



*Merry Christmas*



December 2017

## Project update

This is a short seasonal update for December 2017 before we close down for the Christmas break. So far this year we have made great progress by completing the central reserve construction works, as well as making good gains on the extensive drainage upgrade in the verges between junctions 17-19.

The project will close down for Christmas on Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> and we will return to work on Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 to continue construction on the M6 junctions 16 to 19 with the aim to get the first new smart motorway gantries installed by the end of January.

During the Christmas break there will be no planned construction works, however the narrow lanes and 50mph speed restriction will remain in place. There will be a reduced number of traffic management staff working over the two weeks to make sure the signage within the road works remain clean and intact and the traffic cones are clean and visible, amongst other duties such as carriageway inspections. Our CCTV control room will remain fully staffed and our free recovery service will operate as normal in case of any vehicles breaking down within the live lanes. Although there are no planned works or lane closures over the break, emergency works may be needed in the event of an accident or incident within our working area.

If you have a comment or query about the project during the Christmas break you can contact us via the normal channels but please be aware that they will be operating a reduced service and you may wait a little longer than normal for a reply.

**All M6 junction 16 to 19 project staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year and we thank you for your continued patience and co-operation whilst we are working on the new smart motorway.**

## M6 J16-19 providing some Christmas Cheer in the community

The project provided the crowd barriers for the Christmas light switch on in Sandbach on November 25<sup>th</sup> in the Cobbles Square. We supported Graham and Elsie Alcock last year and we were delighted to provide the event with 25 barriers this year too.

## Weston Christmas Lights Display – CKJV proud supporters

The project was once again proud to support Graham Witter with his Christmas light extravaganza at his family's farm in Weston. The festive charity event raises vital funds for the Donna Louise children's Hospice, where Graham's late sister received her care. The project with the help from one of key suppliers Speedy Ltd. donated 150 traffic cones and track matting to provide much needed additional car parking spaces for his visitors. The charity event raised just under £23,000 in 2016 so we are hoping this year with his extra parking spaces we will help Graham smash that figure.

