



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 Council has identified key routes that promote opportunities for active travel, and the Council are currently engaging with the community on the proposed improvements to the existing Route Map. The consultation ends on the 29th September 2017.</p> <p>The Rights of Way Department have undertaken a Signage Audit and signage has been improved across the trails network within the county borough.</p> <p>We are working closely with our colleagues and partners carrying 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 travel routes and facilities and improvements of existing active travel routes and related facilities carried out in the preceding full financial year</p>	<p>Trefechan SRIC project 2016-2017 improved walking and cycling links and improved an available route between the North side of Trefechan and the local primary school in Cefn Coed. £98,489.</p>

	<p>Pontmorlais Cycle Route - New / Improved cycle route through part of the town centre in Merthyr Tydfil. Pontmorlais High Street is a busy retail area served by a "one way" system running North to South. Whilst the highway provides cycle access from Penydarren into the Town Centre there is no comparable route for the return journey. This scheme provides this much needed facility. £42,850.</p>
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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>There have been no third party funded projects</p>
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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