



# Sefton Advanced Motorists

*In Association with*

**iAM**  
**RoadSmart**



Charity number 517780

## December 2021

Welcome to the December edition of the flyer.

The committee held this month's meeting online by Zoom on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Christmas Party - Postponement**

The main news this month is that, unfortunately, a decision has been made to postpone the Christmas meeting, which was due to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> December. Members and associates will be aware that there has been much news of late about the new Coronavirus strain and the increasing concerns about risks of infection, with further announcements due from the government about restrictions.

The committee discussed the issue at length, including social distancing concerns and correspondingly, whether people would be prepared to attend so close to Christmas. It was unanimously agreed that it would be better to postpone the meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> and aim to hold a late Christmas meeting in the new-year. The magician, Peter Turner, was contacted during the meeting. He fully understood the situation and is happy to come to us next year.

### **Motorcycle section**

SAM observers continued to support Merseyside Police with 'Bikesafe', an initiative designed to help lower the number of motorcycle casualties with police motorcyclists passing on their knowledge, skills and experience. Three observers assisted with a late November course held, owing to popularity, as an extra final session for 2021.

<https://bikesafe.co.uk/merseyside/>.

Mike Raynor, who recently passed his advanced test, has transferred to SAM from another group. Mike has returned to motorcycling after 30 years and passed his advanced within months.

Phil Towndrow, also recently returning to motorcycling, will be joining as an associate, starting his courses in the spring. Welcome to both.

As a reminder, whilst we hope the fire station might allow us to return, we would welcome suggestions from any members who could recommend alternative venues for our weekly training sessions. If the venue were to be provided free, that would be perfect but we wouldn't rule out a venue with a small charge. Adequate parking for c.30 bikes would be needed and AV facilities for powerpoint type presentations would also be preferable. Any suggestions welcome – please send them to [secretary@samadvanced.co.uk](mailto:secretary@samadvanced.co.uk).

Also, the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programme for members will continue, weather permitting. This starts at silver level, for riders wishing to refresh to advanced standard. Gold is the next level for advanced riders who wish to aim for a F1RST level pass. Contact [secretary@samadvanced.co.uk](mailto:secretary@samadvanced.co.uk) for further information.

## **Car Section**

Four new associates have been signed up. Of these, Mike Whalley is having his check test next week, after only three drives. Adam McLean, Adam Lloyd and Ian Hatchard will begin their training in the New Year. Welcome all.

## **Other News**

Rob Simpson is currently in the process of redesigning the SAM web page - [www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/seftonam](http://www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/seftonam). Rob will let us know when this has been updated and will send us a link to a trial site before it goes live, hopefully in the New Year.

The committee would welcome and suggestions from members for group meetings. Committee member Gary Williams has a list of previous speakers and we are hoping in the New Year to have Ed Fletcher from Fletcher's Solicitors to talk to us about insurance claims.

If anyone has any group or associated news that they would like to add to the flyer, or indeed any suggestions for its improvement, please let me know at

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Finally, seasons greetings and very best wishes to all members and associates for 2022.

John.

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