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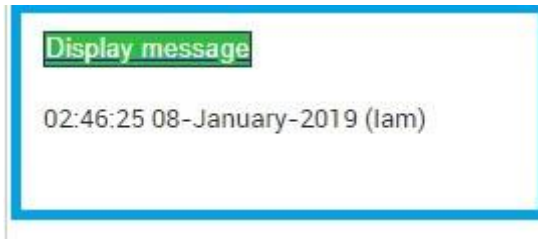


Pathfinder courses for young drivers now available

The [Under 17 Car Club](#), an official partner and course provider for IAM RoadSmart, has its next [Pathfinder](#) course running during the Easter holidays at Seighford in Staffordshire between 15 and 19 April – and are perfect for any budding young driver age 15-16 years old. The cost of the course has been subsidised for residents of Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire to

£170 by the Police and Crime Commissioners. Bursaries are also available. Tickets can be booked online at <https://under17driver.co.uk/event/seighford-april-2019/>

Special announcement



Please read carefully - virus risk

Please be advised this message is merely being sent as a precautionary measure, as some of you may have received a number of suspicious emails earlier today from an IAM RoadSmart e-mail address which has a virus embedded which can infect your PC.

This unfortunately was caused by one of the machines within IAM RoadSmart being infected, which once identified was quarantined and cleansed.

The e-mails in question contain the wording "Display Message" in the body of the e-mail in a green box as show above.

If you have received one of these e-mails, please do not click on the link as it will take you to a page that will ask for a password. Please do not enter any password.

If you have inadvertently clicked the link and entered a password, I am sorry to advise that it is very likely that your PC has been infected with a virus.

Once infected, the virus then starts to send out spurious e-mails from your PC to people you have previously corresponded with via e-mail, further attempting to spread the virus.

In order to resolve this issue, you must:

1. Change your e-mail password. Please consult your service provider if this is not something you can do yourself.

2. Delete the suspicious emails without clicking on the link.
3. Run a manual scan of your PC using the installed anti-virus software, e.g. McAfee, Norton etc. Please consult your local IT support provider if this is not something you are able to do yourself. If infected, the scan will identify and quarantine the 'trojan.'

If however you have not opened the e-mail and clicked launched the e-mail, then your PC will not have been affected and you should simply delete these e-mails. If however you still have concerns with the security of your PC, then follow the steps detailed above.

IAM RoadSmart takes information security very seriously and is committed to doing everything possible to avoid these type of incidents from happening now and in the future.

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IAM RoadSmart IT Director

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Blog



This week's blog: hanging up the car keys

This week's blog is written by Kate Tonge, IAM RoadSmart director of marketing and communications. This week she writes about having to make the tough decision of when to give up driving. To read it click [here](#).



This week's tips: how to share the road with HGVs

This week's tips by Richard Gladman, IAM RoadSmart head of driving and riding standards, offers some tips on how to cope with large trucks and HGVs on the roads. You can read it [here](#).

Group News



Huw back in the saddle again with SWAM

Welsh Assembly Member Huw Irranca-Davies has made a connection with [South Wales Advanced Motorcyclists](#), vowing to put advanced motorcycle training “at the top of my priorities” as he returns to biking after a 30-year break. Huw, Labour member for Ogmore and its former MP, passed his motorcycle test first time aged 17 in 1980 but stopped in his 20s due to work and family commitments. But now his children are grown up he’s planning to buy a big touring bike to enjoy continental riding with his wife Jo. He also plans to ride to work from Maesteg to the Welsh Assembly in Cardiff. He said: “It will certainly get me to the Senedd faster; no other assembly members ride a bike to my knowledge.” *Supplied by Andrew Draper*



**Flying start to 2019 for Lincs
group**

[IAM Lincolnshire](#) has had a flying start to 2019; with four external presentations to U3A and Women's Institute groups in the first six weeks of the year. As a result it has signed up 83 people for taster drives, and expects around 25% of those candidates will take up the advanced driving course. Also during the same period the group signed up 27 new associates which include Marc Jones, Lincolnshire's Police and Crime Commissioner and Clio Perraton-Williams, executive support councillor for Lincolnshire Highways. Finally our illustration shows the group's newly launched logo. Well done Lincolnshire group!

Supplied by Richard Hardesty



A 'risky' meeting with Hull group?

'Risk' was the subject of the latest talk at the recent group meeting of [Hull and East Riding Advanced Motorists](#), led by Angie Bird, chief observer. She explained how risk-taking is an essential element for growth and development - but some risks we attempt to justify, while others we just know are foolish and even dangerous. Malcolm Anderson from Hull group said: "Angie's presentation was thought provoking and stimulated discussions." ***Supplied by Malcolm Anderson***

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