

# 'THE THINKING DRIVER'



## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

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Hi Everyone,

As Autumn begins and the group has attended its last major promotional event for this calendar year at Himley. Our thanks to all who have helped both organise and attend these events to allow the Group to promote itself and the IAM hopefully attracting both new Associates and Full Members.

For those of you who are a Group member, or if an interested Associate, we have spaces on our Group Committee which would benefit from your time and interest. The on-going commitment of time needn't be too significant starting at a few hours once a month to attend the Committee meeting itself. The famous expression is more hands make for lighter work.

Please get in touch with me or any other Committee member (see page 9 for contact details) and if you don't wish to commit to anything without seeing what might be involved then you are certainly most welcome to attend a meeting with no strings attached.

November will see the UK National Road Safety Week which runs from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November this year. You might like to view the detail within this following web address:

<https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/road-safety-week-2019/>

Similarly we, as a Group, are as ever in need of attracting new Associates to our Group and the IAM offering free Taster drives with the incentive of £10 to the person concerned. This should more than cover the cost of their fuel on such a drive, or they could use it towards their course fee if they decide to take it further, this is our hope.

Please don't forget to keep an eye on our Group Website as — [www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org) — it is frequently updated with new content.

If you come across an interesting article, contact us and share it with us so we can in turn pass it on to others.

Until next time 'Safe Driving'.

Best regards

**Paul Williamson**

## IAM AND GROUP MEMBERSHIPS

- One or two of our membership have inadvertently let their IAM Membership lapse because having received a new membership card from the IAM they appear to have assumed that their membership was current and continuing for the coming year.
- What may have been missed was the sentence immediately below the attached new card—"Your membership card is only valid once payment has been received".
- IAM Membership is separate to that of your Group one. Neither has covered both.

## A MESSAGE DIRECTED TO ASSOCIATES

There have been a number of Advanced Driving Tests undertaken by Group Members recently which have commenced in the late afternoon from a starting point which meant that, at the very least, the initial part of the test drive was in heavy or at least busy traffic conditions. Associates may see this as being more challenging and possibly unfair however I would like to put a different slant on this for you.

It is worth remembering that Examiners are in many cases still in full time work and as such have to schedule tests around their own commitments as well as your own. They use the longer days from late Spring to early Autumn to get tests completed as soon as possible to ensure that you, as the Test Ready Associate, is not kept waiting for any longer than you need to be. Tests are always arranged by agreement so if you really do feel that you would prefer not to drive during a weekday, at a possibly busy traffic period, then you can arrange an alternative time with the Examiner when they contact you; Examiners will always try and accommodate your wishes wherever they can.

It is finally worth noting that the test is a fixed time period, not a fixed distance and so, if your test starts in comparatively slow moving, easy to manage traffic then that reduces the time that the Examiner has to engage with more challenging roads and road conditions at nearer the national speed limits. Though it may initially appear contra-intuitive, bad weather and also heavier traffic conditions, both make a test drive that little bit easier as speeds will, in both cases, be reduced.

If you do find that heavier traffic conditions are challenging then please speak with your Observer and let us help you drive and manage those conditions better so that, should you encounter them in your test, you will not be phased in any way by them and will get the Pass that you have been working towards.

As always continue to enjoy your driving and drive safely!

## MEMBERSHIP & TALKS/MEETINGS

- **Your IAM and Group Membership Detail**

Members are reminded that any change in their detail previously supplied to the Group via a Group Application Form on joining or renewal of memberships needs to be passed to your Group Secretary and the IAM itself as soon as they happen. **The IAM and your Group cannot effectively contact you if your detail on our databases is out of date.**

- **Talks/Meetings**

Rather than just waiting for things to be arranged, have you got any details of talks, visits, etc. that you may have experienced or from other interests in your lives that could be transferred to your WAM Group? Yes / No? If you have, please contact any Group Committee Member (see page 9 of this newsletter). All contributions will be welcomed! **\*\*DO remember to check your Email & Group Website ([www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org)) 'regularly' - as changes can take place!\*\***

## OBSERVED & PRE-TEST RUNS

**Full and Associate Members—please note** - that a valid Group Membership card must be produced upon request. Failure to do so or if the card is invalid, that particular activity shall not take place.

**IAM Documents Declaration Forms—must** be completed by the Associate at their first run.

**Attendance at both 'Associate Evenings' by Associate Members—is required.**

**Do remember** - *When you have taken a 'pre-test' drive* - and have been recommended to take your actual IAM Test be aware this recommendation will come from you having demonstrated the standard that we expect of you to pass - however - it will still depend on your driving on the actual day of your IAM test with an IAM Examiner. Your actual Test application will done via the IAM DTE database and the group's database user. *Within 2-3 weeks* - an Examiner will normally contact you to arrange a date, time and location for your actual test. **Associates—do be aware—** that this will be **your** Test arrangement with the Examiner, **so do stay in contact with him should anything change that may affect it.**

**After taking your test** - please let your Observer and Chief Observer know of the result as soon as possible. This allows us to say 'well done' — and to free your Observer for any waiting Associate.

*"Advanced Driving ....  
by the 'Thinking  
Driver'?"*

## FROM YOUR CHIEF OBSERVER

On the 14<sup>th</sup> August, we welcomed Robbie Downing our IAM RoadSmart Area Service Delivery Manager (ASDM) as the Guest Speaker for our monthly Group Night. Robbie provided the assembled audience with an informative presentation that included topics on the differences and benefits of both Fellow Membership and Masters over that of Standard Membership.

Robbie commenced by saying that for anyone who took their Advanced Motorist Test in the 1990's, very little scope existed for people to be able to go further to improve their skills (I could relate personally to this as I took my Test in 1993, and all that was to become an Observer within the Group. As I remember, at the time no additional training was offered, just a chat with the Chief Observer of the time, and you were "in at the deep end" gaining your experience with an Associate, as time progressed; I did not even know anything of the Group's structure, or personnel involved in its day to day operation; to me, just names published in a periodic Group Newsletter! The only person that I had contact with was the Associate Controller and Chief Observer, who initially supplied the Associate and then conducted the Pre-test drive when requested. It is both fortunate and proper that we have moved on since those days.

Robbie pointed out that if you do not maintain the Advanced Driving skills then you will suffer "skills fade" over time. IAM RoadSmart recognized this and have introduced the Fellow Membership, whereby a re-test is undertaken by the Member every 3 years in order to maintain their Advanced Driving Standard. Surely, IAM RoadSmart's dedicated insurance broker recognize this commitment and provide preferential rates for Fellow Members

It is pleasing to report that 24% of our Group Membership have now converted to becoming Fellow members and even more pleasing to me as Chief Observer, is that out of a total of 13 Observers within the group, 8 are now Fellow Members; this to me indicates to me their determination and commitment to maintaining their skill level, "well done". It is also good to mention that we have four Members who have passed their Masters Test, all with distinction, three of these are National Observers.

All of our Group Observers are qualified and accredited by an external body, The Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI). We have 13 Observers, 6 of which are National Observers, 6 are Local Observers and, at the moment we have 1 Observer in training; 2 of the National Observers are also qualified as local Observer Assessors (LOA) and are responsible for maintaining the skill levels of the Local Observers within the Group. National Observers are required to be re-assessed by an ASDM every 5 years in order to maintain their status; similarly, LOA's follow the same procedure but at intervals of 3 years.

The Group are always looking for more Observers, especially from our lady Members. Currently all of our Observers are male, not by choice, I hasten to add, so my plea to the ladies within the group, lets redress this situation and if you think you would like to become an Observer give me a call or email at [chief.observer@wolvesiam.org](mailto:chief.observer@wolvesiam.org) for a chat or more information.

On a separate note we really need to recruit more members into the Group; Associates are key to our future; if you know someone who may be interested in improving their driving skills then bring them to a Group Meeting or get them to speak with us via e-mail or via the contact page on our web site; we would love to hear from them.

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*Are you using  
'IPSGA' ....?*

## ASSOCIATE RESPONSIBILITIES

**Attendance at both—Associate Evenings — is strongly suggested.**

**Keep in touch with your Observer**—it is your responsibility to do so.

**If you cannot keep an appointment**— tell your observer. Observers are volunteers and have lives of their own to fit around observing. It is only courte-

ous to let them know in a timely manner.

**If you do not keep in touch with your observer**—we will assume that you no longer wish to continue and your observer will be assigned to another associate. Our observers are a scarce commodity so we have to make best use of them.

**A successful pre-test run**—still means that you continue your runs right up to the actual test. Do not go off the boil! Your IAM test result will be on how you drove on that test run.

**When you pass your test**—let us know via your observer so that all the group can celebrate your success.

## IAM Press Release

### Keeping your car above water: tips from IAM RoadSmart

With heavy rain forecasted for the rest of the week, IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards, Richard Gladman, has put together some crucial advice to help you drive safely in the rain.

#### Heavy rain:

- Heavy rain will affect your visibility, so take it slow. Rule 126 of the Highway Code states that the braking distance between yourself and the vehicle in front of you should be two seconds when driving on a dry road, and at least four seconds in the wet. It is even longer on icy surfaces. IAM RoadSmart recommends up to 10 times the braking distance when driving on ice.
- Your windscreen should be clean, wipers effective and the jets positioned correctly and aimed at the screen. It is sensible to clean the windscreen, make any necessary adjustments and remove anything from the main area before you start your journey.
- A good rule of thumb is that if you need windscreen wipers, then you need your headlights. Automatic light settings will not always activate in bad weather conditions, so it is up to you to make a sensible decision as to whether these need to be turned on.

#### Aquaplaning:

- If the water is standing in puddles on the road surface, your car is at risk of aquaplaning. Aquaplaning is where a wedge of water forms in front of the tyre and lifts it up off the road surface. This is caused by the tread not being able to displace the amount of water present. To recover from aquaplaning, ease gently off your accelerator, have a firm grip of the steering wheel and be sure not to make any sudden steering actions. The car will eventually regain its grip as the water clears.

#### Floods:

- First, ask yourself - can you take another route? If not, then you need to identify how deep the flood is. If the standing water is more than six inches deep, avoid driving through it. If you are familiar with the road, you can judge the flood in relation to the kerb.
  - If heavy rain was not the cause of the flood, then what was? And what impact on the road does it have? For example, if it is a burst water main, the standing water may look like a normal flood but the road surface beneath the water may be completely broken up. If you are unsure how the flood has formed, then avoid it altogether.
  - Are there other vehicles similar to yours that are safely driving through? From this, make a judgement call as to whether it is safe to travel through or not.
  - If the water is fast flowing, do not attempt to drive through it, as there is a real danger of your car being swept off the road.
  - If you have taken everything into consideration and decide to drive through the flood, be sure to do so slowly. The best approach is to press lightly on your clutch and add gentle pressure on your accelerator to increase your engine revs. Do so without increasing your speed, in a similar way to how you would undertake a hill start. This will prevent water from entering your exhaust. If you are in an automatic car, accelerate slightly but control the speed with your brakes. When you have passed the flood, test your brakes to make sure they are dry and working properly.
  - If you are in the slightest doubt, then turn around and don't go through the flood. Often modern saloon cars have the air intake in the wheel arch, which may be below the water level. If your engine should take in water, it will immediately hydro lock and the engine will stop.
  - Remember to stay alert and avoid splashing pedestrians. If this is done accidentally- even when causing splashed when driving through puddles at the side of the road - you could receive a fixed penalty and three points on your license for driving without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other road users. If deliberately done, it could be a public order offence, a court appearance and a fine.
- Richard Gladman, head of driving and riding standards, said: "With the British weather the way it is, we should all be well practised at driving in the rain. Keeping your car maintained and the rubber (wipers and tyres) in good condition will help you stay safe. In the recent extremes, we have seen that standing water and floods are becoming more commonplace, so take extra care and if possible, avoid driving through standing water. If you're in any doubt about the depth or surface underneath a flood, then it's best not to take any chances."

*At the right Speed ...?*

## OBSERVER AND ASSOCIATE EVENINGS

**Observer Evenings** (\*\* Be sure to confirm the location of these Meetings on our Website [www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org)) Usually starting at 7.30pm unless advertised or advised directly otherwise:

**N.B.** Observers should attend each evening.

**Associate Evenings** (\*\* Be sure to confirm the location of these Meetings on our Website [www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org)) at 7.30pm unless advertised or advised directly otherwise:

**N.B.** Associates should attend both Parts 1 & 2 during their guidance runs period.

\*\*\* **NOTE: Occasionally circumstances may dictate 'movements' by us against these dates, so do remember to check our website ( [www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org) ) 'Events Diary'!**

**All such Evenings will usually be posted on our website, but do keep an eye on your email inbox too!**

### From your Chief Observer (cont'd from page 3)

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We do our best to make all of our Associates feel part of the Group and to know "who is who"; who to contact if they have a problem and what opportunities are available to them after successfully passing their test? To help with this we now hold a Part I and a Part II Theory Session for Associates; details of these are readily available on our web site Events Diary. There is also an Associates Section of our web site containing a wealth of useful information.

During the last year we have had a fantastic response from Associates to our request for support at local events; in this all of the Committee send their thanks as it is really good to see new Group Members and Associates providing their fresh take on what it is to be an Advanced Motorist.

As is always the case we welcome your thoughts and ideas on any idea related to improving road safety; if you feel you have something that you can contribute then do contact us; if there is something that you think that we could do better or differently then again please let us know.

We have an excellent test pass level, let's now build upon this and keep our Group "standing out" as one of the best within the country.

Until the next time enjoy your motoring and stay safe.

**Roy Richards**—Group Chief Observer

*In the right Gear, ....?*

## IAM Press Release

### Driving through autumn: tips from IAM RoadSmart

It's now officially autumn so we're going to take a look at some of the hazards you may come across. Follow these tips by IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards, **Richard Gladman**, to make sure you stay safe whilst driving throughout autumn.

- Check your battery before the winter arrives. In winter we often place a strain on the battery with lights, heated screens, seats and the air conditioner to demist and keep us warm. If there are any sign of your car battery struggling now, it's likely to let you down as it gets colder
- Prepare for darker mornings and evenings. You'll be doing a lot more driving in the dark when autumn hits, so ensure you're confident whilst driving in the dark  
That low winter sun can be an issue so keep a pair of [sunglasses](#) in the car and also make use of the sun visor too. If you are dazzled, slow down immediately
- Now is the time to check your antifreeze levels. The good thing about antifreeze is that it contains additives that prevent corrosion and rust, and during the summer it helps keep the engine from overheating
- Top up the windscreen washer with de-icing additive - the colder it gets the stronger the solution needs to be
- Check your windscreen wipers. If they begin to blur the front/rear window or begin making an awful squeaking noise, it's time to replace them with new ones
- Have a look at your car headlights. It is dangerous for you and for the other road users if your lights do not work properly. Changing a bulb is often a complicated job these days so do it at home and not at the roadside
- Leaves or pine needles on the road can turn into a mushy film which obscures potholes, road markings and increases stopping distance. Anticipate problems when you approach woods and trees and slow down until the road is clear
- Watch out for animals. October through to December is considered the highest risk of deer collisions in the UK, so take notice of any wildlife signs that you come across and take extra care

There may be more distractions over the next few months with events taking place, such as Guy Fawkes night. There may be fireworks going off so ensure you're alert for any scared animals that may run into the road. Also, Halloween is approaching, so you'll have some ghouls and ghosts walking the streets so be sure to look out for them

Richard said: "As the temperature drops, your car is a nice cosy place to be when it is working properly - sound preparation will help your journey go smoothly.

"Frosty mornings and falling leaves might be picturesque but they can cause all sorts of problems, particularly for two-wheeled road users. Give motorcyclists and cyclists more room and anticipate their actions.

"Drivers also need to stay alert for blocked drains and localised flooding at this time of year. Your aim should always be to have a clear view of the changing seasons around you, and for other road users to be able to see you."

Do you get anxious about driving in the dark? If you'd like to improve your driving and gain the confidence to drive at night have a look at our [Advanced Driver Course](#). You'll go out in your own car, with a professional who will be able to talk you through your concerns and improve your driving.

*Gathering and using  
available **Information?***



## YOUR GROUP WEBSITE



**Serious question—when did you last access it?** You can find it on [www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org). It is quite a large website for our size of group when compared to many others within the IAM.RS Groups UK-wide.

We invite you to explore this veritable mine of information, videos, group event diary, membership forms, point of access to your committee and so much more.

Do use this point of contact facility at any time as it goes directly to your Group Secretary for action and soonest reply back to you. Got an idea for your Group, something that needs to be put before your committee, a grumble or a thank you? Contributions are always welcome.

## IAM RoadSmart—Car 'Tasters' & Gift Vouchers

### New free car 'Taster' sessions on IAM website

The new web page for free car taster sessions is now live at [www.iamroadsmart.com/drivefree](http://www.iamroadsmart.com/drivefree) ahead of the official launch. Every group that provided an email address is listed; those who were blank or provided web or phone numbers instead are not listed.

### Join us now for a free advanced driving introduction.

#### Your first step to becoming an advanced driver is free.

If you're interested in finding out what advanced driving techniques and skills could do for your confidence and ability, then this is for you. We believe that the very best way to understand and develop new skills is to see and feel them in your own car, with the guidance of an IAM RoadSmart qualified Observer.

#### We'll help you to develop new skills quickly and easily.

Your free drive lasts around an hour, usually arranged at a time and location convenient to you - although some of our groups host drives on set days and locations. It is a relaxed and enjoyable experience with the opportunity to ask questions. There are no special requirements and the offer is open to everyone, providing you have a full licence and your own car. You'll gain some new ideas and skills, plus tips on how to develop your driving abilities.

#### How to book your free session.

Simply click on the location closest to you below. You'll then be able to email your details directly to the local organiser - **please include your name, phone and email details plus the car you drive**. They will make contact with you and arrange your free driving session.

### Come and enjoy finding out all about advanced driving with us, you'll love it!

As a thank you IAM RoadSmart will also offer you **10% off (£134)** our Advanced Driver Course if you then decide to take the challenge of becoming an advanced driver with IAM RoadSmart.

#### Alternatively might this be of interest to you as something for a family member to try perhaps?

Successfully completing the advanced driver course would make that person a better and safer driver, and could allow them to benefit from better car insurance premiums. Purchasing such a course has been popular with both parents, grandparents, etc. for their younger family members.

### Why not Gift an Advanced Driving course?

**IAM RoadSmart courses (<https://www.iamroadsmart.com>) make thoughtful, practical and hugely enjoyable gifts.**

IAM.RS offer a number of courses as gift vouchers presented in attractive gift packs. So whether you wish to help someone you care about to also benefit from the skills that you learned with us, or you are simply looking for a unique, thoughtful present, then take a look at the gift packs that are offered. If you need any help then please call Customer Care on 0300 303 1134 during office hours..

*Always in the right  
Position, ....?*

# IAM—ADVANCED DRIVING TEST

**The test is the culmination of your training**, it is your opportunity to show how good you are and justify your observer's faith in you. A little bit of nerves can be a good thing. Stay focused and try to enjoy it. The perfect driver has not yet been discovered but how close are you?

What to expect during the test:

- The administration process •The test •You •At the conclusion of the test

**The administration process** Having applied for your test (within WAM Group—via your Group Secretary and the DTE Database link we share with IAM RoadSmart following an acceptable Group pretest run) you will be contacted by your examiner either by telephone or email. This is to arrange a mutually convenient date, time and location for the test to take place. The location should be safe, easy to find, of no cost to either of you with facilities and easy access to a variety of roads. Supermarket car parks and fast food restaurants are often chosen. (Beware of time limited parking).

**The test** This should be about 75 minutes from start to finish with no more than 60 minutes riding or driving.

**What will be tested?** After the document disclaimer is dealt with the examiner will conduct an eyesight check. This is the same as the DVSA test or a police roadside check. You must be able to read a standard number plate at a distance of 20.5 metres. During the drive you can be tested on anything from the course material. It may not be possible to assess some areas practically so the examiner may ask questions.

**You will be asked**—to conduct a practical real life manoeuvre or demonstrate competency in course of test and your decision making process is part of the assessment. On a motorcycle you may be asked to perform a slow riding manoeuvre if this has not been displayed during the test. Your drive must be safe and legal. Use your speedometer to keep to the speed limits which must be adhered to at all times, there are no exemptions when making an overtake so do not plan to exceed the speed limit when deliberating.

**Your Examiner**—All of the IAM examiners are advanced police drivers and have experience in dealing with road safety matters.

They will: - •Put you at ease. •Set the scene for you and explain what they are looking for. •Explain clearly the route directions and how they will communicate them. •Explain test protocols such as safety and commentary. •Explain that any road traffic offence is likely to lead to a fail. •Explain about their note taking (they write positive points as well as areas for development) •Give advice on how mistakes will be dealt with (you will not necessarily fail for a minor mistake) •Answer any questions you may have You We know that you will be nervous, we all were in the same circumstances. Your examiner will have been through the assessment process a number of times from both seats. If you have any concerns or are unsure of anything don't be shy, ask the question, there is no such thing as a stupid question and you will get an answer to help put you at ease. If you are suffering from any disability or mobility issues let the examiner know. If you are dyslexic or hard of hearing let the examiner know. All reasonable adjustments will be made to the test to make it all-inclusive. It must however be assessing a standard that is perceivably higher than the DVSA test.

**You will be asked to attempt a commentary.** To achieve a F1RST you must have tried (unless medical reasons apply) - do give it a try it can help you to focus.

During the test if you don't hear or think you may have misunderstood an instruction, ask. We are all human.

**At the conclusion of the test.** You will be told your result straight away Pass or Fail You will be given verbal feedback followed by a written report containing the detail of your drive or ride. If you are successful you will be given an interim pass certificate.

You will also be given advice on other options within the IAM

*Applying the right  
degree of Acceleration  
...?"*



## FROM THE EDITOR

### HELP REQUIRED!!

Please search your diaries for blank spaces and for things that are of low priority that can be deleted or put back. Your group needs help in order to keep going. Why not give something back against all that you have gained from becoming an advanced driver? How? Easy, become a committee member or an observer. **Well? Well - why not? Eh? Me? Yes, you!!**

### Requirements for current Group and IAM membership.

Please keep a close eye on the status of both of these! Do ensure that you complete the Group form initially upon joining - and/or - change in detail and send them together with the applicable monies in a timely fashion to our Membership Secretary—or by Bank-Transfer (see Group website for Bank detail). In this

way you confirm contact details and affirm your driving documents current and legal.

**Group Membership renewal date** - is April 1st each year!

**Current iAM.RS and Group memberships**—are a mandatory requirement for all Observers.

**Timely renewals**—are a must. Those not renewing will cease to be a group member, associate, observer, etc.

**Please complete your applicable membership forms**—with all relevant detail so that we can maintain group and IAM files.

### What is missing from your Newsletter?

To a great degree — contributions from you! We get little or nothing from you. Your newsletter does not appear like magic! (Doesn't this fellow ever

shut up? No!). Do send your letters, articles, etc. to me preferably on a disc, memory stick, or as an attached file on an e-mail in an MS Office program format but hard copy will do if you do not have a computer. My contact details are in the column to the right.

Should your input not be part of the next issue rest assured that it does go on file and will be used.

### Your Group Website.

It contains a great deal of current and pertinent detail—please use it—regularly!

## CLOSING DATE FOR YOUR NEXT ISSUE: 1st December 2019

Tony Robson - Editor.

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## MEMBERSHIP

### General Data Protection Regulations (2018)

Details are kept on file for all of our Members, Associates, Regional and IAM RoadSmart contacts in order that we may perform necessary administration tasks. If you object to any of this information being kept on file please inform the Group Membership Secretary in writing. Such information held will only be used by the Group / IAM and will not be passed on to other bodies or organisations.

### Group Membership Fees

Associate Membership Renewal - £12

*Full Membership* (effective each 1st April) - £12

*Family / Joint Membership* (2 Full members at the same address—effective each 1st April) - £18

*Bank Transfer*—see the

relevant details on the Group website (see page 10 overleaf).

*Cheques* - please forward them (payable to 'W.A.M.' with your Group Membership number on the back) together, when applicable, with your completed form to:

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### Associate Membership

*Upon joining usually as part of the IAM RoadSmart Advanced Driving program.* Within this program you get the cost of your Advanced Driving Test and your 1<sup>st</sup> years IAM and group memberships.

*Literature* - is part of this package and comprises 'Advanced Driving' Associate Log Book.

*Guidance* - will be from the Group Local Observer assigned to you up to the day of your advanced test. This also requires a successful pre-test run with a Group National Observer before the Group can apply for the IAM Advanced Test via the Group IAM DTE database access on the Associate's behalf.

*New Members* - Full / Associate are initially required to complete the Group Membership Form, which can be downloaded from our website and sent to the Group Membership Secretary.

• **Full Members** - please note - 'IAM RoadSmart' Membership' - is required in addition to that of your Group.

• **If your are a Group Observer** - you must be a fully paid up member of both.

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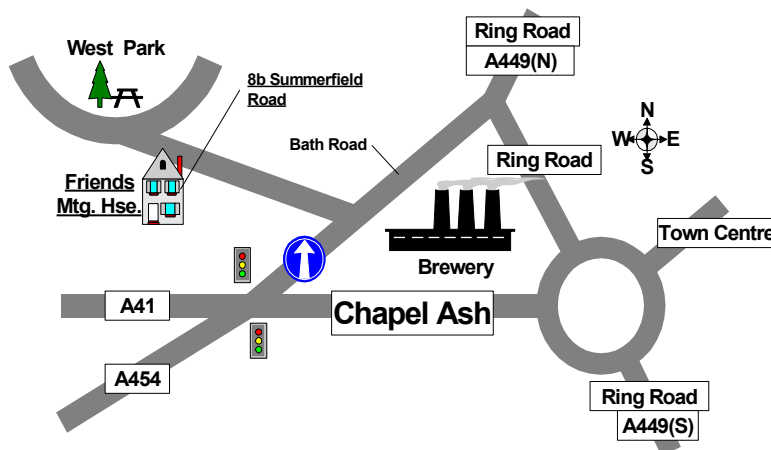


**IAM RoadSmart**  
Registered Charity: 249002

**Wolverhampton  
Advanced Motorists  
Group: 3081**  
**Registered Charity:**  
1053330

**Group Website:**  
[www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org)

*"Each time, every time  
.... Well, are you?"*



## VENUE FOR OUR GROUP MEETINGS

- The Friends Meeting House  
8b Summerfield Road  
Wolverhampton WV1 4PR

At the gate—follow down the drive towards the back of this property and car park. The Meeting House is at the very back. The map shows Bath Road is a 'one way road' - albeit briefly—when approached from Chapel Ash. You cannot turn right into Bath Road when coming out of town. Taking the Ring Road (northbound) from the Chapel Ash roundabout turn first left into Bath Road then second right into Summerfield Road. For other approaches see your 'A-Z'. It is better to refer to the Events Diary in our Group website - [www.wolvesiam.org](http://www.wolvesiam.org) to find 'all meeting detail' which include maps, SatNav detail etc.

## NEW ASSOCIATES / IAM MEMBERS

### Welcome to Associates:

- Anna Gregory
- Ravi Kaur
- James Cardus
- Giles Evans
- Frank Beach
- Eddie Walsh

- Simon Ward

### Members requalifying:

- Nil

### Joining Full Members

- Lorraine Silcox

## TEST PASSES

- Susan Carter (Observer:  
Mike Leadbeater)

**Well done and  
congratulations—to both  
Member and their  
Observer!**

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