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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

Let us help you build your confidence on the road

Could you do with some reassurance and practical guidance to boost your confidence behind the wheel?

Call us on **0300 303 1134** to book our Advanced Driver or Rider Course, quote the voucher code and get **£20 off** the normal price.




Come and experience Advanced Driving or Riding for yourself



The best way to see if anything is right for you is to give it a go! We'd like to invite you to come and take a ride or drive with us, for **FREE**. It will take around an hour, all you need is a full licence and your own car or motorcycle.

Visit www.iamroadsmart.com/freetaster to find a local group close to you and get booked on to a **free** session.



Do you have what it takes to become an advanced driver or rider?

Are you up for the challenge? This course will enhance your safety and knowledge on the road, could provide insurance benefits, as well as a bit of healthy competition.

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Cheaper* car insurance - wouldn't that be lovely!

Did you know that as an Advanced Driver or Rider you get access to exclusive membership insurance services from our official provider Cormarket. Developing your driving skills could save you money on insurance, winner!

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Look out for our member-get-member web page

The IAM RoadSmart member-get-member 'Sharing is Caring' page is now live. Here you can find more information about the scheme and also download vouchers to share with family and friends. Please visit the member-get-member 'Sharing is Caring' page [here](#).



Updated z-cards available to order

IAM RoadSmart have added the recently updated z-cards to the group marketing toolkit. Groups will be able to order these for use at events and group evenings. We hope they will be useful in providing an overview of IAM RoadSmart when engaging with potential associates. Please find them in the group marketing toolkit [here](#).



A chance to join the IAM RoadSmart team

Due to anticipated growth in course numbers IAM RoadSmart is looking for quality,

experienced contract trainers to join its team to deliver Drink-Drive Rehabilitation Courses. If you are passionate about road safety and helping people, then IAM RoadSmart would like to hear from you. If you have, or know of someone who has, experience of delivering client-centred courses in the driver training industry, or of working within the counselling profession, or police, and any of the following experience then IAM RoadSmart would like to hear from you:

- Teaching or training qualification or experience i.e. PTLLS (Preparing to Teach in the Life Long Sector)
- Ascentis Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Substance Misuse
- Edexcel BTEC Award and Certificate in Working with Substance Misuse at Levels 3 and 4
- City and Guilds Award and Certificate in Working with Substance Misuse at Levels 3 and 4
- City and Guilds Community Justice Award in Drug and Alcohol Services
- OU/FDAP Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Alcohol and Substance Misuse Specialism)

If you are interested please email your CV to Sarah Fisk, IAM RoadSmart DDR training manager, at Sarah.Fisk@iamdra.org.uk and detail your experience, expertise and the areas you are able to cover in England. Please feel free to share this with anyone who you feel may be interested or have a look at our [website](#) for more information.

Tips and blog



This week's blog: Breaking down is not for the faint hearted

"It happened as most breakdowns do; as a very unexpected and unwelcome event. I was on my way home from a meeting in Bristol, when my car alerted me to say that it was

getting a little warm and requested for me to drive moderately". Read the rest of IAM RoadSmart's head of driving behaviour, Rebecca Ashton's blog, by [clicking here](#).



This week's tips: Is your vehicle ready for the road?

Richard Gladman, IAM RoadSmart's head driving and riding standards, explains the POWDERY checks you should do on your car or bike before you set out on your journey. To read Richard's tips, [click here](#).

Group news



IAM RoadSmart Solent enjoy the eurojumble

[IAM RoadSmart Solent](#) attended the [Carole Nash Eurojumble](#) at Netley Marsh. This was the group's first taste of the very well attended bike jumble. There was interest for the IAM RoadSmart Advanced Rider Course and the group handed out flyers. There were a number of visitors from outside the group's catchment area, so IAM RoadSmart Solent referred these visitors to other local groups. The event was attended by a lot of international visitors, which meant there was a variety of number plates. The group are looking at future dates of similar events next year. ***Supplied by John Stockings***



Congleton and Macclesfield Drivers and Riders supported

[Congleton and Macclesfield Riders](#) supported Cheshire Fire Congleton Fire Station's annual open day to the public about the benefits of riding, and ran its popular Highway Riders group. The group also had a VIP visit from the Mayor of Congleton, David Brown from the Cheshire and Macclesfield Council. *Supporting* above is Eloise Williams, mayor's councilor and deputy mayor, Scott and group members (*left to right*). **Supplied by David**



IAM RoadSmart representatives visit Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists

Mid Yorkshire Advanced Motorists welcomed IAM RoadSmart young driver representative, David Gallagher, and mature driver ambassador, Paddy Hopkirk (*pictured above*), at a recent group evening. David and Paddy were an engaging and entertaining double act talking about what they bring to IAM RoadSmart, with some interesting thoughts for the group to take away. Paddy then went on to give a history of his motorsport career, showing a number of films along the way. MYAM was also joined on the evening by members of its adjacent car and bike groups. A very entertaining evening was had by all. **Supplied by David Rushfirth**



New chair for Northallerton Advanced Motorists

David Wilkins has been appointed as new chair for [Northallerton Advanced Motorists](#) following the sudden death of David Pointon in May. Contact details for David Wilkins are available on NAM's [group site](#). ***Supplied by Babs Potts***



Another great F1RST for Swindon Advanced Motorists

[Swindon Advanced Motorists](#) offer many congratulations to Andrew Collett (*centre*) for achieving a F1RST pass. Group chair, Graham Mearns, (*left*) and observer, Chris Gleed, (*right*) are pictured presenting Andrew with his advanced driving certificate at the group's AGM. ***Supplied by Jane Curtis***

Stay in touch

Let's connect

Do you have something you want to include in a future *Inform: Weekly News*? Please email it to Liv Payne at the IAM RoadSmart Press Office at olivia.payne@iam.org.uk or call her on 020 8996 9615. 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 we reserve the right to edit and condense all posts.

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