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 Monmouthshire's report on the level of use of active travel routes.

Number of existing Active Travel Routes

The table below demonstrates the levels of change to our Active Travel network between 2016 and 2021. In 2016 only 27 routes were deemed existing in line with the Active Travel design guidance, this has increased to 100 in 2021. A column has also been added for 'proposed' which indicates the routes put forward on our ATNM submission to demonstrate the areas of growth we are looking to develop;

Locality	Designation	2016 Existing	2021 Existing	Proposed
Y Fenni/ Abergavenny	Walking Only	5	23	27
	Cycling Only	2	2	6
	Shared Use	1	7	79
Cas-gwent/ Chepstow	Walking Only	1	7	16
	Cycling Only	0	0	11
	Shared	5	4	43
Y Gilwern/ Gilwern	Walking Only	1	1	1
	Cycling Only	0	2	11
	Shared Use	1	0	8
Caldicot	Walking Only	0	6	1
	Cycling Only	0	2	4
	Shared Use	5	21	52
Monmouth	Walking Only	1	5	13
	Cycling Only	1	3	4
	Shared Use	2	8	50
Usk	Walking Only	1	2	0
	Cycling Only	0	0	1
	Shared Use	1	1	16
Magor & Undy	Walking Only	0	3	3
	Cycling Only	0	2	4
	Shared Use	0	1	18
Totals	Walking Only	9	47	61
	Cycling Only	3	11	41
	Shared Use	15	42	266
	Total	**27**	**100**	**368**

It can be seen from these figures that an increased impetus has been placed on active travel within Monmouthshire County Council over recent years, this is matched in the ambition of the funding bids, with the funding awarded going from £270k in 2019-20 to £1.6m in 2020-21 to an award of £2.6m in 2021-22.

The coming years will show further strong growth in our network as work is undertaken to bring other routes on our ATNM up to standard and become existing.

Length of routes:

Designation	2021 Existing Route Length	Proposed ATNM Route Length
Walking Only	21.44km	25.77km
Cycling Only	11.79km	140.60km
Shared Use	41.66km	170.21km

This data shows the length of routes currently displayed on our GIS. It must be noted that several existing walking routes will become shared use in the future and as such the length of route, although close to the proposed, still requires many routes to be upgraded. In addition, several long desire lines for inter-settlement connectivity vastly increases the proposed ATNM Cycling Only route lengths.

Baseline data at 2016

1) Footfall data. The table shows the footfall at the key locations in selected town centres:

Year	Aber-gavenny	Caldicot	Chepstow	Magor & Undy	Monmouth	Usk
2016	850	280	200	260	80	850

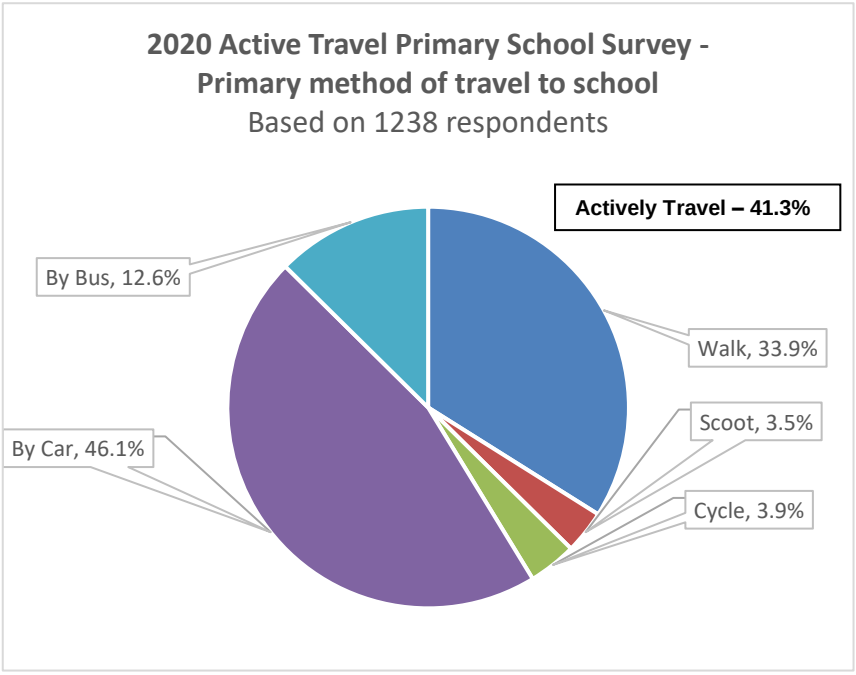
2) Path counters:

INM-MCC-M5 – Dixton (Monmouth)	
Month	**2016**
Jan	1646
Feb	1776
Mar	2654
Apr	2589
May	3400
June	*
July	*
Aug	*
Sep	*
Oct	2097
Nov	1405
Dec	532

* Counter damaged.

	INM-MCC-A3 – Castle Meadows (Abergavenny) **Month** / **2016** Jan 2490 Feb 3107 Mar 5109 Apr 6116 May 7830 Jun 6594 Jul 7138 Aug 6937 Sep 5326 Oct 5367 Nov 3999 Dec 3902 **INM-MCC-A3 – Gavenny Bridge (Abergavenny)** **Month** / **2016** Jan 2792 Feb 3107 Mar 5109 Apr 6116 May 7830 Jun 6594 Jul 7138 Aug 6937 Sep 5326 Oct 5367 Nov 3999 Dec 3902
What data was available in your local authority to record usage?	1) Manual counts – CS Footfall survey: (Average hourly footfall across multiple points in each town on a Saturday, peak and non-peak day) 2) Automated counts: MCC has several path counters that provide walking & cycling data combined.
New data at [*2020*]	The following data is from the 2020 ATNM consultation phase, surveying primary and secondary school students in Monmouthshire on their primary method of travel to school.

Primary School Students



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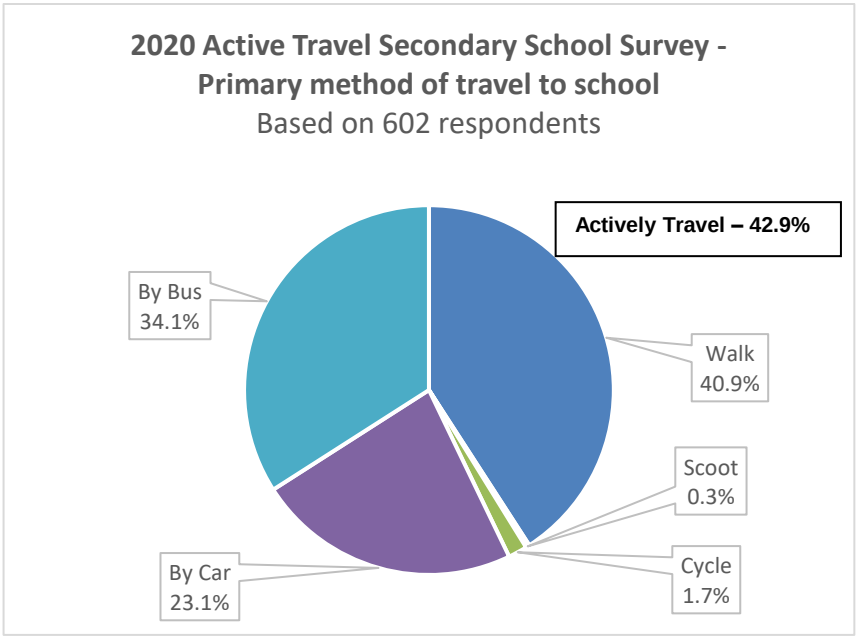
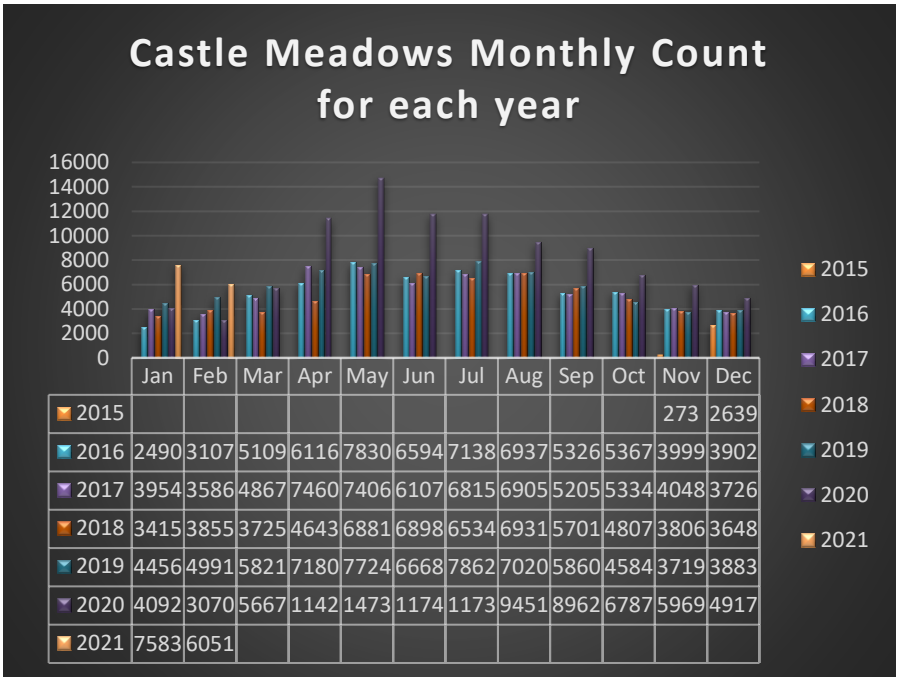


Path Counters:

Castle Meadows – Abergavenny ATNM-MCC-A03



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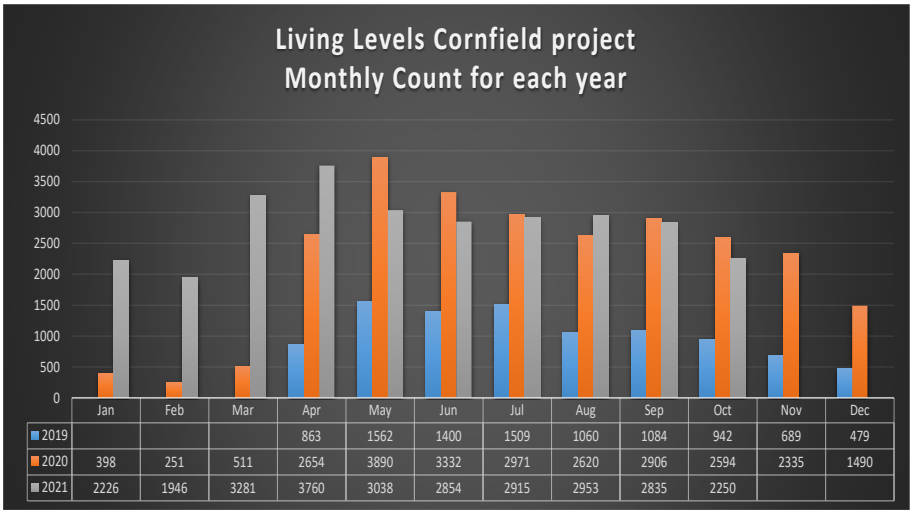
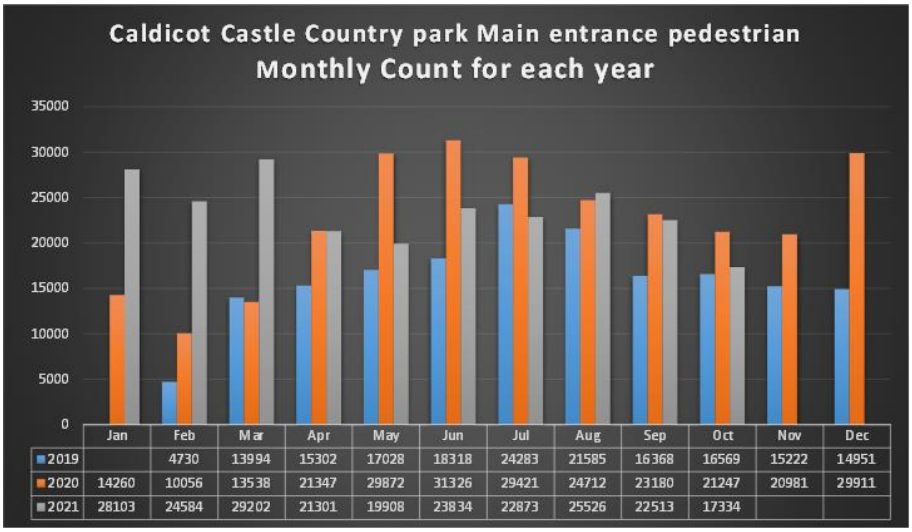
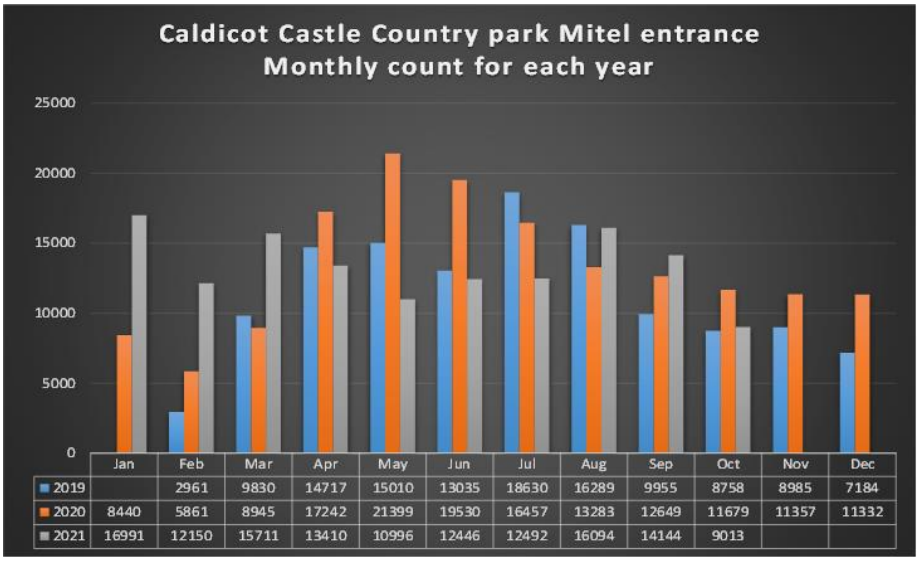
2015											273	2639
2016	2490	3107	5109	6116	7830	6594	7138	6937	5326	5367	3999	3902
2017	3954	3586	4867	7460	7406	6107	6815	6905	5205	5334	4048	3726
2018	3415	3855	3725	4643	6881	6898	6534	6931	5701	4807	3806	3648
2019	4456	4991	5821	7180	7724	6668	7862	7020	5860	4584	3719	3883
2020	4092	3070	5667	1142	1473	1174	1173	9451	8962	6787	5969	4917
2021	7583	6051										

Caldicot MUR/Cornfield – ATNM-MCC-S28



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019				863	1562	1400	1509	1060	1084	942	689	479
2020	398	251	511	2654	3890	3332	2971	2620	2906	2594	2335	1490
2021	2226	1946	3281	3760	3038	2854	2915	2953	2835	2250		

	Caldicot Castle Country Park – ATNM-MCC-S04  Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec 2019 4730 13994 15302 17028 18318 24283 21585 16368 16569 15222 14951 2020 14260 10056 13538 21347 29872 31326 29421 24712 23180 21247 20981 29911 2021 28103 24584 29202 21301 19908 23834 22873 25526 22513 17334  Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec 2019 2961 9830 14717 15010 13035 18630 16289 9955 8758 8985 7184 2020 8440 5861 8945 17242 21399 19530 16457 13283 12649 11679 11357 11332 2021 16991 12150 15711 13410 10996 12446 12492 16094 14144 9013
What data will be available to support the next iteration of this report?	The data from 2020 is more detailed than the data from 2016, following the increased importance placed on Active Travel within Monmouthshire County Council. There is room for improvement, a data rectification plan is in place to install a permanent automatic counter in each of Monmouthshire's seven designated localities. This will provide an ongoing baseline of data of Active Travel usage at key points in the network, as well as additional data provided by specific Active Travel project implementation. These counters will have automatic data upload to negate the risk of unchecked damage for months before being identified, as witnessed by the Dixton counter in 2016.

	All counters will be linked into a wider Monmouthshire CC data dashboard allowing multi team access, all applicable counters in the county will be shared, allowing a more coherent approach to counter install and data management. It is envisaged these counters will be in place by the end of FY 21-22. In addition, all future strategic schemes will be installed with a dedicated counter to evaluate the performance of the project and give a 5-year count of the scheme's success. Ongoing school engagement shall annually check the proportion of learners using active travel methods to get to school. This data shall be collated and reported on a percentage figure to compare year on year.

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).

Chief Executive Signature:

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