



## Inform: Weekly News Issue 242: 17 April 2019

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

### Business news

#### IMI application

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IMI Product

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#### **IMI application administration update**

A reminder for those of you who submit IMI Observer applications through the web portal on the Group Management dashboard - please make sure you select the correct qualification in the dropdown box at the top of the form (see above). Incorrect submissions will incur an application fee which will be charged to the group. If you need help or have any questions, please contact [imiqualifications@iam.org.uk](mailto:imiqualifications@iam.org.uk).



#### **IAM RoadSmart Easter weekend opening hours**

Please take a look below at our customer service opening hours during the Easter period:

Thursday	18	April:	8.30am to 5.00pm
Friday	19	April:	Closed
Saturday	20	April:	Closed
Sunday	21	April:	Closed
Monday	22	April:	Closed
Tuesday	23	April:	8.30am to 7.00pm

## In the media



### **IAM RoadSmart on BBC Look North**

Rebecca Ashton, IAM RoadSmart head of research and policy, made an appearance on the BBC Look North's (East Yorkshire and Lincolnshire) evening news on Monday 15 April after a clip emerged showing a driver getting too close to a horse. Rebecca represented IAM RoadSmart by commenting on road safety aspects of passing a horse and its rider and respecting vulnerable road users.

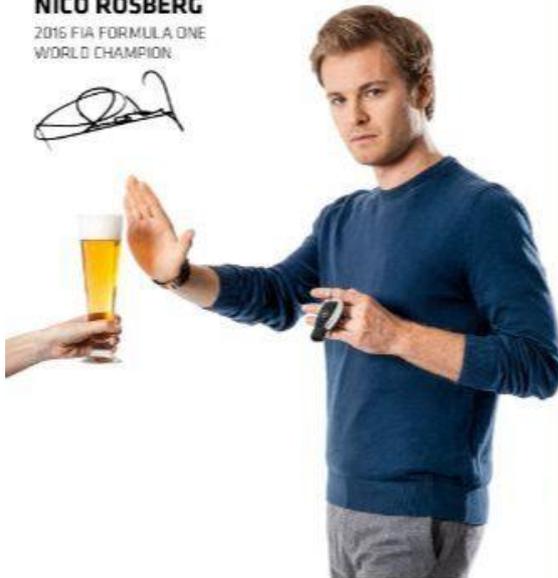
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# NEVER DRINK AND DRIVE

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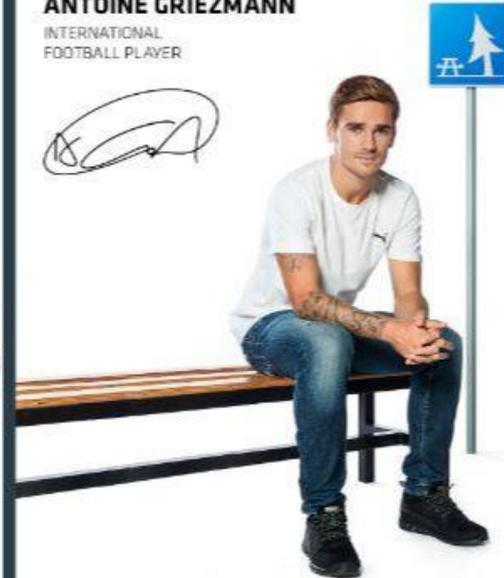


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# STOP WHEN YOU'RE TIRED

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## We're supporting FIA's #3500LIVES campaign

FIA launched its 2019 #3500LIVES campaign this week, with a focus on important road safety messages. IAM RoadSmart will be featured on posters around the UK which have a focus on driving and texting, buckling up, driving tired and drink driving. [Click here](#) to download a list of locations where posters will be featured - we'd love it if you could take a photo (or a selfie if you're feeling brave!) and post it on social media with the hashtag #3500LIVES and tag us (@IAMRoadSmart).

Tips and blog



### **This week's blog: My biking journey so far...**

This week's blog is by Alan Prosser, IAM RoadSmart head of retraining. Alan chats about the unique bond between riders and why this led him to take the DAS test. Since then, he's been involved in road safety initiatives in the biking community. Read his blog [here](#).



### **This week's tips: Bank holiday driving tips**

This week Richard Gladman, IAM RoadSmart head of driving and riding standards, shares with you some top tips of how to prepare for your Easter weekend driving journey so you can get to your destination stress-free. Read the tips by [clicking here](#).

## Group news



### **Open days increase associate figures for BGAM**

[Borders Group of Advanced Motorists and Motorcyclists](#) held its fifth annual open day at Galashiels Fire Station on Saturday 6 April. Although the day was overcast, the group managed to sign up 11 new associates and carried out 10 RideScotFree runs. BGAM would like to thank all the members who came out and supported the event, the Fire Service for the use of their facilities, the Scottish ambulance service for sending along a bike and responder, Scottish BloodBikes and MAG. The five open days have seen the group recruit 90 motorcycle associates which contributes to over 100 new associates in the last five years; a massive increase

from previous years. The BGAM committee thanks its members for all their hard work to help make these days a success. ***Supplied by Jimmy Wright***

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### **Devon Advanced Motorcyclists has record year**

Between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019, Devon Advanced Motorcyclist has already had 45 test passes (12 F1RSTs); surpassing all previous records for the group with test passes. Adrian Veale, chief observer of DAM said: "This is an amazing result and reflects the hard work and dedication of the observer team over the past year - it's a real team effort. We have also been recruiting and training new observers over the past few months and are in a very strong position for the challenge of next year, where we aim to set new records again." ***Supplied by Adrian Veale***



### **F1RST class results for husband and wife duo**

Jimmy and Helen Wright of [Borders Group of Advanced Motorists](#) passed their Advanced Rider Course a few years ago - with Jimmy going on to become a national and local observer. The couple recently decided to extend their IAM RoadSmart journey by taking the Advanced Driver Course which they both passed with a F1RST. Jimmy and Helen would like to thank their observer Colin Ross and examiner Fraser Brydon for their support. They were presented with their certificates by the group's chairman, Ian Dalglish. ***Supplied by Jimmy Wright***

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### **BAM's F1RST 500**

During April's Super Sunday meeting at King's Oak Academy, [Bristol Advanced Motorcyclists'](#) national observer, Roy Demery (*right*) was pleased to present a F1RST certificate to John-Paul Crossan - the 500th test pass for the group. ***Supplied by Tim Wrighton***



### **The master of quizzes**

The president of [York Group Advanced Motorists](#) is seen here presenting Alan and Tania Butler with the 2018 YGAM annual Quiz Shield after they represented the Butler-Griffiths quiz team who came top last year. ***Supplied by John Farley***

Stay in touch

### **Let's connect**

Do you have something you want to include in a future *Inform: Weekly News*? Please email it to Junique Aujla at the IAM RoadSmart Press Office at [junique.aujla@iam.org.uk](mailto:junique.aujla@iam.org.uk) or call her on 020 8996 9629. Please include an image with your article. Also if you have missed a previous edition, she will be happy to send it to you. **Please send your item by 5pm on Friday** to ensure its inclusion in the following Wednesday's edition. Please keep your submissions to under 150 words please, and

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