WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 977 (W. 170)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A494 Trunk Road (Bala, Gwynedd) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and 40 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2025

Made	*26 August 2025*
Coming into force	*7 September 2025*

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the A494 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the trunk road should be prohibited and restricted due to the Bala Triathlon event being held on or near the road.

The Welsh Ministers, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**1**), make this Order.

Title and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the A494 Trunk Road (Bala, Gwynedd) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and 40 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2025 and this Order comes into force on 7 September 2025.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"closure period" ("*y cyfnod cau*") means that period commencing at 08:00 hours on 7 September 2025 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed;

(**1**) 1984 c. 27; section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c. 26), section 1(1) and Schedule 1. By virtue of S.I. 1999/672, and section 162 of, and paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to, the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), these functions are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

"exempted vehicle" ("*cerbyd esempt*") means—

(i) any public service vehicle;

(ii) any vehicle being used by the emergency services;

(iii) any vehicle being used in connection with works to the road or lighting or traffic signs or emergency works to any sewer or to any main or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or telecommunications in, or in any land adjacent to, a length of road concerned;

(iv) any vehicle being used by an authorised official in support of and for safety reasons of the Bala Triathlon;

(v) any vehicle being used for naval, military or air force purposes and being driven by a person for the time being subject to the orders of a member of the armed forces of the Crown, who is a member of the special forces—

(a) in response, or for practice in responding, to a national security emergency by a person who has been trained in driving at high speeds; or

(b) or for the purpose of training a person in driving vehicles at high speeds;

"special forces" ("*lluoedd arbennig*") means those units of the armed forces the maintenance of whose capabilities is the responsibility of the Director of Special Forces or which are for the time being subject to the operational command of that Director;

"the trunk road" ("*y gefnffordd*") means the A494 Dolgellau to South of Birkenhead trunk road.

Prohibitions

3. No person may, during the closure period, drive any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4. No person may, during the closure period, ride any pedal cycle on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

5. No pedestrian may, during the closure period, proceed on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

Restriction

6. No person may, during the closure period, drive any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle as specified in article 2(ii) and 2(v) at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

Suspension

7. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 is suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 6 is in operation.

Application

8. The prohibitions in articles 3, 4 and 5 and the restriction in article 6 apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

Duration of this Order

9. The maximum duration of this Order is 1 day.

Signed on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated 26 August 2025

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1
Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles

The length of the A494 trunk road that extends from a point 12 metres south-west of the centre-point of its junction with the road leading to Penllyn Leisure Centre, Bala in a south-westerly direction to a point 6 metres north-east of its junction with the Class 3 road leading to Rhydymain near Ysgol Ieuan Gwynedd. Pedestrian access to premises will be maintained.

SCHEDULE 2
Temporary 40 mph speed limit

The length of the A494 trunk road that extends from a point 198 metres north-east of the centre-point of its junction with the A4212 for 500 metres in a north-easterly direction.