

## Report to accompany the Active Travel Network Map submission

To the Welsh Ministers,

### Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 Reporting Duties

In accordance with the duties under section 3 (7) of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, please find below Powys County Council's report on the level of use of active travel routes.

Number of existing Active Travel Routes	<p>Between 2017 and 2021, Powys County Council has improved active travel provision in several designated Active Travel localities. Schemes undertaken in Newtown, Llandrindod Wells, Presteigne and Knighton have significantly expanded the local network, whilst smaller projects have improved active travel provision in Brecon, Ystradgynlais, Llanidloes, Machynlleth and Welshpool.</p> <p>At the time of submission of the Active Travel Network Map (March 2022), the county has a total of 63 active travel routes which meet or exceed current standards, with a combined distance of approximately 58km. In contrast to the 2017 INM, this is an extra 15km of active travel routes – an increase of 34%.</p>
Baseline data at 2016	<p>In 2016 Powys County Council undertook surveys within the 11 designated localities in the county. The data collected was used to form a baseline to enable future comparison. In 2016 data shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 14.1% of students who reside within 1km of the educational establishment make the journey by active means on a daily basis.</li><li>• 18.4% of residents use active travel on a daily basis.</li><li>• 87.8% of residents make at least one active travel journey per month.</li><li>• 12.2% of residents rarely/did not use active travel.</li></ul>

<p>What data was available in your local authority to record usage?</p>	<p>Active Travel data was collected through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online surveys (via Powys County Council website)</li> <li>• Commonplace</li> <li>• Manual counts</li> <li>• Sustrans data</li> <li>• School data</li> <li>• SRIC monitoring data</li> <li>• Workplace or visitor travel surveys</li> <li>• National survey data</li> <li>• Town/Community Council data</li> </ul>
<p>New data at 2021</p>	<p>Between 2018 and 2021 annual surveys were undertaken by Powys County Council to collect data on levels of active travel in the 11 designated localities. Due to the pandemic, between March 2020 and May 2021 data was collected by online processes only (surveys and Commonplace).</p> <p>Data showed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20% of students who reside within 1km of the educational establishment made the journey by active means on a daily basis. This is an increase of 6% from baseline data (2016).</li> <li>• 21.8% of residents currently use active travel on a daily basis. An increase of 3.4% from baseline data (2016).</li> <li>• 70.9% of residents make at least one active travel journey per month. A decrease of 16.9% from baseline data (2016).</li> <li>• 5.5% of residents rarely/did not use active travel. A decrease of 6.7% from baseline data (2016).</li> </ul> <p>Surveys undertaken within 60 days of scheme completion in all 4 settlements (Newtown, Llandrindod, Presteigne and Knighton) in which major active travel improvements projects were delivered between 2017 and 2021, showed a trend of increased uptake of active</p>

	travel within the town when compared to pre scheme levels. Further monitoring will be undertaken post covid, to determine the longer-term impact of the project to levels of active travel in the community.
What data will be available to support the next iteration of this report?	Data for the next report will be collected using the same methods as per this report, however, data will be collected more frequently and at regular intervals across the year to help improve accuracy and consistency.

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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