



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



Enter the IAM RoadSmart Group Awards 2019

Don't forget IAM RoadSmart is still taking entries to the Group Newsletter of the Year Award and the Social Media Award of the Year; winners of both will be announced at the group forums starting at the end of March. For more information about them both click [here](#). The closing date for entries for both is 20 March.



Spring into action with IAM RoadSmart

Throughout March IAM RoadSmart will be promoting driving/riding hints and tips to help you prepare your machine for spring. Many of our members may already be aware of this information, but we would appreciate it if you could share this with associates and non-member friends and family to help keep them safe on the road. There's also a chance for you to win a £50 Amazon voucher by sharing your photos of spring. You can find competition details and our advice by [clicking here](#).



Catie stars in International Women's Day video

In honour of [International Women's Day](#) on Friday, IAM RoadSmart has put together a video starring our car ambassador and rally champion [Catie Munnings](#). Catie, 21, will talk about her path to becoming a professional rally driver and the challenges she faced in getting ahead in such a male-dominated world. She also offers some tips and advice to women drivers in being

more confident on the road. Her video will go live on Friday morning on our YouTube page, which you will find [here](#).

We'll also be celebrating women throughout the month and need your help. We'd love for you to tell us about women in the driving or riding worlds who have inspired you in some way. You can either send a message on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) or e-mail junique.aujla@iam.org.uk with your stories and we'll pick a few to share on our social pages throughout March.

Blog



This week's blog: driving the Kiwi life

This week's blog is written by Anjuli Cooper, part of IAM RoadSmart's Marketing team. This week she writes about her driving experiences while living in New Zealand. To read it click [here](#).



This week's tips: getting your car 'beach body' ready!

This week's tips by Richard Gladman, IAM RoadSmart head of driving and riding standards, are about getting your car ready for the new season. You can read it [here](#).

Group News



Mike and Kate drop into Lincolnshire group

[IAM Lincolnshire](#) was happy to host a visit from Mike Quinton, IAM RoadSmart CEO and Kate Tonge, marketing and communications director at its first meeting of the year. The visit attracted over 80 people and Mike's presentation together with both his and Kate's engagement with the audience was well received. He presented certificates to six of its proud newly qualified members, three of whom had achieved F1RSTs. Roger Hicks, chair and chief observer, expressed his delight at the way the group is progressing and thanked the observer team and committee for its hard work and commitment. *Supplied by Richard Hardesty*



Mo tops the charts in East Lancs

The [East Lancashire IAMRS Group](#) is this week congratulating associate Mo Sheikh, 24, on achieving a F1RST on his advanced driver test recently. Andrew Turner, chairman of the group, said: "The team here at East Lancs is very pleased for Mo, he has put a lot of work

into achieving this qualification." ***Supplied
by Paul Talbot***



Brian rewarded for dedication

[Sefton Advanced Motorists](#) recently presented Brian Dring with the motorcycle section's Presidents Award. Brian works tirelessly for SAM as both group secretary and chief motorcycle observer. He is seen here with group president Alan Filson; congratulations to him. ***Supplied by Andy Shotton***



York group unveils its team for 2019

[York Advanced Drivers](#) has revealed its observer team for 2019; here they are in all their glory! Back row left to right are Ian Goring (NO), David Mcaulay (LO), Alan Fisher (NO), Andy Doughall (NO), Keith Horner (NO) and Glen Appleyard (LO). Front row left to right are Lesley Ogle (LO), Gordon Smith (LOA), Alan Butler (NO), John

Wilkinson (NO), Neil Harrison (NO) and Peter Langridge (NO). Observers not in photo are Peter Barrass and Clive Hodsdon. **Supplied by John Farley**



MSP shows interest at Kilmarnock group stand

[Kilmarnock and Loudoun IAMRS Group](#) recently attended an open day at New Farm Loch Community Centre in Kilmarnock. The group set up a stall and spoke to interested visitors to the centre – and amongst those showing interest was Willie Coffey, the Member of Scottish Parliament for Kilmarnock and Loudoun. He is seen here with Nigel Walker, group chairman to the left.

Supplied by Ian Purdie



The F1RST way to success for Robert in Weston

[Weston and Mendip Advanced Motorists](#) is celebrating yet another pass this month, for associate Robert Young (right) who gained a F1RST. He was presented with his certificate

by group president Vernon Mortimer.
Supplied by Dawn Crane



Emma reaches top notch with Fife group

Congratulations go to Emma Hulme on passing her advanced test with a F1RST with [Kingdom of Fife Group IAM Roadsmart Group](#). And well done to Scott Armour, her observer, who presented her with a certificate. Emma achieved a 'one' in every box; a great effort. ***Supplied by Mark Ellis***



Double success for Bury group

[Bury and Rochdale Advanced Motorists](#) is celebrating a couple of recent successes. Associate Alan Cryer (left picture) is seen with chief bike observer, Ian Andrews, receiving his advanced rider certificate. Alan will now be starting his training with the group to be an observer. In addition David Greenhagh (right picture) is seen receiving his advanced driver certificate from chief car observer Richard Law; also present is chair Jenny Garner. ***Supplied by David Raymonde***

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