



# Mid Wales Matters Newsletter

## NEW STANDARDS AND HANDBOOKS

Associates, observers and examiners are now all working to the same format . New handbooks replace ‘How To Be A Better Driver / Rider’. The emphasis is on having a consistent approach in our documentation.

The biggest change is probably in test sheet with the 3 ratings:

3 = Requires Development (fails to consistently demonstrate the competency)

2 = Satisfactory (consistently demonstrates the competency)

1 = Commended (consistently demonstrates the competency to a high standard with confidence; showing sound understanding of the interaction between this and other competencies)

F1rst is defined as before with three 2’s allowed and no 3’s allowed.

All our observers received their new training in September and we are now operating within the new guidelines.

*For more on the above and all the new changes visit [www.iamroadsmart.com](http://www.iamroadsmart.com)*

## THREE BIKE F1rst’s (more in Group News)

Congratulations to the following on passing their advanced test:-

Chris Edwards from Brecon—Bike member (F1rst)

Neil Sanders from Newton—Bike member (F1rst)

Martin Toon from Machynleth—Bike member (F1rst)

Daniel Smith from Aberystwyth—Car member



Our Chairman with the new display emblem for promoting the MWAM

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### Special points of interest

- New Display Emblem
- MWAM Clothing

## MWAM CLOTHING RANGE



Shell top

In addition to our new 'Events' display emblem on the front page our Chairman has also been busy sourcing a range of clothing to promote ourselves when out and about.

We have red or green shell tops (left), red or green polo shirts (bottom left) and hi-vis jackets (bottom right).

Polo shirts & Hi vis jackets are £17 +p&p

Shell top is £32 +p&p

Enquiries to Nigel Godman  
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### MWAM CLOTHING

### PROMOTE THE GROUP

Polo Shirt



Hi Vis Jacket



## A VOLUNTEERS DAY!

### Welshpool Air Show Sunday 19th June

A bit of a wash out and all over by 3pm due to the appalling weather. Riding the bike through mud and silage was a bit hairy too!

Unfortunately the TV was just for show, suspect flat battery. Show was really poorly attended; do not know if this was due to weather or restrictions to the show. I have attended most years and this is the least I have ever seen here. I have not seen any other feedback on the show yet. I would say no more than 3 people showed an interest in the stand. One from Wolverhampton another from Chirk and one more who wanted to try and take a leaflet without being seen!

*Martyn Davidson* was a great help especially as I could not have got all that stuff in my top box with the leaflets. Unfortunately he went home with a wet gazebo.

Mike Price



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## MEMBERS SNIPPETS!

*“Car park on roof is reached by foot. Farnborough in Hampshire, could have the perfect car park—guaranteed to find a space, designated disabled spaces. The only snag: you cannot get to it by car!”*

*“A staggering 57% of drivers admit to feeling just as in control as normal when using their mobile phones”*

*“£400k to fix patrol cars Police filled with wrong fuel—equivalent to more than once per day”*

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## **GROUP NEWS**

### Associate Training

Our statistics on pass rate are excellent at 93.5%. The *IAM*'s overall pass rate is 85%. We have recruited 232 associates of whom 143 have achieved membership so far and 19 are currently undergoing or awaiting on-road guidance or awaiting their test date. Our dropout rate is 25.9% which is still below the *IAMs* average of 30%.

### Courses

In view of the roll out of the new *IAMRoadSmart* associates course logbook and observer materials it was decided by the committee that we would discontinue introduction courses for 2017. Associates would be assigned to their closest available observer following their enrolment and advised of the timescale to commence their on road guidance. Roadcraft manuals will no longer be used to avoid any confusion with the new course logbook. The DVD's on Advanced Driving would remain with each Observer and its use with associates would be at their discretion.

### Wanted—New MWAM Website Photograph

The *IAM* provided us with a picture of a motorway! So we are looking for a photograph which portrays a motoring scene in Mid Wales to front our new website (under development). The winning photograph will be selected by the committee, with a prize of a MWAM Polo shirt going to the winner.

Entries to the Newsletter Editor at [cawtodman@hotmail.com](mailto:cawtodman@hotmail.com)

### Extract from *IAM* weekly news issue 110 19/10/16 - Hat trick for MWAM

Congratulations to three motorcycle associates of MWAM who have all obtained F1rst's. Martyn Toon, Neil Sanders and Chris Edwards have all obtained F1rst's in their advanced riding tests. Dave Tompsett, chief national motorcycle observer said: "It is a credit to them and their observers, Chris England and Clive Todman. It shows that even a small group like MWAM can achieve good results."