

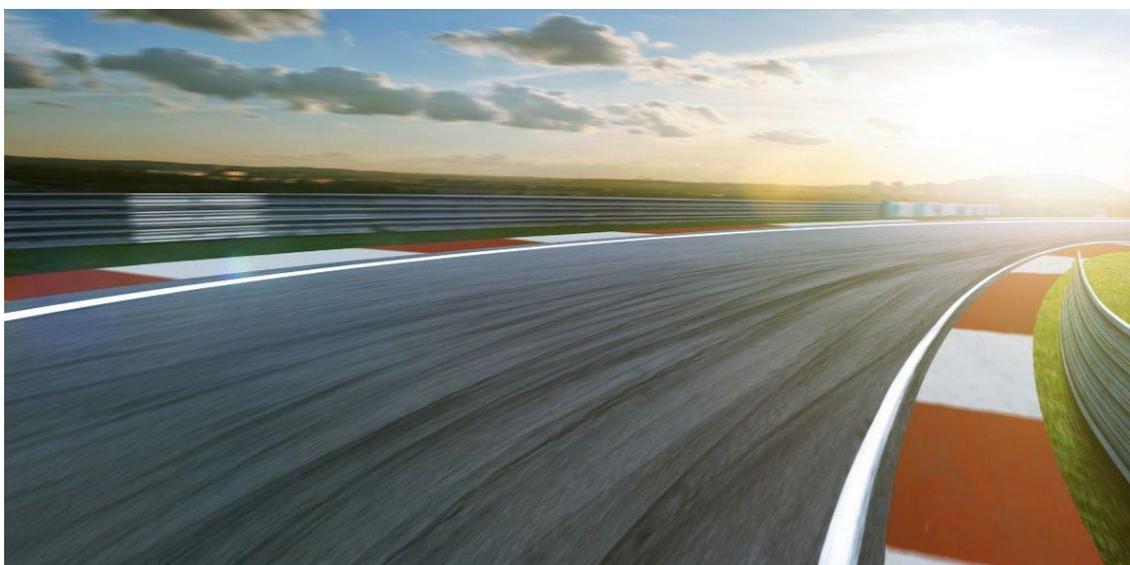


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News for Group Chairs, Group Secretaries, Treasurers, Chief Observers, Group Committee Members, Examiners, National and Local Observers and all active Group Officials

Business news



Have you reserved your spot on our Skills Days?

IAM RoadSmart has still got a handful of spaces left on its motorbike and car Skills Days. These are available to members and non-members; from newbies to the more experienced driver or rider. [Click here](#) to find a list of all available dates and take a look at last year's coverage of the [car](#) and [bike](#) Skills Day on YouTube.

Tips and blog



This week's blog: **Are 'friends' electric?**

This week's blog is by Shaun Cronin, IAM RoadSmart southern area service delivery manager. Shaun reminisces about vehicle technology from the 80s and how it's changed over the last 30 years. To read more, [click here](#).



This week's tips: Don't let a **puncture leave you feeling tired**

This week tips, by Richard Gladman, IAM RoadSmart head of driving and riding standards, are aimed at non-advanced drivers so please share these with friends and family. He's put together a step-by-step guide on how to change a tyre. [Click here](#) to read more.

Group news



Female observers wanted for group event

Linda Ashmore, national observer and Masters mentor for [Dorchester and West Dorset Advanced Motorcyclists](#), is looking for female observers for a women-only Skills Day on Tuesday 13 August in Derbyshire to introduce women riders to advanced skills and IAM RoadSmart. The event will take place during the week of the [Women's International Motorcycle Association's International Rally](#) taking place at the YHA Castleton, S33 8WB from 11 to 17 August. The group has had up to 50 women bikers on previous female Skills Days. If you would like further information e-mail Linda direct. at linda.ashmore@hotmail.co.uk. **Supplied by Linda Ashmore**



Devon trio win Group Contribution Award

[Devon Advanced Motorcyclists](#) recently presented its Group Contribution Award. The award is made to the DAM member who has made a significant contribution to the running of the group. Pictured here with the award is Dave Mudge (*left*) and Dave Tripp (*right*) for the organisation and running of the group's 'Rookie Rides' and Colin Opie (*centre*), chief observer, for the last five-and-a-half years.

Supplied by Adrian Veale



National observer received award for group contribution

The [Devon Advanced Motorcyclists](#) John Truelove Award was presented to Simon Jeffrey (*left*) by DAM chief observer, Adrian Veale recently. This award is presented to the observer who has contributed most to the group. Simon is a national observer for DAM and also leads the marketing and recruitment activity for the group. Throughout 2018 and 2019, he guided 12 associates to pass their advanced test and an additional two who achieved a F1RST - a total of 14 in one year.

Supplied by Adrian Veale



George gains a F1RST

George Black, member of [York Advanced Motorists](#), is seen here being awarded a F1RST. He is now hoping to go on and train as an observer. His certificate was presented by John Wilkinson (*left*), vice president, and looking on is George's observer Andy Doughall (*right*).
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