



FORTH VALLEY GROUP
OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS



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GROUP NEWS

Proposed Member Meetings to be held as follows:

Winter Meeting Dates 2022

06/10/22 – 7.30pm

10/11/22 – 7.30pm

Suggested topics:

- **Blood Bike Scotland**
- **Scott Tulip - Himalayan Medibike Training**
- **Mental Health Motorbikes**
- **Quiz**
- **Biker Down day**

Topic of each meeting tbc, and format, i.e. whether being held on Zoom or at a venue, to be discussed by the Committee. Members are welcome to give a talk on a subject of their interest, or suggest ideas for future meeting topics. Please contact any committee member if you can assist.

Facebook:

We are also on Facebook, and our membership continues to grow. Search “Forth Valley IAM”. Please follow us to keep informed of wider events, announcements and just good old chat with others!

Congratulations to the following people who have passed their IAM Test:

Associate	Observer
Stephen Franklyn (bike) 17/12/2021 First	Lindsay Pyall
Fraser Breingan (bike) 16/04/2022	Ian Macdonald
Gavin Cochrane (bike) 26/04/2022	Ronnie Maclean
David Tooth (bike) 13/05/2022	EDAM
David Waddell (bike) 09/06/2022 First	Lindsay Pyall

Rider's Social Activities

A shout-out to our growing and enthusiastic community of riders who organize regular events; a mix of observers, committee members, full members and associates. This summer they have held a slo-mo session (practising low speed manoeuvres in an empty car park) and two social runs with another booked later this month.

Belinda Macdonald

Items for the next Newsletter on Group Activities both formal / informal will be gratefully received.

CAR / MOTORCYCLE SECTION

Meeting a Member

A chance to get to know people in our local group. This time we meet one of our rider Associates, Louise Greig.

In which club do you belong: cars or bikes?

Definitely bikes (unless it's raining!)

What is your favourite car or bike?

My current bike: BMW R1200GS. It's such a fantastic all-rounder whether you're doing a long tour, nipping out to play on some wiggles, or doing some light off-road (the bike can also do heavy off-road, it's just this rider who can't!).



What is the key road safety issue that you believe should be tackled?

Probably addressing speeding on country roads. There can be so many hazards from mud to sudden tight bends with poor visibility, to cyclists, tractors pulling out, livestock etc. The list goes on!

Can you think of your best driving or riding experience so far?

A few come to mind, however one that really covered everything for me was a trip to Portugal last February with Off Road Skills; amazing scenery, great company, challenging off-road riding and smooth wiggly roads.

How do you envisage the future for drivers or riders in the UK in 5 years' time?

Interesting question, and not one I've not given much thought to. I suspect we will see a much greater range of electric motorbikes available across the board, however still nowhere near to the extent of cars.

Thanks to Louise for sharing some thoughts. If you would like to be our next member in the spotlight, please email newsletter@forthvalleyiam.org.uk.

Super Sunday

Some twenty-odd years ago I was proficient on the Knockhill circuit. OK, I admit this was on the Playstation! However, on 31 July I attended the British Touring Car Championships which was my first visit to this racing track. A great day accompanied by thousands of other spectators and some rare Scottish sunshine. If the photos below whet your appetite, you can catch the action on the STV Player.



Kenneth Grant

NATIONAL NEWS

Meet our New Senior Leadership Team

Our people make IAM RoadSmart the organisation it is today. Without the hard work of the Board, our CEO, Senior Leadership Team, and all employees across the country, we could not achieve our vision of improving the safety of UK roads. Click below to learn more about the people who help to keep IAM RoadSmart at the forefront of driver and rider training.

[Our People | IAM RoadSmart | UK Road Safety Charity](#)

Travel Like You Know Them



The THINK! team has launched the next phase of its campaign to promote the recent changes to the Highway Code, looking to foster mutual respect between all road users.

The campaign offers a snapshot into the lives of people who use the roads, aiming to help people see beyond the mode of transport and improve understanding of how others see and use the road.

[RoadSafe: 'Travel Like You Know Them'](#)

Project EDWARD Week of Action

This year's Project EDWARD Week of Action will take place from Monday 19th September to Sunday 25th September and be the most ambitious yet. The three legs of the road trip will criss-cross the country from Monday to Friday visiting the very best examples of road safety projects.

[RoadSafe: Project EDWARD Week of Action](#)

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