

PETERBOROUGH IAMROADSMART CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AGM 2020

Firstly, thank you for attending this new and different AGM format; there may be some benefits in that people will be able to attend without the need to travel. This will be an advantage especially in the winter and may enable greater participation. In the future we could perhaps have meetings where some people meet face to face and others could join by Zoom. It seems to work in Parliament, although that may not be a good example.

I want to first of all thank our President Trevor for agreeing to continue in his post. As you will be aware Trevor is unwell and was considering resigning but has agreed to continue. As many will be aware Trevor has been very involved in training with our group and of course was also instrumental at IAM in setting up what is now the Masters. Some years ago when still working at the IAM Trevor was one of the main figures when regional training events were set up. Like many of you I have had many drive outs with Trevor over the years and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I have always appreciated Trevor's very relaxed style and his ability to push me enough but never too much. I am sure you will join me in thanking Trevor for his contribution and on-going involvement.

Without the committee the group would not work so I thank all committee members, Leon the Secretary, Bill the Treasurer, Dave Membership Secretary, Brian Training Co-ordinator, Robin the Webmaster and Newsletter and Kim and Prue Committee member. The last few months have been challenging in setting up meetings and I am grateful to Leon for enabling the Zoom meetings.

Of course, our core role is coaching people to become better drivers and for most that means taking the test. In addition to those committee members who are Observers I would add thanks to Sandy, David and Dean who have been coaching Associates.

With the onset of Covid 19 all activity ceased within the group.

Since our last AGM in March 2019 we have had 22 new Associates, 15 passes with three of those at First level and 1 fail with 4 marked as test not taken/withdrawn. At the current time we have 11 active Associates.

Figures for previous year: 22 Associates, 17 Passes 2 at First level 1 fail and 7 test not taken or withdrawn.

Training sessions for Observers have been focused on: Spoken Thoughts, entering dual carriageway. Further sessions are planned on spoken thoughts as this has been identified as a weakness and cornering.

The current group membership is: Full members: 56 Associates: 14 Total 70

Our meetings during the past year have included sessions on hazard perception, HGV insight, reviewing training videos and the annual buffet.

The IAMRoadsmart has re-commenced activity and were keen to encourage groups to re-commence in car training. They had used the guidelines from the DVSA which were issued to Driving Instructors. Having considered the proposal we felt that at the current time it was unsafe to proceed. The government guidelines remained in relation to avoiding car sharing. We also felt that commercial considerations may have been the driver for IAM. We were also concerned that with lockdown easing the likelihood of an increase in cases of Covid 19 was high; this has indeed

proven to be so during the past week in Peterborough. We are keeping the issue under review as to when we might re-commence in car training. As a group we took the decision to initially extend **group** membership by 6 months which has been further extended until the point where we recommence in car observing.

We are unsure how the world will change over the next few months; I believe the main thing is to look after ourselves and others as best we can and minimise risk. Hopefully we can return to something towards what we called normal, whereby we will be able to assist others towards becoming safer drivers.