to promote and encourage engagement through social media channels: Access to walking and cycling (Active Travel) - Carmarthenshire County Council</p> <p>The website includes a stylised fly through of our vision for a high-quality active travel (AT) spinal route in Llanelli, information on schemes currently being designed, completed schemes and travel stats.</p> <p>The Council has kept open our Active Travel Network Map consultation platform to allow feedback and suggestions all year round. Additional functionality such as pictures and live location being utilised. Carmarthenshire County Council's Active Travel Map</p> <p>The Council attends regular meetings with other Local Authorities, Welsh Government, Sustrans and Public Health Wales to share good practice and knowledge. We have regular monthly meetings with our TfW representative to discuss current and future projects.</p> <p>Ongoing collaboration with Sustrans to identify and remove barriers on existing walking/cycling routes to improve access for cycles, adapted cycles, mobility scooters and wheelchairs.</p>
The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements	<p>Use of the Active Travel Network Map (ATNM) by the planning department to help inform S106/S278 agreements directly linked to improving active travel links and infrastructure. Direct liaison between officers via monthly meetings to ensure feedback is accurate.</p> <p>These agreements are often combined with other funding streams such as the Active Travel Core Allocation Fund and Safe Routes in Communities Funding for improving/creating AT routes (new infrastructure, dropped kerbs, tactile paving, crossing points) as well as providing bike/scooter storage and parent waiting shelters in schools and in the County.</p> <p>In addition to the above, discussions are held during formal meetings with other relevant departments including Education and Regeneration and Policy.</p>

	<p>A road safety and footway prioritisation database is held and maintained by the council. This is populated by requests from local residents and local members.</p> <p>Requests are scored based on criteria such as accident data, traffic/pedestrian flow and volume of traffic with the top 20 ranking requests looked at in further detail before potentially being constructed based on funding.</p> <p>Regional collaborative working via the Swansea Bay City Region during officer and director meetings with a particular focus on the new Regional Transport Plan.</p> <p>Ongoing dialogue with South Wales Trunk Road Agency on Active Travel provision along the strategic network and how we link to this and implement schemes within the county.</p> <p>Ongoing collaboration with external key stakeholders such as cycle campaign groups and protected characteristic groups/individuals to ascertain their views on important missing links/quick wins.</p> <p>Continually searching and bidding for other sources of funding to supplement or create AT schemes and associated infrastructure such as the Levelling up Fund.</p>
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>FY24/25 £732,000 Welsh Government Active Travel Core grant used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ammanford to Cross Hands Masterplan Linkages – continued feasibility for Phase 3 of the masterplan focusing on the route between Caerbryn and Penygroes. Overarching strategy is to create a safe, direct route between two BUAs. • Llanelli Active Travel Linkages – detailed design of three schemes (Marine Street, Felinfoel Brewery and A484 to Box Roundabout) linking to key destinations such as the Railway Station, Millenium Coastal Path and nearby education centres. • Trostre & Pemberton Employment and Retail Linkages – development of a cohesive network design throughout the adjacent retail parks with links to nearby residential areas, Llanelli Spinal route and Parc y Scarlets. • Disused Railway Lines – Development of a compliant design for a section of the Gwendreath Valley line between Pontyates and Ponthenri. Continued investigation into potential of reopening the Cardi Bach route in Carmarthenshire.

- **Llandovery Active Travel Improvements – WeITAG 2** study for key routes identified within Llandovery inclusive of additional counts and further stakeholder engagement. 3 routes considered and developed with 1 route to be taken forward through to WeITAG 3 for final design.
- Installation of cycle parking at key locations across the county.

FY 24/25 Active Travel fund. Black Bridge – £1,882,798.

Construction of new ramped structure and bridge over the railway line in Llanelli. This will replace the existing stepped structure (non-AT compliant).

FY 24/25 Safe Routes in Communities Fund - £465,000 Trimsaran

Upgrade of existing crossing (to signalised) that connects one area of the village to the other (with route leading directly to school entrance).



Installation of plateau crossing points at key points within the village to encourage active travel movements and reduce vehicle speeds.

Enhancement of existing walking route to school to make it safer via widening and resurfacing.

Formalised cut through leading from one estate to another with onwads links to the school site.

FY 24/25 Safe Routes in Communities Fund - £610,000 Drefach

Upgrade of crossing point outside school to become signalised.

Widening of footway linking to key trip attractors such as the school site and sports centre.

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Installation of cycle parking and scooter storage at the school site.

Introduction of dropped kerbs and tactiles crossing points to enable all users to move around the village more easily.

	<p>School Streets Development - £99,000</p> <p>Creation of new/upgraded shared use link leading from existing route to school to a nearby residential estate. Pictured below:</p> 
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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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Towy Valley Path - £6,950,177.91 spend for FY 24/25 from Levelling Up Fund UK Government.
Length of new routes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 70m of new shared use path through Penywaer Fields. - 90m of new footway along Heol Llanelli, Trimsaran.
Length of improved routes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 85m of improved shared use path through Penywaer Fields - 30m of new shared use path linking Trilwm and Heol Waunyclun. - 200m of improved (surfacing and widening) walking routes along a footpath in Trimsaran linking towards the school. - 10m of improved footway linking to bus shelter at the junction to Garden Suburbs. - 80m of widened footway along Heol Tyisaf. - 170m of widened footway along Mary Street.

	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 480m of upgraded footway along Heol Blaenhirwaun Road inclusive of new dropped kerbs and tactile crossing points. 
<p>New and improved active travel facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cycle parking was installed at Penygroes Primary School, Ysgol Y Felin and Penygaer/Dewi Sant. See below sample photos of provision installed:  


	- 3 cycle loops installed outside Coop in Llangennech on B4297.
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Additional information (optional)

N/A

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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