# Dumfries and Galloway



**Active Travel Strategy**

**2022 to 2032**



**Easy Read**

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## About this document

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| 3 people walking, wheeling and cyclingA map highlighting Scotland and a plan document. | This Easy Read document will tell you about the new **Active Travel Strategy** for Scotland’s area called **Dumfries and Galloway**. |
| **Active travel** means travelling by:   * walking * wheeling * cycling |
| A family walking, a bus and 2 older women. A woman using a mobility scooter. | In this document **active travel** also means:   * choosing journeys that need human physical activity * using bikes or trikes * using bikes or trikes that have been changed to make them easier to use * using electric bikes or electric trikes * using wheelchairs or mobility scooters * journeys that use a mix of active travel and bus or train travel, or other types of travel |
| A magnifying glass showing 3 people working on a plan and talking together | A **strategy** is a plan of action for what we want to do.  This Active Travel Strategy is also called ATS2 for short. |
| A map of the UK with Scotland highlighted in green. A red ring circles the area of Dumfries and Galloway. | **Dumfries and Galloway** is a council area in the south west of Scotland. |

## About the new Dumfries and Galloway Active Travel Strategy

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| **Calendar pages showing October 2022. A spiralbound Plan document.** | This is Dumfries and Galloway’s second Active Travel Strategy.  It was agreed by the Council in October 2022. |
| Logos for Sustrans, Swestrans and Dumfries and Galloway Council. | This strategy was made together with other organisations, like:   * Sustrans * Swestrans * council services |
| A mindmap with a central circle containing a plan, and smaller circles around it. | This strategy will not work on its own.  It has a 10 year Delivery Plan with it.  And it will help to have more active travel happening in Dumfries and Galloway. |
| A group of smiling people, some of whom have visible disabilities. | This strategy understands that everybody is different.  Different people have different needs.  This strategy will try to meet all the different kinds of needs. |
| 3 people working together on the same project. | The strategy was made by:   * looking at policies * looking at other Active Travel strategies in the UK * looking at how the first Active Travel Strategy went |
| A large number of people in the centre. They are surrounded by purple speech bubbles to represent their views. | * questionnaires and talks with our staff about active travel and the links between different council services |
| A pile of spiral bound documents. The top document is titled 'information'. | * looking at the facts and information about active travel |
| 1 woman asking another woman questions and writing down her answers. | * asking people who live in Dumfries and Galloway how they want to see active travel made better |

## What we want to see for Dumfries and Galloway

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| 3 people walking, wheeling and cycling | We want to see Dumfries and Galloway being an active place. |
| A signpost with 3 blue arms showing walking and cycling routes. | We want Dumfries and Galloway to have routes to link different communities.  We want routes that are:   * accessible – everyone can use them * reliable – easy to use and in good condition * safe – not putting ourselves in danger |
| A group of people looking happy. | We want Dumfries and Galloway to use more active travel and cleaner transport  in its towns and villages. |

## Why it is good to active travel

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| Two happy young women standing back to back. Behind them is a map of Scotland with a red ring around the area of Dumfries and Galloway. | More people in Dumfries and Galloway will feel happier and healthier. |
| A tree, a church and a house. In front are 3 people looking happy. | Communities with active travel routes become better places to live, work and visit. |
| A red diagonal line crossing out a small pile of notes and coins. | Walking and cycling are cheaper than using cars, taxis and other kinds of transport. |
| A yellow 'Wages' envelope, with bank notes showing out of the top. | More jobs can be made. |
| A car exhaust. | When more people walk, wheel and cycle, less dangerous gases go into the air we breathe.  We are helping to stop **climate change**. |
| An image of the world, showing oceans and land. It has an orange glow around it to show it warming up. | **Climate change** means our weather is changing and our planet is getting warmer every year.  We need to stop climate change because it is not good for our planet, people, animals or nature. |
| The blue and green leaf logo of NatureScot.  Below is a green area surrounded by autumn trees. A woman in a wheelchair and a woman sitting on the ground are laughing as they throw leaves up in the air. | When more people walk, wheel and cycle, there will be more clean air.  This will be good for people, wildlife and nature. |
| A long line of traffic waiting to move. | With more active travel, there will be less:   * traffic noise * traffic jams |
| Smiling women in a green park. Behind them are trees, paths and others using benches and a wheelchair. | More active travel means a future that is:   * fairer * healthier * greener |

## About our area

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| A magnifying glass over a map of the UK. It's positioned over Scotland and a red map pin shows Dumfries and Galloway. | Dumfries and Galloway Council is 1 of the biggest council areas in Scotland.  Lots of our villages and towns are far apart and hard to reach. |
| A man revealing a map. | We have made a special map of our council area.  The special map is called our Spatial Strategy. |
| An orange dot with a red map pin, linked by a curved blue dotted line to a smaller yellow dot with a yellow map pin. | It shows different paths, cycle ways and active travel routes.  The map also helps us to see:   * how some places can link to other places * where we would like more active travel to happen |
| 2 hands typing an email. | If you want to see the map, you can email [NetworkStrategyTeam@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:NetworkStrategyTeam@dumgal.gov.uk) |

## Our 10 aims

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| 2 people standing next to lists of green ticks. There are 10 ticks altogether. | Our Active Travel Strategy has 10 aims. |
| A bench beside a path. 2 runners are running in the distance. | **1.** To make things like paths, cycle tracks, benches and signs better so that more people want to walk, wheel or cycle. |
| The back of a wheelchair user on a smooth path in the countryside. | **2.** To make places and streets safer for people to walk, wheel and cycle. |
| 3 older people cycling. One has a dog in his rear basket. | **3.** To help make walking, wheeling and cycling popular choices for short trips. |
| A smiling woman riding a trike. | **4.** To help different kinds of people in Dumfries and Galloway so they feel confident about active travel. |
| A pile of spiralbound plan documents. | **5.** To work together with another plan called the Regional Transport Strategy. |
| 5 people sat sharing the same computer screen. | **6.** To help more people know about active travel for feeling healthy and happy. |
| An image of the world, showing oceans and land. It has an orange glow around it to show it warming up. | **7.** To help stop climate change by having more people walking, wheeling and cycling. |
| A curved smooth cycle path and 3 people biking in the distance. | **8.** To have better paths between places. |
| A family of mixed ages, walking along a wide path in a forest. | **9.** To make active travel important for:   * visitors and tourists * people doing things like sports, eating out, going to parks when they are not working – this is called leisure time * local businesses |
| A magnifying glass showing 3 people working on a plan and talking together. A man holding an Easy Read report. | **10.** To see how our Delivery Plan is going and write reports on it. |

## How we will make the ATS2 work

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| A spiral bound plan document showing 3 people working together on a shared project. | We have a Delivery Plan to make the ATS2 work.  The Delivery Plan has nearly 40 actions that will happen. |
| The deep purple and green logo for Dumfries and Galloway Council. | The whole of Dumfries and Galloway Council will work together on the Delivery Plan. |
| A survey page asking 'what do you think?' A hand ticks an answer box. | We will collect information from organisations and surveys to see how well the strategy and the Delivery Plan are going. |