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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



Cheer on our advanced drivers as touring cars restart for 2019 season

The British Touring Car Championship restarts for 2019 this weekend (6 and 7 April) at Oulton Park – did you know that in the package of races there are two IAM RoadSmart advanced drivers? Wishing good luck to Bobby Thompson (*left*), racing a Volkswagen Passat in the BTCC races themselves, plus Max Coates (*right*) who is a front-runner in the supporting Renault UK Clio Cup. Both achieved FIRSTs in their advanced tests in December last year at our #FormulaDriveSmart event. Max is running the IAM RoadSmart logo on his Clio all year. The races are being shown live on ITV4 on Sunday.



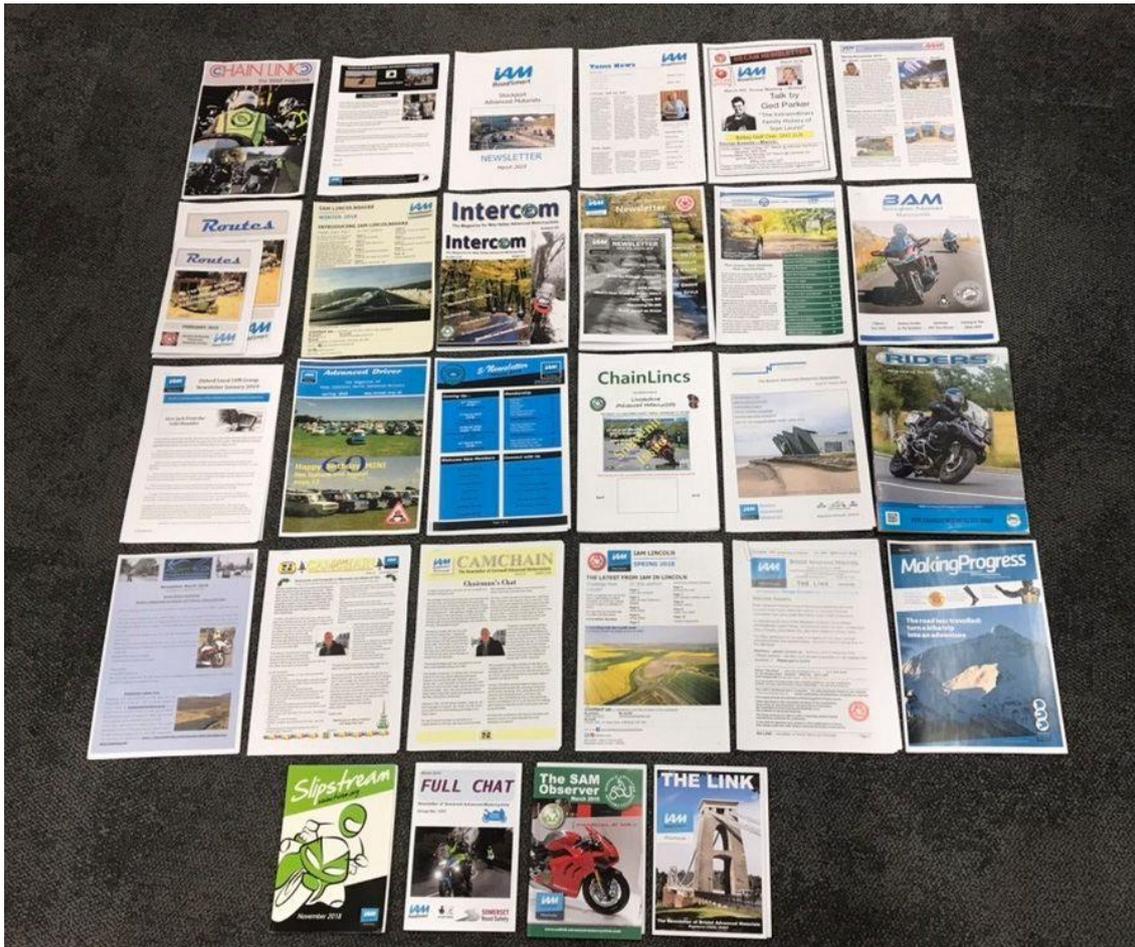
National Association for Bikers with a Disability

SUPPORTING DISABLED BIKERS SINCE 1991



Can you help riders with a disability?

IAM RoadSmart has partnered with the National Association for Bikers with a Disability, and we need your help. Could your group help train disabled riders to become advanced riders? Take a look at Andy's story in the 'group news' section below to see how Cheddar Valley Advanced Motorcyclists are getting involved - could you do the same? We will be exhibiting at the NABD's event in Knutsford on 10-12 May - for more information about the event [click here](#).



Fierce competition for group newsletter award

Judging has now taken place for the Newsletter of the Year Award, and it was a tough choice for the panel of decision makers. Above you will see all the entries. We are keeping the successful group's name under lock and key until the start of the Spring Forums; we're sure you can't wait!

Tips and blog



This week's guest blog: A spanner in the works?

This week's blog is written by Tim Shallcross, IAM RoadSmart head of technical policy and advice. He recently visited a classic car show where he was reminded of how much car owners were expected to do to keep their vehicles on the road, when comprehensive toolkits were sold as part of the deal. Read more [here](#).



This week's tips: Dealing with low sun

This week's tips are by Richard Gladman, IAM RoadSmart head of driving and riding standards. Now spring is here at last, the sun is rising earlier and flowers blooming. However, being dazzled by the sun can be a major distraction and is often a factor in summer collisions. [Click here](#) to read our tips.

Group news



Andy becomes disability coordinator for CVAM

Andy Arnott, long-standing member of [Cheddar Valley Advanced Motorcyclists](#) and a representative of the National Association for Bikers with a Disability, has taken the role

of disability coordinator at CVAM. Andy's new role will see him raise awareness for disabled riders and encourage them to take up the advanced riding course. Congratulations Andy and good luck in your new role. ***Supplied by Bob Samwell***



WMAM thank Gary for his decade-long commitment

Gary James (*left*) stepped down as chairman of [Weston and Mendip Advanced Motorists](#) after 10 years and is now taking the role of associate coordinator. He was presented with a gift from new chairman, John Teasdale (*right*) - possibly one of the youngest chairs in the country - and IAM RoadSmart Chief Executive Officer, Mike Quinton. The group wishes both Gary and John all the best in their new roles. ***Supplied by Dawn Crane***



WMAM celebrates and awards its members

Weston and Mendip Advanced Motorists

would like to congratulate Ken Crane (*left*) who won the group's Chairman's Cup and the Observer's Shield awards. Dawn Crane was presented with a gift for carrying out the associates coordinator roles, and Neil Bayliss (*right*) was rewarded for all his work for the group as PR, marketing and national observer. ***Supplied by Dawn Crane***



York national observer received award for outstanding work

Congratulations to Andy Doughall, national observer of [York Advanced Motorists](#). Andy recently received the Chairman's Shield for his outstanding assistance in training new observers in the group during 2018. The photo shows Andy (*left*) being presented the award by the group's chairman, John Boffoni (*right*). ***Supplied by John Farley***

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