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First things first! A Happy New Year to ADIs and PDIs everywhere. We sincerely hope that 2022 proves to be a good one. We are here for all our members, do get in touch if there's anything we can help you with. Just wanted to explain that Richard was due to takeover as newsletter editor this month onwards but has Covid so I'm back for January in his absence. Get well Richard and sorry to you all for any confusion caused.

From the Chair..... a monthly report



Welcome to 2022:

I hope that you and your families and loved ones had a good break over the Christmas period, speaking to some of you I know it wasn't what you had hoped for. Covid meant some of you had to self-isolate and were unwell over the festive period so in some cases it was a tough one to face. Hopefully 2022 will be one where we learn to live with Covid but it doesn't take over our lives as it has been doing for the last 2 years. January is not an easy month due to many people suffering with "January blues" and the cold weeks feeling somewhat bleak, this may be heightened with our social lives being less than normal as well. Remember we have got through this so far and we will get through this year because we have tackled the issues before, we have a great vaccination programme and the Spring to look forward to. NJC are here for you if any of you need help as we still have our volunteers from our support line that we started during Covid. Get in touch through our secretary by email initially and we will do what we can to help and support you.

secretary@adinjc.org.uk

Our AGM and Association Meeting:

Due to the new variant and the fact the transmission is high and we cannot afford time off work currently we have decided to hold the AGM and Association Meeting by Zoom. The notice of the meeting is further on in this newsletter but the date is Saturday March 5th in the morning.

Helping ADIs and PDIs: A hardship fund:

As I've been mentioning help for ADIs I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the special fund that was set up in 2020 by 2 very dedicated ADIs in response to the Covid crisis. Its aim initially was to provide small grants to ADIs and PDIs who had been unable to work and were facing real hardship. Susan McDonald and Bobbie Hicks set up the fund in November 2020 and its been successfully helping our colleagues out ever since. The first milestone was to reach £20,000 from donations and this has been achieved and the fund currently has raised £24,999. Below are a few of the reactions from recipients since it has started.

*Omg you guys it's times like this that just breaks my defences (tears pouring down) we are really grateful for your sympathy and generosity, I can't believe how at times like this how much good people there is thank you so much and ***** will enjoy his new bank account going up thanks again. (This was the very first payment to an ADI to help with funeral costs after the recent loss of a loved one, some money was also donated to go directly to the young child of the deceased).*

I GOT THE PAYMENT Thank you so much

Dear Susan , Bobbie and team I would like to express my gratitude for this help you have so kindly done for us ADI'S

After a very low day you have finally given me my first bit of good news in a long time. I can't thank you all enough for this amazing help, I will definitely sleep a little easier tonight knowing I can get my food shop in a few days :0) Thank you Thank you Thank you

Bless you Thank you so much for helping out all of the PDIs and ADIs

Hi Susan, Bobbie & the team. Many thanks for all your help & support. This should go some way to help with some of my bills. Thank you all so much

Just to remind you that the fund is still running and can help you if you need it. Read more about the fund at www.instructorfund.org or write by email to support@instructorfund.org

The fund is not just for the pandemic it is for other necessary funding when ADIs and PDIs find themselves in hard times and we are optimistic it will be able to run for many years to come to support the industry. You can also donate to the fund via the website, I notice that there are still donations coming in which is brilliant and shows what a caring industry this one can be. Remember that currently people can get a grant if they are isolating because of Covid and won't have to provide anything other than proof of having to isolate, which can be the text message or email from test and trace.

Goodbye to Parv Walling and welcome to Richard Spiers as our new editor:

In case you weren't aware we have a new editor of the newsletter as Parv who did a superb job in the role has left now but remains on our NJC committee. Parv worked tirelessly on the newsletter and we will miss her but we may well see some articles from her in the future! Richard Spiers from our committee is taking over so please do help by sending any information or photos from your groups to him or ask any questions you may have for the members corner. We look forward to working with Richard to provide a monthly newsletter that's informative but entertaining and will keep you updated on the industry.

Save these dates:

We have 2 conferences and expos planned for this year with Intelligent Instructor so please do register and save the dates. These are:

Conference and Expo SOUTH Sunday May 8th at Kempton Racecourse

Conference and Expo NATIONAL Sunday Oct 2nd at Heart of England Events Centre, Meriden

Important changes to the Highway Code in 2022:

As I'm sure you are aware the Highway Code is a set of information, advice, guides and mandatory rules for road users in the United Kingdom. It contains information about road signs, road markings, vehicle markings and road safety. There are annexes on vehicle maintenance, licence requirements, documentation, penalties, and vehicle security.

It applies to all road users, including the most vulnerable: pedestrians, mobility scooter users, cyclists, horse riders, drivers and motorcyclists.

It was first published in 1931 and is regularly updated to reflect current practices.

The Highway Code has changed - with 33 updates to rules and two new laws being added. My understanding is that the date for change will be 29th January.

This move, which comes as part of the government's new £338 million fund to boost cycling and walking intends to help accommodate and maintain the increase in active travel during the pandemic. Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said: "Millions of us have found over the past year how cycling and walking are great ways to stay fit, ease congestion on the roads and do your bit for the environment. As we build back greener from the pandemic, we're determined to keep that trend going by making active travel easier and safer for everyone."

He added that the funding package will enable more people to make "sustainable travel choices" that make our "air cleaner and cities greener".

The important main facts to note are that there will be a "hierarchy of road users" to ensure the more high-risk modes of transport have the greatest responsibility to reduce the danger they pose to others.

This will ensure that people who can cause the most harm in a collision, such as those in vehicles, bear the "greatest responsibility to reduce the danger they may pose to others". So, a lorry driver will have a greater responsibility to those driving a car or motorcycle, and likewise people cycling would have a greater responsibility than pedestrians. The hierarchy will be, in order of priority:



pedestrians; cyclists; horse riders; motorcyclists; cars/taxis; vans/minibuses, then finally large passenger and heavy goods vehicles.

Pedestrians will have priority on pavements and at zebra crossings.

Currently, drivers are only required to give way when someone steps onto a crossing, while pedestrians are told they shouldn't start to cross until vehicles on the road have stopped. The new rules will strengthen right of way for pedestrians on pavements and when crossing, or waiting to cross the road. The updated Code will also give cyclists priority at junctions when travelling straight ahead.

A new rule makes clear that at a junction, drivers should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which, or out of which, they are turning.

Cyclists will have priority at junctions when travelling straight ahead.

When a car is turning into a road or exiting a road, they should stop to let pedestrians cross.

Cyclists will also have greater responsibility to look out for people walking.

Also:

- Electric vehicle drivers are advised to park close to charge points and avoid cables creating trip hazards.
- Drivers should also open car doors using the "Dutch reach" method – with the hand on the opposite side to the door they are opening. This makes drivers turn their heads to look over their shoulders and reduces the likelihood of hitting a passing cyclist with the door.
- Cyclists should give room when passing pedestrians on shared cycle paths.
- There is also guidance on safe passing distances and speed.
- The new Code makes it clear that 20mph speed limits must not be exceeded by drivers.
- Stricter rules on mobile phone usage when driving e.g.
 - It will become an offence to take photos and videos
 - Select a song on your playlist
 - Play games on your phone, even if you are stopped at a red light
 - If you have your phone on a hands-free device then you will still be allowed to use it for directions.

The aim of the changes is also to improve guidance for drivers using motorways, including what to do during a breakdown or incident. This follows concern over dozens of fatalities on smart motorways, where there is no hard shoulder or the hard shoulder can be converted to live traffic. These proposals should make cycling and walking safer, which is good news but we now need to communicate these changes to the public not just drivers and learners because many do not read the Highway Code for long periods after passing their test.

Ultimately everyone using the roads needs to understand the new rules, because confusion could lead to high risk and collisions. As ADIs and PDIs it is our duty to incorporate this learning into lessons as soon as we can so everyone starts to understand the changes.

The updated Highway Code will affect England, Scotland, and Wales, while Northern Ireland has its own version.

I have some concerns especially the priority at junctions when turning left and needing to give way to pedestrians waiting to cross the side road, and cyclists who are going ahead at the junction when turning left. The latter less so in my opinion because people shouldn't be overtaking them just before the junction.

But the pedestrians could be a problem, especially if turning off a 40mph road and they have to stop. The worry is that the car behind won't realise that they may have to stop as they turn and a rear end shunt could occur possibly. Education of the public will be vital and we will need to play a very important role in this.

Finally:

If you have enjoyed our newsletter you can receive both this and our newflashes for free by signing up on our website to become a LITE member, please do let other ADIs know about this. If you are a group member the changes to group membership have been sent to your groups and so far we are delighted with the take up and renewals.

I wish you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Lynne

Lynne Barrie - Chair

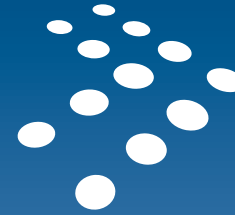
PS. A big thanks to Parv for this edition of the Newsletter, due to Richard, who is taking over as editor, being unwell with Covid.

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Peter our friendly treasurer can be reached on our usual ADINJC helpline - **0800 8202 444**. He loves to hear from you so please don't be a stranger where he's concerned!

Sue our Secretary's number is **07855 453414**

HMRC Helpline: **0800 0159 559**

Citizens Advice Bureau - <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/health/coronavirus-what-it-means-for-you/>

Samaritans helpline - call free on **116 123**

ADINJC Talk Line

As we've all made the much anticipated return to work, whatever happens as we continue to make our way through this, please don't struggle on your own. If you do find yourself worrying or being in isolation for example, we have lovely volunteers to talk to at the NJC talk line. Please do feel free to get straight in touch with us and we will put you in contact with these wonderful people who have offered to be available in case anyone needs them. As you'd expect, all calls will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Can't emphasise the talk line enough, it's there for you as are we.

ADINJC Business Support Line

Our Business Support Line is still very much open to anyone who feels they need help. If you're an ADI, PDI, franchisee or independent instructor and need some business ears to really listen to you, please do not hesitate to call Matt Stone our Deputy Chair on **07900 225502** or Stewart Lochrie our Scottish Ambassador on **07791 559318**

Revised membership structure for Groups

As you're already aware, our revised membership structure for groups started on January 1st 2022. Please ensure you and your groups don't get left behind.

Here's a summary about Group membership for you all here:

- The group pays £120
- Once you've paid your subscription you will get a unique link to give to your group members, they can use this link to sign up for premium membership
- The link automatically applies a discount code giving free premium membership for the first six months when they sign up before 30th June 2022
- Following the initial 6 months free period they will then pay £2 a month for premium membership (this is half the price they would pay as an individual)
- If they don't want to do that they can sign up as a lite member to get all our mailshots for free. However they would not be entitled to the full benefits of membership
- For each member that signs up to premium membership using your link your group will get a once only commission of £5, payable at the end of the year
- Premium members can buy PI/PL insurance for £30 per annum through the shop

If you have any remaining queries about the changes, please do contact us.



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England has moved to Plan B in response to the risks of the Omicron variant

COVID-19 remains a serious health risk. You should stay cautious to help protect yourself and others <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

11 January

If you get a positive rapid lateral flow test (LFT) result, **most people will not need to take a PCR test** to confirm the result. You must self-isolate immediately if you get a positive LFT result.

- Wear a face covering in most indoor public places and on public transport
- [Get tested](#) and self-isolate if required
- Work from home, if you can
- [Get vaccinated](#)
- [Get your booster dose](#)
- Let fresh air in if you meet indoors. Meeting outdoors is safer

[Find out how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#)

It is still possible to catch and spread COVID-19, even if you are fully vaccinated

Omicron the current COVID-19 variant of concern is circulating across the UK and with abilities to spread more easily from person to person, it is advisable especially in light of continued relaxed social distancing measures, to keep checking your local and national news channels for the latest information on this and other variants.

'Stop COVID-19 hanging around' - Let air in... [Click to read](#)

- Open windows for 10 minutes each hour when socialising indoors
- New research reveals how only a third of the public understand importance of ventilation

NHS COVID Pass

[How to get the NHS COVID Pass](#) and demonstrate your coronavirus (COVID-19) status when travelling abroad and domestically at events and venues in England.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines

[Book or manage a booster dose of the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine](#)

[Find a walk-in coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination site](#)

COVID-19 booster dose

A booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine is available on the NHS for people most at risk from COVID-19 who have already had 2 doses of a vaccine.

[Find out more about the COVID-19 booster dose](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccines side effects and safety](#)

You should get tested for COVID-19, this includes:

- Arrange to have a PCR test - [Click here](#)
- Participating in surge testing in your local area - [Click here](#)
- [Get regular rapid tests](#) if you do not have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Arranging a testing or managed quarantine package if you plan to travel to red or amber list countries. [Click for further details.](#)

You should self-isolate immediately if you have [symptoms](#) or a [positive test result for COVID-19](#).

(COVID-19): Getting tested

[Guidance on coronavirus testing](#), including who is eligible for a test and how to get tested.

[Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you live in an area receiving an enhanced response to COVID-19

The government will work with local authorities in areas which need an enhanced response to COVID-19 to avoid the NHS facing unsustainable pressure. It is particularly important for people living in these areas to follow the guidance on this page which will help to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to help protect yourself and others. Enhanced Response Areas will also receive additional targeted support, such as surge testing and logistical resources to maximise vaccine uptake, for a 5 week period. If you live in one of the affected local authority areas, you should read the local COVID-19 information and advice for your area:

- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough - [Click here](#)
- Suffolk - [Click here](#)

Guidance from NHS

Long COVID - [long term effects](#)

Your COVID recovery - <https://www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk>

[Sign up to get e-mail alerts](#) about everything published on GOV.UK about Coronavirus (Covid-19)

[Sign up to get e-mail alerts](#) on everything published about driving and motorcycle tests on [GOV.UK](#)

[Check links below for updated guidance on GOV.UK for theory tests, driving tests and instructor guides for England, Wales and Scotland:](#)

Theory tests

- [Theory Test](#)
- [Driver CPC Part 1 Theory Test](#)
- [Motorcycle Theory Test](#)
- [ADI Part 1 Test](#)
- [DVSA Enhanced Rider Scheme Trainer](#)

Driving tests

- [Driving tests](#)
- [Car Trailer Driving Test](#)
- [Driver CPC Part 3 Driving Test](#)
- [Motorcycle tests](#)
- [Driving tests for tractors and specialist vehicles](#)
- [ADI Part 2 Test](#)
- [ADI Part 3 Test](#)

Instructor guidance

Detailed guides from industry groups:

- [NASP Coronavirus advice](#)
- [MCIA Guidance](#)
- [LVG Return to Work Guidance](#)

Staying informed...

Because this latest Omicron variant is bringing with it such rapidly changing news, please do keep checking your local and national news channels for the most up to date insights to ensure you are always informed. In reality, this is as much as you, your students and your wider communities can realistically do whenever/wherever possible to help curtail the virus from rapidly spreading which we know this particular strain is effectively doing already.

All of Wales is at alert level 2. [Read the current guidance.](#)

6 January

If you get a positive rapid lateral flow test result, most people will not need to take a PCR test to confirm the result. You must self-isolate immediately if you get a positive rapid lateral flow test result.

31 December

People who have tested positive for COVID-19 must self-isolate for 7 full days. On days 6 and 7 they should take rapid lateral flow tests 24 hours apart. If the results are positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get 2 negative tests, or after day 10, whichever is sooner. If they are negative they can stop self-isolating. [Find out more about self-isolation on GOV.WALES.](#)

26 December

Wales is at [alert level 2](#). A maximum of 6 people can meet in venues such as pubs, restaurants, cinemas and theatres ('rule of 6'), 30 people at indoor events and 50 people at outdoor events. 2 metre social distancing is required in public premises and offices. Nightclubs are closed. Find out more on [GOV.WALES](#).

<https://gov.wales/booster-best-shot-protect-against-new-variant-fm>

Help keep Wales safe:

- get [both of your jabs](#) and booster when invited
- limit your contacts
- do a lateral flow test before seeing others
- get [tested and self-isolate if you have symptoms](#)
- outdoors is safer than indoors
- keep your distance when you can
- wash your hands
- wear a [face covering](#)

If you are over 18, you must show the [NHS COVID pass](#) to enter theatres, cinemas and concert halls.

Eligibility for the vaccine

[Find out who can get the vaccine in Wales](#) and where to book on the Public Health Wales website.

Updates on self-isolation

What you should do if you have COVID-19 symptoms, have tested positive, or have been in contact with somebody who has COVID-19.

[Self-isolate and get a test](#) if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.

<https://gov.wales/check-your-symptoms-see-if-you-need-coronavirus-medical-help>

<https://gov.wales/getting-tested-coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://gov.wales>

<https://gov.wales/unlocking-our-society-and-economy-wales-roadmap-published>

<https://gov.wales/publications>

<https://phw.nhs.wales>

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-travel>

More information

<https://gov.wales/financial-support-for-individuals>

<https://gov.wales/self-isolation-support-scheme>

Political and Business news links:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/wales/wales_politics

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/c52ew8q50z2t/wales-business>



Richard Spiers - our Welsh Ambassador

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Living Safely This Winter

6 January

If you're a close contact of someone with COVID-19 and you're fully vaccinated along with your booster dose, you can take daily rapid lateral flow tests for 7 days instead of self isolating. If you test positive or develop symptoms during this time you should self-isolate for 10 days. If you test positive for COVID-19 you should self-isolate for 10 days. You can end self-isolation early if you do not have a high temperature and get 2 negative lateral flow test results on days 6 and 7, taken at least 24 hours apart. If you do not have symptoms and get a positive rapid lateral flow test result, you must self-isolate. You do not need to take a PCR test to confirm your result.

[Find out more on gov.scot](#)

27 December

Up to 3 households can meet with 1 metre physical distancing between groups at indoor and outdoor venues like bars, restaurants, theatres, cinemas and gyms. Table service is needed if alcohol is being served.

26 December

Large events have 1 metre physical distancing and are limited to 100 people standing indoors, 200 people sitting indoors and 500 people outdoors.

Follow the [rules and guidance on how to stay safe](#) and help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

To help protect yourself and others:

- [get the vaccine](#) or the [vaccine booster](#)
- if you don't have symptoms take a [lateral flow tests](#) test each time before you visit someone in a hospital or care home or before mixing with other people
- think carefully about unnecessary contacts with other people, especially in crowded places – it would be sensible to postpone work Christmas parties [wear a face covering where required](#)
- if you have symptoms - [self isolate and book a PCR test](#)
- wash your hands regularly, and cover your nose and mouth if coughing or sneezing
- open windows when meeting indoors
- if you can, keep your distance from people not in your group
- work from home if possible
- use the apps: [COVID status](#) (vaccine passport), [Protect Scotland](#) and [Check-in Scotland](#)

More useful links

[Things you can do to help clear your head](#)

[Guidance](#)

[Daily data for Scotland](#)

[Travel and Transport](#)

More information

You can find what [financial support is available](#)

[NHS Scotland Test and Protect App](#)

<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-framework-decision-making-scotlands-route-map-through-out-crisis/>

<https://publichealthscotland.scot>

Political and business news links:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/scotland/scotland_politics

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/scotland/scotland_business



Stewart Lochrie - our Ambassador for Scotland

Please feel free to contact Stewart directly on [07791 559318](tel:07791559318) or via email on admin@caledonianldt.com





5 January

If you get a positive rapid lateral flow test result, you should isolate immediately. You no longer need to book a PCR test.

31 December

People who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate for 10 days from their PCR test date or when symptoms started, whichever is sooner. People can end self-isolation early if they get two negative rapid lateral flow tests – one from day 6 and the second at least 24 hours later.

27 December

You should reduce social contact as much as possible by meeting in groups of no more than 3 households. Up to 6 people can meet in pubs, bars and restaurants, or up to 10 people if they're all from the same household. Only table service is available. 2 metre social distancing is required in public premises and offices. [Find out more about changes in Northern Ireland.](#)

26 December

Indoor standing events are not permitted. Nightclubs are closed.

COVID-19 Certification Scheme

It is now a legal requirement to provide proof of your COVID-19 status before entering a number of premises including licensed hospitality premises, cinemas and theatres. Information on the COVID-19 Certification Scheme and ways to provide proof of your COVID-19 status is available at the following link: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): information on the COVID Certification Scheme](#)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) regulations guidance: what the restrictions mean for you

The regulations are available on the Department of Health website:

[The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021](#)

[Get a COVID-19 vaccination and booster in Northern Ireland](#)

Health and Social Care (HSC) Trust vaccination hubs across NI are available for first and second COVID-19 vaccine doses to everyone aged 12 and over, as well as booster doses to those who are currently eligible. GPs and participating pharmacies are also providing boosters for those currently eligible, while pharmacies are available for first and second COVID-19 vaccine doses to everyone aged 18 and over.

Make safer choices - Location, Proximity, Time

Regulations and guidance remain in place to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Continue to protect yourself and others. By making safer choices and following public health advice, you can help lower the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Do your part to keep yourself and others healthy:

- [book a test](#) and [self-isolate](#) for 10 days if you have COVID-19 symptoms
- get a PCR test if you've been identified as a close contact and [self-isolate](#) if you haven't been fully vaccinated
- wash your hands
- wear a [face-covering](#)
- keep your distance from others
- limit your contacts
- avoid large gatherings and busy places
- spend time outdoors rather than indoors
- don't travel to or from places with higher COVID-19 infection rates

Latest information on driver theory and practical testing:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-and-motoring>

Get the Stop COVID NI contact tracing app

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-stopcovid-ni-proximity-app>

Book a test

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/forms/should-i-get-tested-coronavirus-covid-19>

Face coverings - 'wear one for everyone'

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-face-coverings>

Testing and contact tracing - 'Test, trace, protect'

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-and-contact-tracing>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk>

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-overview-and-advice>

Political and business news links

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/northern_ireland/northern_ireland_politics

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/northern_ireland



You'll find the latest updates regarding DVSA via www.n-a-s-p.co.uk

Car and trailer rules coming into force

We wrote to you on 23 November to let you know that the changes to B+E testing had been re-laid in parliament to restart the process for this change. The legislation has now been passed and the changes have been brought into force from 16 December.

What this means for car drivers towing a trailer

Drivers who passed their car driving test from 1 January 1997 will be allowed to tow trailers up to 3,500kg maximum authorised mass (MAM) without passing an additional car and trailer test. DVSA stopped doing car and trailer tests from 20 September. [Click here for more information](#) about the new rules for towing a trailer or caravan with a car.

Changes to driving licences

DVLA will update affected driving licence records to reflect the changes. The car and trailer category (B+E) will be added to the driving licence when a new photocard driving licence is issued.

Make sure you tow safely

Although the law on who can tow a trailer has changed, your responsibilities have not. So whatever you're towing, make it SAFE:

Service – has it been serviced recently?

Air in tyres – check pressure, tread depth and condition.

Fit the breakaway cable or safety chain and check electrical connections.

Examine lights, mirrors, load and weight limit, and do the jockey wheel test.

All car drivers wishing to tow a trailer for leisure or business will be encouraged to undertake voluntary training through an accreditation scheme which we are developing with help from the trailer industry and training providers. The scheme is planned to be launched early 2022 and will focus on a core module for all drivers, with sector specific modules for different towing activities.

Book and manage driving tests - get available test notifications

We know that you are extremely busy keeping up with demand for driving lessons and tests. We wanted to remind you about our free, online service you can use to book and manage driving tests that allows you to book and manage tests and set up notifications for available appointments.

Book tests

You can:

- view all the available appointments without having to enter a pupil's details
- book multiple tests at the same time, without having to pay for each individually
- set up favourite test centres to make it quicker to search for appointments at the ones you use most

To book a test, you need your pupil's:

- name
- driving licence number

- email address

The service will already know your business email address, so you do not need to add it. You'll only be asked for your pupil's theory test pass certificate number if the service cannot automatically find a valid one.

Manage bookings

For tests already booked, you can:

- change the booking
- cancel the booking
- swap bookings between pupils
- update your pupil's details

You can change an appointment up to 10 times. If you need to make more changes after that, you have to cancel the test and rebook it.

Set up notifications

You can set up notifications for tests so the service tells you if appointments become available at times you want - including at your favourite test centres. You have to check the service for notifications - they're not sent to you by email or text. There's no guarantee the appointment will still be available when you read the notification, as someone else may have already booked it.

Try the online service before calling us

We are seeing an increasing number of calls to our customer service centre to swap tests. Due to unprecedented numbers of calls, the waiting times are currently much higher than normal, so we would encourage you to manage your tests using the online service. This will allow you to manage your test much more quickly. If you are not able to sort your query out using the online service, you can still contact our customer service centre, but it may take longer than usual to answer your call.

Tackling third party test booking apps and websites

It is important that it is a fair and level playing field for people booking tests. When testing restarted earlier this year, we were made aware that third-party booking sites were making it harder for you and your pupils to book tests. We have invested in making it harder for bots to access our booking services. In addition to checking if the user accessing the system is human using CAPTCHA checks (for example, click on all the images of traffic lights), we've introduced Advanced Bot Protection (ABP) into our firewall, which gives greater scrutiny of traffic on our booking services. We're already seeing the really positive impact of this. We'll keep looking for ways to tackle the bots and making a real person using GOV.UK the safest and fairest way to book a driving test without having to pay any additional fees.

Loveday Ryder writes to ADIs

Dear colleague,

As the year draws to a close, I want to thank you for your resilience, patience and support over the last year.

In particular, I want to thank you for everything you've done to help get newly qualified drivers on the road. By doing this, you've enabled them to access employment, education, healthcare, and social activities. I know many of you also offer training to full licence holders to improve their safety and competency. We acknowledge that achieving all of this in 'normal' operating



conditions is challenging enough, never mind during pandemic.

I know many of you will be concerned about the increase in coronavirus (COVID-19) cases following the emergence of the Omicron variant, and its potential impact on yourself, your families, your pupils and your business. We and the Department for Transport are closely monitoring the situation and will continue to do so. We'll update you if anything affects our services as soon as we are able.

I also want to update you on the work we're doing and have planned to help reduce driving test waiting times.

Helping stop the spread of COVID-19 to keep driving tests going

Our top priority is to keep you, learner drivers and our driving examiners safe. If driving examiners test positive for COVID-19, they have to self-isolate for 10 days.

Just one driving examiner who has to self-isolate will cause 60 or more driving tests to be cancelled, even when we find ways to cover some of the tests they would have delivered.

To protect our driving examiners, we:

- keep our workplaces COVID-secure
- are asking our examiners to take regular rapid lateral flow tests (these help to identify people who have COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms)

You and your pupils are required by law to wear a face covering when attending a driving test and your pupil during their driving test (unless they're exempt and tell us when they book their test).

If you're booking the test for your pupil, you can find out how to tell us they cannot wear a face covering at <https://www.gov.uk/book-pupil-driving-test>

If your pupil is booking their own test, they can find out how to tell us they cannot wear a face covering at <https://www.gov.uk/book-driving-test>

We also strongly encourage driving test candidates to take rapid lateral flow tests before they take a driving test. It's a situation where people are at a higher risk of passing on COVID-19, and taking a test can help stop this, help protect you, and keep our services going for everyone.

You and your pupils are required by law to wear face coverings while on driving lessons and when taking a theory test to help protect everyone and help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The science is showing that Omicron is more transmissible than previous variants and we all have a role to play in helping prevent this. I'd also encourage you to get boosted now.

[You can book your booster here!](#)

Reducing driving test waiting times

You may have seen the recent media stories about the increase to driving test waiting times and you will already have experienced the impact this is having on you, your pupils and your business.

As well as all the measures we've already been doing to reduce driving waiting times, from 6 December local driving test managers have also been carrying out driving tests for 2 days a week. This is as well as the work they're doing to help new-entrant driving examiners get up to speed.

Driving examiner recruitment

We've just completed the fourth phase of our driving examiner recruitment campaign.

Since we were able to restart in-car training in the spring, we've had 126 new driving examiners qualify and start testing. We have a further 23 people going through their training and we have a further 60 people booked on courses which will start in the new year. We'll keep you updated over the next few months.

You can read recent blog posts on Despatch (<https://despatch.blog.gov.uk>) to find out more about how we're training people.

To help to speed up the training process, we have identified 28 qualified colleagues who we are planning to train in January so they can support us with training the new recruits.

We are aiming to have 20 or more extra trainers in place from February to support our permanent training team for 6 months.

To help us to train the new examiners they may be accompanied by another examiner we ask that you let your pupils know this could be a possibility on their test.

Making every test count

Given the high waiting times we want to do everything we can to make every test count.

Bad weather

Getting every test possible taking place is more vital than ever before. We completely understand that none of your pupils wants their test to be cancelled after they've prepared so hard for it.

But unfortunately, we're in that part of the year where we might have to cancel tests at short notice because of bad weather. We only do this if it is absolutely necessary, and we do it for your safety, and the safety of your pupil and our examiners.

If we need to cancel a test due to bad weather, we will automatically book the test for the next available date at the same driving tests centre and send the new details to the email used to book the test.

[You can read our full guidance on bad weather cancellations on GOV.UK](#)

Learner drivers not turning up for their driving test

We're also experiencing more candidates not turning up for their driving test without telling us. This wastes an appointment that someone else could have used.

It's possible that this is happening because they're not ready and decide not to take the test.

40,533 learner drivers have not turned up for their driving test since they restarted in April 2021.

The numbers of tests where this has been happening has been steadily increasing. In November, more than 6,600 appointments were wasted because people did not

turn up on the day which could have been used by other people.

Reducing the number of unused test appointments

We are also planning to remind learner drivers about:

- the documents they need to bring to their driving test
- the rules for using their own car
- making sure the car is COVID-secure

We'll explore using social media, email and text messages to do this to reduce the number of avoidable cancellations to an absolute minimum.

We'll also remind learner drivers about the need to change or cancel their driving test appointment if it's no longer suitable.

We reintroduced the charge for short notice cancellations on 14 June 2021. This means people who cancel their test less than 3 full working days beforehand will have to pay again, unless they can give proof that they've tested positive for COVID-19. Some 36,000 candidates have cancelled within 3 days since testing was resumed in April.

If you could also have conversations with your pupils about the impact no-shows have on service that would greatly help us in our efforts to make every test count.

Driving test change consultation

We will be launching a government consultation on a range of proposed driving test changes, which we are planning to publish in the new year.

These measures will help make sure learners are properly prepared before taking their driving test and give us greater flexibility on when we can offer tests.

We'll be providing more detail on the proposed changes and how you can get involved in the consultation shortly.

Keeping you updated

I know the uncertainty at the moment is worrying. And I know you are concerned about how you can support your customers, your business and your family at this time.

We will do what we can to continue to monitor the situation and keep you updated.

But in the current situation, things can change quickly and sometimes we cannot respond as quickly as we would like. Given this, I'd ask you to be patient with us and we will update you as soon as we can.

We respect the patience and professionalism the industry has shown throughout this pandemic, even though it has been incredibly frustrating at times given the multiple challenges we have had to face.

I also urge you to keep up to date with the driving instructors' National Associations Strategic Partnership (NASP) website.

I wish you, your family and your friends a lovely Christmas and New Year and I hope you all remain safe and well.

Yours faithfully, Loveday Ryder - Chief Executive - Driver and Vehicles Standards Agency

New Welsh social distancing measures in public spaces

On 22 December, the Welsh Government announced social distancing measures in Wales would be introduced from 26 December to stop the spread of COVID-19.

These measures will be reviewed by the Welsh Government on 31 December.

[Click here to read more about the measures.](#)

Driving and riding tests lessons

All practical driving and riding tests and lessons with a professional instructor will continue. Learner drivers can continue practicing driving, but should be mindful of limiting their social contact with people outside of their household.

Theory tests

Theory tests in Wales can continue to take place with 1m plus distancing accompanied by robust COVID-safe measures to protect customers and theory test centre colleagues.

Theory tests at Bala, Carmarthen, Cardigan and Dolgellau Mobile theory test centres will need to be cancelled in January if restrictions continue as DVSA is unable to social distance customers safely within the mobile test vehicle due to ventilation constraints.

If your or your pupil's test booking is affected, we will send you an email to explain the impact on your test and what you need to do to rearrange the test.

Candidates will need to maintain a 2m distance within the test centre before taking their test.

Other safety measures that will be in place include:

- protective transparent screens at reception desks
- barriers between each of the work stations which means all candidates are social distanced by 1m plus during their test
- providing hand sanitiser to use on arrival, during the tests and when candidates leave the test centre
- cleaning workstations (including computers and headphones) before every test
- colleagues will wear a face covering (unless there's a medical reason that it's not recommended for them) and gloves
- candidates will have to wear a face covering too, unless they have notified us in advance that they cannot
- candidates must come into the test centre alone to help with social distancing

Driving test centre waiting rooms

The new social distancing measures mean we are limiting the number of people who can use our driving test waiting rooms in Wales from 26 December until restrictions are lifted. The maximum number of people who can use the waiting room will be displayed inside and outside of the test centre waiting room. People using these rooms will need to keep a 2m distance from others and use the hand sanitiser as provided.

Other waiting room rules.

Examiners will meet candidates at their vehicle before their test. Some waiting rooms will need to close where social distancing is not possible or our examiners need to use these areas to allow them to socially distance whilst at work.

This includes:

- Brecon
- Carmarthen (when the driving test centre manager is testing)
- Monmouth

Candidates, driving instructors and accompanying drivers will still be able to access the toilet at these sites on request. If you are accompanying your pupils to test at any of these sites you can wait on site if you need to in the car park, as long as it is in a safe location.

We are sorry for any inconvenience that this might cause.

[Update: Welsh social distancing measures](#)

From 26 December, the Welsh Government introduced 2m social distancing measures in public spaces to stop the spread of COVID-19. [Read more about the restrictions](#)

These measures remain in place. Should regulations and guidance change, we will update you on any impact to services provided by DVSA.

[Driving test centre waiting rooms](#)

You can check which driving test centre waiting rooms are open and find out what the rules are for using them because of Covid-19 [here](#).

[Scottish Government guidance on safer businesses and workplaces](#)

In line with the latest Scottish Government guidance on safer businesses and workplaces to reduce the spread of coronavirus, we will be closing the waiting room at Glasgow Anniesland Driving Test Centre to allow driving examiners to socially distance while they work. This closure will allow us to change the location of workstations for examiners at this centre to maximise physical distancing.

[Read more about the measures.](#)

If you are accompanying your pupils to test at this centre you can wait on site if you need to in the car park, as long as it is in a safe location. Candidates, driving instructors and accompanying drivers will still be able to access the toilet at Glasgow Anniesland on request. More driving test waiting rooms in Scotland may close for this reason as more examiners return to work after the Christmas period and as we recruit more new examiners - we will keep you updated.

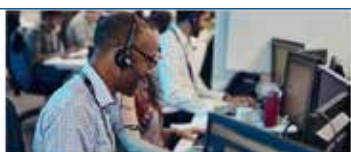
We are sorry for any inconvenience that this might cause.

[Driving test centre waiting room guidance](#)

We have measures in place to help protect our customers using our test centre waiting rooms that remain open. The maximum number of people who can use our waiting rooms are displayed inside and outside of the room. People using these rooms need to keep a safe distance from others and use the hand sanitiser as provided.

[Read our waiting room rules](#)

[What we are doing so we can answer more of your calls](#)



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[Temporary closure of Birmingham Shirley driving test centre](#)

The Birmingham Shirley driving test centre will be temporarily closed for refurbishment from Monday 7 February until Friday 4 March 2022.

[Tests will still go ahead](#)

All practical car driving tests, ADI tests and standards checks will still go ahead as planned, but instead these will take place at the following address:

Cocks Moor Leisure Centre, Alcester Road South, Birmingham, B14 6ER

[Letting your pupils know](#)

We have written to affected candidates, but please do remind them nearer the time if you can. We will also send you a reminder of this change a week or so before the closure takes place.

Testing will recommence from the Birmingham Shirley test centre on Monday 7 March 2022.

[DVSA guidance on transporting horses in horseboxes and trailers](#)

[Click here](#) for details.

[Statistics - Car driving test data by test centre](#)

Statistics about car driving tests, showing pass rates for each driving test centre by gender and ethnicity, and first-time passes. [Click here to read.](#)

[Forthcoming Test Centre Closures:](#)

[Newbury driving test centre is closing](#)

Newbury driving test centre at Hambridge Lane will be permanently closing later this year.

[Tests booked at this site](#)

We have tried to keep the number of tests affected to a minimum. Any tests affected by this closure will be moved to another local test centre, and candidates will receive an email notification from DVSA confirming the new location of the test. You need to tell your pupil about the change if you booked the test for them and it is affected. This is also where affected examiners will be working from, following the closure.

[Why this is happening](#)

DVSA is committed to providing value for money to its fee-paying customers and offering the best, most efficient service possible. This centre is closing because the cost of running this test centre can be saved and the same service can be provided from the Greenham test centre.

There will be no tests cancelled as a result of the changes, and the number of tests available locally will stay the same. Learners will continue to receive the same good service from Greenham. They can practise on any roads and should not need to learn to drive at a test centre location.

[Alternative test centres](#)

The next nearest driving test centre will now be the Greenham test centre, 5 miles from the Newbury test centre: **Off Buckner Croke Way, Venture West Business Park, New Greenham Park, Newbury RG19 6HX** [View a map.](#)



Whitchurch driving test centre is closing

We are writing to let you know that the Whitchurch driving test centre at 31 The Lodge, Paul Moss, will be permanently closing after **Sunday 10 April 2022**.

Tests booked at this site

We have tried to keep the number of tests affected to a minimum. Any tests affected by this closure will be moved to another local test centre, and candidates will receive an email notification from DVSA confirming the new location of the test. You need to tell your pupil about the change if you booked the test for them and it is affected. This is also where affected examiners will be working from, following the closure.

Why this is happening

DVSA is committed to providing value for money to its fee-paying customers and offering the best, most efficient service possible. This centre is closing because the cost of running this test centre can be saved and the same service can be provided from Wrexham, Shrewsbury or Crewe driving test centres. There will be no tests cancelled as a result of the changes, and the number of tests available locally will stay the same. Learners will continue to receive the same good service from Wrexham, Shrewsbury or Crewe. They can practise on any roads and should not need to learn to drive at a test centre location.

Alternative test centres

The next nearest driving test centre will now be the Crewe test centre, 14 miles from the Whitchurch centre: **6 Nile Street, Crewe CW2 7LL** [View a map.](#)

Other nearby sites include, Wrexham (16.6 miles away) and Shrewsbury (17.4 miles away).

Hyde driving test centre is closing

We are writing to let you know that the Hyde (Manchester) driving test centre at Perrin Street, will be permanently closing after **Sunday 10 April 2022**.

Tests booked at this site

We have tried to keep the number of tests affected to a minimum. Any tests affected by this closure will be moved to another local test centre, and candidates will receive an email notification from DVSA confirming the new location of the test. You need to tell your pupil about the change if you booked the test for them and it is affected. This is also where affected examiners will be working from, following the closure.

Why this is happening

DVSA is committed to providing value for money to its fee-paying customers and offering the best, most efficient service possible. This centre is closing because the cost of running this test centre can be saved, and the same service can be provided from the Bredbury or Chadderton driving test centres. There will be no tests cancelled as a result of the changes, and the number of tests available locally will stay the same. Learners will continue to receive the same good service from Bredbury or Chadderton. They can practise on any roads and should not need to learn to drive at a test centre location.

Alternative test centres

The next nearest driving test centre will now be the Bredbury test centre, 3.7 miles from Hyde Lingard Lane, Bredbury, Stockport SK6 2QT [View a map.](#)

Other nearby sites include Chadderton (9.5 miles away): 9 Broadgate, Broadway Business Park, Chadderton, Oldham OL9 9XA [View a map.](#)

South Shields driving test centre is closing

We are writing to let you know that the South Shields driving test centre at Bede Industrial Estate, will be permanently closing after **Sunday 10 April 2022**.

Tests booked at this site

We have tried to keep the number of tests affected to a minimum. Any tests affected by this closure will be moved to another local test centre, and candidates will receive an email notification from DVSA confirming the new location of the test. You need to tell your pupil about the change if you booked the test for them and it is affected. This is also where affected examiners will be working from, following the closure.

Why this is happening

DVSA is committed to providing value for money to its fee-paying customers and offering the best, most efficient service possible. This centre is closing because the cost of running this test centre can be saved and the same service can be provided from the Sunderland driving test centre.

There will be no tests cancelled as a result of the changes, and the number of tests available locally will stay the same. Learners will continue to receive the same good service from Sunderland. They can practise on any roads and should not need to learn to drive at a test centre location.

Alternative test centres

The next nearest driving test centre will now be the Sunderland test centre, 5.6 miles from the South Shields centre: **River Bank Road, North Hylton Road Industrial Estate, Sunderland SR5 3JJ** [View a map.](#)

Notification of Elswick driving test centre closure

We are writing to let you know that the Elswick driving test centre at Asama Court, Amethyst Road will be permanently closing after **Sunday 10 April 2022**.

Tests booked at this site

We have tried to keep the number of tests affected to a minimum. Any tests affected by this closure will be moved to another local test centre, and candidates will receive an email notification from DVSA confirming the new location of the test. You need to tell your pupil about the change if you booked the test for them and it is affected. This is also where affected examiners will be working from, following the closure.

Why this is happening

DVSA is committed to providing value for money to its fee-paying customers and offering the best, most efficient service possible. This centre is closing because the cost of running this test centre can be saved and the same service can be provided from the driving test centres at Gateshead or Gosforth. There will be no tests cancelled as a result of the changes, and the number of tests available locally will stay the same. Learners will continue to receive the same good service from Gateshead or Gosforth. They can practise on any roads and should not need to learn to drive at a test centre location.

Alternative test centres

The next nearest driving test centre will now be the Gateshead test centre, 4 miles from Elswick:

Waterside Drive, Dunston, Gateshead NE11 9HU [View a map.](#)

Other nearby sites include Gosforth (8.8 miles away):

Sandy lane, Gosforth, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE3 5HB [View a map.](#)

Croydon driving test centre is closing

We are writing to let you know that the Croydon driving test centre at 111 Canterbury Road, will be permanently closing after **Sunday 10 April 2022**.

Tests booked at this site

We have tried to keep the number of tests affected to a minimum. Any tests affected by this closure will be moved to another local test centre, and candidates will receive an email notification from DVSA confirming the new location of the test. You need to tell your pupil about the change if you booked the test for them and it is affected. This is also where affected examiners will be working from, following the closure.

Why this is happening

DVSA is committed to providing value for money to its fee-paying customers and offering the best, most efficient service possible. This centre is closing because the cost of running this test centre can be saved and the same service can be provided from the Mitcham driving test centre. There will be no tests cancelled as a result of the changes, and the number of tests available locally will stay the same. Learners will continue to receive the same good service from Mitcham. They can practise on any roads and should not need to learn to drive at a test centre location.

Alternative test centres

The next nearest driving test centre will now be the Mitcham test centre, 0.9 miles from Croydon:

Redhouse Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR0 3AQ [View a map.](#)

Southampton Forest Hills driving test centre is closing

We are writing to let you know that the Southampton Forest Hills driving test centre will be permanently closing after **Sunday 10 April 2022**.

Tests booked at this site

We have tried to keep the number of tests affected to a minimum. Any tests affected by this closure will be moved to another local test centre, and candidates will receive an email notification from DVSA confirming the new location of the test. You need to tell your pupil about the change if you booked the test for them and it is affected. This is also where affected examiners will be working from, following the closure.

There will be no tests cancelled as a result of the changes, and the number of tests available locally will stay the same.

Learners will continue to receive the same good service from Southampton Maybush. They can practise on any roads and should not need to learn to drive at a test centre location.

Alternative test centres

The next nearest driving test centre will now be the Southampton Maybush test centre, 5 miles from Southampton Forest Hills: **Green Lane, Maybush, Southampton SO16 9FP** [View a map.](#)

Ashford driving test centre is closing

We are writing to let you know that the Ashford driving test centre at Fir Tree Place, Church Road, will be permanently closing after **Sunday 10 April 2022**.

Tests booked at this site

We have tried to keep the number of tests affected to a minimum. Any tests affected by this closure will be moved to another local test centre, and candidates will receive an email notification from DVSA confirming the new location of the test. You need to tell your pupil about the change if you booked the test for them and it is affected. This is also where affected examiners will be working from, following the closure.

Why this is happening

DVSA is committed to providing value for money to its fee-paying customers and offering the best, most efficient service possible. This centre is closing because the cost of running this test centre can be saved and the same service can be provided from the Chertsey or Isleworth driving test centres. There will be no tests cancelled as a result of the changes, and the number of tests available locally will stay the same. Learners will continue to receive the same good service from Chertsey or Isleworth. They can practise on any roads and should not need to learn to drive at a test centre location.

Alternative test centres

The next nearest driving test centre will now be the Chertsey test centre, 6 miles from the Ashford test centre:

Unit 4, The Forum, Hanworth Lane, Chertsey KT16 9JX [View a map.](#)

Other nearby sites include, Isleworth (8 miles away): **The Wireless Factory, Fleming Way, Isleworth TW7 6DB** [View a map.](#)

Keeping you informed on all the test centre closures

We will also be holding a meeting for local approved driving instructors, which will be advertised at all these driving test centres in due course. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.





The January edition of Traffic Safety Roads is out now. Many thanks to Graham Feest, our Road Safety Advisor.



Items this month include:

- Closing the Loop Hole
- Danger from E-Scooters Catching Fire
- Parking on the Pavement
- Changes to the Highway Code
- Views from the Over 60's
- New Approach in Greater Manchester
- New Shadow Transport Secretary
- Biggest Gyratory Upgraded
- Work Halted on M3
- First Chief Road Safety Adviser
- Getting a Driving Test – Still a Problem
- New Director of Communications
- Re-launch of Honest Truth Resources
- Driving Test – Wasted Appointments
- The Right BPM When Driving is Critical!
- Motorcycle Licensing, Training & Testing
- Non-Injury Crash Data would be Helpful
- Reducing Casualties by Stopping Crashes
- Opportunity with RoSPA

And much more!

Smart motorway rollout suspended amid safety concerns

Controversial schemes to convert stretches of M3, M25, M62 and M40 will be paused until at least 2025

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/jan/12/smart-motorway-rollout-suspended-amid-safety-concerns>

Sky News Smart Motorways explainer:

<https://news.sky.com/story/smart-motorways-what-are-they-how-much-have-they-cost-the-taxpayer-and-why-are-they-being-shelved-12513919>

Land Rover towing 20ft container pulled over for doing 30mph on A47

<https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/traffic/car-towing-shipping-contained-pulled-over-in-norwich-8611046>



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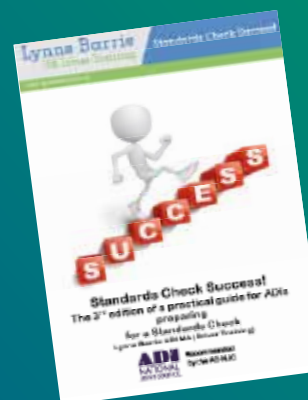
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Latest news from Marmalade



As we waved Suzy Walsh off last month, we now welcome Matt Adams who has officially taken the helm as Marmalade Network Manager. We wish you well Matt and look forward to working with you.

MyDriveTime

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The dedicated team at Marmalade is at the end of the line to answer all your enquiries and to signpost you to Marmalade products such as Breakdown cover and Tuition vehicles. You can call them on **0333 323 2615** or if you prefer, you can email them at info@marmaladenetwork.co.uk

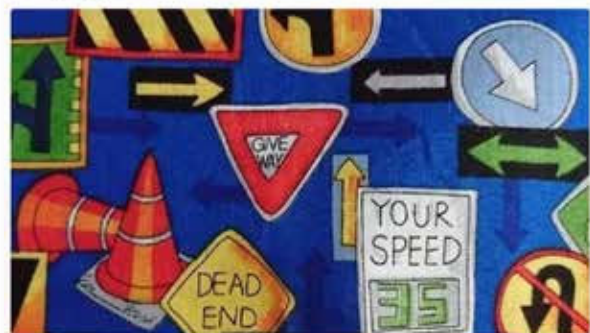
Helping to support ADIs and PDIs

As you'll have read in Lynne's report, the inspirational fund helping ADIs and PDIs continues and grants are available for anyone in need, through having to isolate for example, or because of other financial problems. [Details and the form to apply can be found here](#).

Can you help us to keep the funds topped up?

If you can afford to do so, please would you consider donating to the helping ADIs and PDIs instructor fund? [If you wish to make a donation you can do so here](#).

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Book your free tickets now!

These events are a must for any instructor, so save the dates in your diary and register for free. The events follow hot on the heels of the very successful event held in October which welcomed a record breaking number of instructors on the day. We would also like to extend a huge thanks to our returning headline sponsor Marmalade Network, who will also sponsor the ADINJC & Intelligent Instructor National Conference & Expo '22. Marmalade Network support and reward driving instructors through their innovative referral programme. [Book your FREE ticket here.](#)

The events are not only a chance for driving instructors to socialise, network, build one's business, but also to get away from the day job and have some fun. So please do come and join the fun on May 8th and Oct 2nd! Visit www.events.intelligentinstructor.co.uk to find out more and [to register your place.](#)

All of our speakers will be running free seminar sessions aimed specifically for the instructor audience right throughout the day. A wide variety of expert speakers, delivering insightful presentations and workshops will help you develop, build and enhance your business.

Expo South Speakers announced so far:

David Crundall – Professor of Psychology, Nottingham Trent University

Is VR useful for driving training and assessment? We look at the viability and potential pitfalls of VR for training and assessing hazard perception. Current and future possibilities for the use of VR in training will be discussed.

Lisa Dorn – Professor of Driver Behaviour, Cranfield University

There are known risks when drivers overly trust assisted and automated vehicles leading to driver distraction and fatigue. Drivers must develop competencies in the ability to operate systems safely and this has implications for ADI knowledge and skills. What do ADIs need to know about human factors to deliver on the expected safety benefits of future vehicles?

Michael Carr – Managing Director, GoRoadie Pro

Technology moves at an unrelenting pace. Your learners now learn to use a tablet and touchscreen before they learn to walk. Let's look at and demystify recent innovations and see how you can use them to move your business and the driver training industry forward today.

Mike Newman – CEO, Speed of Sight Charity

Mike will explain how the Speed of Sight Charity provides people with life limiting disabilities exciting opportunities to drive race cars on a race circuit. This couldn't be possible without the help and support of ADIs throughout the country.



Shaun Harrington-Lunt – Business Development Manager, Superdrive Academy

Growing your driving school and knowing which business strategies to implement can be tricky when trying to expand your business. I'll be discussing the "How To's" and giving you an insight on which marketing strategies and tools to use to help you meet your business goals to expand.

James Evans – Founder and MD, FirstCar & The Honest Truth

We know that most ADIs want to go over and above for their learners and give them the knowledge and skills required to drive safely for life. The Honest Truth Campaign has been created to make it easier for ADIs to deliver these vital messages, seamlessly within normal driving lessons.

Andrew Love – Head of Training, ADINJC

This session will examine how the reason for the journey affects the driver's choices, the difference between instinctive & considered choices & how it affects road safety. Helping drivers to consider situations during their training will help them with driving choices in new situations or experiences.

Ray Seagrave – Owner, Ray Seagrave Instructor Training

Advocate for Coaching and client-centred learning, Ray is an industry award-winning trainer and public speaker. A grade 'A' (51/51) ORDIT Instructor trainer and grade 'A' ADI, his passion is helping ADI's and PDI's develop their client-centred teaching and coaching skills to deliver the National Driver and Rider Standards around safe driving for life.

Patrick Maguire – Partner/Lawyer, HCC Solicitors

Patrick, represents people who have suffered serious or catastrophic injury and families who have lost a loved one. Patrick's session looks at Serious and Catastrophic Road Collisions - The Role of a Specialist Lawyer.

Ruedi Preiss – Managing Director, YES! School of Motoring

Originally from Austria, Ruedi settled in Dorset in 2008 and after passing his Part 3 in 2009 founded YES! Driving School a year later. Ruedi's session: Driving Electric – The Start of a New Era.

Bob Morton – Client Centred Learning

ORDIT Trainer, ex Director of Training LDC driving school, Teacher, assessor & verifier. Bob's session title: Maximising your exam potential - How to make sure the real you turns up on the day.



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Face to face and online dates available

New training dates have been announced across the country in the company of Andrew Love, our Head of Training and various members of our training team. These events are definitely not to be missed - the combined expertise from our range of trainers is second to none. Book now for our face to face and online courses, covering Standards Checks, Part 3s and Mock Test Madness! <https://www.adinjc.org.uk/training/#adinjc-courses>

Upcoming training dates/venues (some online)

Monday 7th February 2022 - Mock test Madness (Online)

£25 members - £30 lite members

Tuesday 15 March 2022 - Standards Check Workshop at Holiday Inn Cardiff, CF15 7AD

£99 members - £120 lite members

Monday 4th & 25th April - Standards Check Made Easy with Lynne & Andrew (Online)

2 x 2 hour online sessions

£50 members - £65 lite members-Online

Monday 17 May 2022 - Standards Check Workshop at Holiday Inn Southampton, SO15 1AG

£99 members - £120 lite members

These workshops at various venues will leave you feeling more confident and prepared and our expert trainers who are themselves ADIs will be there to help guide and support you throughout the day. Your workshop is an opportunity to meet fellow ADIs and take time for yourself to consider and improve your teaching ready for your Standards Check. PDIs are also most welcome to join us on these courses.

Do you know what's not worthy?

Over the last few months it has become even more important for trainers and trainees to know when they are deemed ready to sit the test. During training to become an ADI there would have been a great emphasis on assessing what had been learnt during the lesson (Formative assessment). For most there will have been very little information about conducting a Mock Test (Summative assessment)

The Mock Test Madness session is delivered online and a great place to meet like minded ADIs and PDIs. The session is hosted by Andrew Love & Leigh Brookes. It's vitally important that ADIs prepare candidates for their tests, which includes what is likely to happen on the day. The driving test is different from normal driving lessons because the candidate is driving on their own, without any interventions from the passenger. During the session the differences will be discussed, highlighting the benefits of recreating what it would be like during the driving test.

What it includes

- Reason for the journey
- What must happen
- Understanding the marking system
- Fault assessment
- What are you going to do next?

This session is 2 hours and a useful reminder for experienced ADIs and recently qualified ADIs to



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10th Jan 2022	Corby-Kettering Holiday Inn
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6th Nov 2021	&	22nd Nov 2021
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Mock Test Madness

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ADINJC training dates - booking now for 2022!



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Still making your mind up? You can also view further feedback from previous attendees of NJC training courses here:



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Intelligent Instructor Awards

Voting closed on January 14th 2022 for the Intelligent Instructor awards 2022 however, [you can see the shortlists here](#).

Upcoming ADINJC Association Meeting & AGM Saturday 5th March 2022 by Zoom



See our Secretary recently wrote to groups as follows:

Dear group representative

The AGM of the ADINJC will take place on Saturday 5 March by zoom. We had hoped to make this a physical meeting, but in view of the current Covid situation, thought we would play safe and keep our fingers crossed for a physical meeting in June.

The Notice of the AGM is attached, please let me know if you would like to attend, or to give your apologies. Fully paid up member groups may send two representatives but will only have one vote. If you wish to nominate anyone for the Governing Committee there is a nomination form attached. Similarly, if you have a Motion you would like considered at the AGM please complete the form and return it to me. Please note that for both nominations and motions you would need to have two signatures, and in the case of a nomination the person being nominated will also need to consent. Both forms need to be returned not later than 28 days before the AGM, that is not later than Friday 4 February.

The Minutes of the previous AGM and the Agenda will follow in due course.

The AGM will be followed by an Association Meeting, details of which will follow.

Regards



Notice of 48th Annual General Meeting

January 2022

Dear Member/Member Organisation

Please take this as official notice of the 48th Annual General Meeting of the ADINJC **to be held by Zoom, starting at 10am on Saturday 5 March 2022**. This meeting will be followed by the Association Meeting. The agenda, minutes of the 2020 AGM and further details will follow as per clause 10.4.d of our constitution.

Please forward intentions to attend, and apologies for non-attendance, to the secretary at secretary@adinjc.org.uk. We will try to accommodate all those wishing to attend but may need to restrict numbers, and it will be on a first come basis.

Nominations for the Governing Committee, and Motions for consideration at the AGM should be submitted on the attached forms and sent to the secretary by email no later than 28 days before the AGM.

Sue Duncan
Secretary ADINJC

Sue Duncan, Secretary ADINJC secretary@adinjc.org.uk



Happy New Year! There was an amusing piece in the Mail on Sunday of December 19th, which told how a drink-driver tried to fool police by swallowing hand sanitiser before a breath test – without realising that the anti-bacterial gel contained alcohol. Shop assistant Sophie Nutter (appropriate name), 29 was told by a judge she was lucky not to be spending Christmas behind bars after the test showed 52 micrograms of alcohol in 100ml of breath. The legal limit is 35 micrograms. She had been spotted swerving across the road in her Suzuki Swift with four flat tyres and a broken windscreen. Police found her slurping from a bottle of hand sanitiser. The mother from Beverley, East Yorkshire, admitted drink-driving and using a vehicle likely to cause danger of injury on April 7th when she appeared at Hull Crown Court. Recorder Alex Menary told the court that Nutter had tried to swallow sanitiser, which contains 60 per cent alcohol, in a failed attempt to reduce her breath test reading. She had breached a two-year suspended sentence for drug offences imposed in October last year. She was given a one-year community order and a 23-month driving ban and must pay £100 costs. As Pete Seeger once sang - when will they ever learn?

And there was a story in the Mail of December 17th which told how a successful businessman who turned to drink driving during lockdown, crashed his £65,000 Tesla car as he drove himself to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. Software designer Peter Scott, 52, had drunk vodka before the meeting and was found by police in August slumped in the driver's seat playing games on his phone. The married father of three from near Macclesfield in Cheshire had 131 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35 micrograms. At Stockport magistrates' court, Scott admitted driving with excess alcohol. He was banned for three years and given a suspended 12-week jail term. You couldn't make it up, could you?

There was a piece in the Mirror of December 16th, which said that Katie Price was told she was 'extremely lucky' not to be jailed after her drink and drug-fuelled car crash. The shamed model, 43, flipped her BMW X5 on a country road after spending the night drinking and taking cocaine at her home. She got behind the wheel despite being banned from driving and having no insurance. The mother-of-five, who has been banned from driving five times already, admitted all charges the day after the crash and had faced a maximum jail sentence of six months. District Judge Amanda Kelly reluctantly handed her a 16-week term, suspended for a year, and banned her from the roads for a further two years. The judge, sitting at Crawley magistrates court in West Sussex, told Price: "You deserve to spend Christmas behind bars. You could have killed someone's partner, child, parent or friend. You appear to think you are above the law. You have one of the worst driving records I have seen. If you put a foot wrong in the weeks and months ahead you will certainly go to prison". Price hung her head and looked tearful as the judge slammed her actions over the crash at 6am on September 28th. The star told police she had decided to go out and see a friend because she was 'lonely'. But she lost control of the BMW, flipped it on its side and ploughed into a hedge on the B2135 in Partridge Green, West Sussex. The former Loose Woman panellist told police officers at the scene: "I drank alcohol. I took drugs, I shouldn't be driving. I admit it." Tests later showed Price had 66 micrograms of alcohol in 100ml of breath. The legal limit is 35mg. The following day, Crawley magistrates said her sentence would be deferred provided she had treatment at the Priory Centre, did not offend again and was banned from driving in the interim. And Judge Kelly told her: "The public may be appalled to know that I cannot send you to prison today. But the law says that when a person had complied with the terms of their release then you have a legitimate expectation you will not be sent to prison today. You are extremely lucky the magistrates on

the previous occasions chose to defer sentence". As well as her suspended sentence, Price was ordered to attend 20 rehabilitation sessions, carry out 100 hours of community service and pay a victim surcharge of £85. Sussex Police said they may appeal. Good grief!

And there was a story in the Mail of January 3rd with the headline 'E-scooter rider, 74, killed in crash with parked cars'. It told how a pensioner riding an e-scooter was killed after crashing into parked cars the day before his 75th birthday. Great-grandfather David Ackers collided with two vehicles on his side of the road and died at the scene from a suspected bleed on the brain. It is not known whether he was wearing a helmet when he apparently lost his balance and struck the cars at 1.40pm on New Year's Day in Tameside, Greater Manchester. Mr Ackers, who was said to have been riding an e-scooter belonging to a family member, was a father of two, grandfather of four and had three great-grandchildren. In a Facebook post, his granddaughter Rebecca Young paid tribute to the man she called 'Garg': "My garg, my grandad, my best friend, the most amazing, most generous, caring, selfless man in the world went out today and had a bad accident. You were our rock, I just can't even come to terms with what's happened, I just can't. It's not right. You should be here celebrating your birthday, laughing and joking like you do every day! You just can't be gone, what am I going to do without you? Thank you for being my garg, and my babies' garg, me and the boys love you forever and always. I will make sure they know how much of an amazing man you were. Til we meet again garg aka my trendy garg. Goodnight garg". (I am not ashamed to admit that, as I type this, I have a tear in my eye). E-scooters are not allowed on public roads unless they are rented from Government-backed trial schemes. E-scooter owners may only use them on private land – not cycle lanes, pavements, or public roads. Mr Ackers' death comes days after it emerged that e-scooters are being sold on Amazon as the 'ideal' and 'perfect' way to commute. E-scooters were involved in 460 accidents in the UK and there were 484 casualties, of whom one died and 128 were badly hurt. It is my personal view that they should be banned completely.

And there was a piece in the Mail on Sunday of December 12th which said that Government minister feels that owning a car is out-dated 20th Century thinking and will soon become a thing of the past for most people in Britain. Junior Transport Minister Trudy Harrison, 45, told a green travel conference that the country was "reaching a tipping point where shared mobility in the form of car clubs, scooters and bike shares will soon be a realistic option for many of us to get around". Speaking to a virtual audience at transport charity CoMoUK (no I haven't a clue either), Ms Harrison said the UK needed to move away from "20th Century thinking centred around private vehicle ownership and towards greater flexibility, with personal choice and low-carbon shared transport". She added: "Changing the way people consider ownership and dependency will take time, but many things seem farfetched until they aren't, and I believe the same is true for shared mobility". Cars are responsible for about 13 per cent of Britain's greenhouse gas emissions. The Government said it intends to reduce emissions to net zero by 2050 and has committed £5billion to 'greener' transport such as walking and cycling. One way of achieving this is by the banning of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030. E-scooters are also expected to be made legal on UK roads (oh no!) to promote a greener way of getting about. Currently, almost 80 per cent of households own a car, according to figures by data firm Statista. This equates to 63.5 million households owning at least one car, out of a total 80.7million. Please don't tell them that the Adrian household owns six cars!

Well, I have managed to get this far in the column without mentioning smart motorways, but I am afraid that I can avoid it no longer. A piece in Classic Car Buyer of November 10th said that MPs are recommending that the roll-out of these roads should be paused for five years due to insufficient data on their safety. Last March, the Department for Transport responded to widespread safety concerns with an 18-point action plan for the future of smart motorways. This included making all



new schemes into all-lane-running (ALR) roads, in which the hard shoulder is permanently used as an extra lane. However, a new Commons' Transport Select Committee report calls that decision "premature" and says that there is not enough safety and economic data to justify continuing with the plans. Describing the available data as "limited" and "volatile", the report cites The Office of Rail and Road's observation that only 29 miles of ALR motorways have five years of safety information available, and that much less is available for the remaining 112 miles introduced before 2020. The Committee also concludes that the scale of safety measures needed to mitigate the permanent removal of the hard shoulder has been underestimated by successive administrations, the Department for Transport and National Highways, with DfT's 18-point action plan also not fully addressing the issue. Ultimately, the report calls on the government to pause the roll-out of all-lane running Smart Motorways until five years' worth of suitable data is available and safety improvements have been delivered and independently evaluated. Could there be a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel?

And there was a story in the Mail of January 3rd, which said a surge in illegal number plate cloning has been blamed on drivers trying to avoid paying penalties for older polluting cars. Reports of cars being wrongly linked to fines for driving in 'clean air' or 'low emissions' zones have shot up, suggesting more and more rogue motorists are fitting fake plates to cheat city centre enforcement cameras. Birmingham, London and Bath have led the way on green zones. Bristol's clean air zone will charge older cars £9 and HGVs, buses and coaches £100 from the summer. Cambridge, Oxford, Manchester, Bradford, Sheffield and Newcastle could be next. And as more city centres bring in such zones, the AA fears the rise in fake plates has only just begun. You have been warned!

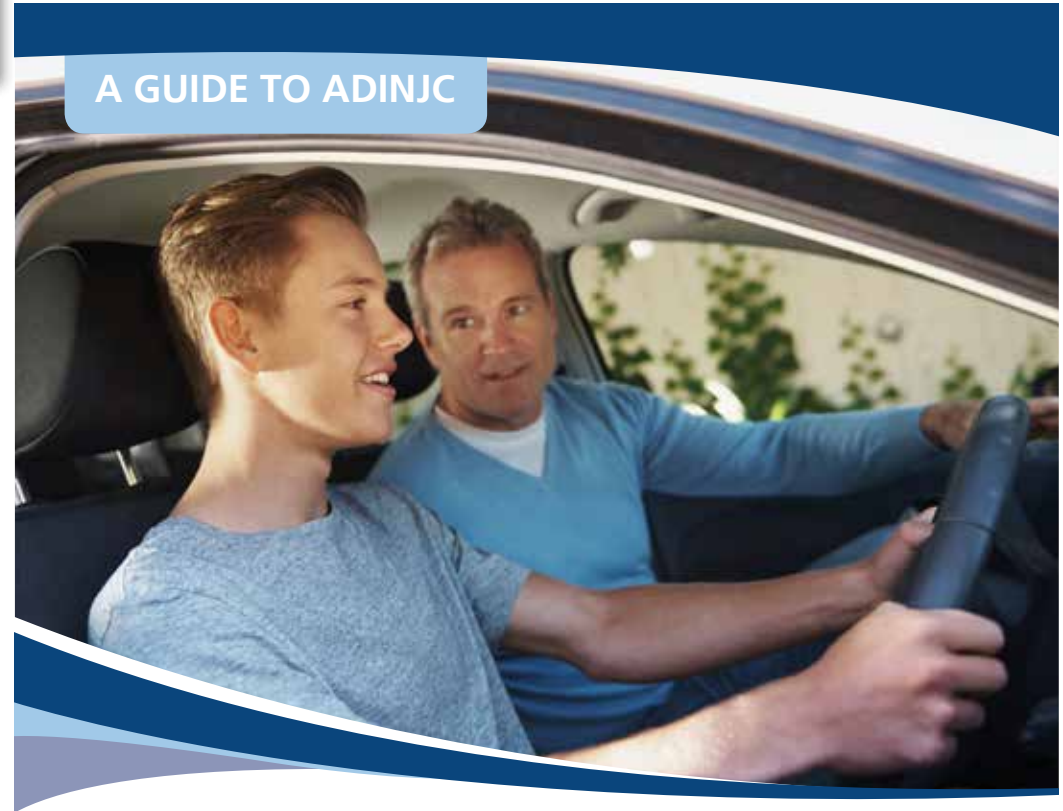
And finally,

A rather different one this month. Some of you will have heard the news that the Cornish comedian, Jethro, sadly passed away in December. What you probably will not know, is that Mrs Adrian and I live in the Devon village where his club is situated, and I have occasionally met him in the local shop. Now I am sure that our new Newsletter Editor would not allow me to tell you most of Jethro's jokes, but here are three that I reckon I can get away with:
A guy walks into a chip shop with a cod under his arm. "Here, do you sell Fish Cakes? Chip shop guy says "Sorry, no". "Shame that, it was his birthday today".
I'm not in a very good mood. My wife, I lend her a thousand pounds to have plastic surgery, now I can't get the money back and I don't know who to look for.
I bought her a car for Christmas. She said, "That's no good to me, I want something that will go from 0-160 in three seconds". So I bought her bathroom scales.

Til next time

Adrian

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Coaches' Corner

Hope you enjoyed the TEDx talk from Lisa Marie Husby last month 'Life is just a set of new beginnings'. This month I'm getting inspiration from a 7 year old called Molly Wright! If you haven't seen this TED video yet, you're in for a real treat. I just love how Molly presented and captured the entire audience. She's one to watch for the future. Her talk 'How every child can thrive by five' is here:

See what you think!



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Peter, Nick and Elliot talk with Rob Cooling and expel some myths about electric cars. They also look at the following topics for discussion:

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| • Presentations | • Lesson Fees & Hours | • Bizarre Questions |
| • Transition To Electric | • Life and Reliability | • Running On Empty |
| • Sound Generators | • Manufacturing Costs | • Face Masks |
| • Charging | • Correspondence | |

Catch up now on all 68 minutes if you haven't done so already and as always, these shows are not to be missed! Remember, the guys love to hear from you and your response to the show is always welcomed! Please tell a fellow ADI about DIPOD and help spread the word!

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A GUIDE TO ADINJC

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Public Liability Driving Tuition

Why is Public Liability cover so important?

Because we all make mistakes in life, including in our business operations as a driving instructor. Quite simply, if a member of the public (or any other third party) is injured or suffers damage to their property, arising out of the conduct of your business as a driving instructor, you could be held responsible.

The ADINJC Public Liability insurance, is designed to provide protection from claims against you by third parties who may have suffered personal injury or damage to their property, during contact with your driving school. Most motor policies provide you with a compulsory £20 Million Public Liability cover for accidents and injuries that occur as a consequence of having an accident. The ADINJC believes it's important to ensure you also have sufficient cover away from the vehicle, and have therefore arranged for its paid up members to benefit from £10 Million Public Liability cover away from the vehicle. The policy also has a low policy excess of just £500 for each and every claim. The ADINJC policy provides £10 Million cover for each and every claim during the life of the policy.

A range of claims can arise. These can extend from accidents at your own business premises, to incidents that occur whilst providing advice or tuition whilst working away from your vehicle.

Increasingly, it is a requirement of many customers, principals, and clients (particularly local authorities and government agencies), that you be asked to present proof of Public Liability insurance before they will work with you, or allow you to work on their property or premises.

Compensation arising from Public Liability claims can be substantial, and may include loss of earnings, future loss of earnings and damages awarded to the claimant. In addition, considerable legal costs in defending the claim can be incurred, and the claimants' legal costs may also be awarded against you if you are found to be at fault. All would be covered under a comprehensive Public Liability policy

Claims for trips, slips and falls are the most common, but there are other events that can lead to a claim against you. The following are examples of potential claims that can give rise to public liability claims against your driving school:

- you open your door for a pupil who you inadvertently trip over, causing an injury;
- you spill a hot drink in a classroom and a pupil slips over on this, causing an injury;
- a pupil falls over some cones you have positioned to practice parking, causing an injury;
- you knock over a valuable antique whilst waiting for a pupil at their home;

Highway Code Changes

You may well have seen publicity about the changes to the Highway Code that will be introduced later this month and have written to share your concerns, in particular over the rule about giving way to pedestrians waiting to cross the road when you turn left. We share your concerns, it certainly looks like a disaster waiting to happen.

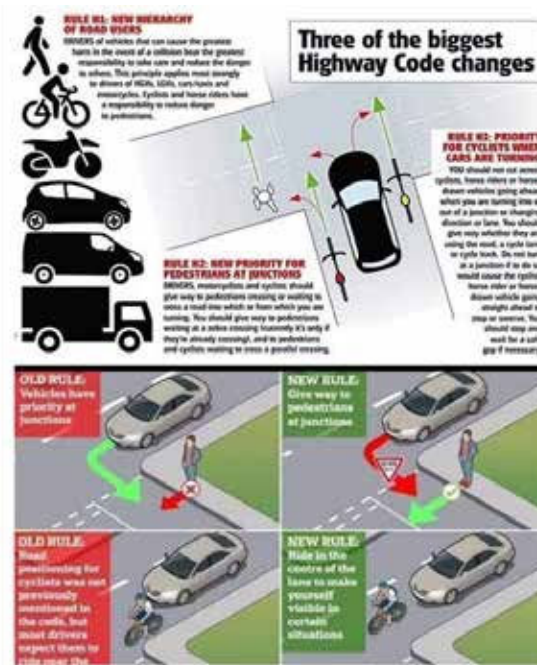
Currently we have not heard from DVSA on how they intend to treat this situation but we will of course keep you informed on any guidance that comes through.

In the meantime, our thanks to Ian Hornel who sent us this PDF:



Consultation outcome -

Summary of the consultation proposals on a review of The Highway Code





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Avoid London?

'Easiest' Driving Test Centres in the Country - Revealed!

Thanks to Rhys Thomas from www.wmgagency.co.uk who sent the following piece.

Learner drivers should move to the Highlands of Scotland and avoid London, as new research from learner driver experts Collingwood Insurance Services <https://www.collingwood.co.uk> has analysed the most recent data on pass rates to reveal that all ten of the 'easiest' test centres in the UK are located in rural areas in Scotland.

Key findings include:

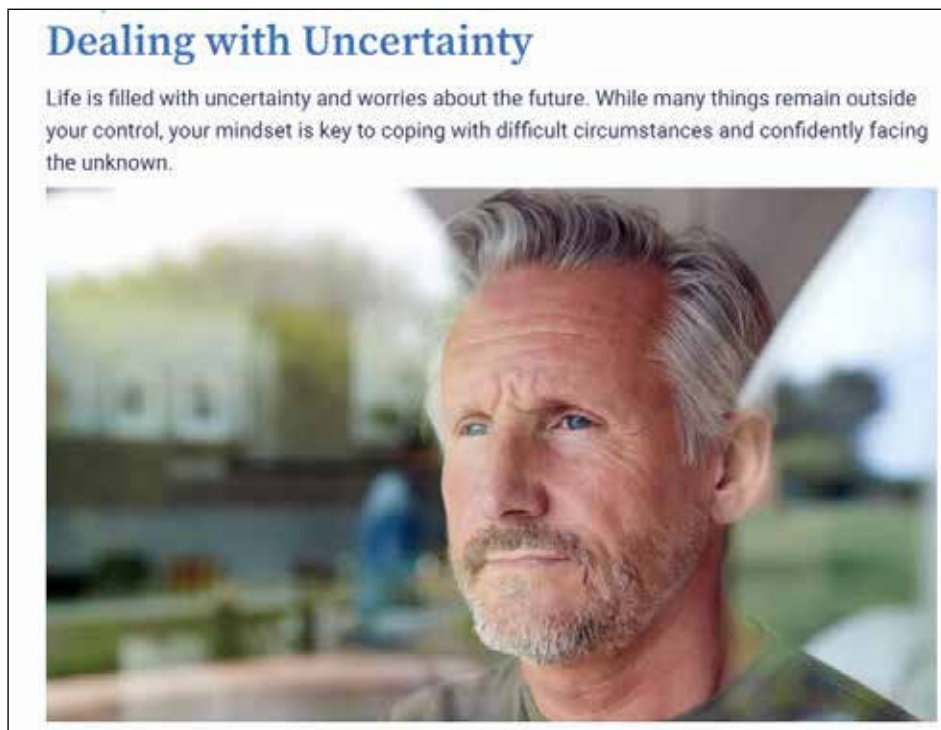
- All ten test centres with a high pass rate are based in rural Scotland
- Four test centres in London are among the bottom ten with the lowest pass rates in the country
- Men (53.9%) are marginally more likely to pass their test than women (49.2%)
- One in ten students (9%) won't book a driving test until the extended wait times caused by the pandemic have subsided

More information here: <https://www.collingwood.co.uk/blog/best-place-to-take-your-driving-test/>

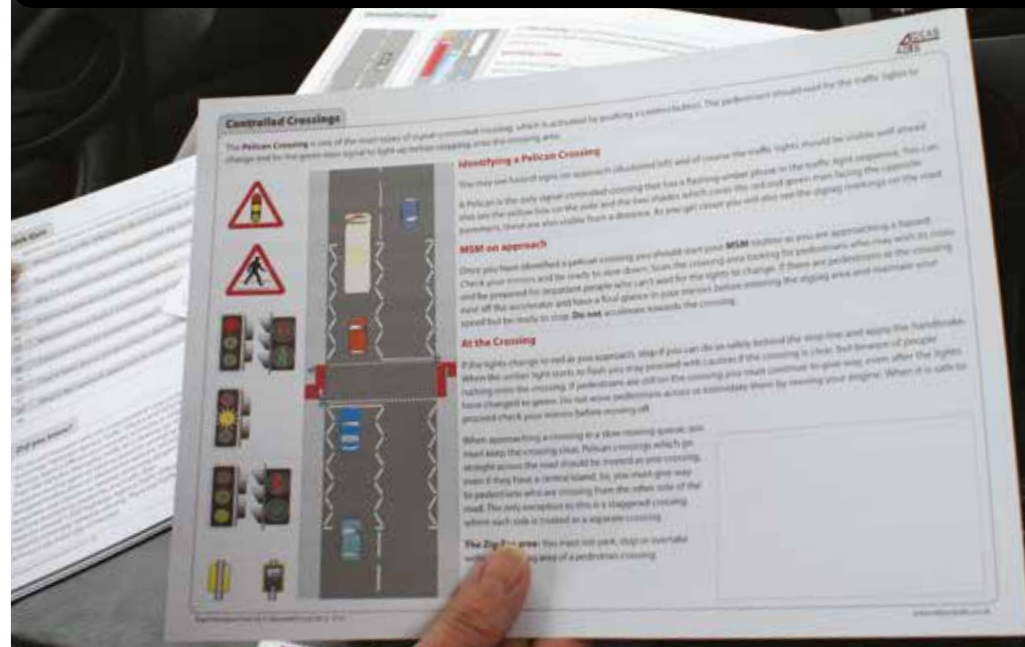
Liz Laidler, Head of Learner Driver Products at Collingwood Insurance Services UK Ltd, said:

"Booking in a driving test is a daunting time for anyone with ambitions to get behind the wheel, and this data is an interesting snapshot of the differences between urban and rural driving! Nevertheless, accidents can happen at any time and any place on the roads, and while drivers can minimise their chances of an accident by driving carefully and considerately, having a suitable insurance product is essential to ensure that you are protected against anything that happens on the road. Good luck to anyone looking to pass their test in the near future and remember that practice makes perfect!"

As we said hello to 2022, we were still facing much uncertainty. I've read many articles on the subject and I think the following is a particularly good one. If you're feeling in any way uncertain about anything, then this may be for you:



Remember if you've been struggling with your emotional health prior to lockdowns, we've still got our talk line however, if you feel you have an issue or problem which you'd be prepared to share in a bid to help yourself and others who may be feeling the same way, please feel free to do so. Alternatively, if you feel yours is a deeply private and personal one, please do not feel any pressure to share. Most importantly, please don't go on struggling or feeling that you're on your own. Talking to someone you trust or writing things down that are worrying you is taking the 1st step.



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DRIVING INSTRUCTOR INSURANCE EXPLAINED

Our guide walks you through the main features of driving instructor insurance and explains how you can keep your premium down with driving instructor insurance discounts. Get the advice to help protect your business.

What is the difference to standard car insurance?

A standard private motor car insurance policy will cover you for social, domestic and personal use. Some policies also include cover for you to commute to and from a permanent place of work. So, if you drive the car to the same office every day, you will still be insured.

However, as a driving instructor you'll require business use for the driving test and tuition purposes. It is often more expensive than a standard private motor insurance, but it is extremely important to get the right cover to meet the demands and needs of a driving instructor.

Why is it more expensive?

Driving instructor car insurance is typically more expensive than standard private motor insurance cover. This is because a driving instructor requires a number of additional covers not included as standard a part of a private motor insurance policy. These can include cover for:

- Any driver
- A replacement dual control car
- Negligent tuition cover
- Driving off road for drivers aged 14+
- Cover for hire and reward
- Cover for the examiner to drive your car
- Cover for modified vehicle (dual controls, sign written, disabled equipment, dual speedo)



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Driving Instructor Insurance - features explained

Any Driver Cover - It is essential for your policy to be issued on an any driver basis; this allows you to teach any licensed driver on the road irrespective of previous driving experience or other risk factors. This also allows the examiner to drive if required, as you will not be able to provide his or her details to your insurer prior to your pupil taking their test.

Replacement Dual Control Vehicle Cover - As a business car insurance policy it is important to ensure you get the correct replacement vehicle suitable for your needs. Most standard car insurance products will only offer you a non-dual controlled car in the event of a non-fault incident meaning you're unable to continue working. Many specialist driving instructor insurance providers will provide you with a dual controlled vehicle in the event of a claim. You should try to find a provider who will supply you with a guaranteed dual control replacement car within 24 hours to enable you continue teaching and sit any pre-booked driving tests. You should also consider how long you may need this vehicle for many providers will only supply a vehicle for a limited period try to find a provider who offers unlimited cover.

Negligent Tuition Cover - This cover extends you're driving instructor insurance policy to insure you and any driving instructor engaged by you to whom you have provided a vehicle which is insured under your policy, for your/their legal liability to pupils whilst driving instruction is being provided.

Driving Off Road Driver Aged 14+ - Some driving instructor insurance policies provide extended cover to allow you to teach pupils off road who are aged 14 or over. This cover is only provided where it can be evidenced that the land you're using the vehicle on does not form part of

the Road Traffic Act 1988. "Restricted byway" means a way over which the public have restricted byway rights within the meaning of Part II of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, with or without a right to drive animals of any description along the way, but no other rights of way.

Cover for Hire & Reward - As a driving instructor you will be collecting money for giving lessons whilst carrying your client in the vehicle this requires hire and reward to be included within your policy for the purpose of driving tuition and test. Standard private motor policies will not include this type of cover.

- Dual controls
- Additional speedo
- Additional mirrors
- Sign writing
- Disabled driving equipment

Modified Vehicle Cover - As a driving instructor you will have a number of additional features added to your vehicle these can include:

- Dual controls
- Additional speedo
- Additional mirrors
- Sign writing
- Disabled driving equipment

Most standard car insurance policies will class these as modifications and will therefore not be able to provide cover. It is important to mention these to your insurance provider so that they then can note these on your policy and provide cover suitable for your needs.

Driving Instructor Insurance discounts

Motorists usually pay more for driving instructor car insurance so it is important to try to keep costs down. One way to save money is to compare quotes from a number of different insurers - and it's easy with Towergate. We provide access to a panel of driving instructor car insurance companies and Lloyds Syndicates.

You can help to keep your driving instructor's car insurance premiums down by choosing a low group car, adding additional security or keeping your vehicle garaged over-night.

Insurance companies reward careful claim free drivers with lower premiums, so try not to claim unless the damage is serious. You can then build up a no claims discount and potentially cut the cost of cover by as much as 65%. No driving instructor wants to pay over the odds for business car insurance but it is also important to remember that the cheapest policy is not always the best. You might, for example, want to pay a little bit extra for more extensive cover. This could save you money in the long run, for example it could provide you with a replacement vehicle for a longer period keeping your business on the road.

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Good news

Congratulations to our member group in Aberdeen, on celebrating 50 years with a very nice piece in the press. [You can read the article on ADSA here.](#)

The Aberdeen group joined the ADINJC last year and have become strong supporters, we wish them well.



Sad news

Much sadder news from Watford, where previous Chairman Peter Fraser passed away after suffering a heart attack. Peter always had a twinkle in his eye and was instrumental in founding WADDIA and continued to lead it until 2019. He was a staunch supporter of ADINJC so we were very sorry to hear this news. Local instructors will be organising a convoy to follow the funeral procession on Monday 17 January. RIP.

Articles we have sent out via Email this Month

- DVSA - Car and Trailer rules coming into force
- DVSA - Book and manage driving tests - get available test notifications
- Seasonal information
- DVSA CEO: letter to ADIs
- DVSA - New Welsh social distancing measures in public spaces
- DVSA - Scottish Government guidance on safer businesses and workplaces
- Traffic Safety Roads - January
- 2022 - and so it begins
- Expo South Update
- Sunday news items
- AGM and Association Meeting 5th March by Zoom
- Unexpected Test Centre closures



And much more!

Calling all budding writers out there. Would you like to write for ADINJC in 2022? Perhaps you'd just like to see your name in digital ink? Please do send us in articles and indeed anything of interest. We welcome your views and ideas. Our new editor, Richard Spiers richspiers@icloud.com looks forward to hearing from you.

This month as every month, thank you to everyone who contributes and helps ADINJC, most especially our magnificent Sponsors. Thank you especially to Rob aka the magician at the design studio!

And Finally - a quote...

'You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step'. Martin Luther King



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- Linda Brooks

“Thank you for speaking up for ADI's and producing an excellent letter. A big thank you to the whole ADINJC team.”
- Mike, Vice Chair Sutton Area Driving Instructors Association

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