

# Case Study

## Bike storage

Ysgol Llywelyn

Rhyl, Denbighshire

Primary School



Figure 1: Bike storage with representatives from Ysgol Llywelyn, Denbighshire County Council and Sustrans. ©Sustrans

## Background

Ysgol Llywelyn is an English medium primary school in Rhyl, North Wales with approximately 750 pupils. Rhyl is one of the most deprived communities in Wales, according to the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) and an area where transport poverty is prevalent.

The active travel school plan was driven by a passionate school champion dedicated to pupil welfare. The school champion works tirelessly to teach bike skills to pupils, believing these skills will provide lifelong benefits and enhancing future employment opportunities for pupils.

## Key components

The school developed an active travel school plan to strategically plan and organise events and initiatives throughout the year, aimed at boosting active travel participation among students. This plan proved crucial to the school's active travel champion, enabling them to identify and prioritise actions that would maximise the impact of available funding.

## Results

A priority action in the active travel plan was the maintenance of the school's bike fleet, to ensure that all students had access to bicycles throughout the year. This is particularly important for bike training activities, as it guarantees that students without their own bikes can still participate, ensuring equal opportunities for all.

Moreover, the ATSP improved communication between the school and local authority, leading to the securing of funding for two new cycle storage units, protecting the bike fleet from water damage and further promoting active travel as a sustainable, lifelong habit for students.

## Achievements

*The active travel school plan was key in securing funding for new storage facilities and improving the maintenance of the school's bike fleet.*

*Additionally, it facilitated termly active travel-themed assemblies, organised regular maintenance of the bike fleet, established a pupil group for environmentally passionate pupils, and helped organise and promote three active travel-themed events throughout the academic year.*



Figure 2: New storage container for bike fleet. ©Sustrans

## Quote



**“Riding bikes at school is fun. I don't have one at home to practise”.**

- Pupil of Ysgol Llywelyn

