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## **Inform: Weekly News Issue 258: 7 August 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



#### **The e-scooter debate heats up**

Peter Rodger, IAM RoadSmart head of driver advice, was on Sky News on Saturday lunchtime talking about e-scooters and the safety implications of them. This tied in with protesters handing in a petition to Downing Street calling for their legalisation. IAM RoadSmart believes legislation or an urgent review of e-scooters needs to be put in place before this happens.

## Top driving tips



### **Five top driving tips for your summer getaway**

Are you going away this month? Take a look at our five top tips to help your journey go smoothly this summer. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

## Tips and blog



**This week's blog: E-scooters around Wainwrights**

**This week's tips: Be aware of vulnerable road users**

Mike Quinton, IAM RoadSmart CEC and with e-scooters much in the news this long weekend presented him with a challenge. Read his blog for one out for himself.

This week's tips, by Richard Gladman, head of driving and riding standards, are aimed at non-advanced drivers so please share these with friends and family. Richard has put together a few tips on what to look out for when on the road near a horse and its rider. [Click here](#) to read them.

**Group news**



## WHAM riders test their comfort zone

[Worcester and Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists](#) enjoyed its fourth visit to the 'Mick Extant Off Road Motorcycle Experience Centre' near Llangynog, Powys. The group comprised of experienced off-roaders, observers and not-so-experienced riders but Mick and his expert team provided a day of different terrains and scenarios that kept everyone entertained and challenged. Mick gave guidance on how off-road skills are transferable to day-to-day riding on metalled roads. Even on this terrain he advocated the familiar but surprisingly difficult task of looking ahead and controlling your speed; the natural tendency was to fixate on the boulders, deep ruts and muddy puddles just ahead - thankfully the bikes coped better than some of us. **Supplied by Anthony Clerici**

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### Local observer takes on next challenge

Barry joined [Lisburn](#) in 2016 and went on to become a local observer, having since mentored several associates to an advanced level. Barry thought the next challenge was to progress and pass on his knowledge to the latest batch of associates was to train himself to an national observer standard - which he passed at the end of July. **Supplied by Paul Orr**

### Jim takes his advanced riding skills to another level

Jim Pullum (*right*), former secretary of [Kent Advanced Motorcyclists](#) and now the organiser of the group's popular machine control days, recently gained his Masters which he received from chief observer Colin Underwood (*left*) at KAMG's summer barbecue held at the Kentagon, Brands Hatch. Congratulations to Jim. **Supplied by Nick Farley**

## Stay in touch

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