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CCTV Level Crossing irregularity—Alsager CCTV



Summary of Incident:

On Friday 21st November S&T were responded to a fault at Alsager CCTV Level Crossing. Upon arrival, they found two members of public trapped inside the crossing. The S&T staff ensured the members of public remained in a safe position as a train passed them.

It was established that both cameras covering the crossing had been reported as defective due to the quality of the CCTV picture but the signaller did not identify the members of public trapped within the crossing prior to pressing crossing clear.

Learning Points:

1. Observe the crossing to ensure that it's safe to begin the lowering sequence (for auto lowering skip to step 3)
2. When safe to do so, press **LOWER** to begin the lowering sequence. Observe the lowering sequence where instructed locally.
3. When the lowering sequence is complete, **CHECK** the crossing is clear using the figure of 8 scanning technique.
4. If in doubt, **CHECK AGAIN**, ask another person to assist or raise the barriers and return to step 1.
5. If the crossing is **OBSTRUCTED**, you must **RAISE** the barriers and return to step 1.
6. If you are unsure that the crossing is clear (as in the case above), you must treat the crossing as defective, call for an attendant and apply the appropriate rules in TS9 6.5.2.
7. If the crossing is **CLEAR** press **CROSSING CLEAR**.
8. **Report** and **Close Call** any poor quality CCTV pictures.

