

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday 8 July 2020**

**1. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR CONNETT**  
**Re: Cycling and Walking Facilities**

Please list by County division the amount spent on facilitating cycling and walking since the Covid-19 lockdown.

**REPLY BY COUNCILLOR HUGHES**

In May this year, the Government announced a £250m Emergency Active Travel fund, with the first tranche intended for pop-up bike lanes with protected space for cycling, wider pavements, safer junctions, and cycle and bus-only corridors. The Government confirmed Devon County Council had received 100% of its Emergency Active Travel allocation of £338,000 on 25th June 2020. Although we only received our grant payment on Monday, we have been proactive in delivering pop-up infrastructure early on to support an active travel recovery from the pandemic. The total spend to date is approximately £115,000, broken down by electoral division as follows:

Division	Description	Amount
Barnstaple North	Town Centre Measures to improve pedestrian access	£17,925
Bideford East	Town Centre Measures to improve pedestrian access	£33,289
St Sidwells & St James	Pop up road closures supporting the E3 strategic cycle route (linking Sowton Ind Estate with Whipton, Heavitree, Newtown and City Centre)	£3,156
Heavitree & Whipton	Pop up road closures supporting the E3 strategic cycle route	£3,523
St David's & Haven Banks	Pop up road closures supporting the E9 strategic cycle route (linking Sowton, Pynes Hill, Wonford, St Leonards (incl Magdalen Rd) and city centre	£33,292
Wonford & St Loyes	Pop up road closures supporting the E9 strategic cycle route	£16,646
Countywide cycle parking	200 extra cycle stands including Exeter, Newton Abbot, Totnes, Teignmouth, Ivybridge, Barnstaple and Tavistock.	£7,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£114,831</b>

The criteria for the Government funding was to concentrate on high volume movements where walking and cycling could replace public transport journeys and support people returning to work. In the absence of detailed guidance until the end of May, the County Council prioritised developing plans for the major urban areas of Exeter, Newton Abbot and Barnstaple, which fulfil this key criteria.

In terms of the remaining spend, £93,000 is committed in Exeter to support ongoing measures relating to the E3 and E9 strategic cycle routes and access to the city centre.

In Newton Abbot temporary signal crossings relating to the East-West cycle route will be implemented at an estimated cost of £30,000. With the Newton Abbot town centre proposals having been abandoned, approximately £20,000 remains unallocated; however, alternative plans are being investigated and there is scope to extend duration of some of the temporary measures in Barnstaple, Bideford and Newton Abbot.

£38,000 has been committed to supporting pop-up measures in several market towns. Officers have reviewed the expressions of interest received and will be allocating funds to Totnes, Sidmouth, Beer, Bovey Tracey, Holsworthy, Ivybridge, Dawlish and Teignmouth, some of which have already implemented temporary closures. We have also been processing temporary traffic orders in Great Torrington and Woolacombe to support locally-resourced initiatives.

As there are maintenance / rental costs associated with these proposals, £40,000 has been set aside to cover these ongoing costs while the temporary measures are in place across the County.