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## Inform: Weekly News

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News for Group Chairs, Group Secretaries, Treasurers, Chief Observers, Group Committee Members, Examiners, National and Local Observers and all active Group Officials

## Business news



### **Spring Forums: dates announced**

It's the time of year when IAM RoadSmart invites groups to attend the Spring Forums to share news and views with their area service delivery manager (ASDM). If you're the chair or secretary of a group please look out for the invitation in your emails and reply to your ASDM to book your place. Please note, closing date for acceptance is Friday 8 March and an agenda will be issued prior to the forums.

Region	venues						are:
	Venue and date						
1	Haynes	Motor	Museum,	Sparkford	-	30	March
2	Road	Safety	Experience,	Rochester	-	27	April
3	Welwyn	Garden	City	-	27	April	
4	Worcester	YFC	-	13	April		
5	Pastures,	Mexborough	-	6	April		
6	Ibis	Hotel,	Haydock	-	27	April	
7	Dunsilly	Hotel,	Antrim	-	27	April	
8	Stirling - 13 April						



### **Revised and updated logbooks launched**

IAM RoadSmart is pleased to announce the launch of the updated IAM RoadSmart advanced driver and rider logbooks. We have updated all six versions of the logbooks for associates, observers and examiners. Richard Gladman, head of standards, will be letting you know about the changes in detail but in the meantime we are preparing to deliver the new style logbooks to our observers, examiners and trainers. Please note current associates can continue to use their existing logbook as the versions are fully compatible. New associates will be issued with the new style logbook from the start of February; timing subject to final print delivery dates.

To make sure all observers receive an updated logbook we'll send a bulk delivery to every group secretary containing the appropriate amount of logbooks for current observers in the group. The logbooks will then be added to the group marketing toolkit and resource library as well as

electronically to the website dashboards. All examiners and trainers will receive a copy of the new logbook in the post in early February at the latest.

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### **2019 IAM RoadSmart group member awards**

As is customary, each year IAM RoadSmart presents the Fred Welch Rosebowl and Lord Strathcarron Awards to two group members who have made outstanding contributions to the organisation. This year the awards will be presented at the Spring Forums and winners will be featured in RoadSmart magazine. We are now asking for your nominations for the Fred Welch Rosebowl and Lord Strathcarron Awards. For more information about them click this [link](#). Pictured here are last year's winner Tina Underwood with IAM RoadSmart charity and operations director Pat Doughty.

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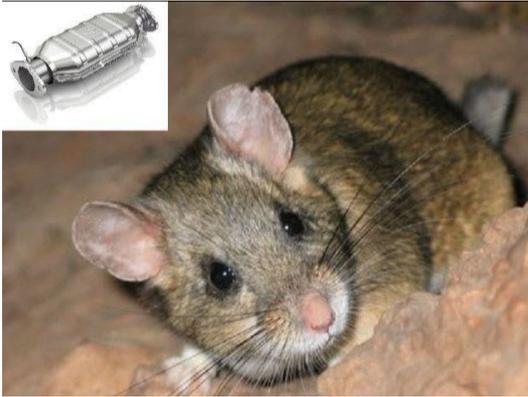


### **Tips from the top: advice on video from the best names in racing**

Don't forget to watch the tips videos starring four of our IAM RoadSmart ambassadors - you can see them on YouTube now. Paddy Hopkirk MBE, Maria Costello MBE, Catie Munnings and Ashley Hall have their own one minute videos which aim to get across one simple idea in a clear, concise

form. To see Paddy's video click [here](#), for Maria's click [here](#), for Catie's click [here](#) and for Ashley's click [here](#). Feel free to share these with your friends via social media.

## Blog



### **This week's blog: the rats that steal CATs**

This week's blog is written by Tim Shallcross, IAM RoadSmart head of technical policy. This week he writes about the recent spate of catalytic converter thefts - and why this piece of equipment is so important. To read it click [here](#).



### **This week's tips: Ice ice baby!**

With temperatures falling fast, this week's tips by Richard Gladman, IAM RoadSmart head of standards, is all about taking extra care when driving on ice, snow or cold conditions. You can read it [here](#).

## Group News



### **BAM all geared up for major bike show**

[Boston Advanced Motorcyclists](#) will once again take part in the annual Springfields Motorbike Show this weekend – and the group will be pushing the 'Be Better – Be Safer' message to the area's bikers while promoting a special offer. Clive Shardlow, BAM chairman said: "The year 2018 has not been a good year on the roads of Lincolnshire. Since 2003, the trend had been generally downwards, but in recent years the figures have been creeping up again and we are determined to play our part in changing this." The group is offering £50 cashback for those who sign up for the advanced rider course at the show when they subsequently pass it. *Supplied by John Marchant*

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### **Sue sets off Hull group's 2019 schedule with a bang**

At the January meeting of [Hull and East Riding Advanced Motorists](#) the guest speaker was Sue Smith, road safety officer for Safer Roads Humber. She gave a wide ranging and

insightful presentation, providing facts, myth busters, statistics, stories, hands-on opportunities, humour and even windscreen scrapers as free gifts. Malcolm Anderson from the Hull group said: "At its core the central message is that safer roads are everybody's business and responsibility. What a great start to our series of 2019 presentations." The picture shows group chairman Chris Lefevre with Sue. ***Supplied by Malcolm Anderson***



### **LAM makes generous donation to air ambulance**

[London Advanced Motorcyclists](#) is proud to have made a donation of £3,000 to the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust as part of its Chairs' Charity Fund. The donation was generated through funds raised over the past three years from the tea bar at meetings, as well as raffles held at training weekends. The donation was handed to the trust by a delegation of LAM committee members at the trust's Redhill base this month. Steve Pratt, former chairman of LAM said: "LAM is very proud to be associated with the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. Whilst we hope our associates and members will never need to take advantage of their life saving services, it is our absolute privilege to help support their excellent work and to help keep the helicopters airborne." ***Supplied by Andrew Hill***

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### **A fresh start for AAM**

[Aberdeen Advanced Motorists](#) has until recently been struggling to maintain enough members on the committee to form a quorum. Now it is in the fortunate position to have elected a committee of eight which it believes will enable the group to start a range of new initiatives to build up members. Joff Christie, group chairman, said: "We have recognised that a range of actions will have to be put in place to entice new people to join and encourage our current members to maintain their participation. Active membership engagement and effective communication forms a key place in our strategy going forward." To do this AAM has completely refreshed its website with interesting new sub-sections. The group will now carry out programmes of information workshops and driver evaluation sessions to inspire people to sign up. The emphasis is on encouraging existing members to sign up other family members. And once the associates become full AAM members, some unique driving and riding experiences are being planned.

***Supplied by Ken London***

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### **John reaches the gold standard in Edinburgh**

[Edinburgh and District Group of Advanced Motorists](#) held its first observers meeting of

2019 in January with a excellent observer attendance. Scott Tulip, IAM RoadSmart area service delivery manager presented national observer John Watt with a well-earned Masters certificate with Distinction. This prompted a number of observers enquiring about taking their Masters themselves.

***Supplied by John Ketchion***



### **Guildford group holds party to celebrate successes**

[Guildford Advanced Motorists](#) recently held its 'Class of 2018' event, celebrating the success of associates who passed their Advanced Driver Tests in 2018. In addition to their new members, it was joined by local examiners, GAM committee and observers, as well as representatives from IAM RoadSmart. Jacqui Mesquita-Morris, GAM operations manager, said: "Given the overwhelmingly positive feedback, we look forward to holding this event annually."

***Supplied by Jacqui Mesquita-Morris.***

***Picture by Steven McCormick***



### **Young drivers lead the way in Cornwall**

[Cornwall Advanced Drivers](#) is delighted by the recent success of two of its youngest associates who are leading the way in CAD's aim to encourage more young drivers to improve their driving skills. Callum Patmore, 19, and Tom Hendra, 23 both passed the advanced driving test with glowing comments from their examiner. Callum who lives in Bodmin is a student at Plymouth University while Tom, from Carnon Downs, Truro has recently taken up a job in London. John Simpson, chairman of Cornwall Advanced Drivers, said: "Both drivers displayed all the hallmarks of high-quality driving; good observation and planning, excellent car control and good progress whilst keeping within speed limits. They should be proud of their achievements." ***Supplied by John Simpson***

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### **Triple success for Chelmsford group**

Three successful associates from [Chelmsford Advanced Motorists](#) received their certificates from Richard Gladman, IAM RoadSmart head of standards, at CAM's group night recently. The successful candidates were Trevor Smith, Mike Bishop and Rachel Peatling; Mike and Rachel both achieved F1RSTs. Presiding over the evening and helping the associates to celebrate was the group's training officer Pat Clements. ***Supplied by Terry Joyce***

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### **Let's connect**

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