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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

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Associates can now receive links to digital course logbooks

As part the ongoing improvement of the IAM RoadSmart customer experience, everyone who purchases an advanced course will now receive a web link in their purchase confirmation email which enables them to access a digital version of the course logbook. This link gives them instant access to an online version of the course logbook so that they can start to read the course material immediately. The standard printed version will continue to be posted to each new associate and is usually delivered seven to ten days after purchase. The direct links to the digital versions of the associate and observer logbooks are included below for your convenience.

[Associate Advanced Driver Course digital logbook](#)

[Associate Advanced Rider Course digital logbook](#)

[Observer Advanced Driver Course handbook](#)

[Observer Advanced Rider Course handbook](#)



More than 11,000 drivers hold licences legally despite having 12 penalty points or more

IAM RoadSmart has expressed its frustration that six years after calling for action, more than 11,000 drivers a year are still being legally allowed on the roads with 12 or more points on their licences. The issue was brought back into the spotlight this month when Justin Madders, MP of Ellesmere Port and Neston, asked Secretary of State for Transport Chris Grayling how many holders of UK licences with 12 points or more have been allowed to continue driving. Read the full press release by [clicking here](#).

Keep up to date with your group's NO and LOA reassessments

To help manage your observer teams, IAM RoadSmart is introducing a new report which will be sent to your group secretary every three months. The report will provide you with the name and IAM RoadSmart membership number of the national observers and local observer assessors who'll be coming up for reassessment in the coming three months. This means you'll be able to get together with your ASDM to put dates in the diary so the organisation can arrange to deliver multiple assessments over a couple of days. The first report will be sent to your group secretary on Friday 17 May, after which it will arrive with your group score card every three months. We hope you find this report useful throughout the coming months.

Video



Get moving in May

Take a look at our 'Get moving in May' video above (click on the image) and find more useful hints and tips on our website. Share them with non-advanced driver and rider friends and family so they can stay safe on the roads this May. You can also get involved by posting your top driving or riding tip on social media and tagging us - @IAMRoadSmart (Facebook and Twitter) or @iam_roadsmart (Instagram) - and use the hashtag #IAMRoadTips. We'd love to hear from you! Find out more about our 'Get moving in May' advice by [clicking here](#).

Tips and blog



This week's blog: A wheely big problem

This week's blog is by Tim Shallcross, IAM RoadSmart head of technical policy and advice. He chats about alloy wheel theft and provides tips on how to guard your vehicle against this. [Click here](#) to read his blog.



This week's tips: essential items to keep in your car

This week Richard Gladman, IAM RoadSmart head of driving and riding standards, shares with you eight top tips of essential items you should keep in your vehicle all year around. [Click here](#) to read his tips.

Group news



Cheltenham and Cotswold go paperless

[Cheltenham and Cotswold Advanced Motorcyclists](#) has been trialling a feedback process that no longer uses paperwork as part of its written feedback to associates. Using Microsoft Office 365 forms, the group observers can complete their written feedback on a smartphone, tablet or laptop/desktop. The data is then transferred into a standard IAM RoadSmart ride report document which is sent from the group's email account to the associate. In addition to generally easing an observer with the admin burden, the data allows the group executive to see how well the sessions are going. If you're interested in testing the process in your group free, please contact Pierre de Carteret on chairman@c-cam.org.uk in the first instance. ***Supplied by Pierre de Carteret***



Sefton motorcyclists donate money to Southport Lifeboat

[Sefton Advanced Motorcyclists'](#) observer team donated £225 to Southport Lifeboat, which has a proud and dramatic history. It is the earliest service, formed in 1804 and crewed and organised by local fishermen, were saving lives 20 years before the formation of the Royal Navy Lifeboat Institution. Since 1925 the service has been independent of the RNLI and relies solely on donations and fundraising. For five years Sefton observers have donated their fuel contributions received from associates into a fund which is then given to local charities. The Firefighters' Benevolent Fund, North West Air Ambulance and the local hospice have all been beneficiaries in recent times.

Supplied by Brian Ding



Glasgow North to host annual Slo-Mo day

[Glasgow North Advanced Motorcyclists](#) will be hosting its annual Slo-Mo day on 18 May from 9.15am to 4.30pm at DVSA, Crosshill Road, Bishopbriggs, G64 2QA. The event is free but a £10 optional donation to group funds may be made. The course starts with a simple set of obstacles to negotiate and ending with a challenging multi-obstacle set. There will be time for practice and opportunities for one to one assistance in the event of particular difficulties, with discussion and feedback given. The event is open to members of other IAM groups and non-members. Register in advance to guarantee a spot in the 90 minute session by emailing calum.crawford@hotmail.co.uk. ***Supplied by Colin Cowan***



Isabel sets the bar high for IAM RoadSmart car observers

[The Kingdom of Fife Advanced Motorists and Motorcyclists'](#) chief car observer Isabel McGregor received a Certificate of Appreciation at the Spring Forum AGM after 40 years of outstanding service to IAM RoadSmart. Here she is receiving her certificate from Mike Quinton, IAM RoadSmart Chief Executive Officer. And it's good to know Isabel is still setting the high standard within Fife. ***Supplied by Mark Ellis***



20 young drivers to receive exciting opportunity for free

[Gloucestershire Advanced Motorists](#) has received funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner of Gloucestershire for the current year to provide 20 young drivers a sponsored advanced driver course each. Applicants must be under the age of 26, live in Gloucestershire and have a full driving licence. Five places have already been allocated. ***Supplied by Rod Harrison***



F1RST class driver inspires others to sign up to our course

Bob Bishop (*right*) of [North Ayrshire Advanced Motorists](#) was presented with his F1RST certificate by his observer Jim Murray. The group would like to congratulate Bob and say thank you to its observer of the year, Jim Murray. The presentation was made prior to the group's first session on An Introduction to Advanced Driving. Not only was Bob's faultless achievement an inspiration for new associates, it also encouraged members of the audience to sign up for the course.

Supplied by Louise Watson



Double act give thought-provoking presentation

[Home Counties North Advanced Drivers](#) was delighted to welcome David Gallagher, young driver advocate, and race and rally legend Paddy Hopkirk, who gave a highly informative and entertaining presentation to an audience of around 100 members and friends. Paddy presented pass certificates to members Linda Verroken, Clare Lammin (F1RST) and Derek Litchfield, along with their observers Geoff Fellows and Terry Winch. ***Supplied by Maxine Bromyard***

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