

To the Welsh Ministers,

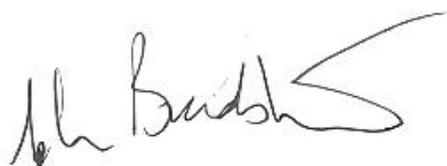
Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 Reporting Duties

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

Number of existing Active Travel Routes	In Rhondda Cynon Taf, there are approximately: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 11 Walking routes and- 19 Shared Use routes
Baseline data at 2016	<p>The following information provides baseline data on the levels of active travel in Rhondda Cynon Taf.</p> <p>13,846 participants took part in the 'Beat the Street' walking and cycling initiative during the Spring period.</p> <p>2011 Census shows that 9% of residents aged 16 to 74 travel to work by bicycle or on foot.</p> <p>Total annual footfall in the 7 main town and village centres in RCT - 7,365,969 visits.</p> <p>Unfortunately, there are no functioning cycle counters on segregated/off road active travel routes in Rhondda Cynon Taf. The information below covers Class 1 vehicles (cycles/motorcycles) recorded at sites on/alongside the highway that are part of the active travel network. Average weekly total:</p> <p>A4059 north of Mountain Ash - 461</p> <p>A4054 near Oxford Street, Nantgarw - 743</p> <p>The information below shows the percentage of children walking or cycling to/from Pontrhondda Primary School, Llwynypia as part of a SRIC survey:</p> <p>Walking - 43% Cycling 1%</p>

<p>What data was available in your local authority to record usage?</p>	<p>The following data was available to the Council to record active travel usage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - automated counts - SRIC monitoring data - Census data - data from Beat the Street initiative - Town and Village Centre footfall
<p>New data at 2017</p>	<p>The following information covers active travel usage levels in Rhondda Cynon Taf in 2017.</p> <p>Residents' 7 Day Travel Diary - 17% journeys by foot 0% journeys by bicycle</p> <p>Total annual footfall in the 7 main town and village centres in RCT - 7,542,227 visits.</p> <p>13,740 participants took part in the 'Beat the Street' walking and cycling initiative during the Spring period.</p>
<p>What data will be available to support the next iteration of this report?</p>	<p>In the light of the technical difficulties being experienced with existing (fixed) cycle counters in Rhondda Cynon Taf, the Council is exploring the possibility of using portable cycle counters. This equipment will provide more flexibility in terms of identifying suitable locations in order to monitor active travel levels.</p>

I confirm that this report will be published online and made available in hard copy on request, in accordance with the statutory Delivery Guidance.



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