

Cymru On The Move

Six steps to help everyone
walk, wheel and cycle



Walk Wheel Cycle Trust is the UK's leading charity making it possible for everyone to walk, wheel and cycle.

Here we present six achievable, high-impact asks for the next Welsh Government, to help everyone in Cymru travel more actively and live healthier, greener lives.

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Invest in safe and healthy travel. Match the leading cities and regions in Europe by committing 10% of the transport budget to supporting walking, wheeling and cycling.

- ▷ Cymru already has world-leading legislation in the Active Travel Act – but it remains underfunded.
- ▷ Growing the share of trips by walking and cycling will reduce congestion, improve air quality and cut transport emissions – the highest-emitting sector in Cymru.
- ▷ Long-term, consistent funding will give local authorities and Corporate Joint Committees the certainty they need to deliver change.

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Enable walking, wheeling and cycling for everyone. Protect pavements so they are safe, accessible and free from obstruction.

- ▷ Too many pavements in Cymru are broken, cluttered or inaccessible, making walking, scooting, and mobility aid use unsafe.
- ▷ Cars parked on pavements force people into the road – stronger action is needed to stop this.
- ▷ A dedicated Pavement Fund would target investment at local high streets, schools, health centres, stations and bus routes – giving everyone equal access.

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Inspire future generations to walk, wheel and cycle. Every child in Cymru should be able to get to school safely by walking, wheeling, cycling or scooting.

- ▷ Parents cite road danger as the biggest barrier to active travel for children.
- ▷ Evidence shows children want to travel actively but often feel unsafe doing so.
- ▷ Safe school streets help embed lifelong healthy travel habits and boost children's wellbeing.

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Make Cymru's transport system fully accessible by embedding the voices of disabled people in all transport decision-making.

- ▷ Cymru's population is ageing and more people face mobility challenges that our transport systems are not yet ready for.
- ▷ Disabled people in Cymru continue to face exclusion from public transport and from getting around their local areas.
- ▷ Access groups, led by disabled people, should have a stronger role in shaping, monitoring and delivering transport investment to ensure it improves equality.

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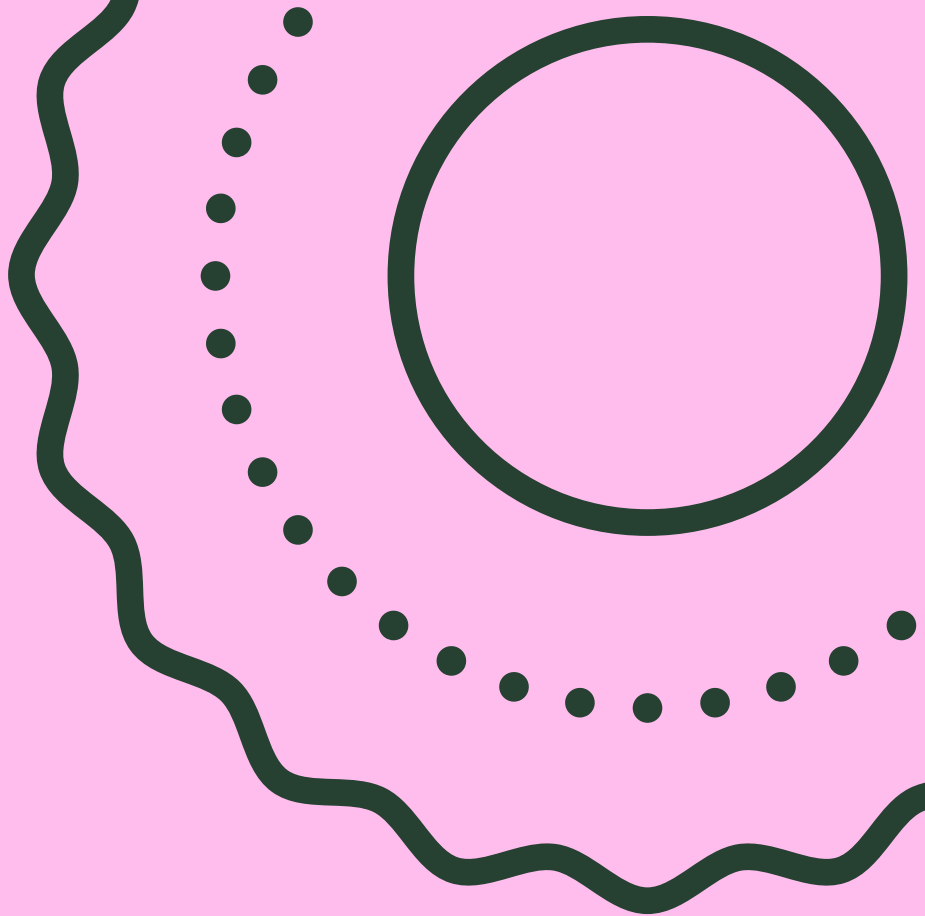
Connect modes and make more journeys possible. Ensure safe walking, wheeling and cycling routes to every station and bus stop in Cymru.

- ▷ Public transport journeys start and end with walking or cycling, but too many routes to stops and stations are unsafe or inaccessible.
- ▷ Linking active travel investment to bus reform and rail upgrades will unlock access to regional Metro and local bus networks.
- ▷ Every community should have safe, direct and attractive routes to their nearest public transport hub, cutting car dependency and transport poverty.

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Cymru i gyd, village to village and coast to coast. Connect Cymru by linking rural and urban areas with a network of safe paths and routes, anchored by the National Cycle Network.

- ▷ Better connectivity will strengthen local economies, tourism and make everyday life easier in our towns and villages.
- ▷ New housing and development must be planned around safe walking, cycling and public transport - not car dependency.
- ▷ The National Cycle Network already runs through every local authority in Cymru and should form the backbone of the national active travel network. Like all essential infrastructure, its resilience must be supported, especially in the face of climate change.



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