

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.

The actions taken to promote active travel journeys	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Liaised with Penglais, Penweddig, Lampeter and Cardigan Secondary Schools for their inclusion on the Sustrans Active Travel Promotion in Secondary Schools programme.- Active Travel session undertaken in partnership with Sustrans, with pupils at Ysgol Bro Pedr, Lampeter school to support the SRIC 2016/17 grant bid which was successful.- Presentation work with primary and secondary schools in Aberystwyth, Cardigan and Lampeter undertaken as part of Existing Route Map consultation.- Improved route signage in Aberystwyth.- Local press releases to promote grant funded works for new Active Travel infrastructure.
The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please refer to report below titled 'Active Travel report 2015-16'
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- WG funding £113,773- CCC match £ 23,621- CCC spend £ 2,823- TOTAL = £140,217

In addition to the above (optional):

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">- [insert indicative spend and source of funding]
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Additional information (optional)

I confirm that this report will be published, in accordance with the statutory Delivery Guidance.

Chief Executive

Active Travel report 2015/16 – Ceredigion County Council

Local Transport Fund – AB14 Plascrug Avenue ‘Phase 2’

£90,000 grant funding was secured from the Welsh Government’s Local Transport Fund with £10,000 match funding provided by Ceredigion County Council to complete the Plascrug Avenue scheme commenced in the previous financial year.

The 2015/16 scheme provided a widened shared use path of 3 metres between Ysgol Gymraeg and Plascrug Primary School with a street lighting upgrade so that the path is now lit on this section for the benefit of pedestrians and cyclists.

These schemes were aimed to help reduce severe traffic congestion experienced on the Avenue in recent years which resulted in the formation of the Plascrug Travel Partnership in 2012.

The scheme created a continuous, shared use path that runs from Penweddig School in Llanbadarn, along the front of Plascrug Leisure Centre and along the Avenue to Plascrug Primary School. This created an Active Travel link to the rail bridge and to the network of paths on Boulevard St Briec i.e. The Rheidol Cycle Trail. It also created a traffic-free link to the centre of Aberystwyth Town.

A new scooter shelter with capacity for 30 scooters was installed at Plascrug Primary School during August 2015 and was immediately used to capacity at the start of the new term due to the popularity of scooting to this school.

Construction on the section between Ysgol Gymraeg and Plascrug School was completed during the school summer holidays, thereby minimising disruption for pupils, parents and staff.



Above: Cycle shelter inadequate to cope with demand of scooter and cycle storage.

Below: New scooter shelter installed at Plascrug Primary School.



Below: Pre-scheme photo shows shared use path below modern design standards.





Above: Pre-scheme. Below: New raised table crossing with reduced width crossing distance and tighter junction radii. New bollards and wider shared use path with new tarmac surface.



Below: New raised table crossing at entrance to the Rugby Club near Plascrug Primary School.



Below: Improved cycle and pedestrian route signage.



Below: New section of shared use path in front of Plascrug Leisure Centre linking to Penweddig Secondary School.



Below: New channel created to improve access for cyclists to join new shared use path at Penweddig School.



Below: Photo shows pre-scheme alignment of path with worn area of grass showing desire line.



Below: Post scheme photos show widened path with realignment and area re-claimed for a replanting scheme, to offset the loss of ecology caused by widening the path along Plascrug Avenue. The planting scheme complemented the historic planting along Plascrug Avenue and included a mixture of Oak, Holly and evergreen shrubs.



Starling Cloud Phase 2

This is a busy Active Travel link to the footbridge leading to the network of schools on Plascrug Avenue.



Above: Photo pre-scheme.

Below: Post scheme completion.



Below: Pre-scheme and post scheme photos



Below: New tarmac was installed to rectify a protruding lip to both sides of the bridge providing improved access for mobility and pushchair users.



Active Travel Improvements at Penglais Secondary School following Safe Routes in Communities Funding

£24,000 grant funding secured to construct a new raised table crossing at the rear of Penglais Secondary School and a new section of footway into Brynamlwg Social Club, which is a very popular route used by pupils walking to and from school.

The raised table crossing which also acts as a build out and traffic priority system, is an additional traffic calming feature which will assist this Authorities proposed implementation of a 20 mph zone as part of the Speed Limit Review, scheduled for completion by the end of 2016.

Below: Pre-scheme photo shows pupils walking in the road at the entrance to Brynamlwg, followed by a photo taken post scheme, showing new footway provision.





Above: Pre scheme photo. **Below:** Post scheme photo shows the new raised table crossing and build out providing a shorter crossing distance and traffic priority system. The new section of guard rail has been effective in preventing pupils crossing the bell mouth of the entrance to Brynamlwg as they are funnelled to use the new crossing.





Ceredigion County Council work (non-grant funded):

Cycle friendly gulleys installed.



Improved route signage for cyclists and pedestrians.



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