

# Case Study

## Access to funding

Trimsaran C.P. School  
Trimsaran, Carmarthenshire  
Welsh Medium School



Photo: Entrance to school. ©Trimsarin C.P. School

## Background

Trimsaran School is a Welsh medium school in a rural area with 195 students. The school faces significant traffic congestion and safety challenges, especially during school peak times.

The lack of safe crossing points in the village leads to heavy car use as parents are hesitant to let their children walk, scoot, or cycle to school.

## Community-led

The early involvement of residents and Trimsaran Leisure Centre, along with a walkthrough with Council engineers to identify key locations and potential upgrades to footpaths and crossing points, was essential in refining initial ideas into a local scheme plan. This collaborative approach also helped shape targeted consultation events, ensuring the plan aligned with the community's needs and priorities.

## Key components

Implementing an active travel school plan was crucial to set out a series of actions that helped build the case for accessing funding. Some actions included:

- A survey to gather baseline data on travel behaviour and barriers.
- A school presentation by the County Councillor on the relation between travel and environment.
- A brief entry on the village newsletter to inform the wider community of the plans to enhance active travel mobility in the area.
- The school sponsored cycle events to promote active travel such as Sustrans annual challenge 'Big Walk and Wheel', and others to raise funds.

## Results

The development scheme was granted SRiC funding after incorporating views and concerns driven from a school and community level which were

subsequently refined by technical officers at Carmarthenshire County Council.

The scheme will support active and multi-modal travel and include:

- Traffic-calming elements on B4308.
- Crossing points linking to key destinations such as the local shop, Trimsaran leisure centre and school.
- Parking deterrent measures outside the school.

## Quote



**“We believe a holistic approach to encouraging active travel provides the best outcomes. [...] With successful engagement we can identify potential interventions and schemes that are likely to promote and encourage forms of active and sustainable travel for future generations.”**

- Carmarthenshire County Council, Active Travel Team

