



Official Provider

York Advanced Motorists

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Newsletter



'Drive on!'

Registered Charity Number 1053044

Diary of Events 2022

Date	Time	Location	Event
FEBRUARY			
Tues 15 th	7.00pm	Pike Hills	MEMBERS' MEETING
MARCH			
Thurs 3 rd	7.00pm	Pike Hills	Observers' Meeting
Tues 8 th	7.00pm	Easingwold	Committee Meeting
Sat 12 th	9-12	Dobbies Car Park	Members' Drives
Tues 15 th	7.00pm	Pike Hills	AGM
APRIL			
Sat 2 nd	9.30am	Pike Hills	New Associates Welcome
Thurs 7 th	7.00pm	Pike Hills	Observers' Meeting
Sat 9 th	9-12	Dobbies Car Park	Members' Drives
Tues 12 th	7.00pm	Easingwold	Committee Meeting
Tues 19 th	7.00pm	Pike Hills	MEMBERS' MEETING
MAY			
Thurs 7 th	7.00pm	Pike Hills	Observers' Meeting

Venues for our meetings:

All Observers' and Members' meetings are to be held at:

The George Lounge, Pike Hills Golf Club, Tadcaster Rd, Askham Bryan, YORK, YO23 3UW

Observers' meetings (on the 1st Thursday of each month).

Members' evenings (on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except August, 2022).

Committee meetings are held (on the 2nd Tuesday of each month) at: Galtres Centre, Easingwold, YO61 3AE.

Members' Refresher Drives (usually on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9.00am ending at 12.00 noon) starting from Dobbies Garden Centre car park, Upper Poppleton, YO26 6QE. The Members' Refresher Drives offer the free opportunity to check your driving skills with the Group. Please contact Ian Goring (01904-700489) to book your drive. Dates available 12 March, 9 April, 14 May, 10 Sept, 8 Oct, 12 Nov.

All associate drives will be arranged with your observer.

CONGRATULATIONS



New Associates/Test Passes

The next group of new associates will start driving with the York Group in April, 2022. We have had some great results with our latest group of associates, as you can see from the pass list below. Six drivers achieved the additional accolade of a F1RST* in recognition of their driving on test.

Congratulations to Malcolm Parker*, Neil Ford, Graham Burgess*, Michael Cooper*, Clive Gamble*, Ann Baarda, Graham Hick*, Ros Pryor, Jean Fairbrother, Ruth Cannon, Mike Walker, Samuel Marchant, Denise Elliott, Helen Sykes, Ben Adamson*, Peter Gibson and Sheila Jefferson (Fellowship) on passing the Advanced Driving Test with the York Group.

Congratulations to their observers – Peter Langridge, Rick Illingworth, Ian Goring, Sue Kemp, Lesley Ogle, Andy Dougall, David McAulay, Simon Littlejohn, Keith Courtis and Keith Horner.

Our next events – open to all

15th February – Come along and meet the High Sheriff of North Yorkshire and learn about her role and how she was appointed. Also we will hold the annual York Group Quiz (in teams of four) with refreshments provided. The evening starts at 7pm and will be held at Pike Hills.

15th March – The York Group AGM. Please attend and vote at the AGM and support the Group as we move into 2022.

19th April – Special guest speaker – Reg Local, more details to follow. Please put the date in your diary!

York Group AGM, Tuesday 15th March

Please support the Group by attending the AGM at The George Lounge, Pike Hills Golf Club, Tadcaster Rd, Askham Bryan, YORK, YO23 3UW. The meeting will start at 7.00pm and will include an election of officers and committee members.

CURRENT OFFICERS

All officers retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

One third of the committee (excluding officers) must retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election.

Nominations are invited from Group full members to stand for committee as trustees.

More details will be circulated in the ‘Notice of AGM’ separate from the newsletter.

Local Subscriptions

Your 2022/23 local York Group subscription will be due for renewal at the AGM on 15th March, 2022.

After a careful review, York IAM Group committee has made the difficult decision to increase our membership annual subscription level from March 2022. The current annual subscription of £6 has not changed in 40 years! If this had increased in line with inflation then our subscription would now be £22.20. The national average local subscription is £11.85.

We have also forecasted all our local costs for 2022, and although we currently enjoy free banking, we are concerned that this may change within 2022/3 – so that also had to be considered. We have therefore set our 2022/23 subscription at £12 which will be due for payment in March, following our AGM. The most economical way for us to collect subs is through direct and secure payments from your bank (BACS) – but cheques are also still acceptable.

Our mission is to promote ROAD SAFETY at every opportunity, ideally involving both our current and new members. Your continued IAM & York Group support will mean that we can continue to enhance your heightened awareness of safe driving practice.

In summary, our costs cover member events, venue provision and Observer training. We will expand on all our plans at the AGM on 15th March. It would be appreciated if your subscription could be paid by 31st March, 2022. Thank you.

There are two payment options available:

- (1) By bank transfer (BACS), including your name as a reference to - Account name: York Group of Advanced Motorists, Sort code: 08 92 99 Account number: 67213513
- (2) By cheque made payable to “York Group of Advanced Motorists,” and sent to the Treasurer at the address below.
The Treasurer, York Advanced Motorists, 24 Howe End, Kirkbymoorside, YO62 6BD.

Contacting the York Group

Please contact any member of the committee or email 'yorkdrivers@hotmail.com', your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

‘Drive On’ by Email

The newsletter is also available in electronic form sent to your email address. To subscribe please send an email to yorkdrivers@hotmail.com.

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Changes to the Highway Code

Did you know that changes to The Highway Code came into effect from 29th January, 2022.

There are changes in 8 important areas:

1. introducing a new hierarchy of road users
2. crossing the road at junctions
3. walking, cycling or riding in shared spaces
4. positioning in the road when cycling
5. overtaking when driving or cycling
6. cycling at junctions
7. people cycling, riding horses and driving horse-drawn vehicles on roundabouts
8. parking, charging and leaving vehicles

More details are available online:

[The Highway Code: 8 changes you need to know from 29 January 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022)



The UK's leading road safety charity, IAM RoadSmart, has warned that a lack of communication from the government regarding the sweeping changes to the Highway Code means that many motorists will be running the risk of inadvertently breaking the rules of the road.

Indeed, four new rules and 49 changes to the Code include the requirement for drivers to give way to pedestrians at a junction, as well as a new risk-based 'Hierarchy of Road Users', which places more responsibility on the drivers of larger vehicles to look after more vulnerable road users such as cyclists and pedestrians.

And while IAM RoadSmart has welcomed some of the changes, the charity has cautioned that the new rules will be of very little benefit if the public aren't made aware of them.

Neil Greig, Director of Policy and Research at IAM RoadSmart, commented: "There is very little evidence from trials or pilot schemes that the new hierarchy or rules will help people feel safer undertaking active forms of travel, which has huge benefits in terms of personal health, local communities and the environment."

The vast majority of people won't have read the Highway Code for many years, meaning it is absolutely essential that changes are communicated in a simple, memorable and timely fashion. Unfortunately, this has not been the case so far, meaning there is now huge potential for more conflict on the roads rather than less.

"IAM RoadSmart will continue to inform its members and the wider public about such changes, but the government must also do more to effectively raise awareness of the changes coming in."