


To the Welsh Ministers,

Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 Reporting Duties up to 31/03/2023

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 **2023-24**.

<p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p>	<p>The council continues to be involved with the development of the Mid and West Healthy Travel Charter, working with key partner organisations including Hywel Dda Univeristy Health Board, Aberystwyth University, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire County Council with the aim to commit to healthier and more sustainable forms of transport through a series of measures.</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/month;• Healthy and Eco schools with setting and reaching 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 Morta. <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) (gov.wales)</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, travel stats and completed schemes.</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</p>
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	<p>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>Scooter, cycle storage and parent waiting shelters provided at a further 5 schools across Carmarthenshire.</p>  <p><i>Stebonheath Scooter Pods</i></p> <p>The Council offers National Standard Cycle Training (NSCT) courses Levels 1 and 2, to all primary schools for their Year 6 pupils. During 2023-24, 1383 students we are able to commence their NSCT, with 32 of these pupils attaining Level 1 and 1351 going on to complete their Level 2 course.</p> <p>Child pedestrian training, including Kerbcraft, continued to be provided to primary schools throughout 23/24 and with the help of volunteers, was delivered to more than 1110 children.</p> <p>Ongoing engagement with two schools (and relevant stakeholders) at one site within central Llanelli to prepare for the introduction of School Streets measures.</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>
<p>The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements</p>	<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</p>

	<p>and infrastructure. Direct liaison between officers via monthly meetings to ensure feedback is accurate. 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. 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. Ongoing dialogue with South Wales Trunk Road Agency on Active Travel provision along the strategic network and how we link to this.</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 and rail partnership funding (GWR).</p>
<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>	<p>FY23/24 £732,000 Welsh Government Active Travel Core grant used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disused Railway Lines – Ongoing feasibility into the reopening of disused railways lines as AT routes. The Cardi Bach route in collaboration with Pembrokeshire CC and the former Gwendraeth route linking from Cwm Mawr to Kidwelly. • Installation of cycle parking at key locations across the county.

- Installation of counters to monitor and report on AT movements across the county.
- Installation of bike repair stations at key locations across the county.
- Ongoing creation of Masterplans (cohesive network of key routes) in our largest BUAs.
Inclusive of:
 - Llanelli
 - Carmarthen
 - Ammanford/Cross Hands
 - St Clears
 - Tumble
 - Llandovery
 - Burry Port & Pembrey

The two masterplans below cover specific scheme development.

- Llanelli Masterplan covered the following schemes:
 - Halfway Lights – Feasibility and redesign of important transport interchange on the proposed spinal route with key links to employment and retail sites.
 - A484 to Box Roundabout – feasibility design of link from Pont Phil Bennett to Llanelli town centre.
 - Felinfoel Brewery link – feasibility design of an extension of previously completed SRiC works to create an ongoing route in Llanelli town centre.
 - Marine Street – feasibility design of a route from Llanelli Railway Station to the nearby North Dock and Millenium Coastal Path.
- Ammanford/Cross Hands covering the following schemes:
 - Black Lion Road – monitoring and feasibility to enhance AT provision.
 - Shands Road – monitoring and agreed approach on how best to enhance AT provision.
 - Gilfach Iago – working with PROW colleagues to design an AT compliant route through the former quarry.
 - Minor works inclusive of creation/upgrade of shared use route around Cross Hands business park (this takes into account £20,500 of S106 match funding). Also includes minor works on Cwmamman United to enhance the AT link along the Amman Valley Cycleway. Pictures below:



FY 23/24 Safe Routes in Communities Fund – £457,395
Ponthenri.

Creation of new shared use path through the park leading to the school and Community Hall. Widening of pavement outside school and up to the local bus stop to encourage sustainable travel movements. Installation of plateau crossings and build outs to slow traffic and ensure pedestrian safety.

FY 23/24 Safe Routes in Communities Fund - £423,705
Tumble.

Creation of upgrade through local park leading to the local school, community hall and Tumble RFC. Enhanced routes along lead directly onto the NCN. Photo below:



FY 23/24 Safe Routes in Communities Fund - £50,000
School Streets Development.

Engagement with key stakeholders at a new school site based on the study in 22/23. These works will seek to develop physical and support measures as part of new school streets scheme.

FY 23/24 ATF - Ammanford Masterplan to Cross Hands - Phase 3
Caerbryn to Penygroes. £32,430. Ongoing

	<p>feasibility works relevant to this key route identified in the Cross Hands/Ammanford masterplan.</p> <p>FY 23/24 ATF – Black Bridge. £178,571. Ongoing preparatory works to enable full funding construction bid in FY 24/25. Inclusive of clearance works, preparing construction drawings and dialogue with Network Rail.</p> <p>FY 23/24 ATF – Exchange Row. £462,126. Construction of new crossing facility and enhanced AT provision on a key section of the Llanelli spinal route. Photo below:</p>  <p>FY 23/24 ATF – Yspitty Road. £98,236. Construction of a new access route and crossing point along the NCN linking to the Millenium Coast Path. Photo below:</p> 
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In addition to the above (optional):

<p>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.</p>	<p>FY24/25 £732,000 (ATF Core)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trostre & Pemberton Employment Linkages. • Llanelli Active Travel Linkages – Consultation & Final Design. • Disused Railway Lines • Ammanford to Cross Hands Masterplan Linkages • Carmarthen Walking & Cycling Network Improvements • Llandovery Active Travel Improvements • School and Employment Active Travel Facilities
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle Parking & Signage • Kidwelly Link • Sustrans Barrier Removal Project <p>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).</p> <p>FY 24/25 Safe Routes in Communities Fund. Trimsaran - £1,050,000. Creation and enhancement of the AT network in and around Trimsaran as per the result of community engagement. Inclusive of long distance link to neighbouring Carway.</p> <p>FY 24/25 Safe Routes in Communities Fund. Drefach - £610,000. Creation and enhancement of the AT network in and around Drefach as per the result of community engagement.</p> <p>FY 24/25 Safe Routes in Communities Fund. School Streets – £99,000. Inclusive of the creation of additional shared use paths leading to the school site.</p>
<p>Length of new routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use 	<p>85m of shared use path and crossing provision linking Yspitty Road to the Millenium Coastal Path as part of the National Cycle network.</p> <p>80m of shared use path and 15m of enhanced pedestrian improvements at the crossing over Exchange Row.</p> <p>65m of shared use path at Cross Hands Business Park.</p> <p>35m of shared use path at Cwmamman United on the Amman Valley Cycleway.</p> <p>175m of shared use path through Tumble Recreation Park. 60m of new footway leading to sports facility.</p>
<p>Length of improved routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use 	<p>65m of upgraded path from footway to shared use at Cross Hands Business Park.</p> <p>85m of upgraded path from footway to shared use through Tumble Recreation Park.</p> <p>200m of upgraded path from footway to shared use through Ponthenri park linking to the school site.</p> <p>110m of footway widening and associated enhancements (dropped kerbs/tactiles) on Heol y Pentre.</p>

	70m of widened footway to rear of Dewi Sant Church (Tumble).
New and improved active travel facilities	FY23/24 – As mentioned above scooter, parent waiting shelters and cycle storage provided at 5 schools. (SRiC & ATF Core).

Additional information (optional)

Staff based in Carmarthen have access to 2 pool e-bikes to encourage sustainable travel to sites in and around Carmarthen itself.

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).

Chief Executive Signature:



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01/11/24