

Great Crested newts are also a protected species and our ecologists have carried out surveys of potential habitats. We have installed newt fencing in areas where the newts have been found. The fencing allows us to safely trap and relocate the newts, again under license from Natural England.



If you need help accessing this or any other Highways England information, please call **0300 123 5000** and we will help you.

### Contact us

You can find out more about the M6 junctions 16 to 19 smart motorway in the following ways:

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Call the Customer Contact Centre on: **0300 123 5000**

Visit our website: **[www.highways.gov.uk/M6J16-19-smart-motorway](http://www.highways.gov.uk/M6J16-19-smart-motorway)**

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## M6 junction 16 to 19 Improvement scheme

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### Making progress

Work is progressing well on the M6 smart motorway scheme between junctions 16 and 19. So far we have installed the narrow lanes and are working in the central reservation between junctions 18 and 19. Our night-works team have also been busy carrying out bridge inspections, drainage surveys and environmental mitigation works between junctions 18 and 16.

We will be extending the narrow lanes down to junction 17 mid July 2016.

Between junctions 18 and 19 the old metal safety barriers have been removed and we are progressing well to excavate the existing central reservation, ready for the construction of new concrete safety barriers. We are also undertaking an extensive upgrade to the drainage system to ensure there will be no standing water on the traffic lanes.

As part of this project we will also be improving 28 bridges that span over the M6. We will gradually work our way southwards strengthening each bridge. We will carry out resurfacing, install new joints and improve the drainage on the side roads over these structures. Traffic management will be required to carry out these works on the local roads and those residents and parishes affected will be contacted ahead of the works so that we can explain our plans in more detail.

Details of any future closures and information of the diversion routes can be obtained from the Highways England website: **[www.highways.gov.uk/M6J16-19-smart-motorway](http://www.highways.gov.uk/M6J16-19-smart-motorway)**



## Keeping you informed

We are committed to working with the community and keeping everyone up to date with how this project is progressing.

We are communicating with the local Parish Councils such as Cranage, Brereton, Allostock and Holmes Chapel where we have attended meetings with more planned at Bradwall. We have created the project newsletters to update and inform local residents and stakeholders of the progress of the smart motorway scheme and we are keeping the Highways England website regularly updated with our progress.

## Lending a hand at the Sandbach Transport Festival

The Carillion Kier Joint Venture (CKJV) project team recently supported the annual Sandbach Transport Festival. Our project manager, Julian Wilson, arranged for barriers and marshals to provide the traffic management over the weekend. Julian attended

on the Sunday and provided information to the public on the smart motorway scheme with other members of his team. They received some encouraging feedback and to round off the day Julian also presented an award to one of the winners.

Festival organiser Graham Alcock commented: "Carillion Kier contacted us a few months ago to say that they would like to be part of the show. We went to see them and they had some ideas of how they could help and the first thing they said was they would do our traffic management for us.

"They gave us some marshals, put all the traffic signs out and manned the road closures. It's not actually giving you money but the loan of equipment that keeps the cost down."



## Ensuring everyone hears about our work....

The Sandbach and District Talking Newspaper welcomed Julian Wilson CKJV Project Manager to their recording studio for their recent recording of Cheshire Life magazine.

Julian gave a detailed account of the work currently taking place on the M6, junctions 16 to 19, to upgrade it to a smart motorway.

Their listeners reside in Sandbach, Middlewich, Alsager, Holmes Chapel and Goostry and are affected by events on the Motorway. Chairman of the Talking

Newspaper Graham Alcock said: "I'm sure our listeners will benefit from being informed about this major upgrade in the area. Our listeners, who due to various disabilities find it difficult to read local papers, find our recordings essential in being kept informed of local issues.

"Our thanks go to Julian and Carillion Kier for the time spent with us and we look forward to him returning in September with another update of work in progress."

## Environmental Update

In our first newsletter we described the consideration necessary for the habitats and range of species of wildlife.

Our environmental team have been working hard to minimise any disturbance to badgers including providing an artificial sett. As badgers are a protected species,

any monitoring has to be carried out under a license issued by Natural England.

