

## Reminder Note - Spring 2021

### Please **keep in Touch**



I hope you are all keeping well and continue to keep your driving and riding at a good standard in these troubled times. I am not going to be able to predict accurately when we might be able to restart Observing or all get out and about for social ride-outs or suchlike. So instead, since we have nothing really fixed, our Spring newsletter this time has been replaced by a simple note to help remind you how to keep in touch with us.

Myself and the Committee really appreciate that you stick with the Aberdeen Advanced Motorists Group and look forward to meeting you all again soon.

**Joff Christie**

**Chairman**

### Members of the Committee



**Neil Warden** is **Group Secretary** and deals with all general correspondence. He will send out notices about events but is only too happy to deal with any queries that you might have. You may contact Neil through our email address:

[info@aberdeenadvancedmotorists.org.uk](mailto:info@aberdeenadvancedmotorists.org.uk)

Neil has 5 other roles within our group. He is a National Observer for both Riders and Drivers, Local Observer Assessor, again for both Car Observers and Bike Observers and acts as

**Observer Liaison** for the team of Rider Observers. In that particular role, Neil will allocate new Associates to one of the team of our eleven biker Observers. Neil will be working hard to get all our existing rider Associates restarted with their allocated Observer as well as finding slots for our new riders as soon as restrictions are lifted.



**Gary Macalister** is one of the most long-standing members of our Group. He also is a National Observer, Local Observer Assessor and **Observer Liaison** for the Driver Observer team.

Gary has also been instrumental in facilitating the monthly online meetings and webinars that we held in 2020 and during this year whilst physical meetings have not been permissible.

Although we expect that observed drives may start somewhat behind rider observed sessions Gary will

also be working behind the scenes to ensure all our driver Associates and new driver allocations will be matched to our team of 10 driver Observers in a timely fashion.



**Ken London** is our **Group Treasurer and Membership Secretary**. Ken will generally contact you by email 1 month before your membership to IAM and AAM becomes due. We normally ask that you pay both memberships at the same time. This makes it easier for us the administer as we can see and log payments on the IAM database. (Due to GDPR requirements, we do not keep your personal details on file but only use those that you provided

to IAM RoadSmart.) If you would like any further information about your subscriptions or dates of payments, please feel free to contact Ken through the group email address.

Ken has 3 further roles within the Group; he is also a National Observer within the driver Observing team, he edits the quarterly Newsletter and thirdly administers our Group webpages, which you may find:

<https://www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/aberdeenam>

You can find all forthcoming events on the **website home** page as well as a series of road trips and eye-spy features on the left-hand side while general IAM features are on the right of this page. Other **tabs**, will lead you to information about the Committee, Observers and News. There are even pictures of past events and historical stories about AAM on our News page.

We are continually looking to add new features and would welcome ideas from Members and Associates in our group, Please feel free to contact us by email.



**Douglas London** has been part of the Committee for 2 years and has recently taken on the **Technology and Social Media** role. We have not made the best use of Social media platform previously and we hope that with Doug's input we will be able to deliver better content. We recognise that the *Facebook* platform is more familiar to many members, particularly the younger folk who we definitely want to encourage and retain going forward.

Again, we would welcome input from any full Member or Associate; please contact Doug via the Group Email or our Facebook page.



**Kenny Hair** is our **Social Convenor**, a role which has essentially been put on the back burner since the Covid 19 restrictions came into play last year. Kenny is also a National bike Observer, so, hopefully, in that particular role, you may be able to meet him sooner rather than later, if you're-allocated as his Associate.

We cannot say when actual social get togethers will be allowed at the present time. We are hoping that we may get some social ride-out trips towards the latter part of this year.

Remember to keep a regular look out on our home webpage or Facebook page for forthcoming events. (Below – photo from a past ride-out day)



**Nick Readman** is relatively new to our Committee, having been elected in November 2020 and has taken on the role of **Associate Liaison**. He is also



a National Observer in the bike Observer team and is well known for his participation with the local Blood Bikes group.

Existing Associates or people who have been allocated to Aberdeen group but are yet to be formally enrolled and matched to an Observer may contact Nick if they have any query or concern regarding their course.

Contact should be made through the group Email address.



**Alan Fraser** is our ninth and final member of the current 2021 Committee as well as being a trainee local Observer with the Driver Observer team.

Alan has recently been preparing presentation material to promote IAM and AAM advanced driving to external groups. We have, thus far, been able to use the zoom virtual meeting platform to good effect in presenting such talks to 2 national car clubs with members across Scotland. We are hopeful that we can extend these talks to local clubs and external organisations in the not too distant future.

## Diversity

Regardless of the Committee make-up, we are not a male only organisation with quite a few of the fairer sex among our membership. But we only have 2 ladies out of 21 in our Observer team and it has been over 2 years since we had a lady on the Committee. We desperately want to redress the balance. So ladies, if you would like to help or simply want to know more of how you could be actively involved with our charity, please do not hesitate to get in touch through our email address:

[info@aberdeenadvancedmotorists.org.uk](mailto:info@aberdeenadvancedmotorists.org.uk)