

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 **Vale of Glamorgan's** annual report for **2023-24**.

<p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p>	<p>Pedestrian improvements were made in various locations in the Vale including dropped kerbs, tactile paving and footway widening.</p> <p>Officers continued to work with Sustrans and schools to write their School Active Travel Plans to increase the number of pupils walking, cycling and scooting to school each day, reducing congestion and improving safety at the school gates.</p> <p>The Council continues to be involved with the Vale Healthy Staff Charter Group, working with their partners on the Public Services Board.</p> <p>The Council regularly updates it's Active Travel (AT) webpage and continues to promote through social media channels: https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/transportation/Active-Travel-and-Safe-Routes-in-Communities-Projects.aspx</p> <p>The Council regularly publish short AT clips on social media to convey AT messages and ask for public suggestions and comments. The full clip is on the VOG webpage - Active Travel (valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)</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 6 weekly meetings with our Welsh Government/TfW representatives to discuss current and future projects.</p> <p>Scooter and cycle storage provided at a further 6 schools across the Vale.</p> <p>Cycle storage installed at locations throughout the Vale requested through various sources, such as members of the public.</p> <p>The Council offers National Standard Cycle Training (NSCT) Levels 1 and 2, to all primary schools for their Year 6 pupils and this financial year, one course was offered in late July, during the school summer holiday period. This course was held in Cowbridge, to provide an opportunity for students aged 9-11 years</p>
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	<p>living in the rural part of this authority, to participate in both off and on road training.</p> <p>Additionally, working with Pedal Power, five interns from Dow Silicon, Barry, also undertook NSCT training with all achieving Level 1 and four Level 2 – two of these then went on to participate in a tailored level 3 session. Therefore, a total of 878 students commenced their NSCT with this authority in 2023/24, with 798 of these pupils attaining Level 1 and 488 going on to pass their Level 2, exceeding our cycling target.</p> <p>Child pedestrian training, including Kerbcraft, continued to be provided to primary schools throughout 23/24. With the help of volunteers, 146 pupils in five schools completed Kerbcraft and 623 students in sixteen schools received CPT training. The training target was a minimum of 300 students.</p> <div data-bbox="523 853 815 1140" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>8 schools continued their Living Street Walk once a Week (WOW) challenge to encourage active travel to school from a young age.</p> <p>Bike pump/repair stations installed at further locations across the Vale, including Llancarfan and St Nicholas.</p> <p>Barriers on walking/cycling routes removed where identified 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>All new development schemes within the Vale of Glamorgan 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.</p> <p>All developments are expected to provide Active Travel infrastructure through either S278/S38 highway works and/or S106 funding.</p> <p>Active Travel Core Allocation Fund, Safe Routes in Communities Funding and S106 Sustainable Transport Funding is used for improving AT routes (new infrastructure, dropped kerbs, tactile paving, crossing points) and providing bike storage and repair stations in schools and in the County.</p>

	<p>Shared Prosperity Bid approved for four Brompton Bike Lockers at train stations across the Vale.</p> <p>Barriers removed at Barry Dock subway and on path off Gladstone Bridge to improve access for all.</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 £645,000 Welsh Government Active Travel Core grant used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of scheme design active travel route between Barry and Dinas Powys • Surveys relating to design of active travel route between Waycock Cross and Airport • Surveys on proposed active travel route from Five Mile Lane, St Nicholas to Culverhouse Cross • Continuation of scheme design of active travel route from Sully to Cosmeston • Provision of cycle/scooter storage and shelters in schools • Provision of town centre/village cycle parking • Installation of dropped kerbs, tactile paving and route enhancements. • Provision of bikes for some schools with an Active Travel School Plan <p>FY 23/24 £2,287,741 Active Travel funding for construction of AT route through Eglwys Brewis. Works included four new bus stops and associated sustainable transport improvement works, uncontrolled crossings through 'the trees' estate, and the installation of a footway in front of The Gathering Place, St Athan.</p> <p>FY 23/24 £659,767 Active Travel funding for construction of a shared use path along Station Road connecting to the routes through Rhoose Point and along Fontygary Road. Works included rain gardens along Station Road and priority crossings for pedestrians, as well as formalised parking bays.</p> <p>FY 23/24 £336,074 Active Travel funding for the installation of a toucan crossing in Wenvoe and pedestrian improvements through the village. The concept design of the 'missing link' along Port Road was completed for a future funding opportunity.</p> 

FY 23/24 £53,006 Safe Routes in Communities Fund Fairfield Primary School Community Design project. Funding received to complete works associated with the first timed school street closure in the Vale of Glamorgan, that included pedestrian improvements and rain garden installation.



FY 23/24 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £331,000 committed to install new toucan crossing at Barry Dock Interchange.

FY 23/24 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £2,495.31 to improve pedestrian footway at the rear of Jenner Park, Barry.

FY 23/24 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £14,422 to install benches and bike pump repair station in St Nicholas.



FY 23/24 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £1,015.76 to install bike pump repair station in Llanmaes.

FY 23/24 S106 Sustainable Transport funding – £11,845.56 to improve pedestrian footways on Gladstone Road (Memo) and Gladstone Road gardens.

FY23/24 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £101,900 committed to upgrading footway through Clare Gardens to a cycleway/footway.

FY23/24 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £2,152 for new footway link from Taylor Wimpey development, Sully.



FY23/24 Local Nature Partnership fund - £5,000 awarded to match fund green roof shelter at Romilly Primary School.



Romilly Primary School – green roof shelter

FY23/24 CCR Metro Plus/LTF funding – Barry Dock Interchange completed that included 2 x cycle shelters, including a Bikeep shelter with green roof, electric charging and CCTV.



In addition to the above, the following information provides an overview of infrastructure that has been implemented during the previous year.:

<p>Indicative spending for new active travel routes and facilities and improvements of</p>	<p>FY24/25 £645,000 (WG Core Active Travel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design of AT route – Sully to Cosmeston • Design of AT route Waycock Cross to Cardiff Airport
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existing active travel routes and related facilities funded or part funded by third parties.

- Design of AT route - Barry to Dinas Powys
- Options and feasibility for AT route – Dinas Powys to Cardiff
- Cycle storage in towns, villages and schools
- Active Travel Network Map improvements (dropped kerbs and tactiles)
- Cycle routes on streets

FY 24/25 Active Travel fund – £1,130,000 East of Barry Active Travel. Construction of improved pedestrian routes and design of AT route along Coldbrook Road East.

FY 24/25 Active Travel fund – £327,005 Sully to Cosmeston. Complete design of AT route, submit planning application and progress installation of Pegasus crossing near St Marys Well Bay.

FY 24/25 Safe Routes in Communities Fund – £227,000 School Streets. To apply for powers to enforce Moving Traffic Offences and implement further timed school street closures.

FY24/25 Safe Route in Communities Fund - £397,868 Sully Primary School. Construct footway and other associated improvements in front of, and leading to, Sully Primary School.

S106 Sustainable Transport funding available in Sully, Cowbridge, Llantwit Major, St Nicholas, and Barry to enable active travel improvements.

FY24/25 - Shared Prosperity Bid approved and implemented for 4 x Brompton Bike Dock at train stations in the Vale of Glamorgan.

FY24/25 – Shared Prosperity Bid approved for improved lighting in Subway Road tunnel to assist with AT movements.

Length of new routes:

- Walking
- Cycling
- Shared Use

750m VALE-SPR-003K Eglwys Brewis – segregated off road cycle and pedestrian route.



	<p>270m VALE-RHSE-043D Station Road, Rhoose – new cycle and footway infrastructure.</p>  <p>100m VALE-SPR-003J Gathering Place, St Athan new footway continuation of existing footway that had been constructed by housing developer.</p> <p>110m – footway upgraded to 3.5m shared use as part of Corey Way, East Quay development, Barry.</p> <p>305m – Hayes Road, Barry – new 3.5m shared use cycleway footway along site frontage of new VOG Housing scheme.</p> <p>115m – Leckwith Road, Llandough – new 3.5m shared use cycleway footway along site frontage of Hafod Housing scheme.</p> <p>65m – Swanbridge Road, Sully – new 3.5m shared use footway cycleway in Taylor Wimpey site.</p>
<p>Length of improved routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use 	<p>650m pedestrian - Vale-BARRY-035D - 5 x uncontrolled crossing and footway improvements Dyfan Road, Barry</p> <p>270m pedestrian - VALE-BARRY-038E - Romilly Road, Barry.</p> <p>375m pedestrian - VALE-Barry-036A - Hannah St/Hywel St, Barry – improvements to bring up to AT standard.</p> <p>300m pedestrian - VALE-PEN-020B - Masefield Road, Penarth – uncontrolled crossing to bring route up to AT standard.</p> <p>435m pedestrian - VALE-Barry-036b 7 x uncontrolled crossings along Court Road, Barry.</p>

	<p>340m pedestrian VALE-PEN-022E – Pill Street/Cawnpore Street, Penarth improved footways to include uncontrolled crossings.</p> <p>310m pedestrian VALE-PEN-022F- Harriett Street and Bridge Street improved uncontrolled crossings to bring routes up to AT standard.</p> <p>540m pedestrian - VALE-Barry-041C and VALE-Barry 041D uncontrolled crossings on Peterswell Road and Dawan Close, Barry</p> <p>875m pedestrian – VALE-WENV-049C – route through Wenvoe village brought up to AT standard.</p> <p>150m pedestrian improvements near Peterston Super Ely CiW Primary school to assist with future school street implementation.</p>
<p>New and improved active travel facilities</p>	<p>FY23/24 - scooter and cycle storage provided at a further 6 schools across the Vale (Core ATF).</p> <div data-bbox="705 1039 1163 1431" data-label="Image"> </div> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Dinas Powys Primary School</i></p> <p>Cycle storage provided at locations in the Vale – Llantwit Major Train Station, Brawd Gym, Sully Community Centre, Sully Pavilion.</p> <div data-bbox="746 1617 1107 1883" data-label="Image"> </div> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Llantwit Major Interchange</i></p>

Additional information (optional)

Summer 2024 - The Council launched phase 4 of the Cycle2Work scheme for employees allowing the purchase of cycles up to the value of £3500. 56 bikes were purchased by employees through salary sacrifice, at a total cost of £85,000

Through a successful bid to the Shared Prosperity Fund the Council continued the successful Ty lolo Bike Club in partnership with Pedal Power. The Bike Club provided cycle training to 70 x children aged 6-10 living in Barry in the 2024 period.



An application was successful to the Project Zero Board for the Council to achieve Cycle Friendly Employer accreditation. Silver status was given for the Civic Offices and Alps Depot.

The Active Travel team have attended meetings with the Vale 50+ Forum and Youth Forum to discuss barriers to walking and cycling, as well as walking routes with residents who have concerns in their area.

Grant applications through LTF, SRiC, Cardiff Capital Region, Road Safety, Shared Prosperity Fund all include Active Travel proposals to enable the Council to maximise all avenues of funding available.

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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Date of submission to Welsh Ministers:

25.10.24