

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

Summer 2024

Forthcoming Events – dates for your DIARY

AUGUST 2024

Sunday 11th

1.00pm

Signpost Scatter

see page 3

SEPTEMBER 2024 – Pike Hills golf Club

Thurs 5th

7.00pm

Observers' Meeting

Tues 17th

7.00pm

Committee (changed date)

Sat 14th

9:30am

ADC Launch Morning

The YORK ADC LAUNCH MORNING – how does it work?

This on a Saturday morning, our new associates meet each other, the training team, committee members and have a brief introduction to Advanced Driving in general. These meetings have been very well received by recent clients. Thank you to Ian for the time and effort he puts into planning these for us – if you would like to help and meet new members, please get in touch. We are looking for new trustees – particularly anyone with IT / computer / social media skills – so do come and talk to us if you have skills and time to give.

OCTOBER 2024 – Pike Hills

Saturday 12th 10am

Members Meeting

Please welcome REG LOCAL – he has new material...

NOVEMBER 2024 – Pike Hills

Monday 4th

7.00pm

Observers' Meeting

Tues 12th

7.00pm

Committee

TBA

Meet the Examiner



JUNE MEMBERS MEETING
YORK AND NORTH YORKSHIRE
ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
Thanks to Ali Moore for this report

Alison, from North Yorkshire Police, gave a fascinating talk about the work done by this partnership. Formed in 2004, comprising North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Rescue, Yorkshire Ambulance and Air Ambulance services, Highways England and North Yorkshire Council, their aim is to reduce casualties and collisions. They do this by attending events and shows, to promote key messages, go into schools and colleges, with material suitable for each Key Stage and even target the military, agricultural colleges, commercial van drivers and motor cyclists.

For more mature drivers, they want a hard-hitting message. We saw a video of a boy and his father cycling along a quiet residential road, when suddenly a car sped by, hitting the child and killing him. The driver was under the influence of cannabis and cocaine and claimed it was a simple accident. He was jailed for 3 years and received a driving ban.

We saw dash cam footage of four teenagers in a car, the driver giggling that she was too drunk to drive, but she drove anyway. As they sped off into the night, the passengers screamed at her to slow down, but she lost control of the car at 80mph and caused the death of a passenger, who wasn't wearing a seat belt.

Alison said we should think of a car as a gun. It is a machine capable of killing. What a sobering thought.

We need to explore the possibility of young people having a graduated driving licence, something on which the IAM is very keen. We were told that 75% of a group of 9 & 10 year olds have been in a car when the driver had used a mobile phone. What a shocking statistic.

At the end of the talk, some members went out to see the Fire Bike, Police Bike and BMW X5 Police vehicle...

Most of us stayed indoors, in the warmth, and picked up some freebies that Helen had brought, including ice scrapers and stickers saying Life is Precious. A group of us put on VCR headsets and watched a totally realistic collision experience with a young driver and passengers. We were sitting in the passenger seat and it really felt as if we were there. The young lad drove too fast on country lanes and ploughed straight into a farm vehicle, his unbelted back seat passenger flying through the windscreen. We watched as emergency services arrived and saw CPR being performed on the passenger, who did not make it.

It was a thought-provoking evening and very well delivered. Thank you.



Elaine Robinson

Alison presented Elaine's
ADT F1RST – joined by
Observer Rick Illingworth



John Moor

Alison presented John's
ADT Certificate

INVITATION



A **FUN EVENT** for
York / local IAM members
and our friends / families

'SIGNPOST SCATTER'

11 August 2024 1pm start
Galtres Centre Market Place
Easingwold YO61 3AD

Nb – parking in two on site car parks or in the market place – FREE

This is how it works....

- Arrive and register your team - this must include a IAM member as driver. (with a voluntary contribution of £10 per car in cash, please)
- You will be issued with your event booklet containing signpost photographs, some clues and a section of an OS map (sheet 100). Using all the information to hand decide with your team the most likely location of the signposts & plan your individual route to pass them all. There is no set circuit.
- Set off to enjoy a selection of wonderful roads in the Hambleton Hills...
- At each location there is a letter to find, your clue tells you where the letter will be (not a physical pick-up, but a letter to find within a sign or other object...) – most are collectable without leaving your vehicle. You need the letters to populate & solve the anagram on the front page of your booklet.
- We have chosen villages where there is plenty of space to stop safely to consider your clues – DRIVERS are in charge here!! Do not be distracted. We know that you can all choose parking places as required with due care and attention! Most letters can be seen from the signpost location.
- Return to base to describe your team's superb achievements and EAT CAKE!

THERE ARE NO PRIZES FOR SPEED – ONLY ACCURACY & GOOD DRIVING combined perhaps with the SHORTEST route will impress the quiz Masters!
(we have trialed several possible routes – so we know how long it should take!!)

VERY IMPORTANT!! by Friday, 26th July

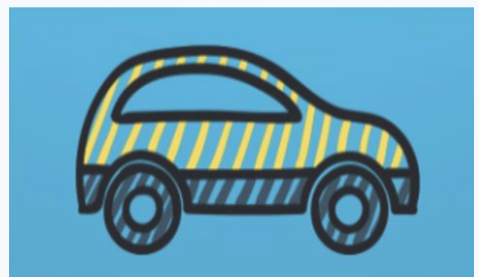
Please book your place in advance
We have a limit on car numbers

NO BOOKING – NO DRIVE !!

Email / call Sheila to reserve your place

YorkIAMsecretary@gmail.com

07973 191080





Annual Report from our Chief Observer /Training Manager Ian Goring

Currently we have 25 observers on the books with 23 being operational. We are continuing our training for all observers to be up to the required National Standard and at this point in time we have 13 already at that level.

Here in York we are very fortunate in having a team of observers who are committed to the cause of reducing the risk of collisions through driver education and training. This they do with enthusiasm, knowledge and willingness to help all the associate to achieve their own expectations. You will find I am sure that somewhere in this newsletter there is evidence of the successes that we have helped to achieve. We do need to bear in mind that these people are volunteers and do have lives outside this organisation. It always amazes me the lengths sometimes they go to help the associate reach their required level of success. Personally, I am very proud to be the leader of this team as we continue our mission to make our roads safer.

Please remember that sometimes we need the occasional reminder and possible check that we are still operating at the level when we passed our test and if you feel you need to make sure then please get in touch with me and we can arrange the necessary check drive for you at no cost (only an hour of your time).

Continue to drive safely.

Ian Goring

Chief Observer

York Advanced Drivers

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.

"Safer roads for all" – IAM RoadSmart 2024 Election Manifesto link:

<https://www.mynewsdesk.com/uk/iam-roadsmarts-media-centre/documents/safer-roads-for-all-iam-roadsmart-2024-election-manifesto-441352>