

# Traffic Officers to begin patrolling A483

Welsh Government Traffic Officers currently cover the A55/A494/A550 corridor from the A55 Britannia Bridge through to the English border at Sealand and Broughton.

The service is now being extended and will now be patrolling the A483 between Junction 1 and Junction 7 from 7am-7pm every day of the year.

North Wales Traffic Officers currently deal with around 1,000 incidents per month including road safety issues, breakdowns, clearing debris and traffic management. More than 92% of incidents dealt with by the Traffic Officers have resulted in there being no impact upon journey times. In 2017, they moved 2,067 vehicles to safety.

Traffic Officers also help to ensure a safe working environment on the roads for the fire and rescue service, police and ambulance service to carry out their duties effectively.

Transport Secretary Ken Skates said:

“Our Traffic Officer Service plays a vital role in maintaining the resilience of the network. Officers are out patrolling every day of the year in all types of weather carrying out a range of duties to ensure our roads are safe and moving as smoothly as possible.

“Last year I asked that we examine the potential to extend the service to cover the A483 and I’m delighted we are now making this happen on what is a very important route which connects North and Mid Wales as well as with regions across the border.

“This is a great example of how the Welsh Government is delivering to improve the travel experience and minimise the impact of incidents and breakdowns.”