

York Advanced Motorists
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Newsletter

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- Update to local members

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Membership Update

Many of you have asked what's happening in the York Group lately?

We certainly haven't gone away but following government guidelines we've been unable to operate as normal. There have been no Observed Drives nor any Social Events.

Behind the scenes, the Committee has continued to meet via Zoom and, together with the Observers, we are planning a safe return to 'normal' as soon as it's possible and safe to do so.

During the last year we have put extra effort into planning relevant meetings and we will be engaging with visiting speakers who can expand our knowledge and make important contributions to our efforts to promote safer driving. Following your comments towards the end of last year when some of you spoke with Sue Kemp, we are also planning some 'forum' evenings where you will have the opportunity to learn more about pertinent topics like 'Smart motorways' – we will be joined by experts from IAM and there will be open question sessions. There are also plans to have some really practical sessions, to perhaps revisit your log books to refresh your knowledge, and – most importantly, we have ideas for light, enjoyable evenings where we can have some fun!

We also have exciting news about a collaboration with the North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner to improve a specific area of road safety in our area – watch out for a special edition newsletter in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your patience and we will update you via newsletters and emails as driving and events get underway.

New Associates:

Welcome to Ben Adamson, Rick Illingworth and Oliver Wiltshire - good luck with the preparation for your Advanced Driving Test with IAM RoadSmart. We hope to start driving with you from approximately 17 May.

Test Passes:

Tests have not resumed yet, but for those of you who were virtually ready to take your test – we will refresh your driving

as soon as we can safely restart. Local examiners are expected to recommence testing from June.

Meet the Examiner

One of our examiners has kindly offered to visit us on a regular basis at Poppleton in order to answer any questions that you may have as you get close to that test date. He will also share details around the scheduling of tests and the paperwork used on the day.

Diary of Events 2021

All current plans are on hold until Government restrictions and guidelines allow us to start again.

We do aim to hold the AGM in June/July, either together at the Poppleton Community Centre or online via Zoom, or potentially a combination of both. Please watch this space.

We follow the guidance from IAMRS on the planned dates for the resumption of Observed Drives. Currently this is planned to be from May 17, but this is subject to our Observer / Associate / member preferences, and, of course advice from IAM who will follow Govt guidelines. Social events will start as soon as practicable.

All our scheduled meetings are held at Poppleton Community Centre, Main Street, Poppleton YO26 6JT. There is a car park on site with many spaces available.

Observed refresher / taster drives will start from Dobbies Garden Centre car park, in Upper Poppleton.

'Drive On' by Email

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