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**Please remember that our Newsletters in 2024 will be coming out quarterly
March – June – October - December**

Hello! Your October Newsletter is Here!!

Would you believe were in the 10th month already and it doesn't seem two minutes since I was writing the Bonfire Night recipe last year! In this edition, you'll find a lovely Bonfire Night Cookies recipe which is great for the children or grandchildren.

There's also a piece from one of our members who lives in Cyprus. Martin was very near to the wild fires in August and has sent pictures and a writeup to let us know just how scary it was for him and his family. Thankfully, none of them were hurt in the fires but nevertheless, it must have been an horrendous time for them. Read about their experience on page 6.

The 19th to the 25th November is Road Safety Week and as advanced drivers we could all take part by promoting road safety and life-saving messages!

Just recently, someone I know has been scammed. This person is elderly and it caused a great deal of stress and upset to them. In a nutshell, they received a text saying their daughter had lost her phone, had changed her number and so if the person wanted to speak with their daughter, to use the new number which was included in the text message. Luckily, the person involved had the presence of mind to call her son-in-law to ask if it was true. From what I could gather, it's a common scam doing the rounds but if you've been in the same position, know of someone who has, or just want to make yourself aware of how to deal with this type of scam and others, then take a look at page 17.

And don't forget that the yearly Barry Heath Quiz will take place on October 25th at the Redbourne Club in Scunthorpe – everyone is welcome so bring your family and friends along to say hello!



Chairman's Chatter

Hi folks, here's a very quick review of the last months action.

The social meeting was brilliant. Sue Smith from Safer Roads Humber, came and re-educated us about different techniques of training people in general to be more aware of road safety issues. One of the speed camera vans came along and he was able to dispel quite a few myths about the job too. It was a brilliant night and made better by presenting two certificates to newly qualified drivers both of whom can be seen receiving their certificates on page 3. All things considered it was a great evening.

Terry Heath

Chairman & N.O.

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Chief Observer Report

Hello SAGAM members and welcome to our latest news update.

The team hope you have all had a good summer and made the best of the warm, sometimes hot, days and enjoyed pleasant summer motoring.

As at 10 September 2023 we have nine associates under observations, some very new and we wish them well as they get settled in, and some, now more established and seeing improvements as they become acquainted with IPSGA and its timings leading to better observations etc. Also, we have carried out some check tests as well, so watch this space.

It was great to see two of our latest successful associates receiving their IAM RoadSmart certificates at our August social meeting. See next page.

We are also in the process of helping some of our team up to National Observer status. All is going well with this and we shall report again at the next newsletter.

Our August Observer meeting was held at the New Inn, Great Limber, the first "Live" meeting since regular meetings began in 2001. The meetings have been conducted via Zoom and have proved very successful.

I would like to say a big thank you to our team for their full attendance and support especially at this latest meeting at which Mr Steve Ellis, our ASDM who was our guest and talked and discussed National Observer

training in particular. He is very knowledgeable and was able to show us how to use open questions in particular, which allows the observer to draw out what knowledge the associate has already, rather than just being given an answer to their questions. This also leads to better understanding by use of their Advanced Driver Course Handbook, which is an essential part of their course and should be brought to each course appointment. This was a very successful meeting and our thanks to Steve for his efforts to put us on the right track and he has assured us that he is only an email or phone call away if we need any guidance. If you feel that you would like to join our team, please contact either myself or any of the team and we will be pleased to talk with you.

In the mean-time thank you for reading our Newsletter and if you think we can help with any driving queries the contact numbers are on page 5.

Our next Observer meeting will be arranged for early November. The date will be confirmed to the team over the next couple of weeks but for now though, best wishes and safe driving to you all.

Paul Cassell, on behalf of your Observer Team.
Chief Observer.



Congratulations to Michael Stringer who received his Advanced Drivers Certificate at the last Social Night. Michaels observer was Chris Bilton and his certificate was presented by our Chairman, Terry Heath.



Congratulations should go to Marian Coulton who was also presented with her Advanced Drivers Certificate by Terry Heath. Marions observer was Paul Cassell.



Congratulations to you all



Self-drive holidays in Scotland

Looking for inspiration for your next holiday? We explore five things that make Scotland a great place for a self-driven break, and how Parkdean Resorts can help you enjoy your holiday for less.

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Have you ever seen a car like this before?

It's called the **Topolino** and Fiat continued to make affordable cars and had a hit, with this model of nice lines and 'universal appeal'.

It was a success not only in Italy but also abroad, mainly in England. Paradoxically, the English were the parents of these curious small models. *Picture and writeup supplied by Terry Heath*

I'm not quite sure where the eyes come in lol.

Are they just for entertainment or were they actually a part of the car, with a windscreen the driver could see through?

Your thoughts please.....



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The following are dates for our 2023 Social Meetings: Redbourne Club, Scunthorpe

October 25th.

Barry Heath Quiz Night

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If you have any articles, photographs or anything you feel may be of interest for the **December** edition, please feel free to email me at

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no later than

15th December please.

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Committee Meeting Dates for 2023 are:

11th October, 8th November, 13th December

PLEASE NOTE: Meetings are to be held via Zoom until further notice.

Observer Team Meeting – 2nd November 2023 (tbc) 7.30pm; New Inn, Great Limber

Our MDU is out on the following dates in 2023:

7th October

We will warmly welcome nominations for anyone who would like to join our committee

I'm sure you are aware of all the wild fires which have been happening in certain areas of the world. Martin Dale (one of our members) now lives in Cyprus and has sent me the following photos and write up about his and his wife Linda's experiences of the fires there. They have been very lucky insofar as their house has been left untouched. Both they and their two cats, are all ok. Here is Martins story....

Being Evacuated

On Sunday 6th August we experienced our first ever evacuation. We live in a small village called Apsiou, nestled in the foothills of Limassol. We own a house here after renting for 15 of the 18 years we have spent in Cyprus. Fires in summer are not unusual as the climate is hot and temperatures in summer regularly exceed 40c during the day. We have had a few very large fires in the past at Saittas prior to 2009 and at Arakapas a few years ago. Sunday afternoon was our turn.

On the Friday, there was a smallish fire that had spread from Alassa to Apesia which is a village a few hillsides across from our village. It burnt 3sq km of land. All was ok, we saw smoke around that area and then there wasn't. Saturday passed without incident and us, our friends and a few hundred other people spent Saturday night at our village Amphitheatre enjoying food and live music. There was dancing and plate throwing.

Sunday morning dawned, with a brisk wind. which lasted most of the morning. Once again, we saw smoke in the same areas as Friday and knew that the winds had rekindled the fire, as can happen. I carried on with watering the garden and only when I went to look again about 10 mins later, I realised that something was wrong. The electricity had gone off and so had internet and phone communications - which had happened on Friday. The smoke had changed to a very big plume rising many hundreds of metres in the air. "Where



are the fire planes and helicopters" I asked my wife. "I can see a spotter plane, that's all." We decided at that point it might be wise to pack a bag and get the cats and important documents together, just in case. As the minutes went on my neighbours all come out to look and I dashed into my car to check on my friends in the village as we had no phones. I left my wife Lynda, packing a suitcase with essentials and rounding up our two cats who luckily were nearby, lured in by treats. Coming back after about 15 minutes all had changed. The only road through

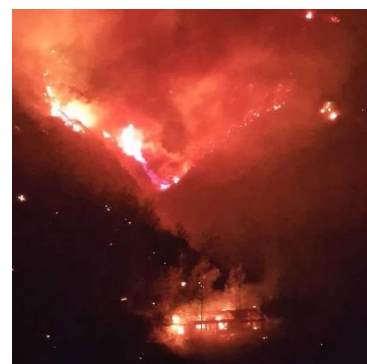
the village was blocked by police but I was able to pass as I lived in the next street.

Back home I went out to see what was happening. The Civil Guard were walking up our street to advise everyone to leave now. The entire village was being evacuated, along with the nearby villages of Mathikoiloni and Apesia. We had to drive north out of the village as instructed by the Civil Defence. Driving out

of the village, on our village boundary we passed several fire trucks and two low loaders with heavy earth moving equipment on the back, which are used to create roads to inaccessible places and to create fire breaks. OK, so with our neighbour and his dogs we managed to get out of the village to basically anywhere. We stopped for petrol and supplies as we forgot cat food, litter and water. We had our essential clothes, passports etc and that's about all. Our friend who had travelled to the UK a few days before heard of the fire and called to say we could stay in her empty house which was situated in the village above us on the mountain. We had a few hours' sleep on unmade beds and settees then up at 6am to see if we could return. I checked to see if our outside cameras were working which they were as electricity was back on during the night after about 9 hours off. Thankfully everything looked OK.

My neighbour and I were able to get back into the village at 9am. The place was full of fire engines, bulldozers, pickups with hoses and police. This was in addition to aircraft from Greece as well as Cypriot plus British Bases equipment. Israel sent army personnel and Jordan offered aircraft. Even Turkey offered assistance which was refused. That's another story if you know of the occupation of the island.

Yesterday (Wednesday) we still had fire engines stationed on hill tops and more flights over by aircraft and helicopters carrying water buckets are going over as small flare ups continue to happen. We drove through



the affected valley yesterday towards Limassol, some 5 minutes from our house. Total devastation on both sides with all vegetation including trees all burnt to a crisp. Unfortunately, the house where we enjoy seeing their Christmas lights every year at the head of the valley, was completely destroyed as were a few cars in our village. Our local digger driver, Demetris did a great job in creating a fire break around the most vulnerable houses down in the valley bottom.



On a spiritual note, our local priest took the village icons around the old part of the village (nearest the oncoming fire storm) and prayed with the villagers for them to be spared.

Overall, we were very lucky but aided by superb fire-fighting both on the ground and in the air. It was a very scary experience and not one I want to repeat. As a result, we have today created an emergency evacuation check list that we will hopefully not have to use together with checking my house insurance!

Martin & Lynda Dale. Apsiou Village, Limassol Cyprus.

Many thanks Martin for sending me this article and we're all so pleased that after this terrible experience, both of you and your cats, are ok.



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IAM RoadSmart responds to Wales' Introduction of a National 20mph Speed Limit

Nicholas Lyes, Director of Policy and Standards at IAM RoadSmart, said:

“Changing to a default 20mph speed limit in built up areas in Wales will provoke plenty of emotion, yet the road safety benefits of blanket 20mph areas are not yet firmly established. Local, individual schemes to reduce speed through communities are often popular with residents but poor compliance can often lead to pedestrians and cyclists having a false sense of security.

“As a road safety charity, we support efforts to reduce speeding through training and education. However, given the limited resources that roads authorities and police forces have, we believe it would be better to have 20mph limits on specific streets where there are schools, hospitals and where risks to vulnerable road users are at their highest, along with traffic calming measures and effective enforcement. If this were the case, we suspect compliance would be far better than simply sticking up 20mph signs and hoping for the best.”

Hull traffic cameras set to snare red light-jumping drivers

Cameras are to be installed at a "dangerous" Hull junction to catch drivers jumping red lights. The city council said all approaches to the junction of Holderness Road with Mount Pleasant would be covered by the four cameras. Figures reported by the council show eight out of 23 crashes at the junction over the past five years were caused by drivers flouting traffic lights. Councillor Mark Leronimo said he hoped the cameras would improve safety. The cameras will also be used to capture vehicles travelling at excessive speed while lights are on green, the council said. Mr Leronimo, the authority's portfolio holder for roads and transport, added: "Installing red light enforcement cameras on dangerous junctions is an effective way to reduce the number of collisions and injuries on the road.

"The cameras will also help enforce traffic rules and deter drivers from running red lights. This will make the junction safer for everyone, including pedestrians and cyclists, much safer for all' More than £240,000 has been provided by Safer Roads Humber, an organisation comprising councils, fire services, police and National Highways, to fund the enforcement scheme. Ian Robertson, partnership manager of Safer Roads Humber, said it had been proven around the country that red light cameras reduced the number of collisions at junctions.

He added:

"If road users change their behaviour to adhere to the red-light signals and refrain from exceeding the speed limits through the junction, it will be a much safer junction for all, especially those most vulnerable on the road."

The contract will shortly be awarded to a specialist contractor, which will carry out the work on behalf of Hull City Council.



Red light cameras will cover approaches to the junction of Holderness Road with Mount Pleasant
Article taken from <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-humber>

IAM RoadSmart Exhibition

Members of our team regularly appear at exhibitions, conferences and other industry events throughout the UK, and you're always welcome to drop by for a chat or attend one of our seminars.

Our team is keen to spread the word about our courses and charitable objectives, so are regularly involved in:

- ❖ Industry events
- ❖ Speaker slots
- ❖ Specialist events

10th – 12th November 2023
CLASSIC CAR SHOW
NEC BIRMINGHAM



The Lancaster Classic Car Show brings together a great array of classic cars and motorcycle clubs along with their iconic classic and vintage cars and motorbikes, this is an event not to be missed.

Our August Social Night went down really well.....

Sue Smith from Safer Roads Humber brought one of their speed vans with her which went down really well with our members. I think the majority of those there, had a good look inside and most (including myself) jumped up into the van to get a closer look and some info from the officer inside, who I believe was Carl. He explained about the cameras and how they work, switching on automatically when they 'see' a car doing over the speed limit. Surprisingly, they can 'see' up to a kilometre, which in old money is 0.6 of a mile and most cameras use the road markings to measure the distance over time, to calculate the speed a car is travelling at.

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}}$$
 is calculated by dividing the total distance travelled by the total time it took to travel that distance. If an object ie car, moves at a constant speed, the distance travelled and the time it takes to travel that distance, will be in proportion. (Quora.com)

As well as the fixed camera in the van, there was a hand held one which I was more than happy to have a good look at. It was rather bulky by yet lightweight at the same time. I thought at the time, that police officers standing on the side of the road with one of these, would be able to hold it up for quite a long time without having to change arms, therefore hopefully catching more speeders on the roads. I don't know about you, but I see plenty of drivers who are clearly breaking the speed limits with no regard to other road users. Anyway, back to the social night. Once we went inside, Sue began her presentation which was interactive and very informative. She explained how SRH go into schools for all ages and explain in various ways why for example it's important to wear a helmet when riding a bike. I found the explanation for the infant school quite charming. Sue picked up a very small knitted hat reinforced with card board and with strings attached, as well as an egg. She introduced the egg as Egg Sheeran saying that the children could relate to a well know pop artist. She placed the egg in the hat and dropped it to the floor. The egg had remained intact and Sue explained that this is what would happen to them if they fell off their bike. Next, she took the egg out of the hat and said if she dropped it onto the floor, she would create a bit of a mess but in the schools, she does drop it and obviously it breaks. Of course, we all knew the importance of this but Sue went on to say in one school, because of the name she had given the egg, when it was dropped and broke one little girl started crying because she said Egg Sheeran was broken...awwwwww.....

Sue went on to say SRH work in conjunction with Humber Fire and Rescue Road Safety, delivering road safety presentations to schools, colleges and other educational/training establishments across the Humber region and they also deliver presentations to youth groups such as youth clubs, scouts, cadets and sports groups and other social organisations such as Women's Institute and Young Farmers. SRH also support the young drivers' "Pathfinder" initiative.

It was quite alarming when Sue told us that young people account for 22% of those killed or seriously injured on our roads throughout the areas of our four local authorities. Children, especially of school age, are at greatest risk as pedestrians or cyclists with one in three pedestrian casualties. The high-risk time for young people is after leaving school or college. In fact, on 11/09/2023 I heard reports of an accident on Laceby Road in Grimsby between a college bus and a young cyclist. The air ambulance was in attendance so clearly it was rather a bad one.

Sue went on to tell us about the presentations SRH also do in primary and secondary schools, ramping the information up to suit the ages of the children which was very interesting. The older children are taught about the importance of wearing seat belts as well as cycle helmet and to encourage the other passengers and (car) driver to do the same.

The evening ended with question time and several audience members asked their specific questions which Sue answered fluently. All in all, it was an extremely good night which I'm sure all those in attendance enjoyed thoroughly.

Driving around, I find that unless a cyclist is in full cycling gear and clearly practicing for an event, a lot of youngsters cycling to school for example don't have their hands on the handle bars, are without helmets, are using their mobile phones whilst moving or have ear pods in which I assume reduce their ability to hear the traffic around them. I think there should be rules introduced to stop all the above and a method used to identify the cyclist. What do you think?.....

Did You Know? - Common driving law myths explained so you don't get caught out when you're driving. *I'm sure you know a lot if not all of these but here's a refresher.....*

Is it illegal to drive off after you hit an animal with your car?

Yes, you must tell the police if you hit:

- Dogs
- Horses
- Cows
- Pigs
- Goats
- Sheep
- Donkeys and mules

You need to do this as quickly as possible whether the animal is dead or not. Once you've contacted the police, you should report the incident to: England and Wales: RSPCA - [0300 1234 999](tel:03001234999)

Scotland: The Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) - [03000 999 999](tel:03000999999)

Northern Ireland: Ulster Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (USPCA) - [028 3025 1000](tel:02830251000)

You can also report it to your local council at GOV.UK.

You don't have to report animals that aren't on this list, but it could help save the animal's life if you think it's still alive. Call the RSPCA and they should help you with this.

Is it illegal to drive a dirty car?

No, it's not illegal, but you can get a fine if your car is so dirty that you can't read the number plate. There are strict rules around number plates and how they're displayed.

Annex 6 of [The Highway Code](#) states that:

"Lights, indicators, reflectors, and number plates MUST be kept clean and clear"

If your car's number plate is missing, displayed incorrectly or obscured, you could face a fine of £1,000. So, make sure you check your number plate is clean and legible before you start driving.

Is it illegal to splash pedestrians while driving?

Yes -splashing a pedestrian, whether accidentally or intentionally, is an illegal driving offence under [Section 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1988](#):

"If a person drives a mechanically propelled vehicle on a road or other public place without due care and attention, or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road or place, he (sic) is guilty of an offence."

If you're caught, you could be hit with a £5,000 fine and 3 penalty points on your licence.

Is it illegal to throw litter from your car?

Yes - littering, whether you're driving or not, could land you with a fine of [£150](#), but it could reach up to £2,500. According to [Highways England](#), each year 200,000 sacks of litter are cleared from motorways and A roads. This costs the taxpayer over £850 million a year to clean up, Keep Britain Tidy says Councils and authorities are considering LitterCams, including:

- Wigan
- Sheffield

Is it illegal to honk your horn in a built-up area?

Yes, it's illegal at certain times. [The Highway Code](#) says you shouldn't use your horn in a built-up area between 11:30pm and 7am. You should only use your horn to alert other drivers to danger, or to tell them you're there if they've not seen you. But using your horn for anything other than this could land you with a £30 fine. If it escalates to court, that could go up to £1,000.

Is it illegal to use your phone in the car when you're stationary?

No, it's not illegal so long as your engine is switched off and you're parked safely. In 2022, the law changed and banned all [mobile phone use behind the wheel](#). This includes playing games or taking photographs. The only exception would be using your phone to pay at toll roads or at drive throughs. You can also use your

mobile phone as a sat nav, but if you need to adjust your route you need to pull over in a safe place and turn the engine off.

Is it illegal to flash another driver to warn them about a speed trap?

Yes, it is. Rule 110 of the Highway Code says:

“Only flash your headlights to let other road users know that you are there. Do not flash your headlights to convey any other message or intimidate other road users.”

It has also been successfully argued that warning other drivers about [speed cameras](#) is grounds for ‘obstructing an officer in the course of their duties’, which has a maximum fine of £1,000.

Is it illegal to eat or drink a non-alcoholic drink while driving?

No - eating and drinking a non-alcoholic drink while driving isn’t illegal. But if it causes you to drive in a dangerous way, or if you’re involved in an accident as a result, then you could face a penalty. This comes under ‘driving without due care and attention’ – a [driving conviction](#) also known as a CD10 - and usually results in a £100 fine and 3 points on your licence. This particular offence isn’t limited to eating and drinking. Anything that causes your driving ability to deteriorate is classed as a CD10, including:

- Middle-lane hogging
- [Driving while tired](#) or unwell
- [Tailgating](#)
- Undertaking
- Being distracted while driving

In serious circumstances, you could face a £5,000 fine and 9 points on your licence.

Is it illegal to smoke while driving?

In general, it's not illegal to smoke while driving. But it is illegal to smoke in your car if there are children with you. If you're distracted while smoking and you cause an accident, you could be charged with ‘driving without due care and attention’. This comes with a £100 fine and 3 points on your licence.

Is it illegal to have open alcohol in the car?

No, it's not. You risk being charged if you’re over the limit for drinking alcohol, but it’s not actually an offence to have an open bottle or can of alcohol in the car.

Is it illegal to drive without a seatbelt?

In general yes, it's illegal. There are few occasions where it’s okay to not wear a seatbelt. These include:

- When you're reversing.
- If you're in a police, fire or rescue vehicle.
- If your car was built without seatbelts and no children under 3 years old are present. Only children over 3 years old are permitted to sit in the back of these kinds of cars.

You can [see the full list on GOV.UK](#).

Outside of these specific circumstances, you and all passengers must be properly restrained in the car. Failing to do so is not only dangerous, but could land you with a fine of up to £500. That includes other adults, children and pets.

Is it illegal to have a light on in the car while driving?

No, it’s not against the law to have a light on while driving. That said, you’re probably best advised to ask your passengers to keep off the lights - it might compromise your vision and distract you. If this was found to be the case in an accident you could, theoretically, be hit with a driving without due care and attention charge.

Is it illegal to drive with headphones on?

No, there are no rules that stipulate against driving with headphones on, but that doesn’t mean it’s a good idea. Driving with headphones on blocks out noise around you. And if there’s an accident you could still be charged with careless driving or driving without due care and attention.

If a speed camera doesn't flash does it mean I've not been caught?

Not necessarily. Most [speed and traffic cameras](#) flash when they've got you. But if you've sped past one without it flashing you it doesn't necessarily mean you've got away with it. Some forward-facing cameras have filters fitted to stop them dazzling drivers while others use infrared. Light conditions might also mean a flash doesn't go off. Whether a camera flashes or not, stick to the [speed limit](#) of the road you're on.

Is it legal to ask passengers for money?

Asking your mate for £10 towards the cost of petrol is perfectly acceptable. But, if you're acting as an unofficial taxi service, then that is illegal. There are 2 implications here. If you're making a profit from driving people around, that's considered 'hire and reward' by your car insurance company. And unless you have proper cover in place, your car insurance policy could be invalid. You could also be considered to be 'operating a taxi without a licence', which carries a fine of up to £2,500 and automatically invalidates your driving licence.

Will moving for an emergency vehicle cost me a fine?

Potentially. Although instinct tells you to get out of the way as soon as you hear a siren or see blue flashing lights, if you commit a driving offence while doing so, you could be charged. That could be driving through a red light or driving in a bus lane. When moving out of the way make sure you do so carefully and observe all road or traffic signs, to save yourself a £100 fine and 3 points on your licence.

Is it illegal to drive barefoot?

No - there's nothing stopping you driving barefoot or with flip flops. But that doesn't mean it's safe. The Driving Standards Agency advocates wearing suitable shoes and says that you might not be able to brake as hard without them.

Is it illegal to drive too slowly?

Driving slowly isn't illegal, but driving too slow for the road you're on could be dangerous. The police might pull you over if they think you're driving too slowly on a motorway, for example. And in a worst-case scenario you could be charged with dangerous driving.

Is it illegal to sleep in your car?

If you've got drugs and alcohol in your system this is definitely illegal. If you're careful where you park it's not necessarily [illegal to sleep in your car](#).
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Driving Laws and Rules you need to know for 2023

Graduated driving licences for new drivers under 25

New drivers under 25 years of age could be banned from carrying passengers who are also under 25. This is part of a proposed 'graduated driving licence' scheme.

If the law goes ahead, new drivers won't be able to carry passengers of the same age group for either 6 months or a year after passing. According to road safety charity [Brake](#), traffic crashes are a leading cause of death among young people. It's also the main cause of death for people between 15 and 29 globally.

The charity also says that 1 in 5 drivers crash within a year of passing their test. And more than 1500 young drivers are killed or seriously injured on UK roads every year.

On 16 May transport minister Richard Holden discussed the scheme with safety campaigners but no outcome has been published yet.

DVLA eyesight rules could change in weeks

New rules for eye sight could mean that anyone who wears glasses to drive will need to tell the DVLA about their eye condition.

At the moment, you only have to declare your eyesight condition if you can't read a number plate that's made after 1 September 2001 from 20 metres away.

You also need to have visual acuity of at least decimal 0.5 or 6/12 with glasses or contact lenses using both eyes together. If you only have one eye, you need to have this visual acuity in your remaining eye.

MOTs could be changing in the future

[First year MOTs could be pushed from 3 years to 4 years](#) for motorbikes, cars and some vans.

According to the government, the move could save motorists around £100 million in MOT fees. The average [MOT](#) costs around £40.

This should help motorists with vehicle running costs, while still making sure vehicles are roadworthy and meeting emissions standards.

Most new vehicles pass their test at 3 years, the government claims. The number of collisions due to vehicle defects (which would be picked up in the MOT) is low too. So, according to government analysis, changing first year MOTs from 3 to 4 shouldn't impact road safety.

Also, vehicle safety has improved over the years - an example of this is automatic lane keeping systems (ALKS). MOTs have also had to evolve for hybrid and electric vehicles too.

0% VED tax on electric cars until 2025

In 2022, Jeremy Hunt announced that there would be a [tax on EVs in 2025](#). Having zero vehicle excise duty to pay was a key incentive for buying an EV. The EV tax doesn't start until 2025, but it's something to consider if you're looking to buy an EV in the next couple of years.

Self-driving cars could be on the road in 2 years

In 2022, the government announced that it would change the Highway Code to accommodate self-driving cars. The change means drivers could "experience the full benefits of the first self-driving vehicles when they arrive".

The government said that they should have a [framework in place](#) to support self-driving vehicle technology by 2025.

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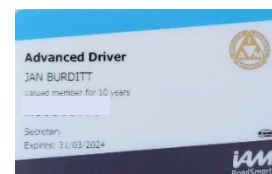
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What Can You Do?

Research carried out by One Poll on behalf of Confused.com of 2,000 UK drivers who have car insurance policies. This was conducted between 3 and 7 July 2023. Whenever we suggest contacting the police, you should do so only when you're not driving and you're in a safe place to do so. Using your mobile phone while driving is a motoring offence.

What can you do about tailgating?

The best way to deal with a tailgater is to let them pass. You might think about tapping your brakes but this probably won't deter a tailgater. It's also dangerous. If you think the driver is driving aggressively while tailgating you, this is an example of dangerous driving. You can make a mental note of the number plate and send it to the police's non-emergency number which is 101. Or you could report it by email to your local police force. Alternatively, if you have dashcam footage, you can submit it to the police through the Nextbase National Dashcam Safety Portal, or to the local police force. Some tailgaters are trying to intimidate drivers to move out of their way, but others don't realise they're doing it. So changing lanes safely, or pulling over to let them pass, is often the best course of action.

What can you do about drivers who don't indicate, or indicate incorrectly?

If the other driver has just forgotten to indicate through lack of concentration, you may have to anticipate their mistake. For example, if someone is turning into a junction and you're waiting to turn into a road, it's best to wait until the person has started turning to pull out. Failing to indicate is seen as careless or inconsiderate driving. If the driver has caused an accident because they didn't signal, they could face:

- Points on their licence
- A charge
- A driving ban

If you think the other driver is driving dangerously, you can call 999 or report it to the police non-emergency number, 101.

What can you do about drivers that throw litter out of their window?

If you see someone littering or fly tipping from their car:

- Enter your postcode into the [GOV.UK reporting tool](#)
- Click through to your local council's website once it appears
- Go to the 'report a problem' page and report the littering

Most councils have a 'reporting' page, but this might vary depending on the council. If you see someone dumping waste on a large scale, you can contact [Crimestoppers](#). Don't pick up the litter yourself - there might be sharp or dangerous objects in it. In some instances, you might not need to report littering drivers at all. Some local councils across the UK have installed litter cameras, including:

Bradford, Kent and Essex. Some councils in the South East have litter cams with AI technology. They send images of the offender and their number plate straight to police control rooms. Motorists can get a fine of up to £100 if they're caught littering from their car.

What can you do about bad parking?

If you see someone parked dangerously, for example:

- On zig zag lines
- Blocking access for emergency vehicles

You can report this to your local police force by calling 101 or by visiting the police station in person. Some police websites have an online reporting tool too.

Any other type of bad parking, for example someone blocking your drive or [parking on the pavement](#), is classed as a civil matter. This means your local council has the responsibility to resolve it. You can report this type of parking by: Entering your postcode into the 'find your council' tool on [GOV.UK](#). Your local council's website should appear. Look for the 'reporting' section of the website where you should be able to report this type of parking. Supermarkets are different. Because they're privately owned, you can ask a member of staff or parking attendant to speak to the driver of the badly parked car.



What can you do about drivers who cause you to brake suddenly because they change lanes without warning?

There's not much you can do about someone who's causing you to brake suddenly because they changed lanes without warning. If you think the person is driving dangerously you can report it to 101 which is the police non-emergency number. Or you could call 999 if you think they could cause an accident. If they do cause an accident, they could be charged with dangerous driving. The driver could get:



An unlimited fine, up to 11 points on their licence or even a prison sentence, depending on the severity of the offence.

What can you do about drivers that undercut?

You should let them pass. There's not much you can do to stop a driver that undercuts you on the motorway. Don't get irate, flash your lights or beep your horn, as it will probably just make the situation worse.

If you think the driver is driving dangerously, you can report it to the police's non-emergency number which is 101, or 999 if you think it's an emergency.

Rule 268 of the Highway Code states:

"Do not overtake on the left or move to a lane on your left to overtake. In congested conditions, where adjacent lanes of traffic are moving at similar speeds, traffic in left-hand lanes may sometimes be moving faster than traffic to the right.

"In these conditions you may keep up with the traffic in your lane even if this means passing traffic in the lane to your right. Do not weave in and out of lanes to overtake."

What can you do about people that drive in the middle lane constantly?

There's not much a driver can do to stop a middle lane hogger. The best advice is to try and avoid the urge to react.

Drivers who hog the middle lane are directly ignoring rule 264 of the Highway Code which is:

"Keep in the left lane unless overtaking. If you are overtaking, you should return to the left lane when it is safe to do so."

Understandably it's a frustration for motorists. If you're driving on the motorway correctly (for example, not undertaking), you'd have to move across 2 lanes to overtake the middle lane hogger. It can also cause congestion because more drivers have to move to the outside lane to overtake.

You can get a fixed penalty for middle lane hogging, but it's difficult for the police to catch people doing this unless they're doing spot checks.

What can you do about drivers using their phone when they're stopped in traffic or driving?

You can report someone who's [using their mobile phone while they're driving](#) to 101, or to the emergency number, 999. You can also report them anonymously to Crimestoppers at 0800 555 111.

The minimum penalty for driving while using a mobile phone is £200 and 6 penalty points.



What can you do about drivers with excessively loud exhausts?

If there's a noisy car near you, you can [report it to your local council](#). There should be a reporting section on their website where you can 'report a noise nuisance'.



According to [GOV.UK](#) it's illegal to modify exhaust systems to make them louder after it's been type approved. This means the exhaust has been checked and it meets environmental and safety standards.

Noise limits also apply to tyres. Since 2012 tyres are graded and labelled to show how noisy they are.



A little bit of what you fancy - Bonfire Night Cookies

Preparation and cooking time: **Prep:**35 mins; **Cook:**10 mins. **Makes 20-22**

Celebrate Bonfire Night with these cute cookies. Decorate these autumnal spiced biscuits with iced firework designs

Ingredients

75g unsalted butter, softened
100g caster sugar
1 large egg
250g plain flour
2 tbsp cocoa powder, sifted
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp ground ginger

For the icing

1 large egg white
250g icing sugar, sifted
½ tsp lemon juice
Gel food colourings (we used blue, yellow and red)
star sprinkles (optional)

Method

STEP 1

Beat the butter and sugar together with an electric whisk for 4-5 mins until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg until combined. Add the flour, cocoa powder, cinnamon and ginger, and continue to beat until the mixture comes together into a dough. Put the dough between two pieces of baking parchment and roll out to a 6mm thickness using a rolling pin.

STEP 2

Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Remove the top layer of parchment and cut out cookies using a 6cm round or star cutter. Re-roll the offcuts and continue to cut out cookies until all the dough has been used (you should get 20-22, depending on the cutter).

STEP 3

Arrange the cookies on a large baking sheet lined with baking parchment, spacing them at least 2cm apart (you may need two baking sheets). Bake for 7-10 mins until slightly golden at the edges. Leave to cool on the baking sheet for 10 mins, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

STEP 4

Once cool, make the icing. Beat the egg white with an electric whisk until just starting to froth up, about 1 min. Add the icing sugar, 1 tbsp at a time, whisking continuously at a medium-high speed until combined. Add the lemon juice and whisk to stiff peaks, about 5 mins – the icing should be shiny. Add more icing sugar if needed to help it stiffen up.



STEP 5

To decorate, divide the icing into bowls and colour with the gel food colourings (we left some icing white, then coloured three bowls with blue, yellow and red). Spoon the coloured icing into separate piping bags fitted with small round nozzles (or snip off the ends). Pipe lines on the biscuits to create firework-like 'burst' patterns or swirls. While the icing is wet, decorate with star sprinkles, if you like. Leave to set slightly, then serve. *Will keep in an airtight container for up to a week.*

Taken from the BBC Good Food website

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Car Parts – Unfortunately, no-one knew what the car parts or the classic cars were in the last edition but in case you were wondering, here are the answers;

1. Rubber Exhaust tail pipe mount bracket.
2. Front replacement part for cylinder door lock repair kit Metal Car E46.
3. Individual cast piston 030” oversize 79-82 Chevrolet cars and trucks 267ciV8.
4. Car roof LED light bar memetic base mount bracket sucker set.
5. Auto replacement parts Switch car 2007 – 2098 ABS material for Chevrolet.

And here are the answers for the Car Quiz;

1. 1949 Chrysler.
2. 1915 Scripps-Booth Model C which was also the first car with electric car door latches.
3. 1915 Packard Twin-six which was used during WW1 in Italy.
4. The official name of the mascot of Rolls Royce is the ‘Spirit of Ecstasy’ or ‘The Whisper’ (named by Lord Montague) but she is also known as ‘Nellie in her nighty’!



A Scam is a fraud where someone tries to trick you out of your money or tries to get hold of your personal information that will allow them to get to your money later. Every scam is a crime. Every scam has a victim. The more you know about scams, how to avoid them and how to report them, then the better protected you will be. If we were protecting our homes and property against burglary we’d think like a burglar, look at where we were vulnerable and then put protection in place (locks, bolts, CCTV etc.) in order to reduce the chances of us falling victim to theft. Scams are just the same. Think about the ways you could be scammed, then take simple steps to avoid them and reduce the chances of becoming a victim

Types of Scam

Just like you’d think about ways a burglar might try and break into your home, we can also think about the ways scammers might get your attention. Each ‘way in’ has plenty of common scams to watch for.

Your letterbox: letters or mail that are more than simply junk. Prizes you have been told you’ve won. Offers that are too good to be true. Legal looking letters that tell you’re due something, but that you need to send money first.

The telephone: callers with offers or telling you have a problem that you need to solve now. They say your computer is broken, or the package has been delayed. Or you’re due some insurance payback.

Your mobile phone: callers again or text messages (such as the DPD fraud) or your (fake) child telling you to send some emergency money!

Your computer/laptop/tablet: emails scams can be known as ‘phishing’ where the scammer tries to get information from you that will lead them to your money. Often the emails are great offers; time-limited; or include threats.

Websites: not all websites are what they seem. Websites can be fake too.

Social Media: whether it's on your computer or phone or tablet, social media can be busy and difficult to spot the scams from real messages. And dangerous links can be embedded in videos and messages.

Investment scams: sometimes known as 'boiler room scams' can approach you through any 'way in'.

Romance scams: you're never too old for romance, but are they who they appear to be? Ultimately they might just be after your money.

Your front door: cold callers knocking at your door offering services or goods without an appointment.

Identity theft: where criminals are getting your personal information together to commit fraud.

All of these routes can be used by scammers.

Common Scams

There are so many types of scams, there's no way to list them all. If you can get a copy of the "Little Book of Big Scams" (visit met.police.uk/littlemedia) then you can learn about many of them. Keep an eye on something like Which? Online, which also publishes some of the most common scams.

Some common examples are:

Postal scams: that ask for a fee to get a package delivered. These are usually fake and are after your information.

The daughter/son scam: "Mum, I've lost my phone / It's an emergency. Here's my new phone number / bank account". These are very common text or social media scams. Get in touch with your child a different way!

Investment scams: very common if you're being sold investments that you didn't go and ask for. Very often connected to romance scams - a bogus relationship starts with the intention of asking for money in the long term.

This is your bank... A call pretends to be your bank to warn you about a scam/fraud that is attacking your account and they are going to help you sort it out. This in itself is often the scam. Be polite and say you'll call back. Use another phone or wait a while and call your bank direct, go through all the security checks and speak to the fraud team. If it was real then you'll have done a double check. If it wasn't real then you've just saved yourself from fraud.

Social media scams: with 'missing person' scams being very common, luring you in so you give away your personal information and open yourself up further to scams. Only follow through on things you read online if you can verify the sender or you know someone personally.

Is it a scam?

So how can you tell if it's a scam? Sometimes scams are really obvious. If an organisation contacts you that you have no connection to already, then it's very likely a scam. If there are obvious spelling mistakes or inaccuracies then it could be fake. But many scams are very good at impersonation. Three really keys things to watch for:

- Is there some request for your personal information or, of course, money? Someone you don't know shouldn't be requesting your data or bank details!
- Does this request get you emotional? That means does it get you excited (you've won a prize!), or does it get you scared or put you into a panic (your bank account is at risk! You're going to be disconnected! I'm in trouble! Something is broken!)
- And finally, is it urgent? Does the message want you to do something now, today, immediately (or else...). Very few genuine communications happen like this. If it really is important (you've not paid a bill so you'll be cut off) then the process to tell you about this and sort it out will not be handled with high urgency. Watch out for the tell-tale signs of emotion and urgency and then Take 5.....

Take 5

The single most important tip is to SLOW DOWN. Take 5 minutes to get away from the possible scams, have a think and take back control. Don't click, respond, react or reply straight away. Can you investigate how real the information or request is? Can you speak to someone else about it? If a bank or business is contacting you, go and check directly through their website or by phoning them. If it turns out to be genuine then you've got peace of mind from double checking. If it is a scam then you'll quickly find out and you've kept yourself safe.

STOP

Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

CHALLENGE Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals with try to rush, pressure or panic you.

PROTECT Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and then report it to; [Action Fraud](#)

REMEMBER... Top tips to avoid becoming a victim It would be impossible for you to know about every type of scam to watch out for. So instead, follow some simple rules to try and make sure you're being careful:

- Always remember. If something appears to be too good to be true - it probably is.
- Never respond to any emails, text messages, letters or social media that look suspicious, or that have bad spelling or grammar.
- Remember: A genuine bank will never contact you out of the blue asking for your PIN, full password or to move money to another account. If you receive a message like this, ignore it!
- If someone you have never met before asks you for money, that should be a red flag. Do not give them any money!
- Always question uninvited approaches, in case they are a scam. This applies whether the contact is on the doorstep, over the phone, by post or online. Instead, contact the company directly yourself using a known email or phone number.
- If you are even a tiny bit suspicious, check with someone else before responding to the communication – a trusted relative, friend or neighbour.
- Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected text or email.
- Make sure you use strong passwords on all your online accounts and change them often.
- Always have anti-virus software and a firewall installed on your computer, and update all software as soon as new versions become available.

Trust your instincts. If you feel at all wary or suspicious, you're probably right!

What else can you look for?

Q Ask yourself all these questions. If you answer Yes to any of them then there is a risk you are being scammed.

Q: Have you been contacted out of the blue? Cold calls or unexpected emails or messages should raise suspicion, especially if you're asked to give personal or payment details. It's very unusual for legitimate organisations to contact you and ask for sensitive information if you're not expecting them to. If you're not 100% convinced about the identity of the caller, hang up and contact the company directly.

Q: Have you been asked to share personal details? Never share your personal details with anyone if you can't confirm they are who they say they are. Phone scammers will often try and get valuable personal data from you, and they can use this to steal your money, or even to use your identity to use fraudulently.

Q: Are the contact details vague? Scam websites often vague contact details can be a PO box, premium rate number (starting '09') or a mobile number. If anything goes wrong it's important you can contact those involved. This will be difficult if you don't have accurate contact information. Premium rate numbers are also a favoured trick for squeezing every penny they can out of you.

Q: Are you being asked to keep it secret? It's important you can discuss any agreements with your friends, family or advisors. Asking you to keep quiet is a way to keep you away from the advice and support you need in making a decision.

Q: Is the offer too good to be true? Scams will often promise high returns for very little financial commitment. They may even say that a deal is too good to miss. Use your common sense, if a deal is too good to be true, it inevitably is.

Q: Are you being pressured to make a decision? Fraudsters often try to hurry your decision making. Don't let anyone make you feel under pressure - it's OK to take a break and think things through if you're not sure.

Sales staff should always give you time and space to make an informed decision, anyone who tries to rush you should not be trusted.

Q: Are there spelling and grammar mistakes? Emails or messages littered with spelling and grammar mistakes are a scam giveaway. Legitimate organisations will rarely, if ever, make spelling or grammatical mistakes in their emails to you because they've been put together by professionals and checked before they're sent.

Shred it



Don't throw paperwork or anything that includes personal information away in the normal rubbish. If you can shred and destroy paperwork or old cards or even CD's then the information can't be accessed by scammers. Identity theft can be worrying, expensive or life altering, so let's all keep our information safe. There are a range of community shredders around North East Lincolnshire. see www.nelwatch.org.uk/shredders or talk to someone about getting things shredded. Scissors are better than nothing, but a crosscut shredder is your best bet in destroying your data before someone else gets it.

Don't be ashamed

Many people worry that it is their fault that they are being/have been scammed. Some people don't like to admit that they are falling for a scam. People don't like to ask for help because it makes them look bad. Don't be one of these people. The scammer/fraudster is the one at fault – not you. We all have to try our best to take steps to protect ourselves, but scammers take their 'work' very seriously and can be very clever and we can all be tricked at the best of times. It is far better to ask yourself questions, then speak with others, and finally to ask for help or report your concerns. We're all working together to stamp out scams.

Want to know more or do more?

You might be able to help neighbours, family or friends to avoid scams too. Why not become a Friend Against Scams? If you can get online visit [Friends Against Scams - National Trading Standards \(NTS\) Scams Team initiative protecting and preventing people from becoming victims of scams](#) and take the free training. Or watch out for local training opportunities. Or subscribe to an e-newsletter from someone like Which?



To find out about the very latest scams. Visit: [Sign up to our Scam alert service \(which.co.uk\)](#)

In our area FraudWatch is a programme sharing advice about scams through talks and online. Lots of resources and videos at [FraudWatch - East Riding Voluntary Action Services](#)

Stay Safe. Beat Scams Together.

Above article taken from Stay Safe – a KOPS community safety guide Keeping Older People Safe in North East Lincolnshire

Caught my Eye - Best cars coming in 2024 and beyond

There are so many new cars coming in the next few years; let's have a look at some of the best

Alpine GT-X Over



Alpine's first-ever electric car won't be a battery-powered version of the [A110](#) sports car; instead, it'll be (surprise, surprise) an electric performance SUV. The [Alpine GT-X Over](#) is set to take some elements from the A110 such as its quad headlight design and curved shape, however, it'll be much more practical with five opening doors. Bosses at Alpine have already stated the GT-X Over could produce around 450bhp with all-wheel-drive, making it a rival for the likes of the [Ford Mustang Mach-E GT](#).

Fiat Panda

The third-generation [Fiat Panda](#) has been on sale since 2011 and despite having received several updates over its lifespan, it has long felt outdated. An [all-new model](#) is on the way in the next couple of years and is set to gain an all-electric powertrain, all while remaining one of the most affordable new cars on the market. You can also expect the new Panda to adopt pseudo-SUV styling as well as potentially get a petrol [mild-hybrid](#) variant, too.



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Ford Puma EV



As it moves towards electrification, Ford has announced a major reshuffle of its lineup – including the [cancellation of the beloved Ford Fiesta](#). Part of this revised model range includes an [electric version of the Ford Puma](#). This is likely to look very similar to the petrol model – apart from a blocked-off grille – and will share parts with the forthcoming electric [Ford Tourneo Courier](#) van to keep costs low.

MG Cyberster

Arguably the most highly-anticipated electric performance car coming in the next couple of years, the [MG Cyberster](#) will mark the return of the British brand to the realm of sports car manufacturing and is set to blend elements of classic MGs with futuristic technology. With a set of Lamborghini-style scissor doors and a yoke-style steering wheel, the MG Cyberster is bound to stand out and its rear-drive setup should mean it'll be one of the most engaging EVs to drive.



MG ZS

The second-generation [MG ZS](#) will ditch the petrol model to focus on electric power and will adopt the same angular styling as the smaller MG4. Like before, the new ZS will likely represent great value-for-money; it's set to start from under £30,000, which is significantly less than other electric SUVs. MG upped its interior quality for the MG4, so we expect this to carry onto the new ZS too, which will rectify one of our main complaints about the current car.

Renault 5

Several manufacturers are reviving iconic models of the past as new EVs, and the upcoming electric Renault 5 is a prime example of this. Set to gain the same boxy shape as the original, the electric Renault 5 will cost less than the current [ZOE hatchback](#) and will go up against a host of other small retro EVs such as the [Fiat 500](#) and [MINI Cooper SE](#). Fans of classic rally racing will be pleased to hear a high-performance 'Alpine R5' version is also in the works, with sportier styling and a more-powerful front electric motor with around 215bhp.



Above article taken from carbuyer

Dates in October & November 2023

1st Oct to 31st Oct 2023

This is an international celebration of coffee, organised by the International Coffee Organisation, the world trade body for coffee producers. So, drink a coffee to give you a good start to the month!

The Big Draw Festival

1st Oct to 31st Oct 2023

The Big Draw is a month-long festival of drawing activities for young and old alike. During the month-long event there are a whole host of events organised to encourage people to get drawing.

Dyslexia Week

2nd Oct to 8th Oct 2023

Organised by the British Dyslexia Association, Dyslexia Week is an annual event to raise awareness of dyslexia. Every year BDA produce resources and share information with teachers, employers and the public to highlight different dyslexia-related themes.

World Dyslexia Awareness Day

4th Oct 2023

A day for awareness of the issues faced by those with dyslexia. The day highlights the issues and teachers, employers and the general public, and is part of Dyslexia Week.

World Space Week

4th Oct to 10th Oct 2023

A UN organised week to celebrate each year at the international level the contributions of space science and technology to the betterment of the human condition.

National Poetry Day

5th Oct 2023

National Poetry Day is day for celebrating poetry's power to bring people together. Celebrated across the UK, it encourages everyone to make, experience and share poetry with family and friends.

World Smile Day

5th Oct 2023

A day started by Harvey Ball, creator of the smiley, as a day which is dedicated to smiles and kind acts throughout the world

World Teachers Day

5th Oct 2023

UNESCO day which provides the occasion to celebrate the teaching profession worldwide, to take stock of achievements, and to address some of the issues central for attracting and keeping the brightest minds and young talents in the profession.

Grandparents Day UK

10th Oct 2023

Grandparents Day in October is the UK's celebration of grandmothers, grandfathers and all grandparents. It is a day to appreciate and show your love for your grandparents.

National Burn Awareness Day

11th Oct 2023

The Children's Burns Trust works alongside the British Burn Association to raise awareness and grow the momentum of National Burn Awareness Day each year

Harry Potter Book Day

12th Oct 2023

Harry Potter Book Day (formerly Night) is a chance for fans young and old to celebrate J.K. Rowling's wonderful series - and it's a chance to pass the magic on to new readers who haven't yet discovered these unforgettable books.

Shwmae Su'mae Day

15th Oct 2023

Shwmae Su'mae Day is an annual celebration of the Welsh Language, encouraging people to have a go at speaking Welsh with their friends

International Archaeology Day

15th Oct 2023

A celebration of archaeology and its contributions to society. Archaeological organizations around the world present archaeological programs and activities for people of all ages and interests.

Apple Day

21st Oct 2023

An annual celebration of apples and orchards which was started in 1990 by Common Ground. It is celebrated with apple-themed events demonstrating all the things that you can do with apples. It also encourages diversity of apple varieties grown in the UK.

Trafalgar Day

21st Oct 2023

A celebration of Lord Horatio Nelson's victory at the Battle of Trafalgar. A ceremony is held on his ship HMS Victory each year and his famous signal? England expects that every man will do his duty? is hoisted in flags.

World Singing Day

21st Oct 2023

World Singing Day is a global sing-along held annually on the 3rd Saturday in October. As a catalyst for positive human connection, this one day each year serves as an opportunity to celebrate our global family through the international language of music.

International Repair Day

21st Oct 2023

Held on the 3rd Saturday in October, this day promotes environmental benefits of the repairing items, and is organised by the Open Repair Alliance. It promotes the use of Repair Cafes and Fixit Clinics around the world.

October Half Term

23rd Oct to 30th Oct 2023

Schools across the UK break up for a week's holiday, check with your school for individual date variations.

World Opera Day

25th Oct 2023

A day for celebrating opera and for encouraging people of all ages to develop a passion for opera.

National Cat Day

29th Oct 2023

Cat Day is a US based holiday for cats and cat lovers that encourages adoption of cats from animal shelters and breaks the internet with cuteness!

British Summer Time Ends**29th Oct 2023**

Daylight saving ends today, so remember that the clocks go back 1 hour at 2am in the morning.

International Internet Day**29th Oct 2023**

A celebration of the invention of the internet, held on the day when the very first message was sent via the internet.

Halloween**31st Oct 2023**

The world-wide celebration of all things spooky and scary. Halloween is thought to have its roots in the pagan festival of Samhain which was a type of harvest festival. It is celebrated with trick or treating, dressing up and decorations.

The Day of the Dead**31st Oct to 2nd Nov 2023**

The Mexican holiday of Dia de Muertos actually takes place over 3 days. The festival is a happy celebration with gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died.

1st – 30th November**World Ballet Day****1st Nov 2023**

A day to celebrate ballet around the world. People are encouraged to take part in ballet events as well as watch performances and appreciate the music.

World Jellyfish Day**3rd Nov 2023**

A day to appreciate and celebrate jellyfish, which are not, in fact, a fish at all. Due to climate change, overall jellyfish numbers are increasing, however some species are on the endangered list.

Guy Fawkes Night**5th Nov 2023**

When the British celebrate the Gunpowder Plot conspirator's failure to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Also known as Bonfire Night or Fireworks Night. It is celebrated with fireworks and the burning of an effigy on a bonfire, known as a Guy.

National Saxophone Day**6th Nov 2023**

Celebrated annually on the birthday of Belgian instrument maker, Adolphe Sax who was the inventor of the saxophone. Listen to your favourite saxophonist, or consider learning to play this fantastic instrument yourself.

Remembrance Day**11th Nov 2023**

The day when we remember those members of the armed forces who gave their lives in conflict. The date was chosen to commemorate the end of hostilities of the First World War on 11th November 1918.

– [Remembrance Day Wordsearch](#)

Singles Day**11th Nov 2023**

Singles Day is the fastest-growing shopping holiday across Asia, when single people receive gifts, or buy for themselves.

Diwali**12th Nov 2023**

Diwali is the Hindu festival of Lights, which is celebrated with fireworks, dancing, music, the decoration of homes and feasting. The most important aspect is decorating with lights, especially the traditional Diwa candles.

Remembrance Sunday**12th Nov 2023**

Remembrance Sunday church services, parades and events are held on the closest Sunday to Remembrance Day.

Anti Bullying Week**13th Nov to 17th Nov 2023**

A week for learning about the causes of bullying, identifying bullying and encouraging people to speak up against bullying, both children and adults.

World Kindness Day**13th Nov 2023**

A day to celebrate and promote kindness in all its forms, and to appreciate the positive benefits of kindness to health, overall wellbeing, community, nature and the environment.

Odd Socks Day**13th Nov 2023**

Odd Socks Day marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week. All you have to do is wear odd socks to school or work.

Steve Irwin Day**15th Nov 2023**

Celebrated each year on 15 November, Steve Irwin Day is an annual international event honouring the life and legacy of the one and only Crocodile Hunter, and to highlight his passion of animal conservation.

World Prematurity Day**17th Nov 2023**

World Prematurity Day is raising awareness of preterm birth and the concerns of preterm babies and their families worldwide.

Children In Need**17th Nov 2023**

The BBC's annual fundraising day which raises moneys for children's charities across the UK, fund local charities and projects who help remove the barriers that are facing children and young people, so that they can thrive.

World Philosophy Day**17th Nov 2023**

World Philosophy Day is celebrated on the third Thursday of November each year. It is a UNESCO lead day which underlines the enduring value of philosophy for the development of human thought, for each culture and for each individual.

Road Safety Week

19th Nov to 25th Nov 2023

The campaign aims to inspire thousands of schools, organisations and communities to take action on road safety and to promote life-saving messages.

[Website](#)

Universal Children's Day

20th Nov 2023

United Nations Universal Children's Day was established to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.

World Children's Day

20th Nov 2023

This date represents the day that the UN adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. It is a day to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into actions that will build a better world for children.

World Hello Day

21st Nov 2023

Anyone can participate in World Hello Day simply by greeting ten people. This demonstrates the importance of personal communication for preserving peace.

World Television Day

21st Nov 2023

A UN organised day, which recognises the impact of television on decision-making by bringing world attention to conflicts and threats to peace and security and its potential role in sharpening the focus on other major issues.

Doctor Who Day

23rd Nov 2023

Also known as TARDIS day, this is the anniversary of the first ever transmission of Doctor Who. Wear a bow-tie, a long-knitted scarf or put celery on your lapel. Or just eat some jelly babies.

Thanksgiving

23rd Nov to 24th Nov 2023

US national holiday which is a celebration of the successful harvest and other blessings of the past year.

Buy Nothing Day

24th Nov 2023

Held to coincide with Black Friday, this is an International Day of Protest against consumerism, where people are encouraged to buy nothing at all that day.

National Tree Week

26th Nov to 3rd Dec 2023

The UK's largest annual tree celebration, where the UK's conservation sector, volunteer groups and tree-lovers come together to plant thousands of trees to mark the start of the tree planting season.

St. Andrew's Day

30th Nov 2023

This is the annual celebration of the patron saint of Scotland, St. Andrew. While it is not a national holiday, it is usually celebrated with traditional Scottish food, music and culture.

Laughter is the Best Medicine.....

What if the person who named walkie-talkies named everything?

*Socks would be feetie-heaties.



* Forks would be stabbie-grabbies

*Wigs would be hairy-wearies.

*Microwaves would be heatie-eaties



What am I? I have thousands of needles but I do not sew.....

Last months' answer - Time

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Driving expert debunks common road sign that most motorists 'don't understand'

Whether you're learning to drive or consider yourself an expert at the wheel, many drivers don't understand what every road sign means.



In fact, a staggering three-quarters of motorists struggle to remember all of the signs found in the Highway Code after passing their test. Fortunately, a driving theory expert has deciphered one common sign that baffles motorists.

Drivers far and wide would have come across the puzzling 'no return within one hour' road sign but many have admitted to being unsure what this actually means. Driving guru Annie has disentangled the meaning of the bewildering sign.

Speaking to her impressive 926.000 TikTok followers, the expert – who goes by '@theorytestpractice' on line said "I've been asked to explain signs like this one. This sign is saying that between Monday and Saturday you can park between 8 o'clock in the morning and 6 o'clock at night but only for one hour.

No return within one hour simply means that you're not allowed to drive out of your parking space, drive round the block and go straight back into that parking space, well not for an hour anyway. In the posts caption she clarified the rule saying 'at other times, you can park for a long as you want to'. Taken from msn.com I wonder how many of us needed this explaining?.....



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