



# Leicester Group Of Advanced Motorist Newsletter

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## Editors Column

Hello and welcome to the February newsletter.

This month I will be reporting on the upcoming years events. It has been decided to reduce the amount of monthly group nights this year to 6. The next group night will be March which is the AGM. We will also be looking and trying out a new venue from April which I will report further in the group night section.

If you wish to read previous newsletters they can now be downloaded from our local website which can be found with this link [www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/leicesteram](http://www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/leicesteram)

If anybody has anything to add to the next newsletter please email me on [kevinhill213@outlook.com](mailto:kevinhill213@outlook.com)

## Committee News

The next group night will be in March. This will be the Annual AGM meeting. We are inviting anyone who wishes to join the committee to please contact the group secretary (Alan Griffin) for more details. The group officers are looking to stay in their roles for another year so again if anyone has comment on this please contact the secretary. Alan will have copies of the nomination forms on request if anyone requires them. At present we have 8 committee members and would like to increase the numbers. It goes without saying that any member can attend the AGM and are encouraged. Further details will be in the group night section.

## A Warm Welcome

The Committee would like to offer a warm welcome to the following people who have enrolled in the Skills for Life course in the last 2 months.

- Ben McCann
- Krishan Modi
- Michael Miller
- Michelle Boltonking
- Sarah Jones

We hope you enjoy the training. Remember you are all welcome at the group nights which are on the third Wednesday of every month. I will be in touch with you all in the coming weeks to explain the next steps and getting you paired with an observer. There will be an associate introduction day happening on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb to which you are all welcome.

## Observer News

I am planning on holding an evening with the examiners soon. I will be in touch with dates when I can arrange a venue.

If anyone would like to become an observer please contact me and I will discuss this further with you by email or phone.

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## Group Night (March 21st)

Group night in March is the annual AGM. All members are welcome. The AGM will consist of re appointment of the committee along with the presentations of the 2 group awards (services to observing and services to the group)

This meeting will also be attended by Chief Superintendent Jason Masters who will be giving us some words of wisdom along with information on Leicestershire's policing.

This is being held at the Enderby Police Headquarters. This is situated at Narborough rd. (B4114) near Fosse Park.

Full postal address is  
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St Johns  
Narborough Rd  
Enderby  
LE19 6BX

We will also be holding a prize raffle and presenting Skills for life awards. All members are welcome to the group nights and the AGM, so come along and get involved with your group. After all its free. Even the tea and coffee is free.

Moving forward we have decided to trial a reduced amount of group nights. This year we will be having a group night as per the following list.

- March AGM (held at Enderby Police HQ)
- April (being held at the Field Head Hotel)
- June (being held at the Field Head Hotel)
- September (being held at the Field Head Hotel)
- November (held at Enderby Police HQ)
- December (held at Enderby Police HQ)

We are trialing the Field Head Hotel as this is a more comfortable and easily accessed venue. We will be holding the meeting in the Charnwood suite and will have the use of the bar. I will provide more details in the March newsletter.

Any questions or suggestions about group night events you can contact Fred Palmer (vice Chairman/ Events Co-Ordinator) palmerdec@btinternet.com

## A message from the Treasurer.

From April, annual subscriptions for every group member will fall due, it has previously been the case, on the anniversary of their joining the group. This will mean that those of you who pay by Standing Order, or who have diary entries, will need to amend them so they are effective from 01 April 2018.

I must thank all of you who have not changed your Standing Order, or routine payments prior to this, which has meant significantly more income compared to the "worst case scenario" the Committee had reviewed. Please note, however, this payment is deemed a donation and normal subscriptions will fall due on April 1<sup>st</sup> this year.

Should you have any queries or concerns about the new system, or for ways to pay please contact me (Tony Moore), or a member of the Committee, to resolve them.

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## Associate News

I am holding an associate introduction day for all new associates that are not currently being observed. This also includes those that have already attended an introduction morning. This is being held at Enderby HQ on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. Please contact me for more details.

To all associates out there currently being assessed.

Please be aware that if you have been assessed for a year or more without taking your test, you may have to renew your National IAM membership to carry on with your assessed runs. If you have not managed to complete your course within the year please contact myself to check if you are still valid for insurance purposes. We may be able to extend your membership if there are mitigating circumstances. I should be in contact with any associate that has expired their membership, but if you have not been contacted or think your membership has expired please get in touch.

If Anyone would like to have a piece included in this newsletter please contact me.

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## Leicestershire's Road Policing Report

From Graham Compton (Leics Police)

### Regional Fatalities 2017.

- Notts – 33
- Lincs – 45
- Derbys – 35
- Northants – 42

Leics – 20.

Needless to say we are pleased with the fall in the Leicestershire fatalities from previous years and hope that this continues into 2018. The Road Safety Partnership will continue to promote a number of road safety initiatives throughout the year. Needless to say there will be a

concentration on the Fatal4 which still feature in the majority of fatal and serious accidents.

### December National Drink/Drugs- Drive Campaign.

A very disappointing result for Leicestershire.

99 positive tests including 18 for drugs.

35 arrests following a collision.

33 of the arrested were under 25 years old.

Over one third of the arrests in Leicester conurbation.

21 arrests in Charnwood.

This total is significantly up on 2016 and naturally disturbing. Lots to do in this area of road safety.

'The National Police Chiefs Council and Police Federation' held their annual Roads Conference at the Hinckley Island Hotel on 30/31st January attended by around 200 delegates.

Chief Constable Anthony Bangham caused a stir by suggesting that we should look towards having zero tolerance when dealing with speeders. As you know at the moment we operate on a threshold of 10% + 2mph for all speed limits. I have no further information on this topic at the moment.

'The MIB' input was pretty startling too. Over 141,000 vehicles in 2017 seized for having no insurance, with an estimated 1,000,000 uninsured drivers!

'Tyre safe' also produced some alarming statistics in that 27% of tyre's on our roads are illegal!

### 2018

You will gather that we have plenty of enforcement problems to tackle out there to make our roads safer for everyone to use.