

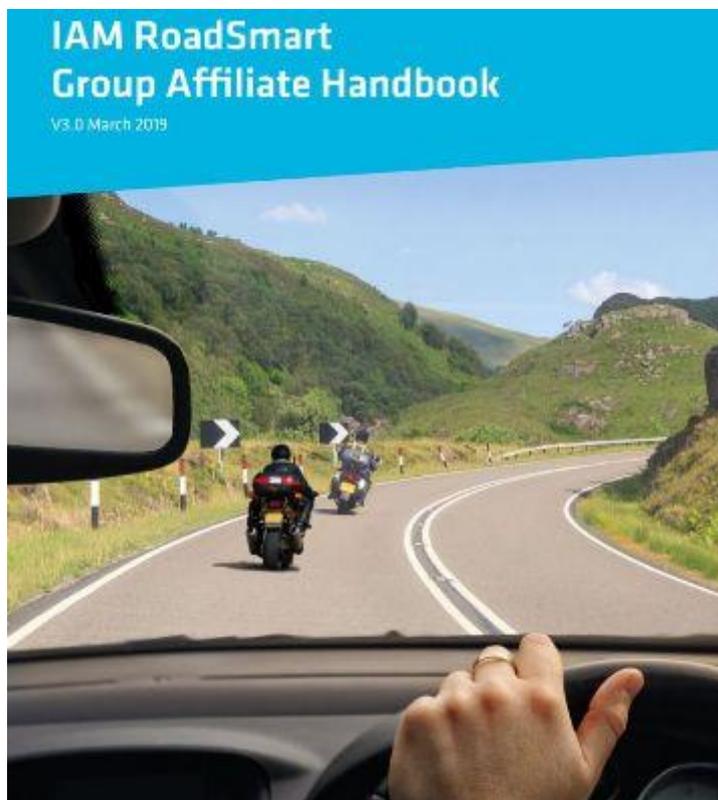


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News for Group Chairs, Group Secretaries, Treasurers, Chief Observers, Group Committee Members, Examiners, National and Local Observers and all active Group Officials

Business news



Meeting places for observed runs and assessments

Contained within the recent edition (v3) of the [Group Guidelines and Handbook](#) on pages 44-45 is advice on what are and what are not suitable meeting places for observed runs. These guidelines apply equally to examiners, when arranging assessments or reviews, and IAM RoadSmart staff who conduct on-road assessments. The guidelines are in place to provide the observers, associates, examiners and staff with a degree of security and protection by utilising suitable public places. Please download the document which outlines these guidelines by [clicking here](#).



Does your group have observer capacity to handle an increased number of associates?

Over the coming months IAM RoadSmart will be conducting a number of regional marketing test activities to boost the sales of advanced courses for both drivers and riders, to help the charity target areas where groups require additional associate numbers. IAM RoadSmart would be grateful if you could complete this simple one question survey. The aim is to help groups with capacity and not to overburden groups who already have strong associate numbers.

Please confirm your additional associate member capability

Tips and blog



This week's blog: The rain in Spain fell initially on my BMW

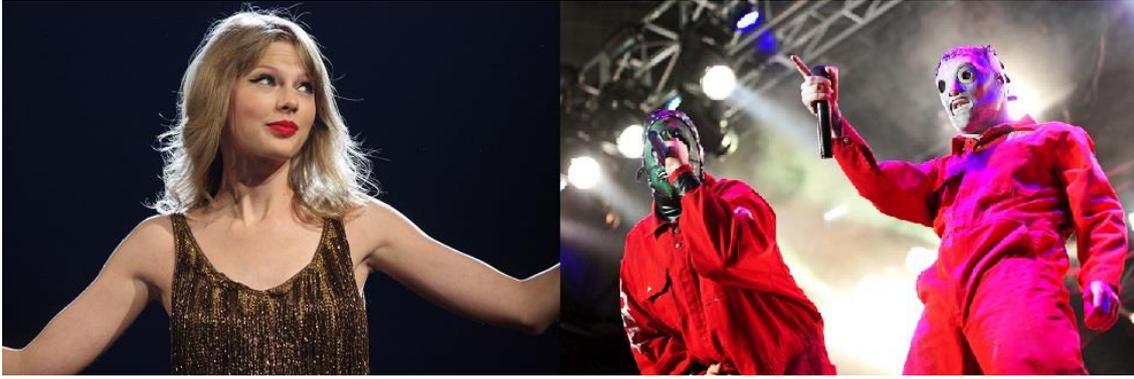
This week's blog is by Mike Quinton, IAM RoadSmart CEO. Mike recently booked a rental BMW in Spain during his weekend break, and has put together a few top tips for anyone contemplating driving a hire car on the continent this summer. [Click here](#) to read more.



This week's tips: Driving a new car

This week tips are aimed at non-advanced drivers so please share these with friends and family. Buying a new car is an exciting experience, but there are a few things to bear in mind. [Click here](#) to read some top tips from Richard Gladman, IAM RoadSmart head of driving and riding standards.

In the media



Is heavy metal the enemy of the driver?

Take a look at this week's Auto Express out this morning (29 May) as IAM RoadSmart takes part in a feature to see if noisy and high-energy music makes people drive faster and more dangerously. Our expert Tim Shallcross, head of technical policy, was on hand to analyse the results as consumer reporter Tristan Shale-Hester tried a racing simulator tackling the Red Bull Ring while listening to Slipknot, Taylor Swift, Kendrick Lamar and Bach! This week's Auto Express is on sale until next Tuesday (4 June).

Group news



Lincolnshire celebrates pass rate and Social Media Award

[Lincolnshire Advanced Motorists](#) held a very well attended AGM on 21 May where committee members provided annual reports and Tim Stanley, IAM RoadSmart examiner, gave a talk on what he looks for in a good advanced drive. Roger Hicks, group chair, reported record performances across associate passes, free taster drives, confident driving talks, finance and social media throughout 2018/19. He also reported that the annual group member survey, where 84 members answered 25 questions about IAM RoadSmart and IAM Lincolnshire, received very positive feedback. Tim Stanley rounded off the night by helping celebrate the group's Best Use of Social Media Award and presented Elaine Whetton with her advanced driving certificate having recently passed with him. **Supplied by Richard Hardesty**



Guildford Advanced Motorists' magnificent seven

April was a very successful month for [Guildford Advanced Motorists](#) with seven associates passing the advanced drivers course of which three gained a F1RST. Maria Stoney (*right*), one of the seven associates, is seen here being presented with her certificate by Graham Ranshaw, GAM chairman. Deborah Perrin (*left*) is seen receiving her advanced driver certificate by David Mesquita-Morris, GAM's chief observer. Deborah is the first associate in region two to graduate the advanced driving course via the Membership by Portfolio process. **Supplied by Jacqui Mesquita-Morris**



Redditch taster session proves to be a success

[Redditch Advanced Motorcyclists'](#) taster session saw 24 associates sign up to the Advanced Rider Courses. RAMG would like to thank attendees and Redditch Fire Station for hosting the group. RAMG would like to thank all volunteers who participated - some of whom are shown in the photo above. ***Supplied by Phil Edwards***

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