

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 Ceredigion County Council's annual report for 2017-2018.

<p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p>	<p>Kerbcraft training provided to 349 primary school pupils.</p> <p>National Standards cycle training delivered to 478 primary school pupils.</p> <p>Walk to School Week promoted and supported by the Road Safety Officer at several primary schools.</p> <p>The Authority continues to host the Sustrans Schools Officer for West Wales with office and administrative support provision for the post holder.</p> <p>The Sustrans Schools Officer has continued to deliver the Sustrans Active Travel Promotion in Primary Schools programme in Ceredigion, with 7 schools successfully accepted into the 2nd year of the above programme. Sustrans have continued to support the 10 schools from the 1st year programme.</p> <p>Local press releases submitted to promote grant funded works for new Active Travel and Safe Routes in Communities Scheme infrastructure. These were also featured on the Council news webpage and social media sites.</p> <p>The Integrated Network Mapping public consultation was promoted on the Council website and social media sites, with relevant consultation information and maps made available on the Active Travel webpage.</p> <p>Following approval of the maps by Welsh Government, these were then updated onto the Active Travel webpage. Links to related sites were added i.e. 'Lle' the Welsh Government active travel mapping webpage and 'Discover Ceredigion' with details of recreational cycling and walking opportunities in Ceredigion.</p> <p>The Annual Active Travel Report 2016/17 and supplementary information was uploaded to the Active Travel webpage.</p> <p>Two new scooters and helmets were supplied to Ysgol Bro Pedr and also to Penrhyncoch Primary</p>
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	<p>School.</p> <p>A flyer was produced to promote the 2 year package of Active Travel improvements at Ysgol Bro Pedr in Lampeter was produced for distribution to pupils, parents and staff to encourage increased levels of car free journeys to the school, leisure centre, swimming pool and other services and facilities in the area. The flyer is attached as a separate document.</p>
<p>The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements</p>	<p>Please refer to separate document titled 'Ceredigion Active Travel Report 2017-18'.</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>Local Transport Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Travel Mapping £7,189 <p>Cardigan Active Travel Area (Year 2) £165,269*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberystwyth Package £253,641 <p>Safe Routes in Communities</p> <p>Ysgol Bro Pedr, Lampeter (Year 2) £67,132*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penrhyncoch Primary School Footway links £162,583* <p>*includes match funding from Ceredigion County Council and also from third parties detailed below.</p> <p>Road Safety Revenue Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerbcraft Training £16,050 • National Standards cycle training £17,273

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>Local Transport Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardigan Active Travel Area £5,000 match funding provided by Cardigan Town Council. <p>Safe Routes in Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ysgol Bro Pedr, Lampeter £6,200 match funding provided by Lampeter Town Council.
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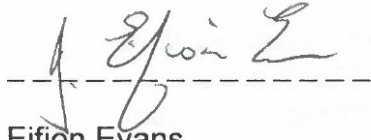
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penrhyncoch Primary School £2,000 match funding provided by Trefeurig Community Council.
Length of new routes: - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use	- 152 metres - n/a - 815 metres
Length of improved routes: - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use	- 949 metres - n/a - n/a
New and improved active travel facilities	<p>2 no. Public Bike Repair Stations with integrated tyre pumps installed in Aberystwyth.</p> <p>Pedestrian crossing near Starling Cloud in Aberystwyth widened and upgraded to a Toucan crossing for cyclists to use alongside pedestrians.</p> <p>An additional new scooter shelter for 40 scooters installed at Plascrug Primary School, in Aberystwyth.</p> <p>A new cycle shelter for 14 cycles installed at Cardigan Secondary School.</p> <p>4 no. raised table crossings installed in the vicinity of Cardigan Secondary School.</p> <p>A new pedestrian crossing refuge was installed on Aberystwyth Road, Cardigan.</p> <p>A new cycle and scooter parking compound area created at Ysgol Bro Pedr junior section in Lampeter, which included: 1 new scooter shelter for 40 scooters, 1 new cycle shelter for 10 cycles, repositioning of existing cycle shelter for 10 cycles and new security fencing installed.</p> <p>A new cycle shelter for 12 cycles was also installed with a new access path in the senior section at Ysgol Bro Pedr in Lampeter.</p> <p>4 no. raised table crossings installed in vicinity of Penrhyncoch Primary School.</p>

	2 no. cycle hoops installed near the bus stop outside Penrhyncoch Post Office.
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Additional information (optional)

N/a

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Ceredigion County Council Active Travel Report 2017-18

Introduction

Under the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, three Ceredigion towns were designated as Active Travel locations – Aberystwyth, Cardigan and Lampeter. The Act conferred new duties upon both the Welsh Government and the 22 Welsh local authorities. Ceredigion has for many years been - and continues to be - at the forefront of providing safer and more accessible walking and cycling facilities across the County as a whole, providing safer access to education and training, employment, every-day services, leisure and recreation.

2017-18 was another busy and successful year for Active Travel and Safe Routes to School improvements in Ceredigion as the Council received £613,800 of grant funding from the Welsh Government. With an additional £43,200 match funding, this resulted in £657,000 worth of schemes delivered across the County during the financial year. These valuable capital grant-funded schemes compliment the Council's own Road Safety education, training and publicity activities (such as Kerbcraft and National Standards Cycle Training), provision of School Crossing Patrols and traffic management schemes such as implementation of the County-wide Speed Limit Review. In addition, these infrastructure schemes compliment the Welsh Government's improvement and safety schemes on Trunk Roads in the County, such as the introduction of part-time 20 mph limits outside schools.

Local Transport Fund - Aberystwyth

In December 2017, the Welsh Government awarded the Council a Local Transport Fund grant of £249,000 for a package of Active Travel improvements in Aberystwyth Town. This included a new scooter shelter at Plascrug Primary School and 2 new Public Bike Repair Stations with integrated tyre pumps (one outside Plascrug Leisure Centre and one at the main entrance to the Penglais Campus at Aberystwyth University. The main element was the improvement of the Rheidol Cycle Trail along Boulevard St Brieuc which saw 2 narrow paths upgraded to a newly surfaced shared use path now 4 metres wide. The pedestrian crossing outside the Starling Cloud was widened and upgraded to a Toucan crossing for cyclists to use as well as pedestrians on this busy link to the schools and leisure centre on Plascrug Avenue. The path alongside the police station was widened and improved along Park Avenue creating a new shared use path up to the junction of Glyndwr Road.

New Ornamental Pear trees were planted in quality tree pits which help to promote long life and root management to help impacting on underground services or future lifting of the path surface. The scheme has helped upgrade this route as a more attractive gateway into Aberystwyth Town and has also complemented the new Parc Kronberg skate park on Boulevard St Brieuc with improved accessibility for people to enjoy this communal leisure facility.

Further details of the scheme are shown below:

Pre scheme showing car parking issue on and behind footway on Park Avenue:



Post scheme showing improvement and more attractive gateway into Aberystwyth



Below – new trees planted in quality tree pits to promote long life and root management.



Below: Crossing upgraded to a Toucan for cyclists to now use as well as pedestrians:



Previous cluttered and restrictive layout at the crossing showing 2 separate paths:



New layout with improved accessibility with 1 wide path now leading to Park Avenue.





This scheme also complements the Parc Kronberg skate park which is a very popular activity with pupils at the end of the school day:





Left: Scooter shelter installed at Plascrug Primary School following LTF grant in 2015-16 was unable to cope with demand such is popularity of scooting to the school.

Below: New additional scooter shelter installed in Jan 2018 which has capacity for 40 scooters and already proving very popular.

Plascrug Primary is an exemplar school within the Sustrans Active Journeys Programme in Ceredigion and these measures, along with path infrastructure improvements implemented in recent years, have helped to alleviate some of the severe traffic congestion issues experienced at this location.



Two new Bike Repair Stations were purchased and these have an integrated tyre pump which can be used by cyclists, pushchair and wheelchair users. The photo below shows one installed outside Plascrug Leisure Centre being used by local professional cyclist Stevie Williams of SEG Racing Academy Team.



The 2nd bike repair station has been installed near the main entrance to Aberystwyth University Penglais Campus with high visibility for students, staff and visitors to the site which also includes the popular Sports Centre.

There are now a total of 3 bike repair stations with cycle pumps installed in Aberystwyth along with a further single stand-alone cycle pump.

Local Transport Fund - Cardigan Package 'Year 2'

Following on from footway improvements and traffic calming within a new 20 mph zone completed near the Primary School in the previous year, similar works were undertaken outside Cardigan Secondary School during 2017-18. The total value of the package was £115,000 with an LTF grant of £98,500 from Welsh Government, £11,500 match funding contribution from CCC and £5,000 match funding provided by Cardigan Town Council.



A new cycle shelter was also installed at the school as part of the scheme.



On Aberystwyth Road, a new section of footway was constructed near B&M Stores to complete the footway link with several new dropped kerbs and tactile paving installed along the footway which was also resurfaced as part of the upgrade. A new refuge was installed in the carriageway to assist crossing movements for pedestrians and mobility users to reach Tesco's.



Left: New footway link installed.

The Cardigan package also included widening of the footway on Pont y Cleifion Road following an additional in-year grant award of £47,000 from the Welsh Government following early completion of the above work, thereby increasing the total package value for Cardigan to £162,000. This enabled dropped kerbs to be installed to provide an improved link for pushchair and mobility users on this route between the Town Centre and Parc Teifi Business Park.



Penrhynoch Safe Routes in Communities Scheme

This Authority was successfully awarded a Safe Routes in Communities Scheme grant of £102,500 from Welsh Government, with match funding of £11,500 from CCC and £2,000 from Trefeurig Community Council providing a scheme value of £116,000. Additional in-year contributions were later received to enable further improvements for a final scheme value of almost £163,000. A new 20 mph zone with physical traffic calming was implemented in the core of the village covering both the Primary School entrances. The layouts of the school entrances were improved as part of the scheme with new raised table crossings providing safer routes to the school.



CCC Highways staff liaised with residents in Penrhynoch to secure land agreements which enabled construction of a new footway to complete the link between the Post Office and the School / Penrhynoch FC Social Club.

This safer route to school has benefitted the local community to enable easier access to the services and facilities in Penrhynoch.

Below: Cllr Dai Mason using the new footway provision where the bus stop layout has also been upgraded.



Lampeter Safe Routes in Communities Scheme – Year 2

Year 1 saw footway improvements implemented in the vicinity of Ysgol Bro Pedr with the Year 2 scheme making improvements to links further out from the school with £56,800 grant funding from Welsh Government, £7,000 match funding contribution from CCC and £6,200 match funding from Lampeter Town Council providing a scheme total of £70,000.

Footway improvements were undertaken on North Road near Lampeter Rugby Club where the footway was widened and resurfaced with new dropped kerbs and tactile paving installed. The pedestrian link to Maes y Felin Estate was upgraded from a rough concrete path to a new smooth tarmac surface and new bollards installed at the edge of the rugby club car park to improve segregation for pedestrian safety.

The scheme also included the provision of a new scooter and cycle parking compound in the junior section of Ysgol Bro Pedr to help encourage more pupils to make active journeys to the school.

The photos below show the footways upgraded and then the scooter and cycle parking compound at Ysgol Bro Pedr.



Pre scheme link to Maes y Felin Estate



Footway widened on North Road



Photo Left: Pre scheme.

New cycle and scooter parking compound at Ysgol Bro Pedr junior section below.



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