



Sefton Advanced Motorists

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A Happy New Year to all members and associates and welcome to the first 2023 edition of the SAM flyer.

With new associates signed up for both the car and motorcycle sections, the year is underway for planning and providing our advanced courses. There will be national IAM changes to observer training to a national standard for both sections and arrangements will also be underway to allow these changes to be made by the end of March 2025.

The committee met at the Southport and Birkdale Sports Club on Wednesday 25th January. The group's president, Stella Owen, was a guest at the meeting.

There was much to discuss following on from the final committee of 2022, when the main topic was the group's monthly social events. It had been decided then that no further events would be held for the remainder of the year and that the matter would be addressed in the New Year. More on that later.

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.

Car Section

The car section currently has three associates signed up, the latest being Saville Kushner. A very warm welcome Saville.

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

Motorcycle Section

The motorcycle section has four new associates – Neil Waterworth, Michael Ainscough, Richard Lofthouse and Tony Rimmer. A very warm welcome to all. Together with two further associates, who signed up last year, they are lined up lined up for the spring course starting in March. All courses are to be held at Southport fire station, with the spring course running from 4th March to 29th April. The summer course will run from 3rd June to 29th July and the autumn course from 2nd September to 28th October.

The training committee met on 17th January and selected 4 new trainee observers.

The section hopes to provide a regular ride out programme during 2023 for all bike members who have passed the advanced test. Observer Dave Mercer is to co-ordinate this and has already sent an email to bike members, inviting them to sign up to a WhatsApp group. It is anticipated that rides will be organised on every third Sunday, starting 19th March. If you haven't received Dave's email and would like to be included please let us know on the email below.

Social Events.

The committee discussed the future of social evenings and talks, with concerns that much effort and expense goes into arranging meetings, which are poorly supported. 102 members attended 6 meetings in 2022, which equates to an average of 17 in attendance, although some meetings achieved less than this. There had been a very limited response to the summer BBQ, this being subsequently cancelled.

The discussion on this will continue, but in the meantime members are invited to please put some thought into suggestions for the future and to let us know on the email at the end of this flyer.

Other News

The Group currently has a membership of 146. 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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