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THE LATEST FROM IAM IN LINCOLN

Your IAM membership In this edition

A quick reminder for our members about being a member of an IAM RoadSmart local group.

We are one of 202 local groups throughout the UK. We partner IAM RoadSmart and are an official provider of their courses. When you join IAM via an Advanced Driver Course you are allocated to the group you choose or the one closest to you, by postcode.

Following your initial one year membership you have the option of renewing your membership with both IAM RoadSmart and IAM Lincoln. These are two separate memberships; local group membership is optional but you must be an IAM RoadSmart member to renew with one of its local groups.

Lincoln IAM's membership subscription is £12 per year.

This includes our regular events, access to our observers for refresher/development drives and acts as a great donation to our charity allowing us to reach our road safety aims and objectives.

We'd like to thank those of you who have chosen to remain a member of Lincoln IAM this year!

Ashley Behan, Secretary

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CHAIR/CHIEF OBSERVER'S UPDATE

I am pleased to report that the long hot summer has done nothing to halt the progress of Lincoln Group, we remain on course for yet another record year!

As at the end of July we have recruited 39 new associates and achieved 35 test passes, 9 of which were F1RSTs, whilst at the same time maintaining our 98% pass rate.

Our new training initiatives continue to pay dividends as now, apart from two trainee observers, all our team are qualified to National Observer standard with five of us qualified to Masters (Distinction).

Apart from our excellent test results we have also delivered 70 Taster drives which will also have had a positive impact on driving standards in Lincolnshire. Interestingly some 20% of these drives converted into advanced driving courses.

Our Confident Driver presentations continue to be well received and are an excellent way of recruiting new associates. We are becoming very popular on the Women's Institute, U3A and Probus speaker circuit! They are also a useful way to generate funds as we usually suggest a £50 donation to our group. In fact at a recent presentation at Woodhall Spa Probus luncheon they insisted on giving us £100, which we were very pleased to accept!

This year's events programme is proving to be popular and we recently held a very successful Driver Development Evening for our members and guests. Our next one is a presentation on Ambulance Driver Blue Light Training and then later in

2018 ADVANCED DRIVER COURSES

We'd like to congratulate all our members who have passed their Advanced Driver Course so far in 2018 along with their observers.

Well done all!

the year we have a presentation on Rural Rides finishing with our Christmas Social. We are already planning next year's events and will ensure that we continue to put on relevant, interesting and informative meetings for our members.

Finally a big thank you to all our members for your continued support which enables us to make a significant improvement to road safety in Lincolnshire, as volunteers we really appreciate it.

ROGER HICKS

2018 (35 passes to date)			
Associate	Pass Date	Observer	Check Drive Observer
Janet Lees	23/07/2018	Ross Glover	Ashley Behan
Bill King	20/07/2018	Trevor Kerry	Roger Hicks
Sarah Watkins	05/07/2018	Alan Buckland	Tony Lofts
Peter Thornburn	05/07/2018	Gary Hill	Tony Lofts
Ali Broadley	05/07/2018 F1RST	Roger Hicks	Ashley Behan
Roy Dale	15/06/2018	Kelvin Simmonds	Ashley Behan
Patricia Newman	23/05/2018	Richard Hardesty	Ashley Behan
Richard Parkinson	14/06/2018 F1RST	Howard Balchin	Roger Hicks
Fiona Smith	12/06/2018	Alan Buckland	Tony Lofts
Bethan Jones	03/06/2018	Kelvin Simmonds	Roger Hicks
Emma Chappell	29/05/2018	Tony Lofts	Gary Hill
Martin Stannard	25/05/2018 F1RST	Ashley Behan	Roger Hicks
Phil Robinson	23/05/2018	Mike Hill	Simon Clayton
Anne Potter	21/05/2018	Peta Steadman Bee	Ashley Behan
Matthew Burton	16/05/2018	Ashley Behan	Peta Steadman Bee
Tony Larvin	10/05/2018 F1RST	Tony Lofts	Julia Vause
Catrina Adams	09/05/2018	Roger Hicks	Ashley Behan
Adrian Parker	27/04/2018 F1RST	Ashley Behan/Alan Buckland	Roger Hicks
Sam Jackson	25/04/2018	Howard Balchin	Roger Hicks
Donna Jennings	25/04/2018	Alan Buckland	Tony Lofts
Stephen Bailey	19/04/2018	Tom Burton	Tony Lofts
Paul Naylor	05/04/2018	Roger Hicks	Ashley Behan
Bob Potter	05/04/2018 F1RST	Peta Bee/Trevor Kerry	
Paul Membrey	05/04/2018	Alan Buckland	Roger Hicks
Simon Thom	23/03/2018	Kelvin Simmonds	Roger Hicks
Emma Wells	21/03/2018	Ashley Behan/Richard Hardesty	
Tony Wilson	17/03/2018	Gary Hill	Tony Lofts
David Jones	13/02/2018 F1RST		Mike Hill
Peter Harden	14/02/2018	Howard Balchin	Roger Hicks
Nick Wiles	10/02/2018 F1RST	Kelvin Simmonds	Ashley Behan
Barbara Wilson	02/02/2018	Roger Hicks	Ashley Behan
Victor Francis	29/01/2018	Mike Hill	Tony Lofts
Tony Bennison	15/01/2018	Alan Buckland	Roger Hicks
Ced Shurben	06/01/2018	Trevor Kerry	Roger Hicks
Pauline Fort	06/01/2018	Tony Lofts	Julia Vause

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IF I CAN, YOU CAN!

It all started with a dream...

I passed my driving test first time, having had 36 lessons plus a few hairy drives with my dad, in his sports cars. I have always loved the road. But many people doubted I should be driving, after contracting meningitis at 3 years old and due to inner ear damage, I became profoundly deaf and was also left with no sense of balance. When I speak, I sound as though I have a cold, one ear is completely dead and I wear the best hearing the NHS can provide in my 'good' ear. To put that into context: I couldn't hear a pneumatic drill if I stood next to it – without my hearing aid. Achieving most things in life has been challenging, as I have had to overcome communications and balance issues. I have often fallen back on plain stubbornness in order to excel!

When I met my husband, we talked about driving quite a bit as he's an Approved Driving Instructor. When he told me about his IAM achievements with both motorcycle and car, I was envious. I love motorbikes, having had a moped at 17 and practised round and round a swimming pool! As soon as my provisional licence appeared I was straight onto the open road and straight into a bush! I had always dreamt of doing an advanced driving course, thinking it was all about driving on wet roads, round traffic cones and being able to cope with severe weather conditions. Last year, my Christmas gift was a wonderful IAM envelope... I cried! Truly, it was the best present I have ever had.

My husband, Steve had bought me the gift, after first speaking to Roger Hicks, Chief Observer at IAM in Lincoln. Roger didn't see my disability as anything that would hinder my progress and he agreed to take me on, as my allocated observer. He obviously likes a challenge!

From the start, Roger was absolutely brilliant communicating with me, he never gave up nor seemed fazed. I have a 'lipreading' mirror just under the rearview mirror in my car, where I can see my passengers' face, in order to lipread short sentences or key words. Quickly, our drives had a system: catch up on news; plan the drive and the route; work out what I wanted to achieve that day; and what I needed to focus on. Roger and I came up

with hand signs for directions, and shamefully I have to add, 'slow down', which I still see when approaching bends! Yes, I like bendy roads and corners and forget I've not got a "pre-children" sports car anymore!

Seriously, before I started my course, I had driven sports cars, driven miles daily for my job and lived in London covering the M25, inner London roads, lived in Reading opposite the football club and parking was quickly an art! M4 corridor, Home Counties all pre-satnav days and generally driving anywhere and everywhere. Here I thought, what can I learn? I am a good driver; the driving instructor husband had mentioned this! What could I improve on?

Every week, I looked forward to my drives with Roger, practising eagerly in the week. Each week I felt more confident driving and more secure on the roads. I learnt things I never knew! At almost 50, having driven since 17, I learnt new things such as using the IPSGA system, the importance of 10-2 hands on the wheel (I sign a bit and that leaves one hand on the wheel!) 'tyres and tarmac', using the middle of country roads, driving progressively to avoid others having to slow down. I learnt to use spoken thoughts which was so helpful, but I was so shy as I don't hear what other people say – so practising was important. In the car, having a passenger is hard work, never mind three teenagers of my own who have thankfully learnt not to interrupt mum while driving unless it's urgent. I have to lip read, watch the road, keep my eyes glued on all mirrors, watching the traffic, eyes out for potential hazards, watching my speedo, watching the satnav if required.

Test day! My wedding was a nerve racking day, test day was almost on par. I didn't want to fail.

Roger contacted Mark Carlin, my examiner and explained my communication needs. I



Roger Hicks, Chief Observer, presenting Ali Broadley with her F1RST certificate

arrived at an agreed meeting spot early... oh my nerves! 40 minutes after meeting Mark, establishing communication methods, having had a few things explained, we set off on my test. I needn't have worried at all! I quickly felt at ease, I drove as I drove on my own, remembering Roger's hand signal 'slow down' on the bendy roads, timidly giving some spoken thoughts and chatting like I usually do. I felt nervous again, pulling up to hear the results. Wow! I still feel that sheer elation seeing the paperwork that I'd got a F1RST. I did it! My drive home mirrored that of the same drive after passing my first test at 19. Even now, I type with goosebumps and emotion. The whole experience is very uplifting. It has been character building and given me a new found confidence, knowing that I have a new found knowledge and ability.

Pride in my new skills is wonderful. I may be 49, I may be deaf, I may have no sense of balance, I may be a busy mum to 3 teenagers and wife to a grumpy husband, but anyone can do this!

Guess what's on my Christmas wish list this year, a Master's Course! If you have a dream, go and make it happen – I did!

ALI BROADLEY

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GROUP NEWS

Lincoln host advanced driver refresher evening

July

On July 10th we held our annual Driver Refresher Evening.

The night is open for our members and potential advanced drivers alike.

The evening started with Richard Hardesty and Ashley Behan recapping on advanced driving techniques. Richard spoke about competencies worked on during an advanced driver course, followed by Ashley updating the group on test procedures and how to develop skills further, such as taking a F1RST.

Following this, attendees enjoyed either an observed driver or a demo-drive by an observer of the latest level of skills required to pass an advanced test.



New CEO comes to Hull

July

Hull and East Riding IAM group invited the new CEO, Mike Quinton, to join them to talk about his role and how he has found his first 100 days.

Lincoln's Group Secretary, Ashley Behan, joined them on the night and said "We got the opportunity to have an open discussion with Mike about the IAM and share our ideas on making the charity even more successful over the coming years."

We have invited Mike to join is in the new year and can confirm this is arranged for 12 February 2019.

New group Scunthorpe and Grimsby Advanced Motorists

July

The two IAM groups which cover north Lincolnshire, Scunthorpe Advanced Motorists and Grimsby and Louth Advanced Motorists, have merged to become one group: Scunthorpe and Grimsby Advanced Motorists. The merger will allow them to pool their resources and membership. As part of the merger, Louth and the surrounding area became part of the Lincoln group earlier in 2018. They held their first meeting last month which was a success. Congratulations to the new group and good luck for the future.

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INTRODUCING ALISON SHELTON

Observer covering the south-west of our area

Geographically this Lancashire lass was born in Bolton, but at the age of 7 I moved down with the family to Bournemouth, Dorset where I went to school and spent my working life. Last year I left the safety charity I ran in Dorset to help look after my poorly mum at her home, but sadly she passed away soon afterwards. As the year went on my Nottingham-born husband and I decided to seize the day and retire properly to a small village in the beautiful Vale of Belvoir with our two lively Weimaraners.

Carpe Diem remains an ethos with lots of leisurely dog walks, motor home travels across the British Isles, Nottingham Forest season tickets (Come On You Reds!), playing netball in a Lincolnshire County league netball team, playing the piano (last played as a teenager, my



signature tune being "Don't Give Up On Us Baby" by David Soul for those of you who remember that far back!), bike rides lunching at Pubs across the Vale and projects including building an extension on our new house - where we also recently unexpectedly found a well in the garden and are restoring it along with building our own dry stone wall with local ironstone!

Back at school I studied hard at the local grammar school in Bournemouth and indulged in my love of sport: I became a beach lifeguard and ultimately swam for the county and played county netball, squash and lacrosse teams; then South West regional squad lacrosse and county discus, shot putt and javelin competitions (coming 5th and 3rd in the U15 discus events at the national English Schools Athletics competitions).

From a work perspective following A levels and subsequent work in

the leisure industry I was offered an opportunity to open and bring to life the charity 'Streetwise' - a brand new children's interactive safety centre in Bournemouth. This 'life-sized village inside a warehouse' has both town and country scenes and helps people of all ages to spot the potential for danger at home and on the roads, learning about risk and consequence and how to take responsibility for their actions in a safe and controlled environment. Key to my role over almost 20 years as manager and later CEO of the charity was the need to develop and secure sustainability: influencing, inspiring, networking and presenting to develop partnerships with the emergency services, local authorities and businesses and other charities, and fundraising - skydiving (twice!), abseiling off Spinnaker Tower and walking on hot coals! Re-branding SafeWise in 2014 we grew to operate a second safety centre in Weymouth, where we also built the RoadWise interactive road safety centre which was opened by Princess Anne in 2016. Over recent years we have been in talks to expand into Wiltshire with a new safety centre in partnership with the Fire Service. In 2012 I was honoured to receive a British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours 'for services to policing and the community' - something of equal pride and embarrassment to me because I am just one person amongst the many amazing and invaluable people who supported our Streetwise journey.

Having passed my driving test as a teenager in 1983 I started to become more interested in driving 'as an art' about ten years ago when Dorset's Driver Awareness Courses came to Streetwise. You can imagine the transient conversations I indulged in with some of the up to 200 'voluntary' DAS candidates per week and with the instructors running the classes!! Meanwhile my son learning to drive with an excellent ADI, Andy Heaton, gave me an opportunity to sit in the back of the car during his lessons and this further fuelled my interest. Like many people my only other driver education had been when I passed my test. Further road-going experience over the recent years includes towing the Streetwise caravan to events (having undertaken towing training, of course), many miles as a road cyclist (predictably wearing helmet and being high vis), driving our 7m long motor home and having a Nextbase dash cam fitted to our car/motor home - all of which add to the variety and spice of life on the roads.

Having developed the Streetwise charity to include driving for adults alongside the children's safety agenda I became part of the Dorset Road Safety Partnership attending both the Tactical and Strategic groups and established a link between Streetwise and the IAM. Then, of course, it made good sense to 'walk the talk' and try out a Free Taster session with Chief Observer Richard Jolly at the Bournemouth IAM group. Inspired to continue the journey I undertook an Advanced Driver Course and thanks to his fantastic mentoring and support I was delighted to achieve both a F1RST and a Distinction in my Masters test. I was also motivated by him to become an observer myself.

I have been boundlessly impressed by the energy, enthusiasm and professionalism of the Lincoln group committee and am proud that Roger and Ash have seen fit to accept me into the group as a trainee Observer. With road safety and charity very much at heart, this exciting voluntary role with the Lincoln IAM helping other people pass their Advanced driving test flows seamlessly from my working life, indulges my love of helping people and provides a great opportunity to continue changing and saving lives. How lucky am I?!

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THUMBS UP CAMPAIGN

IAM RoadSmart launches August campaign

IAM RoadSmart has labelled August 'Thumbs Up For Great Driving And Riding!' month, as the UK's biggest independent road safety charity gears up for a campaign to increase courteous and polite driving and riding on UK roads.

Across the month of August, IAM RoadSmart is encouraging drivers and riders via its network of 202 local groups around the country to acknowledge and demonstrate their appreciation when another road user lets them into traffic, allows them priority or gives them a helping hand – with a simple thumbs up, or one of IAM RoadSmart's special thumbs up stickers.

IAM RoadSmart staff and volunteers will be out watching for good deeds done and will be armed with thousands of stickers to hand out in support of the campaign. The Lincoln Group is supporting this campaign through use of social media, and having purchased a selection of promotional materials in support of the campaign.

The money raised will go towards a special IAM RoadSmart safety vehicle, decked up in IAM RoadSmart colours, equipped with road safety merchandise and equipment. If the target of £10,000 is reached, IAM RoadSmart groups around the country will be able to use the vehicle free of charge for promotional events or displays through the year as they help spread the road safety message to young people and local community groups.

The 'Thumbs Up For Great Driving And Riding!' campaign has won the support of two of the country's most respected motorsport heroes – Nigel Mansell CBE and Paddy Hopkirk OBE, plus one of the UK's most accomplished riders, Maria Costello MBE.

#tag your support

Throughout August we will be tweeting and posting about the campaign on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Support us on social media and share your own positive driving and riding experiences using the hashtag **#ThumbsUpForGreatDriving** or **#ThumbsUpForGreatRiding**, or **#ThumbsUpForGreatDrivingAndRiding**. Please also tag **@IAMRoadSmart** in any tweets or posts and we'll make sure we retweet or share your stories.



Above: Helen Burton and Pam Browne from Horncastle supporting the campaign. Helen and Pam signed up for an Advanced Driver Course following a presentation on Confident Driving at Lincolnshire North Federation of the Women's Institute.

What are we doing in Lincolnshire?

- We are giving away THUMBS UP car window stickers to be displayed in your car. If you would like one contact us on lincolniam@hotmail.com
- Watch out for our THUMBS UP foam thumbs promoting the campaign on social media
- Praise good driving with a THUMBS UP throughout the month. Spread the word of the campaign to your friends and family. They can find out more information by putting THUMBS UP IAM into Google.
- Encouraging our members to purchase the THUMBS UP driver pack for £15 here <https://www.iamroadsmart.com/shop/thumbs-up-drivers-pack>. The pack includes a large travel mug, in-car air freshener, windscreen sticker and pen.

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SIX OF THE BEST

IAM RoadSmart's top summer travelling tips



With summer season showing no sign of ending, IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards Richard Gladman has put together some tips to keep you safe on the road.

- Do you know where you're going? Plan your journey so you know when and where to take planned breaks (if applicable) and check for any traffic problems
- Do weekly car checks which include tyre pressures, tread depth and condition and checking fluids – replenish screen wash but if other fluids are low, check for underlying problems
- Stay hydrated by keeping a bottle of water in your car. We recommend having plenty of water as it is essential to stay hydrated to maintain concentration and control body temperature. Ensure that you keep water bottles out of direct sunlight in your car. If you are buying a re-useable bottle, make sure it is BPA free and kept out of sunlight
- When driving, fatigue can slowly kick in – especially in heat. Concentration starts to slip after two hours so take regular 15 minute breaks. Get out of the car and stretch
- When driving into the direction of the sun, use your sun visor to help block out the glare and if that doesn't work for you, invest a decent pair of sunglasses. There are different categories of sunglasses and these are rated for driving. Keep the windscreen clean inside and out.
- Put together an emergency kit; some drinks and snacks, a charger for your mobile phone and a road map for last minute detours are all useful items. Some entertainment for your younger passengers may make the journey less stressful.

Richard said: "Preparation is key to an enjoyable trip. A well maintained car and a fully fit and prepared body can make the difference between a pleasant drive in the country and a nightmare journey to be endured. Whilst the trip may be about the destination, it is much better if the journey is enjoyable too."

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FORDIE'S WORLD

I should start with the AGM, once again we were given very positive reports by the officers. You'll have seen the figures in the official reports, personally, I feel that the "management" team are doing an excellent job and that three "specialist" members have been co-opted to the committee can only improve the efficiency off the team. As I said last year, continuity of "management" makes our group highly successful and ensures that the greater aims of IAM RoadSmart can be progressed.

I read in the "Roadsmart" magazine that Sarah Sillars, formerly CEO, has moved on. In my opinion, this lady has done the IAM a great service, moving the Institute on from a seemingly "stuffy, middle-aged drivers club" to be more open and inclusive, especially to the younger drivers. I have to hope that potential members will see the benefits IAM RoadSmart offers and realise that driving responsibly can be most enjoyable and that the expert tuition given by the observers is not criticism but an aid to first class driving and an enhanced experience.

As from June 4th 2018, learner drivers can be given instruction on motorways provided they are accompanied by a qualified instructor in a dual-control car. This can only be a good thing, as I'm sure you are aware that motorways can be very fast and very busy. In my time on the road I have seen countless drivers who CANNOT cope with motorway driving, frightened by the speed and proximity of vehicles close by and not understanding lane discipline. Training for learners and doubtless a good number of "qualified" drivers is a must for road safety!

Now, I come to the "love of my life": Lorries. A report earlier this year stated that there is a severe shortage of HGV drivers, so much so that hauliers are getting increasingly worried. To my mind, there are a number of reasons for this. Firstly, the expense of gaining a HGV license and learning the laws that appertain. Second, the cost of insuring newly qualified drivers, 44 tonne "artic" costs the thick end of £150,000, that's why hauliers prefer experienced drivers. Third, wages are not always the highest, little chance of promotion, having to stay away from home for maybe a week or even longer is NOT appealing and believe me, it can put a hell of a

strain on a marriage! True! I was one of the lucky ones; I had great support from Liz. Fourth, and I think most telling, due to all sorts of red tape, insurance restrictions etc, young lads are not getting days out in the lorry with Dad, thus that early inspiration is not forthcoming. This was how I got the bug, but then again, I come from a family of lorry drivers. My paternal grandfather owned a fleet of steam lorries in Somerset, my father drove tankers in the RAF during the war and pretty much for the rest of his working life afterwards, mainly on low-loaders. His four brothers, who stayed in Somerset, all drove lorries of one sort or another, even my maternal grandfather drove wagon and horses for Hovis Mill on the Brayford, so I didn't have much option really. It's in the genes!

What to do? Well, though I've been out of haulage for ten years, talking with my old colleagues still in the business, pay needs to increase at the basic level, not having to make up pay with bonuses and incentive schemes. Overnight facilities still need to improve, good eating and washing place, secure parking at a reasonable cost, transport cafes work on cash. I used to set off on a Monday morning with £200 minimum and there wasn't much left by Friday. Certainly, all your expenses were re-imbursed plus you had your subsistence allowance (night out money) but you had to have it with you to start.

I also feel customers need a dedicated transport "liaison officer", one who understands the intricacies of transport. So many companies in the past left arrangements to some lowly office bod who didn't have a clue, thinking that lorries came on a roll, like toilet paper, tear on off when required! They also need to understand that hauliers need to make a working profit to provide a decent service and that a fair and economic rate should be paid, the cheapest don't always last that long. As I have said, I am recalling memories of over forty years that ended ten years ago, maybe things are changing, albeit slowly.

Now, to get onto another "hobby horse", TV commentators who don't know when to shut up! As I have surmised previously, I think they are paid by the word with a bonus for getting "over-excited". In the 3rd week of June we watched the tennis from Queens Club, what a pleasure, minimal commentary, succinct summing

up between games and well behaved spectators, no wild shouting and screaming, even when Andy Murray made his return, just polite applause as the occasion warranted. Oh! That all televised sporting occasions could be thus! Please don't get me started on the World Cup Football, I was going to make a number of scathing comments but self-preservation is prudent, suffice it to say I loathe football and all that is associated with it and resent the disruption to TV and radio programmes just for a game of ball!. Right! That's blown the safety valve!

Have you ever done a DIY job that you wish you'd never started? Just recently I decided to "overhaul" the garden bench. This meant taking it all apart, sanding down the lats of the back rest and applying six coats of wood preserving paint on both sides, not a problem. As the lats that made up the seating were about past their "sell-by" date, I decided to make a new base from a length of plywood I had over- brilliant idea! First, measure up then drill the holes to attach it to the arms, cut out drainage slots and apply six coats of paint each side, time consuming but not impossible. Next job was to get rid of the rot around the screw holes in the arms, found some putty-like stuff that sets rock-hard and can be ground and drilled to suit, straightforward, just takes time then repaint the arms. Eventually all the paint had dried and hardened off, so it was the work of 30 minutes to reassemble the bench, time for the "SIT" test. The new base creaked ominously under my modest sixteen stones, so off again with the new base, sand and repaint the old lats to put underneath for support and strengthening. This entailed buying longer bolts that my local shop could not provide, so down to B&Q for longer bolts. What was the first thing I "tripped over" in that emporium, an identical bench to the one I had just overhauled and only 43quid!! I'm having one; even if I keep it "on stock in the loft" 'til the original fails again.

Guess I should see what's on the market before I indulge in bouts of DIY in the hottest two weeks of the year so far and suffer the agony – self-inflicted – of a sun-burnt neck and shoulders, maybe one day I'll learn!!

Stay safe

Fordie



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KNOW YOUR STUFF

New MOT regulations

The MOT test changed on 20 May 2018, with new defect types, stricter rules for diesel car emissions, and some vehicles over 40 years old becoming exempt. How do the changes affect you?

What's different?

New defect categories:

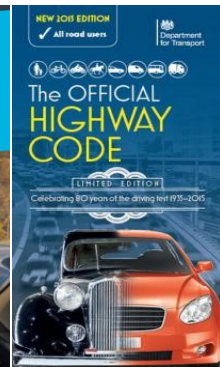
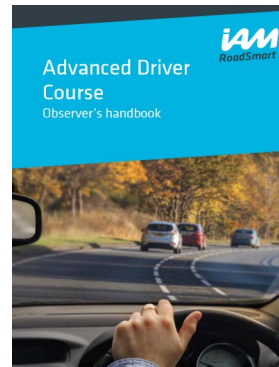
- Dangerous, Major, and Minor
- Advisory comments will still be shown as well
- The test certificate will look different
- Additional items will be checked in the test
- Most cars over 40 years old will not need an MOT test.

What do the new categories mean?

Item category	MOT pass/ fail	Meaning	Action needed
Dangerous	Fail	A serious and immediate risk to road safety or the environment.	Repair immediately. Do not drive the vehicle.
Major	Fail	Safety or the environment may be affected.	Repair immediately.
Minor	Pass	No significant impact on safety or the environment.	Repair as soon as possible.
Advisory	Pass	Could become an impact on safety or the environment.	Monitor and repair when necessary.
Pass	Pass	Meets the minimum legal standard.	N/A

What new items are tested?

- Headlamp washers, if fitted, (vehicles used from 1/9/2009)
- Reverse lights, (vehicles used from 1/9/2009)
- Daytime running lights (vehicles used from 1/3/2018)
- Brake fluid contamination
- Tyre pressures (visual check)
- Brake pad warning light must not be illuminated
- Brake pads and discs must be present



- For diesel cars, any signs the DPF has been tampered with or visible exhaust smoke of any colour will mean an automatic test fail

Have the fees gone up?

The maximum test fee (currently £54.85 for a car) will not change. Looking around Lincolnshire, most garages still offer an MOT for below £30 with a free retest included!

Other facts

- You can check the MOT history of any car at www.gov.uk/check-mot-history
- You can set up reminders for your own vehicles at www.gov.uk/mot-reminder
- If you have a vehicle over 40 years old, you are still able to submit it for test but this is no longer mandatory provided they have not been substantially changed from the original.

IAM RoadSmart's head of policy and advice, Tim Shallcross says "the most obvious change is a new, more elaborate way of classifying defects. Defects leading to the car failing the test are now categorised as Dangerous or Major. Most cars are taken for a test before the current certificate runs out, meaning the car can still be driven provided it's not unroadworthy. However, the definition of 'unroadworthy' was not absolutely clear, so the new categories at least give owners some guidance about whether or not it is safe to drive the car until it's repaired. However, a major fault can still mean the car is unroadworthy, so it's important to check with the garage before you drive it away."

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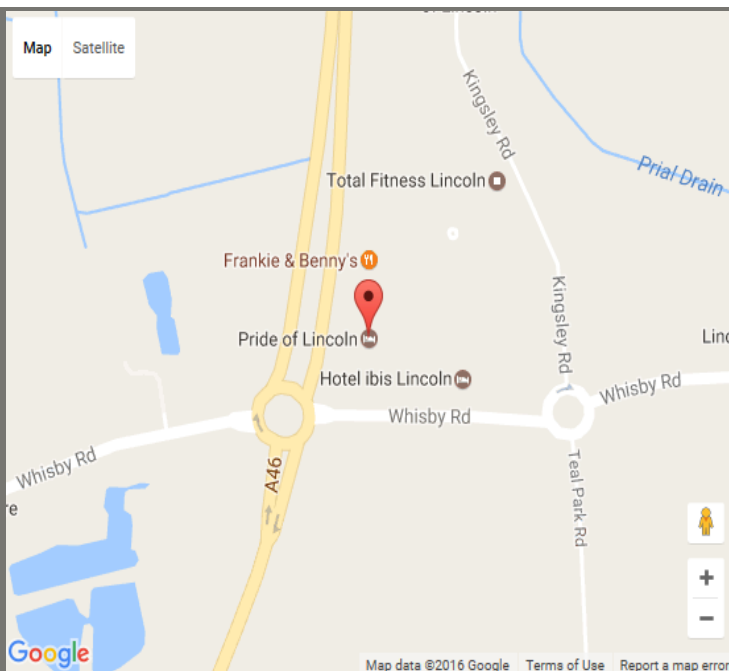
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NEW VENUE

WHERE TO FIND US?

Windmill Farm (formerly the Pride of Lincoln)
(Function Room) for a
7.30pm start Kingsley Road
off Whisby Road Lincoln LN6
3QZ

Our events are subject to change, please visit the Events section of our website prior to attending and for further details about specific events



2018 EVENTS

January 2018

No meeting

~~Tuesday 12 February 2018~~

~~Continental Tyres—Vision Zero and Autonomous Cars~~

March 2018

No Meeting

~~Tuesday 10 April 2018~~

~~An Evening with Paddy Hopkirk and David Gallagher~~

~~Tuesday 8 May 2018~~

~~AGM and IAM Charity Operations Director, Pat Doughty~~

~~Tuesday 12 June 2018~~

~~Just Audi VW car maintenance practical (7pm at Just Audi VW, Outer Circle Road, Lincoln)~~

~~Tuesday 10 July 2018~~

~~Advanced Driving Refresher Event (7pm)~~

August 2018

No meeting

Tuesday 11 September 2018

Ambulance Driver Blue Light Training

October 2018

No meeting

Tuesday 13 November 2018

Advanced Driver Development - Rural Rides with Prof Trevor Kerry

Tuesday 11 December 2018

Christmas Social

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