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Dear Mr Rowlands

PETITION P-05-774 – PASS WIDE AND SLOW WALES

I apologise for the delay in responding to the above petition.

North Wales Police are running several operations during the summer months. As you are aware North Wales is a popular holiday destination for many and there is a high likelihood of encountering motorists and holidaymakers with little or no experience of horses and as such North Wales Police have chosen to move forward with these operations during the summer months. They believe that this will be an excellent opportunity to educate before the need to enforce.

North Wales Police will also take the opportunity to promote Operation Snap (details of the operation - <https://gosafe.org/faq/operation-snap/>) and encourage horse riders to report any experiences of dangerous/careless driving they may have encountered direct to North Wales Police.

Planned operations within North Wales are:

1. North Wales Police have been liaising with the British Horse Society in respect of their “Dead Slow / Close Pass” campaign and have arranged to run an operation with them in July in the Pwllheli area.

This campaign will be run on both urban and rural roads with a view to educate all road users how to pass horses and riders safely. We are aware that other police forces have already taken part in the campaign to publicise the safety of horses and riders on our roads and we are also keen to assist.

This campaign will be publicised by way of social media on the day and literature will be provided to motorists which has been provided by the British Horse Society.

2. Go Safe Wales are launching "Safe Pass" on the 7th of July in South Wales. This will be done with a pedal cycle which has cameras fitted and the drivers will be pulled over and educated by the fire service and police. They have mats which show 1.5 meters and the education/leaflets include horse riders as well as cyclists as they are both vulnerable road users.

Yours sincerely



Mr Arfon Jones
Police and Crime Commissioner