



Chair and Chief Observer's Report – AGM – 14 May 2024

Apart from 2023 being a challenging year for everyone, I am pleased to report it has been a very successful one for IAM Lincolnshire.

During the year we recruited 55 new associates and ended the year with 44 associates undertaking an Advanced Driver Course. Test passes were below our target at 30, however, this was mainly a timing issue, and we are confident we will be back on our target of 50 passes in 2024.

Our very successful PCC Young Driver scheme progressed well throughout the year. This success is due, in no small part, to our excellent working relationship with the PCC, Marc Jones, and his Safer Together Team.

The success of our PCC partnership, together with our other connections, Road Safety Partnership, u3a etc. was recognised by the IAM when we were awarded their Best Group Partnership Award. This recognised our success in establishing mutually beneficial working relationships with external organisations. "Good partnerships divide the effort and multiply the results".

In October we celebrated our 50th Anniversary. The event was well supported by IAM personnel with the Chairman, CEO and ASDM all being present. Two of our founder members, Glenys Allerton and Jenny Currie, put together an excellent display of memorabilia and photographs which created great interest. We were also delighted to be joined by our special guest, Ida Pankhurst, wife of the original founder of the Lincoln group, Ken Pankhurst. Ida was accompanied by her daughter and son and the family were so impressed that the group was still running so successfully after 50 years that they wanted to sponsor a trophy in Ken's memory. We have now set this up and the Ken Pankhurst trophy will now be awarded annually for the best observer performance.

The success of our group and the subsequent recognition would never have been possible without the support of our committee and hard work of our observer team who are fully committed to making our associates better drivers. Thanks also to our examiners for conducting our tests in a timely and constructive way, we really appreciate your support.

Finally, a special thank you to you, our members, for your continuing support. Without you we wouldn't be able to achieve our charitable aims of making better drivers and reducing the number of killed or seriously injured on our roads. You are our best ambassadors so please take every opportunity to promote the good work that the group does.

At time of writing the prospects for the group in 2024 look very good and the target of 50 test passes looks achievable.

"Better never ends".

Roger Hicks
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