

## Surrey County Council guidance on Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) marshals

Many events on the highway (roadway) require a road closure to be put in place. Closures do not need to be installed by traffic management operatives from recognised traffic management companies but this is certainly the preference since staff are trained to work on the highway and be alert to the dangers of passing traffic. This means that effectively anyone can walk in to the road and place cones or barriers across the highway to prevent vehicle access. In many instances, volunteers or those untrained in traffic management may be able to staff a road closure. However, it is prudent that any such road closure is staffed in case there is a need to remove the closure urgently, perhaps for blue light vehicle access not necessarily relating to the event.

### **Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS)**

In some instances, there is a requirement for the type of closure to be staffed by a CSAS accredited operative (who have the power of a Police officer in uniform to direct traffic). CSAS stands for Community Safety Accreditation Scheme and, in Surrey, both the traffic management company and named members of its staff are approved individually by Surrey Police. CSAS accreditation is only available to Limited companies and, from a traffic marshalling perspective, this only includes traffic management companies. These companies must be specifically authorised by each Chief Constable for the Police area that they wish to operate in. If the traffic management operatives are stopping and directing traffic, they must individually hold CSAS accreditation that is issued by Surrey Police.

Each individual event's requirement for traffic management is looked at on a case-by-case basis, to establish if accredited CSAS marshals are specifically required. For example, you do not have to be CSAS trained to close roads provided that you don't physically have to stop the traffic to get the signs and cones/barriers out. CSAS accredited operatives would be required to staff a closure where there is a need to stop and direct traffic or if there is a requirement to escort vehicles through a closed road section. There is no requirement to have CSAS accredited operatives on every road closure. Anyone staffing any form of road closure should be clear of the roadway, preferably on the pavement, and should not be involved in the stopping or directing of traffic. It may be possible to design out some of the necessity for traffic control. Of course, where traffic control is necessary/vital to the safety and smooth running of an event, then CSAS marshals will be required.

There are three companies currently CSAS accredited within Surrey

CSP ([www.gotocsp.com](http://www.gotocsp.com))

RTS ([roadtrafficsolutions.com](http://roadtrafficsolutions.com))

Wayward Directions Limited (website to follow but can be contacted on 07885 727859)

all of which have a number of both CSAS and non CSAS accredited traffic management operatives. This means a CSAS accredited company could provide both types of operatives as necessary for an event.

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As indicated above, it is not possible nor practical for organisations, which are not traffic management companies, to apply for and go through the approval process to become CSAS accredited.

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### **Vehicles used to lead or fend off parades or similar**

A number of enquiries have been received regarding the use of vehicles to lead or fend off parades. Guidance given to us in this respect is:

- ordinary members of public do not have authority to block a road without a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO), or control traffic on a road rolling or otherwise.
- If there is a TTRO road closure, then technically this could be carried out within the closure by non accredited staff but the question would be once you open the road to escort traffic through does that TTRO then cease to be in force and if so reverts back to a highway and therefore only Police Officers and accredited persons can perform this function.
- Leading a procession or having a rear vehicle for protection **does not**, we understand, require CSAS although it is strongly recommended that this is carried out by vehicles with suitably trained drivers and marked cars/lights etc
- Stopping of vehicles and directing traffic is where the law requires authorised persons. So if you want to stop traffic at side roads, you either use CSAS to hold the traffic or, under a TTRO, you can temporarily cone or barrier the road. This does not require CSAS but will need a TTRO road closure.

### **Remembrance parade events**

Surrey Police and Surrey County Council will always work with an event organiser in order to facilitate an event in a safe manner not only for the event participants/supporters and staff but also motorists in the same area. We will be able to offer guidance, where necessary, and hopefully find a workable solution as we have done previously. Whilst there may have previously been goodwill from the emergency services to provide traffic management support, the demand on our blue light first responders now is great. Surrey Police cannot commit to this staffing road closure when either signage or CSAS marshals can be used.

As legislation evolves and the onus on event organisers also changes, it should be recognised that whilst events may have been delivered safely previously, this may need to be reconsidered on a regular basis with evidence of such reconsideration potentially provided – Martyn’s Law (“Protect” legislation) and any other existing or new legislation refer.

This document is subject to review and may be updated at any time.