

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 Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's annual report for the year 2020-2021.

<p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p>	<p>Renewal of NPT's active travel mapping - to comply with the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 The council is in the process of reviewing its ATNM to be submitted to WG on the 31st December 2021. The first active travel consultation took place between 27th November 2020 to 15th January 2021 with 2642 contributions received. The review process for the maps is currently underway, which will take into consideration: responses from the consultations, background data, audit results from site visits, linking key destination points and current routes on the existing ATNM.</p> <p>Promotion of Schemes and Monitoring and Evaluation A photographer has undertaken promotional photographs of the newly improved cycle routes in Neath and Pontardawe along key locations in Neath Port Talbot. These will be used in 21/22 financial year to promote; the next Active Travel consultation, supplement the councils active travel webpages and any other promotional activity required. Monitoring and evaluation of the routes in Neath and Pontardawe has been completed.</p> <p>Internal Liaison Ongoing liaison with colleagues from Planning, Highways and Education departments to encourage promotion of and provision for active travel as part of new</p>
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developments.

Road Safety Team

The Road Safety Team undertook a number of activities to promote Active Travel including:

- Cyclecraft (On road cycle training): 6 schools, 119 pupils
- Primary Classroom Education: 27 schools, 4620 pupils
- Assemblies (Primary): 0
- Cycle Awareness (Years 3- Year 6): 19 schools, 1246 pupils
- Scooter Training (all ages): 19 schools, 747 pupils
- Balance Bike Training (Nursery & Reception): 0
- Foundation Stage Cycling (Year 1 & 2): 1 school, 20 pupils
- Road Safety Walks (all ages): 0
- Kerbcraft (Child Pedestrian Training Year 2): 0
- Short Pedestrian Training Course (6 weeks training): 33 Schools, 903 Pupils
- The Big Pedal (which NPT supports Sustrans): 0
- Annual Quiz: Road Safety hosts an annual quiz for Year 6 pupils, which is offered to all primary schools in Neath Port Talbot: 0

	<p>[Note: school figures are based on the academic year September 2020 - July 2021].</p> <p>[Note: from March 2020 to April 2021, visitors were not permitted to enter any Neath Port Talbot Schools due to stringent regulations around the pandemic. This has obviously significantly impacted on Neath Port Talbot's training figures, with most training taking place remotely over MS Teams.</p> <p>Many events did not take place such as the Road Safety Quiz and Walk / Scoot to School events due to the restrictions around mixing bubbles and large gatherings.]</p>
<p>The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements</p>	<p>Vale of Neath Active Travel Route (Phase 1) - Improvements to the Active Travel Route on the National Cycle Network (NCN) between Neath and Tonna (building on work already completed on the NCN between Neath and Briton Ferry). Works included widening and resurfacing, removal of diseased trees and clearance of encroaching vegetation.</p> <p>Off- road Active Travel route between Neath and Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School- funding was awarded for a feasibility study - it was intended that part of the route would be off road through the Gnoll estate; however due to concerns on the impact on biodiversity the study was put on hold and the funding allocated to this element was reallocated within the programme.</p> <p>Pontardawe Active Travel Route (phase 3 of 3) - Works included widening the active travel route, resurfacing, clearance of encroaching vegetation and obtaining landowner agreements. This completes the works to the active travel route from the county boundary in Trebanos</p>

	<p>through Pontardawe to Ystalyfera providing an off road surfaced route.</p> <p>Godre'r Graig Active Travel Route - the scheme involved construction of a small section of Active Travel Route between the National Cycle Network and Godre'r Graig. Works included obtaining landowner permission to undertake the works, resurfacing the route, raising the parapets on the footbridge, replacement of non-compliant barriers and drainage improvements.</p> <p>Newbridge Road Bridge alternative route – a feasibility study is ongoing into providing an alternative Active Travel diversion route for the closed Newbridge Road Bridge, Port Talbot.</p> <p>Pre-works – This has included feasibility, design, land negotiation and consultation / engagement on various routes in the county.</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>Neath Port Talbot Council was awarded £465k core funding for further design work, minor improvement works, land negotiations and promotion of schemes. In addition, £515k was awarded for Phase 1 of the Vale of Neath Active Travel Route – Neath to Tonna.</p>

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 existing active travel routes and related facilities funded or part funded by third parties.</p>	<p>- £0</p>
<p>Length of new routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use 	<p>- 0m</p>

Length of improved routes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vale of Neath Active Travel Route (Phase 1) Shared use 3100m - Pontardawe Active Travel Route (phase 3 of 3) Shared use 600m - Godre'r Graig Active Travel Route Walking 280m
New and improved active travel facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removal of access control measures (phase 2) = removal of 11 non-compliant barriers/gates

Additional information (optional)

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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