



**HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

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2026/045 - Accident data

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am writing to raise concerns about the increasing number of traffic accidents occurring at Junction 32 of the A55.

I have recently undertaken a site visit at this location, following reports from residents and observations of repeated incidents. There is growing concern locally that this junction has become an accident hotspot, being told there have been at least 15 incidents noted informally over the past 12 months.

During the site visit, several potential risk factors were observed, including the short distance available for vehicles joining the A55, the lower level of the slip road compared to the main carriageway, possible visibility issues due to surrounding trees, and high traffic volumes. We also observed vehicles having to join the A55 at speed, often with limited opportunity for main carriageway traffic to move over, leading to sudden braking. Local intelligence suggests the issue is particularly acute at peak times, including Sunday evenings.

To help build a clear evidence base and understand the scale and causes of the problem, I would be grateful if you could provide:

- **Accident data for Junction 32 and 32a of the A55, including dates, times, and any recorded contributory factors inc fault or damage**
- **Your professional assessment of the accident data at these junctions**
- **Your views on whether this location meets the criteria for an accident hotspot**
- **Any potential interventions or safety improvements you believe could help reduce the risk at this junction**

This information will be invaluable in determining what further action may be required and in considering whether a case should be made for funding or remedial works to improve safety.

Method

The injury road traffic collision (RTC) data is sourced from the Home Office Stats19 returns for the period of 01/01/2021 – 31/12/2025, Easting start 319848, Northing start 373203, Easting end 320977, Northing end 371968. Please note that 2024 & 2025 data is considered provisional, therefore subject to change. Damage only collisions are only captured if reported to the police. This data has been broken down to show injury collisions and damage only collisions on or within the vicinity of the junctions detailed in the request.

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Findings

There have been 3 injury and 10 damage only collisions within the vicinity or at the Junctions 32 & 32A of the A55 which are shown on the below table. Damage only collisions do not record contributory factors although these have been reviewed and all with the exception of one collision have involved multiple vehicles. Details for the damage only collisions include merging onto the A55, rear collision, driver error and insecure load, although there is very little details to provide within the damage only report to provide any detailed analysis. Of note: there has only been one injury collision reported to North Wales Police during 2025 at this location.

Date	Hour	Collision type	Causation factors
07/06/2021	16	Damage only	Not recorded
16/02/2022	07	Non reportable	Not recorded
12/08/2022	10	Non reportable	Not recorded
05/10/2022	11	Non reportable	Not recorded
15/12/2022	09	Non reportable	Not recorded
03/09/2023	11	Slight injuries	Failed to judge other person's path or speed;
03/09/2024	Unknown	Damage only	Not recorded
02/04/2024	Unknown	Non reportable	Not recorded
08/06/2024	11	Serious injuries	Poor turn or manoeuvre; Failed to look properly; Failed to judge other person's path or speed
18/07/2024	Unknown	Non reportable	Not recorded
29/12/2024	Unknown	Non reportable	Not recorded
09/08/2025	15	Serious injuries	Driver using mobile phone; Distraction in vehicle; Failed to look properly; Loss of control

The route is a trunk road and falls under the responsibility of NMWTRA, Welsh Government. This route carries a high volume of traffic and is the main strategic route into North Wales and to Holyhead Port. The A55 weltag report identified that route runs close to capacity during normal traffic flows and is above capacity at peak times. This area is known for congestion at peak traffic movements.

The Welsh Government criteria for a review to be undertaken is 4 injury collisions within a 100m radius over 3 years. This location currently does not meet the criteria.

Enforcement is proactively carried out on the A55 with visibility provided within core peak traffic movement by the Roads Crime Unit. The unit monitors road traffic collisions within the region and works closely with its partners to seek solutions around preventative, educational or engineering measure. We will continue monitor this location as a result of your concerns.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 29/01/2026