



## Sefton Advanced Motorists

In Association with

**iAM**  
**RoadSmart**



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It was announced via IAM roadsmart on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July that advanced driver coaching could begin again on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of July. Following discussions between our local observers and associates it has been decided that Sefton Advanced group would not resume at this current time and may not restart until around September. A meeting (via Teams) was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July with Steve Ellis (IAM Regional Manager) where he was informed of our decision. It appears that all but 2 groups have decided not to return at the moment.

The motorcycle group are continuing their training heading into the latter weeks of the course. The feedback from all observers is that the new format is working well.

The July committee meeting was once again held via Zoom. Discussions were held around the availability of getting back into the fire station at Southport, but this is still locked down with no update as to when this may be able to be utilised by both our motorcycle or car teams. As mentioned last month the plaque below has been removed from the entrance to the Clifton Hotel. The new one has been bought but due to the uncertainty of the future of the hotel we will not install until further notice.



At the committee meeting there was a discussion around continuity of the training teams. An option has been agreed to trial a Zoom conference call between all the observers of both motorcycle and car teams. The dates for the motorcycle team meetings were Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of July. The car section will hold this call soon.

In the two motorcycle Zoom meetings 8, then 9 observers discussed the new process of marking and the one to one observing, with some great feedback from all who attended.

**Social Motorcycle rides** - If any motorcyclist who is a member wishes to organise a ride for up to 6 people from the group, you do not need to be an observer to lead a ride. However you do need to know the 2<sup>nd</sup> rider drop off system. You can use the group's Facebook, Twitter feed or email to publicise the ride. Contact [bikechief@samadvanced.co.uk](mailto:bikechief@samadvanced.co.uk) for further details.

**We are still looking to strengthen our committee.** As these are now held over Zoom it is a good time to join us. If you have any ideas around how you think we can improve the way the club is run it would be great to have you involved. These calls happen every third Wednesday of the month from 20.00hrs to around 22.00hrs. If you would like to get involved but are concerned about the commitments etc why not join us on one of the calls to see what we do. Please contact Brian Dring (club secretary) for details.

Where associates' membership for the main IAM/Roadsmart expires, during this shut down period, their membership will be extended, at no additional cost, for up to a further six months which should enable all associates to complete their coaching and take their test without disadvantage. This is to be done when you receive your request for renewal from the IAM. Any associates who have concerns, should contact the customer care team by emailing [support@iam.org.uk](mailto:support@iam.org.uk)

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