


To the Welsh Ministers,

### **Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 Reporting Duties up to 31/03/2023**

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 **2022-23**.

<p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p>	<p>Cycle storage installed at locations throughout the Vale requested through Community Councils and members of the public.</p> <p>Pedestrian improvements were made in various locations in the Vale including dropped kerbs, tactile paving, barrier removal and footway widening.</p> <p>Officers continued to work with 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: <a href="https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/transportation/Active-Travel-and-Safe-Routes-in-Communities-Projects.aspx">https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/transportation/Active-Travel-and-Safe-Routes-in-Communities-Projects.aspx</a></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 - <a href="https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/transportation/Active-Travel-and-Safe-Routes-in-Communities-Projects.aspx">Active Travel (valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)</a></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 5 schools the Vale.</p>  <p><i>Ysgol Sant Curig</i></p>
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	<p>The Council offers National Standard Cycle Training (NSCT) courses Levels 1 and 2, to all primary schools for their Year 6 pupils and this financial year, provided five courses across the authority for children aged 9-11 years, during the school holiday periods in July, August and February. This enabled 656 students in 22/23 to commence their NSCT, exceeding our target figure, with 533 of these pupils attaining Level 1 and 354 going on to pass their Level 2.</p> <p>Child pedestrian training, including Kerbcraft, continued to be provided to primary schools throughout 22/23 and with the help of volunteers, was delivered to more than 622 children.</p> <div data-bbox="459 674 751 958" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>13 schools continued their <a href="#">Living Street Walk once a Week</a> (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 Llanmaes and Ogmores by Sea.</p> <p>Barriers on existing 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>In addition, in 22/23 the land in front of The Gathering Place, St Athan was gifted to the Council to enable the construction of a missing pedestrian link to connect to existing infrastructure in the area. Construction of this will be completed in FY23/24.</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 and implemented for Brompton Bike Dock at Llantwit Major Interchange.</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

FY22/23 £645,000 Welsh Government Active Travel Core grant used for:

- Amendments to detailed design of AT route along Station Road, Rhoose and construction funding of shared use path along Porthkerry Road and Fontygary Road
- Concept design active travel route between Barry and Dinas Powys
- Concept design active travel route between Rhoose and St Athan
- Concept design active travel route from A48 to Colwinston
- Concept design active travel route from A48 to Llangan
- Concept design active travel route from Five Mile Lane, St Nicholas to Culverhouse Cross
- Design of active travel route from Waycock Cross to Cardiff Airport
- Concept design of active travel route from Cowbridge to Ystradowen
- 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.

FY 22/23 £282,260 Active Travel funding for completion of detailed design of segregated AT route through Eglwys Brewis. Works also included four new bus stops and associated sustainable transport improvement works and the ground clearance of the site in preparation for construction works in 23/24.

FY 22/23 Active Travel funding - £104,995 as match funding for shared use footway/cycleway along Porthkerry Road and Fontygary Road in Rhoose. S106 sustainable transport funding of £418,484 was also used for this works.

FY 22/23 Safe Routes in Communities Fund – £327,900 Fairfield Primary School Community Design project. Funding received to implement first school street closure in the Vale of Glamorgan, that included pedestrian improvements, rain garden installation and

progression of Traffic Regulation Orders.



FY22/23 Shared Prosperity funding – £63,359 Brompton Bike Hire Dock installed in Llantwit Major Interchange to assist with multi modal travel in the area.

FY 22/23 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £72,700 to complete path works outside St David's Church in Wales Primary School, Colwinston.

FY 22/23 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £106,282 new footpath to access play area Caerleon Road, Dinas Powys.

FY 22/23 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £129,089 to complete improvements on Murch Road and crossing facilities.

FY 22/23 S106 Sustainable Transport funding – £24,522.43 lighting scheme along Frampton Lane, Llantwit Major.

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>FY23/24 £645,000 (WG Core Active Travel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design of AT route – Culverhouse Cross to St Nicholas</li> <li>• Design of AT route – Sully to Cosmeston</li> <li>• Design of AT route Waycock Cross to Cardiff Airport</li> <li>• Investigation work for AT route - Barry to Dinas Powys</li> <li>• Cycle storage in towns, villages and schools</li> <li>• Active Travel Network Map improvements (dropped kerbs and tactiles)</li> </ul>
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	<p>FY 23/24 Active Travel fund – £2,433,231 Eglwys Brewis Active Travel route. Construction of segregated walking/cycling route.</p> <p>FY 23/24 Active Travel fund – £679,900 Station Road, Rhoose. Construction of shared use path linking village to the Transport Interchange.</p> <p>FY 23/24 Active Travel fund – £336,074 Wenvoe. Toucan crossing installation at Walston Castle, pedestrian improvements through Wenvoe village and design of missing AT link along Port Road.</p> <p>FY 23/24 Safe Routes in Communities Fund – £53,006 Fairfield Primary School Community Design project. Funding received to finalise school street work on Dryden Road and make minor improvements to Tennyson Road.</p> <p>FY23/24 Safe Route in Communities Fund - £50,000 for feasibility report on future school streets in the Vale. To include trials at three schools.</p> <p>S106 Sustainable Transport funding available in Sully, Cowbridge, Llantwit Major, St Nicholas, and Barry to enable active travel improvements.</p> <p>FY23/24 Shared Prosperity Fund - £250,000 to expand the OVOBike hire scheme into Barry.</p>
<p>Length of new routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Walking</li> <li>- Cycling</li> <li>- Shared Use</li> </ul>	<p>150m footway in front of St David’s Church in Wales Primary School, Colwinston funded through S106 Sustainable Transport contributions.</p> <p>90m of new footway in front of Caerleon Road playground opposite Criccieth Court, Dinas Powys funded through S106 Sustainable Transport contributions.</p> <p>95m - new 3.5m shared cycleway/footway which runs along the site frontage along Subway Road, Barry.</p> <p>1400m Brocastle to Bridgend - new 3-3.5m shared cycleway footway along the A48 which connects the proposed new Welsh Government employment site at Brocastle to Bridgend and connects to other recently completed active travel routes. Route comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.5m wide shared cycleway/footway with 1-1.5m grass buffer strip at a total length of ~ 1.4km or 1400m.</li> <li>• A new Toucan controlled crossing point across the A48</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 new bus shelters with high access kerbs and associated infrastructure</li> <li>• The complete renewal/upgrading of the Fords signalised junction with all new infrastructure and incorporation of several Toucan signalised crossings.</li> </ul> <p>250m Darren Farm, Cowbridge - cycle/pedestrian link provided from the A48 through the new residential development to link up with the new school and Llantwit Major Road. Phase 1 - already constructed, Phase 2 ongoing (750m).</p>
<p>Length of improved routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Walking</li> <li>- Cycling</li> <li>- Shared Use</li> </ul>	<p>210m VALE-PEN-025B St Cyres Park – pedestrian improvements to link to St Joseph’s RC Primary and St Cyres Comprehensive.</p> <p>780m VALE-SPR-009A footway improvements on Murch Road and Murch Crescent, Dinas Powys.</p> <div data-bbox="595 1005 914 1426" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>825m VALE-SPR-003H footway widening to shared use width / footway upgrades, improving pedestrian and cycle improvements along Porthkerry Road, Rhoose Road and Fontygary Road in Rhoose.</p> <p>490m VALE-PEN-020A improved pedestrian and cycle improvements along Dryden Road for Fairfield Primary School.</p> <p>270m VALE-BARRY-Future-036E Vere Street – pedestrian improvements to bring route up to AT guidance.</p> <p>400m VALE-BARRY-Future-036D Main Street - pedestrian improvements to bring route up to AT guidance.</p> <p>516m VALE-BARRY-035B St Brides Way, Barry – improved pedestrian facilities here by narrowing 3 x</p> <div data-bbox="970 1805 1493 2033" data-label="Image"> </div>

junctions and installing dropped kerbs and tactile paving.

New and improved active travel facilities

FY22/23 - scooter and cycle storage provided at a further 5 schools across the Vale (Core ATF).



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Cycle storage provided at locations in the Vale – High Street shopping centre, Foodpod St Lukes Avenue, Penarth, Waste Transfer Station, Camms Corner Dinas Powys and Jacksons Bay.



Several benches were installed/replaced in Barry and St Athan on existing AT routes to provide appropriate resting places.

Removal of barriers on existing AT routes – Ash Path, Dinas Powys and Colcot Road, Barry.

Installation of seating and street art to encourage walking to the new Ysgol Sant Baruc site and waterfront area.



Additional information (optional)

Winter 2022 - The Council launched phase 3 of the Cycle2Work scheme for employees allowing the purchase of cycles up to the value of £3500. 46 bikes were purchased by employees through salary sacrifice, at a total cost of £53,480.



A Dr Bike session was held June 2022 at Cosmeston Country Park as part of Bike Week

An application to the Shared Prosperity Fund has been approved for 23/24 to expand the e-bike hire scheme into Barry following the success of the scheme in Penarth, Dinas Powys and Sully.

Through a successful bid to the Shared Prosperity Fund the Council restarted the successful Ty lolo Bike Club in partnership with Pedal Power in June 2023. The Bike Club provides cycle training to children aged 6-10 living in Barry. The funding will provide training, bicycles and helmets for use and storage at the park.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council Enforcement Team have been using an electric bike to patrol areas of the Vale. The Planning Department have also trialled an electric bike through the Sustrans E-Move project and have applied for funding for their own. Further Council departments will be encouraged to explore the use of ebikes/cargo bikes for work use.



An application will be made to the Project Zero Board for the Council to achieve Cycle Friendly Employer accreditation.

Meetings have been held with Sight Cymru, residents at Longmeadow Court, Golau Caredig and the Vale 50+ Forum to discuss barriers to walking. The AT Officer has also attended the V-Pod Youth Facility in Sully to discuss a proposed route from Sully to Penarth.

Grant applications through LTF, SRiC, Metro Enhancement Framework, Cardiff City Deal etc. 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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27.9.23