



Sefton Advanced Motorists

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Welcome to the February 2023 edition of the SAM flyer.

The committee met at the Southport and Birkdale Sports Club on Wednesday 15th February.

The discussion into SAM monthly meetings has continued and it is considered at the moment that these should now become either quarterly or bi-monthly, with their structure focused more towards driving and riding.

Several suggestions for content have been made, these to be progressed in due course. No dates have yet been set for commencement, but hopefully more news will be published in next month's flyer. It should be noted that May's SAM meeting will be the AGM, which every member and associate is invited to attend – date to be confirmed.

Car Section

The car section has had two recent sign ups, the latest being Samuel Roach. Welcome Samuel. Three further associates are currently in training.

If any advanced car drivers are interested in becoming an observer, please make contact as below.

Motorcycle Section

The Spring course will be underway on 4th March, with seven associates, the latest joiner being Andrew Wagley. Welcome Andrew.

An observers meeting was held on 16th February, which was attended by Steve Ellis, Area Service Delivery Manager. Steve has been very active in developing and improving training and standards and has been a great support to our group. Steve updated

the meeting on national developments, observer training (as mentioned in last month's SAM flyer, all observers will have to be qualified to National Observer standards by the end of March 2025) and the importance of competencies in associate feedback.

Steve disclosed that he is to move on from his current role, to take on region 5. Steve's replacement as ASDM will be Neil Rowley.

Five trainee observers have been recruited from our advanced riders, these being Keith Dennison, Jamie Carter, Alan Douglas, Wayne Lester and Mike Raynor. They will commence training during the spring course.

To date 34 members have joined the SAM Rideout WhatsApp group, with the first planned ride being into Wales on 12th March.

Other News

Tony Hey, chair of the car section, is currently hoping to organise a group visit to the Huntapac vintage motor collection in Hesketh Bank, Lancashire. This is the William Hunter collection, a large private collection of commercial vehicles that is not normally open to public viewing. The vehicles are often seen at organised events such as classic vehicle and steam fairs.



A maximum of about 16 people can be catered for. The opportunity is open to *any* SAM member or associate and if anyone has any interest in this please make contact on the email below. The date will be confirmed when arranged.

Members will be aware of the group's connection with the North West Blood Bikes Lan-

cashire and Lakes charity (NWBB L&L), several of their riders having been trained to advanced standard. The IAM are now offering a 10% discount to members of NWBB L&L wishing to undertake a course with Sefton Advanced Motorists.

The group is always keen to take on new associates and, as a reminder, SAM offers discounts of 50% (that's £87.50) on the course fee to new associates aged 35 and under and 20% (£35) to those aged 36 and over. Total course fees are £175 and these discounts will be refunded to the associates on completion of the course.

The Group currently has a membership of 156. SAM membership subscription remains at only £12.50 for the year and as we approach the new financial year Ross Maul will be contacting members with a payment reminder.

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