

Our heritage

Formed in 1956
as the Institute of
Advanced Motorists

Grew into the
UK's largest road
safety charity

Over 60 years'
experience educating
and upskilling drivers
and riders

Drive on!

Welcome to York IAM Group Newsletter Autumn / Winter 2023

Forthcoming Events – dates for your DIARY

NOVEMBER 2023

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| Thurs 2 ND | 7.00pm | Pike Hills | Observer's Meeting |
| Weds 15 th | 7.00pm | Easingwold | Committee |

DECEMBER 2023

Saturday 16th 9.30am to 12noon Pike Hills

Members Christmas Event

We invite you to an informal morning – breakfast snacks, coffee & fun!

NY Crime Commissioner Zoe Metcalfe will be joining us to meet members

JANUARY 2024

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| Mon 8 th | 7.00pm | Pike Hills | Observer's Meeting |
| Tues 9 th | 7.00pm | Pike Hills | Committee |

FEBRUARY 2024

Saturday 10th 9.30am to 12noon Pike Hills

York Advanced Drivers Annual General Meeting

Please join us for this important event – more details will follow.



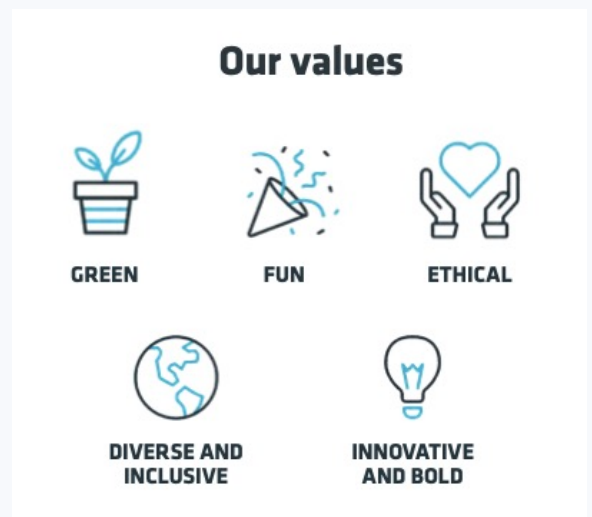
News from our Chair & Membership Secretary

Thank you to all members and guests who attended our recent meetings – it is delightful to see so many of you! Read on to see detailed reports...

Fifteen Associates are currently driving with the team – most of whom started with us in September with our (now normal) launch morning. We also have another six on our waiting list and several expressions of interest for the next course which will start in January 2024.

IAM AUTUMN FORUM

I attended the northern edition of this event on behalf of our Group this month in Rotherham. We heard from the IAM CEO Anthony Kildare about plans to 'elevate the brand' – or, in other words to make IAM and the Advanced Driving Course 'household names'. There was a great balance in the room this year – with all our neighbouring Chairs contributing to discussions – for example we shared ideas on how to attract more young members, and we explored our understanding of IAM values which we try to emulate in all our volunteering.



YORK IAM Subscription 2024

Please check your inbox for news from our Treasurer about 2024 subs – no increase! Our Trustees have agreed that your local subscriptions should be aligned with our accounting period of January to December and as such will be due on 1st January each year. In the current year it has taken from February to August to collect these amounts – maybe because there has been no clarity on when the period runs...? This collection task uses up a lot of time and effort – I hope that when we request payment for next year that you will feel able to set up a standing order so that you keep control and payment is prompt – thank you.

Finally - thank you to everyone who contributes to our wonderful ROAD SAFETY charity.

Do you have IT / computer / social media skills? If so please do come and talk to us if you have some time to give in support of the Group.

WITH MY BEST WISHES - SUE KEMP

IAM RoadSmart Annual Awards 2023



| | Winner | Runner-up |
|--|--|---|
| Group Volunteer of the Year Award – Driver (Fred Welch Rose Bowl) | <p>Henny Cameron - for working very hard for the group, being one of key contacts between the local police force and Northants Safer Roads Alliance, collaborating with the local Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and securing funding for the last 4 years to allow us to fund a young drivers' scheme, forming close ties with The Safer Roads Alliance to improve road safety in Northamptonshire, attending all promotion and social events to assist the group, being always enthusiastic about it and moving it forward, having great ideas and helping others settle into their roles, always having the group and IAM interests at the forefront of her mind.</p> | <p>Ian Goring - for leading the car observer team and demonstrating a positive can-do attitude in everything he approaches, being proactive and devising a plan for training to ensure that all LOs are progressed to NO, helping to smooth out their transition and helping dispel any uncertainties, assisting a neighbouring group in maintaining standards, ensuring a cross border approach to standardising ADC delivery, having a leading role in the under 17's car club to encourage and promote new associates, contributing to 3 ADC launch mornings, playing a key role in the development of a strong team camaraderie where members share experience and knowledge and enjoy helping each other.</p> |

Our Chief Observer – IAN GORING – will receive an award from IAM ROADSMART



I am delighted to inform you that Ian, having been nominated by the York team, achieved the runner up award in the category Group Volunteer of the Year. This award is well deserved, I hope you will join us at our Christmas meeting when we will celebrate his achievement with the team.

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News from our Chief Observer /Training Manager Ian Goring

We still have 22 Observers, some currently occupied with associates who began their course on the 9th September and others going through the group planned training for National Observer Status.

We have had two very successful training days this year which were designed to help improve both the observer's driving and observing skills. Meeting at North Dalton on the edge of the wolds, it gave them an opportunity to practice their driving skills with their peers.

At our next meeting on the 2nd Nov our Area Service Delivery Manager will come to talk to us about the testing procedures for those going to their National Observer Test. This is to ensure that we have all the right information to maintain the standards set by our qualifying body the IMI.

We do still have a few observers who will be willing to offer a free assessment session for those interested. So for those of you who have passed your test in the last 3 years then it might be worth considering to give me a call to arrange a check drive. It takes approximately an hour and you will have the knowledge of knowing that you are still driving at the standard when you completed your test or reached your desired target. I await your call.

In the meantime drive safely and if you know of anybody who you think might benefit from doing the course then do please point them in our direction.

IAN GORING

Members' Refresher Drives

These can be arranged by contacting Ian Goring Chief Observer on 01904 700489. Member's Refresher Drives offer the free opportunity to check your driving skills with one of our qualified Observers. Times and dates by individual arrangement to suit members.

Usually arranged to start from DOBBIES Garden Centre Car Park YO26 6QE.

**Our
October Members
Meeting
Reg Local
fills the
room!**



We were delighted to welcome John Gregory – aka “Reg Local” for his second visit to York IAM Group. John was a Traffic Officer and Driver Trainer with the police, he now works for local government, but keeps his driving skills fresh by tutoring civilian drivers, examining for IAM, and making good road safety videos – see his channel on YouTube.. He brought a perfect balance of humour and serious road safety discussion to our meeting which involved the whole audience – and there were 71 of us – a record for York cars...?

The first segment of his presentation focussed on his recent venture into YouTube ‘shorts’ – this is a new trend which he is experimenting with, very short road safety videos looking at particular subjects. This one is about the correct use of lanes on UK motorways:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/gtY5ZuNyQkk>

This video has been viewed by more than half a million people around the world – John shared some of their comments with us.... It soon became clear why there are so many ‘middle lane hogging drivers’ !! I cannot repeat some of the comments he received on Twitter – but you can find them if you wish – follow @RegLocal.

Later John opened a discussion about IPSGA and explored possible options for adaptation of the system to better encompass the new technologies. Driving an electric car is quite different to driving an internal combustion engine vehicle, even if it has an automatic gearbox.

Information

Position

Speed

Gear

Acceleration

Should IPSGA be changed specifically for observing electric car driving associates?

The discussion moved on to debating the best way to apply the system to corners, of course we already consider the information phase throughout all hazards – but as braking is so different in electric cars, should we be more focussed on how to achieve the correct speed and how to balance the car into and out of every corner. I sure our Observers will continue to enhance their considerable skills to address this area of road safety.

Thanks to John for another informative and interactive session with the Group.

iam RoadSmart YORK Advanced Drivers

Reg Local

presented certificates at our October meeting.

MICHAEL FIRTH

Worked really hard
- determined to
achieve a PASS.

WELL DONE Michael
and his Observer
IAN GRANT



DAVID LEINHARDT

drove with RICK
ILLINGWORTH
And passed the
ADT in
his Tesla (which
replaced a Ferrari) The
Tesla was a new
experience for Rick!
WELL DONE BOTH!!



PETER CLIFF

drove with
SUE KEMP
Peter achieved a
PASS and almost
immediately
volunteered as an
Observer..
WELL DONE !



FIA Best Young Driver Competition 2023

I am proud to inform you that our youngest member
DANIEL GREY **F1RST / Trainee Observer**
was a finalist in the UK Young Driver of the Year
Competition – hosted by IAM ROADSMART



Daniel shared the circuit with 12 finalists at Thruxton on 2 August.
The event involved four manoeuvring challenges designed to test skill and accuracy, plus a skid pan session and an assessment of their circuit driving in a manual Porsche Cayman.
Daniel was particularly good at driving the Porsche according to his instructor!



News from a long serving Observer

My name is Andy Dougall and I have been an Observer for The York IAM Group for 36 years.

My reason for joining in the first place was that my daughters were about to start learning to drive and I thought that I should have my own driving scrutinised before sitting in the car with them, this I achieved by passing my advanced test in 1986. I realised that the only way to keep my own driving at a high standard was to become an Observer which I did immediately on passing my Test, the experience has been extremely rewarding with me helping well over 100 Associates to pass their own Advanced Driving Tests.

In later years as the Institute of Advanced Motorists changed to become IAM Roadsmart, I became a Fellow which meant I was retested with that test being repeated every three years ensuring that my skills are kept up to date, I also became a National Observer which meant taking a Test of around 35-40 mins conducted by our Area Service Delivery Manager which consisted of me observing him driving with me commenting then changing over and me giving the drive in the opposite direction with full commentary and being asked questions, this National Observer test requires to be retaken every 5 years.

Recently I have been involved along with David McAulay and Peter Langridge in training our Local Observers up to National Observer standard which will be ongoing next year as every Local Observer is required to become a National Observer by 2025.

Over the last few years I along with other instructors have assisted Ian Goring who started the Pathfinders Project in Yorkshire which is run by the Under 17s Car Club. This consists of youngsters between the ages of 15 – 17 who had never driven a car before, learning to drive on an airfield over a period of 4 - 5 days, by the end of the course they will have experienced all aspects of driving including brake and avoid, emergency stops, slaloming the car round a series of cones both forwards and reverse, parallel parking, reverse parking from one garage another, overtaking safely, driving Alpine roads and if competent enough would have the chance of driving my BMW X3 automatic experiencing the use of kick-down and the sudden acceleration that goes with it.

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TYRE SAFE

'Be Safe and Save'

We are supporting TyreSafe and their annual campaign to remind drivers of the benefits and importance of proper tyre maintenance. After all, they are the only point of contact between your vehicle and the road, tyre safety is crucial for safe and effective braking.

Tyre Safety Facts

- 1 in 5** motorists have NEVER checked their tyres.
- 159 people** killed or seriously injured due to defective tyres.
- 15,000+** tyre-related convictions in the past 3 years.
- £1B** wasted in unnecessary fuel due to under-inflation.



Essential routine tyre checks

1. Tyre Pressure

Make sure all tyres have the correct pressure.

Did you know?

Under-inflated tyres can provide 50% less contact with the road, resulting in reduced vehicle control. Low pressure also reduces the lifespan of your tyres and uses more fuel.

2. Tyre Tread

Ensure that your tyre's tread depth is at least 1.6mm for a car (we recommend 3mm for consistent wet weather performance) and this must be across the central $\frac{3}{4}$ around the whole circumference.

Hint!

Place a 20p coin into the main tread grooves in at least three locations around each tyre. If the outer band of the coin is still visible, the tyres may be under the 1.6mm legal minimum.

3. Tyre Condition

Vehicle tyres will drive over their fair share of glass, stones etc so it's important to check them for any punctures, cracks or bulges as these are strong indicators of tyre damage. If there are any irregularities, then the tyre should be checked by a professional.

4. Vehicle Overloading

Overloading a vehicle can cause excessive heat and wear on the tyres. It is essential to ensure that the vehicle's overall weight does not exceed its Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) Rating - found on the VIN plate or on the inside of a door frame.

Contacting York IAM Group

Please contact any member of the committee via email yorkdrivers@hotmail.com.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Would you like to receive 'Drive On' by email ?

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