

Trustee Election Statements 2022

Stuart Donald QPM

It has been a privilege to be Chairman of IAM RoadSmart for the last 20 months. I was delighted to be elected by Trustees to lead our charity through what remain challenging and difficult times. Unexpectedly I had to step in and provide stability, recruit an exceptional Chief Executive and push for strategic change to ensure our charity is fit for the future.

As an unpaid volunteer I have balanced my free time supporting the new leadership at Welwyn and visiting as many Groups to hear their expectations for the future. I am determined to keep our volunteers at the heart of what we do. Like our new CEO, I want to listen to members, and where we can, make changes for the better and ensure we deliver on our promises. I want IAM RoadSmart to be around long into the future. The challenges aren't over and as we change, I know we now have a team of dedicated professionals who put driving and riding, and the safety of those who use roads at the heart of our charity.

The economic situation we all face plus extraordinary rises in fuel costs and inflation affect our charity in the same way as it does our memberships finances. I will ensure we support the Chief Executive making the difficult financial decisions, and be available and answerable to the membership for them.

I believe we are now in a strong position to improve our charity and there will be exciting times ahead.

I hope I can rely on your support and vote as I have started on a journey to make our Charity provide the very best services and value to our membership, take advantage of technology, learn lessons from the amazing resilience of our Groups and membership through Covid and most of all, ensure we enjoy safe motoring as some of the best riders and drivers across the country.

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Mr. Jeff Willcocks

I joined IAM RoadSmart in May 2020. I was motivated to do so by the charity's objective of promoting road safety and improving the standards of driving on the road. With population levels set to increase in the UK over the coming years, this objective is even more crucial. After many years of working in a strictly commercial environment, I also wanted to be involved in and support a charitable organisation.

My background is Finance and General management and I have held roles as Managing Director and Chief Executive. I do have extensive experience in stewardship and decision making in an organisation including planning and strategy and managing teams. I have also had hands-on involvement in most areas of an organisation and have helped to implement organisational development and change and to promote growth.

I enjoy meeting and working with people, whether that's my Trustee colleagues, our fantastic staff at IAM or the IAM volunteers that I have met at events. When all is said and done, it is the people that make a difference in any organisation as they are its most important resource. Therefore, it is the people that I enjoy the most at IAM.

The environment we live in is constantly changing and organisations will need to adapt. If re-elected as a trustee, I will continue to contribute to helping the organisation to develop and prosper on its journey ahead.

Mr. Jeff Willcocks

Mr. Nick Stein

Having already served one term as a Trustee, I am requesting your vote for election for a further 3-year term. I believe that my knowledge and experience of IAM RoadSmart groups, together with a range of skills gained from my aviation career, is helping to ensure that IAMRS continues to be a relevant and leading voice in driver training and road safety matters in the face of numerous challenges.

In the last year I have requalified as a car Masters Mentor and National Observer and I have also gone back to biking, after a 30-year break, and passed my Advanced Motorcycle Test. This recent experience has broadened my understanding of the organisation. Together with knowledge gained from my previous roles as a Group Chair and Chief Observer this extensive involvement with IAMRS grass-roots gives me a practical perspective with which to balance Board discussions and decision making.

Working with fellow trustees and the management team, I am committed to finding ways to widen our appeal to sections of the driving public who have not engaged with us before, whilst delivering value and opportunity to our existing members.

Having spent my professional life as an RAF and airline pilot I have experience of operating in a safety critical and skills-based culture which has many parallels with road safety. In addition, I spent twenty years as a flying instructor training pilots at all levels; from taking a pupil on their first ever flight right up to certifying a new captain on a 180-seat jet airliner and training instructors. With ever busier roads and with the introduction of new technologies, distractions and autonomous cars, appropriate training will become increasingly relevant to improving road safety. I believe that my extensive knowledge of these areas benefits the governance and strategic planning of IAM RoadSmart into the future.

Mr. Nick Stein