

Top of the league for road safety

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Figures just released by Government show that Staffordshire is top of the English county league for road safety.

The study puts Staffordshire joint top with smaller well heeled southern counties Buckinghamshire and Berkshire.

All three have managed to reduce serious casualty rates to three for every 100 million kms travelled.

That compares with just over four for Shropshire and Warwickshire, over six for Cheshire and Derbyshire, and eight for Nottinghamshire.

Staffordshire has managed to reduce its casualty toll by 57% over the last decade.

Staffordshire's Cabinet member for Highways Mike Maryon said the results were a stunning accolade for the award winning Staffordshire team.

"Staffordshire is an enormous county with a very challenging network of over 3,500 miles of roads, many long stretches of winding country lanes, cold wind and snow swept moorlands, rural villages and urban towns.

"With all these challenges its even more astounding that Staffordshire is topping the league.

"Our road safety team really does do a marvellous job, winning the International Prince Michael Road Safety Award for its work with young drivers, setting the standards for others to follow on motorcycle action, and running the biggest walk to school operation in the UK.

"It's the complete package, combining training, education, campaigning, engineering and enforcement that are delivering the goods. And Staffordshire drivers do seem to be listening and are thinking road safety. Thank you.

"But every casualty, injury and death is still a tragedy. We are determined to keep battling away, driving the road safety message home to every sector of the community.

"We are totally committed to delivering even more. That's why we have announced an extra £30m to improve the highway infrastructure, 20mph action at school gates, and Neighbourhood Highway teams delivering in partnership with parish councils."

"Staffordshire really is the pattern book for others to follow."

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