

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 2025-26.

The actions taken to promote active travel journeys	Ceredigion County Council (CCC) Road Safety Team delivered National Standards Cycle training levels 1 & 2 to 465 primary school pupils. National Standards Level 3 Cycle training has also been delivered to 22 participants (adults and children). Kerbcraft training provided to 315 primary school pupils. The 'Cycle to Work' scheme is offered to CCC employees throughout the year via a staff benefit package. The Active Journeys Officer (AJO) from the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust has continued working with Ceredigion Schools: Active Travel School Plans were completed by Ysgol Cei Newydd and Ysgol Llanfarian, with updated plans from Ysgol Llwyn yr Eos and Ysgol Penrhyncoch. Promoted and supported the 'Big Walk and Wheel 2026' with Llwyn yr Eos, Penrhyncoch, Penllwyn, Plascrug, Wirfoddol Myfenydd, Cei Newydd and Rhydypennau Primary Schools all taking part. Ysgol Llwyn yr Eos: AJO delivered bike maintenance training to both staff and Year 5 & 6 pupils. Officer also organised a 'Dr Bike' day. Since having a small pool of school bikes, the staff have been delivering regular learn to ride and cycling sessions, and active travel has increased again this year. Thanks to this hard work the school have reached their silver Active Travel Schools Award (ATSA) and will be presented with the award in September. Ysgol Penrhyncoch (& Penllwyn) - AJO and keen parent active travel champion used some money from Nisa 'make a difference locally' fund to source 2nd hand bikes for Ysgol Penrhyncoch. These bikes were then checked and made safe to ride by AJO. Some pupils trained in basic bike maintenance. Both Penrhyncoch and Penllwyn now deliver cycle skills sessions once a week as well as scooter skills once a week. The culture of active travel is becoming more embedded in Ysgol Penrhyncoch and they are now working towards the Gold ATSA award.
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Ysgol Penweddig – All pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 received puncture repair sessions from their AJO.

Ysgol Llanfarian were launched in September 25 and have since received – Cycle skills, Scooter skills, ‘Be Bright Be Seen’, puncture repair and a bespoke ‘speed radar gun’ session (CA2) and bespoke ‘our journeys’ session (Sylfaen) from their AJO.

Ysgol Wirfoddol Myfenydd received a launch assembly, all school pupils received scooter skills sessions and a ‘Dr Bike’ day.

Ysgol Llanilar received ‘Be Bright Be Seen’ sessions for all school pupils.

Ysgol Rhydypennau received Cycle skills and scooter skills and an assembly showing the video of the new active travel network in the Aberystwyth area, demonstrating to pupils that they can safely travel actively from their village into town (once scheme construction works have been completed in 2026).

Ysgol Plascrug held a ‘Climate Day’ in February 26 and AJO delivered ‘Be Bright Be Seen’ sessions, puncture repair sessions and bike maintenance sessions that day. Plascrug continue to promote and champion active travel.

Ysgol Cei Newydd signed up to Active Journeys in January 26 and received a launch assembly, scooter skills for all pupils, cycle skills and a ‘Dr Bike’ day.

Scheme Promotion

A press release was issued by CCC Press Office in January 2026 with promotion of a progress update on the ‘Waunfawr to IBERS Active Travel Link’ scheme. This provided an update of forthcoming construction works on the ‘Phase 2’ section adjacent to the TRA487 and also for the ‘Phase 3’ section on the C1010 County Road. All scheme progress updates in relation to this scheme have been added to the CCC Active Travel webpage:

[Waunfawr to IBERS Active Travel - Ceredigion County Council](#)

CCC press releases feature quotations from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services which highlight the benefits of active travel for the health and wellbeing of our residents, which provide connectivity to link communities and access to green spaces, whilst contributing to local and national ambitions for carbon reduction and Cleaner Air.

The National Library of Wales path upgrade scheme promotion:



The images above and below were used on Social Media promotion by our Press Office, highlighting:

- Barriers removed to improve accessibility ✓
- New 3 metre wide smooth path installed ✓
- Over 2,100 recycled tyres used on this scheme ♻️ ❤️

These were very popular Social Media posts with over 40k views and 240 positive reactions



	
The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements	All new development schemes within CCC are expected to deliver Active Travel infrastructure and officers make comments on all travel plans that are conditioned through the Planning Process to ensure compliance. All developments are expected to provide Active Travel infrastructure through either S278/S38 highway works and/or S106 funding. Continued partnership working with the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent and the Welsh Government to help deliver construction works on the 'Phase 2' section of the 'Waunfawr to IBERS Active Travel Link Scheme' adjacent to the TRA487. Construction works on this 2nd section commenced in February 2026 and finished in June 2026, which completed this 'Phase 2' section of new shared use path provision. CCC Highways Officers worked effectively with colleagues in Property Services to plan and deliver road safety and active travel measures for the new Ysgol Dyffryn Aeron area school in Felinfach. This new school build included: • New traffic calming measures on the A482 under Section 278 works to support Safe Routes to School initiative. The speed limit was also reduced from 40 mph to 20 mph covering this traffic calmed area at the school entrance section.

	• A new footpath was installed adjacent to the A482 from the school entrance, linking eastwards to some residential properties and to the 'Cattlestrength' gym which is a popular destination. • A new footpath was installed from the school entrance, linking westwards to link with Felinfach Football Club entrance and to the core of the village. • A new footpath was installed connecting the rear of the school grounds providing a more direct link with Bro Henllys housing estate. • A new cycle shelter was installed within the school grounds. • New zebra crossings were included within the school site to give priority to pedestrians over vehicles. A breakdown of these costs is not available as all these above measures were included within the overall new school build package. Highways Service Officers continued to work in partnership with the CCC Public Rights of Way Team to develop proposals for the extension of The Ystwyth Trail from Cors Caron into Tregaron.
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	<u>Active Travel Fund (ATF)</u> Core Allocation Grant (Includes minor works scheme construction costs i.e. the National Library of Wales Path Upgrade Scheme. Also includes Future Route scheme development costs i.e. schemes not yet constructed). £431,115.07 Waunfawr to IBERS Active Travel Link – Phase 3A1 Scheme Construction £461,601.71 <u>Safe Routes in Communities Grant (SRiC)</u> Rhiwgoch Phase 4 Footway (scheme development) £3,119.21 Llanrhystud Traffic Calming & Pedestrian Accessibility Improvements (construction scheme) £176,880.79 SRiC Grant £ 10,282.42 CCC Funding Contribution £187,163.21 Total

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.	Welsh Government Trunk Roads funded Phase 2 section construction works of the 'Waunfawr to IBERS Active Travel Link Scheme'. This work commenced in FY2025-26 and was completed in the following FY2026-27.
Length of new routes: - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use	435 metres N/A 235 metres
Length of improved routes: - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use	N/A N/A 290 metres
New and improved active travel facilities	Waunfawr to IBERS Active Travel Link – Phase 3A1 (ATF) • 235 metres of new shared use path constructed to 2.5 metres width. • 18 metres of new footway installed at 2 metre width. • 1no. new dropped kerb and tactile crossing pair set. • 1no. new Raised Table Priority Crossing with tactile paving pair set installed (connecting to Phase 3B shared use path section constructed in FY24-25). • 8no. new bollards. • 2no. new light columns. • 11no. new signs (with 6no. new signposts). • 2no. temporary 'New road layout ahead' signs (on existing signposts). • New 'Give Way / ARAF SLOW' road markings installed for the Raised Table Priority Crossing.

- Translocation of existing beech hedge undertaken. Existing mature oak tree retained by diverting the new path behind this tree and geocell membrane installed as root protection measure. New native species mix tree planting.
- Green verge buffer of approx. 1 metre width installed between the path and the carriageway and this was constructed as a shallow swale for SAB drainage purposes where appropriate width available (i.e. not in front of Splash Cottages).

Post scheme photos including new Raised Table Priority Crossing for cyclists and pedestrians:





National Library of Wales Path Upgrade (ATF Core)

- 230 metres of new flexipave path with permeable surface, installed at 3 metres width for shared use.
- 60 metres of new tarmac surfacing on path upgrade at 4 metres width for shared use.
- 1no. new cycle shelter with 5 hoop toast rack installed at NLW.
- 1no. new cycle shelter with 2 hoop toast rack installed at Gorwelion.
- 2no. new recycled plastic benches installed.
- 1no. sinusoidal speed hump installed on the NLW road approach to the AT crossing.
- 5no. new 'ARAF SLOW' cycle road markings.
- 3no. new Cycle 'Give Way' road markings installed.
- 10no. new cycle signs installed on 6no. new signposts.
- 13no. new bollards installed.
- 2no. new gates installed to prevent vehicle access (offset to allow cyclist and pedestrian accessibility).
- New swales and soakaway installed as SAB compliant drainage measures.
- Hazard paving installed at 2no. locations.
- 3no. new dropped kerb and tactile paving crossing pair sets installed (2 sets at NLW and 1 set at Greenfield St in Town).
- 1no. pair set of new tactile paving installed on existing Raided Table crossing at NLW.
- 2no. sets of wooden kissing gates (barriers) removed to improve accessibility for active travel users.

Pre-scheme photo with narrow path and gate barrier:



Post scheme photo with wider, smooth path and barrier removed:



Llanrhystud Scheme (SRiC)

- 1no. new covered cycle and scooter shelter installed at the Primary School.
- 2no. new Street Light columns.
- 3no. new Raised Table crossings with tactile paving provision (the one at the Primary School also included an extended buildout to help prevent parking on the crossing).

- 3no. new sinusoidal speed humps (funded by CCC Highways Capital budget).
- 1no. new dropped kerb and tactile paving uncontrolled crossing.
- 1no. footway widened with new dropped kerb and tactile paving uncontrolled crossing (provision here was previously incorrectly aligned and not to design standard).
- 2no. new 'Pedestrian' warning signs on yellow backing boards for improved visibility.
- 5no. new 'Hump' warning signs (3no. with supplementary distance plates).
- 5no. new 20 mph road marking roundels.
- 4no. new 'ARAF SLOW' road markings.
- 18no. new bollards.
- 9no. new gulleys for Highway drainage.
- Approx. 140 meters of new Plastic Mesh path installed in the B4337 green verge link towards the Golf Club.

New Raised Table Crossing and buildout with bollards and new lighting column near the Primary School entrance:



New cycle and scooter shelter installed at the Primary School:



Ysgol Dyffryn Aeron – New School Build in Felinfach

- 1no. new cycle shelter installed.
- 2no. sinusoidal speed humps installed near the school entrance.
- Speed limit lowered from 40 mph to 20 mph covering the school entrance.
- 122 metres of new tarmac footway installed from school entrance to connect with the Football Club and village core.
- 155 metres of permeable surface footway installed from school entrance in easterly direction to connect with residential properties and 'Cattlestrength' gym.
- New footway installed at rear of school grounds providing direct link to Bro Henllys Estate.
- New Zebra crossings installed within the school to give priority for pedestrians.

Additional information (optional)

1no. set of new Lorawan counters installed (Waungau Lane)

Active Travel webpage was updated providing weblinks to external cycling organisations such as: Cycling UK / Walk Wheel Cycle Trust / Wales Cycling Directory and also local E-bike hire providers such as: Dolen Teifi / Eco Hub Aber.

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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