

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 Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council's annual report.

<p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p>	<p>The Existing Route Maps have been posted on our website.</p> <p>The Public Rights of Way Department along with the Engineering Department have agreed a set of dates to attend a range of schools to address pupils in regard to current active travel routes and to glean their ideas for new routes.</p> <p>The Rights of Way Department have undertaken a Signage Audit within the County Borough and have identified key areas where signage can be improved.</p> <p>The Planning Department with the assistance of the Rights of Way Department have recently undertaken a project with Google Maps which includes the mapping of some of our most popular active travel route. Using Google street view trekker we have walked along key routes using the Google Street View camera. This has allowed us to capture 360 degree images of the routes including the Taff Trail. These images will appear on Google Street View towards the end of the year. We hope that having these images of these routes available for anyone to see on Google will increase the use of these routes.</p> <p>We are working closely with our Town Centre Partners to carry out questionnaires at key events being held through the County Borough to capture all age groups.</p>
<p>The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements</p>	<p>Consultation is underway to identify new active travel routes within the County Borough.</p>
<p>Costs incurred for new active</p>	<p>Penydre SRIC project 2015-2016 to improve</p>

travel routes and facilities and improvements of existing active travel routes and related facilities carried out in the preceding full financial year	walking and cycling links for the communities of Dowlais / Pantyscallog / Galon Uchaf and Gurnos to Schools, hospitals, shops and Leisure facilities £319,020.63
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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.	There have been no third party funded projects
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Additional information (optional)

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


Gareth Chapman
Chief Executive