

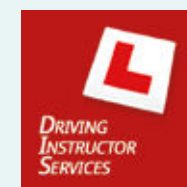


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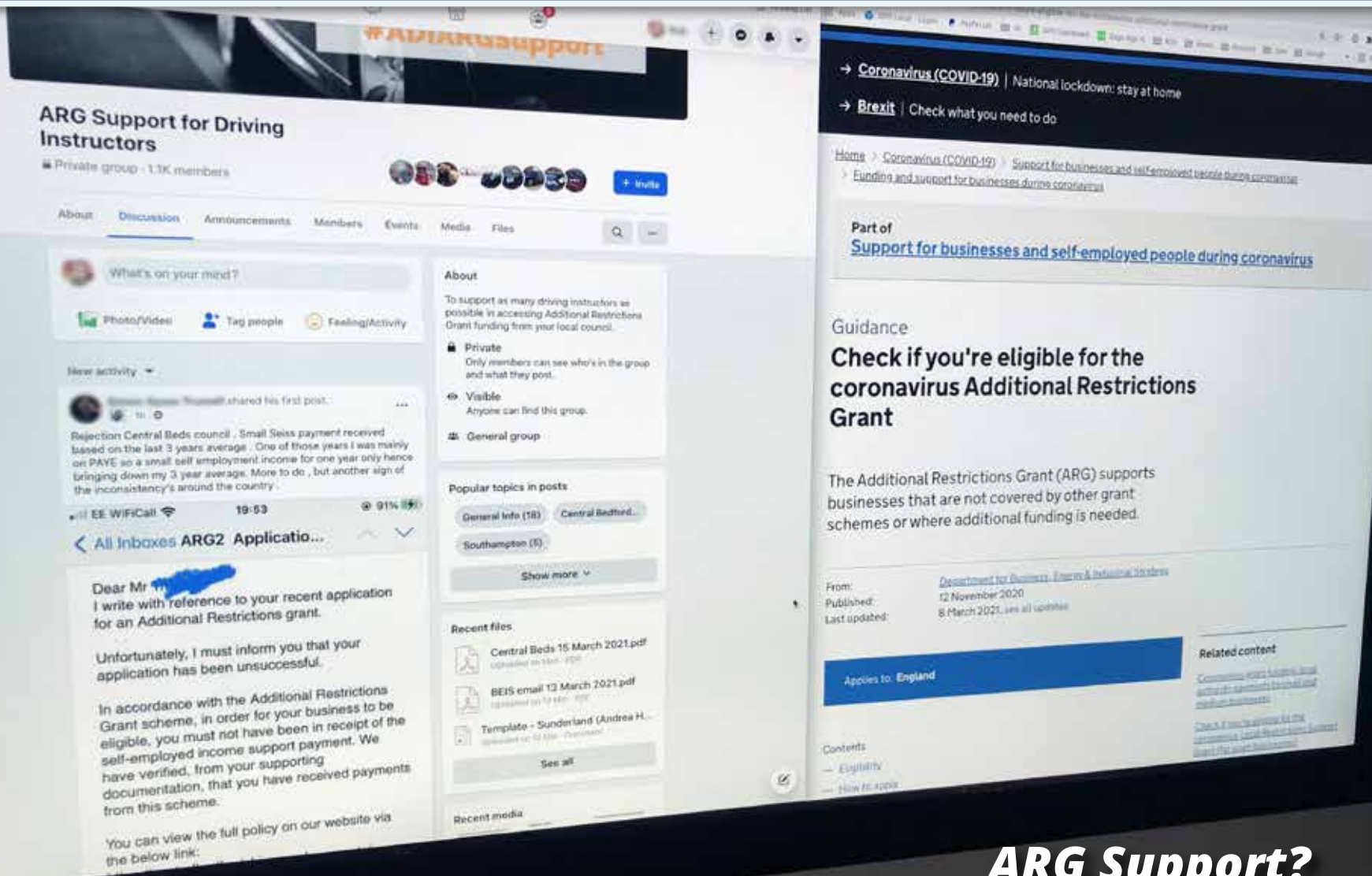


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## From the Chair..... a monthly report



### Updates:

I really hope you are able to feel more positive about the dates we return to work. Now schools are returning nationwide, albeit it in different year groups and on different dates we are taking the first steps to exit restrictions. Fingers crossed that with the vaccination process going so well we will all be able to see brighter times ahead. However as the new CEO has stated in the recent NASP meeting I attended we do need to take the return to training and testing steadily.

CEO, Loveday Ryder said:

*'I appreciate how much the ADI community has struggled and am under no illusions how difficult the current situation is. I understand and want communications to be empathetic and recognise that there have been a number of losses among ADIs and driving examiners. The plan is to move forward safely and steadily, recognising that there will be pressure from the public to recover rapidly.'*

Personally I am relieved and pleased that the DVSA listened to the advice from NASP and that now we have a space of 10 days between training and testing starting, all this is as long as the road map continues to move at its current rate. As you are probably aware we send out breaking news as soon as we possibly can so if you are not signed up to our newflash system and would like to be so you have all the current and accurate information then just email [secretary@adinjc.org](mailto:secretary@adinjc.org) to be added to the system. Facebook is brilliant at getting news out to us all but it is not always 100% reliable in its sources and it was unfortunate that news of a 7 day gap was released by one large driving school and then after much confusion they apologised for sending out that information and retracted it. ADINJC are part of NASP and as such are Tier 1 stakeholders so the information we send out is well informed and accurate. DfT/DVSA have confirmed that at the earliest training will resume on Monday April 12th and testing on Thursday April 22nd which is 10 days later, this all depends on the Government review on April 5th. I think as ADIs and PDIs we need to keep in touch with our clients but be very honest about the dates and that they are still subject to change. I'm then going to put actual lessons in my diary and plan from when the dates are confirmed.

### NASP:

If you haven't seen the NASP report from the recent newflashes it is shown in full inside this monthly newsletter. Items of interest concern the road back to recovery. The theory test catching up will take less time as new temporary centres will be opened to help with the backlog which is expected to clear by the end of August 2021. The practical testing will take much longer to recover with a target once DVSA get back to 7 tests a day of one year from that date. As ADIs we are going to have to help to guide our clients and their expectations and help them understand the challenges Covid means to this industry. The reverse park exercise in public car parks will be trialled, DVSA will let us know in advance when that will be and where. However I see no real issues as most of us would practice both forward and reverse parking in public car parks anyway and to my knowledge the forward parking on test has been satisfactory with few issues since it started. NASP have suggested we are automatically sent our crystal report, maybe twice a year by the DVSA so we don't need to ask for it and we can see the practical test results of clients we have taken for test. If there is a pattern of any faults it's a good way for us to reflect and if we need to we can adjust our teaching or seek help. These are more accurate since it has all gone digital than they used to be years ago when they had a bad reputation amongst ADIs for being incorrect.

DVSA are very keen that ADIs and PDIs carry out mock tests with their pupils and are keen to help us understand how tests are marked and conducted. As we have been unable to sit in on tests during Covid understanding the marking fully could be extremely useful to us. That brings me to

mention that on the evening of Monday 22nd March our webinar will be all about Mock Tests and we will have a presentation from the DVSA and an opportunity to ask questions. In an hour to 90 minutes we can't be trained to become an examiner but we will receive valuable insights into the practical test that can help our own training.

### Webinars:

Thanks must go to all the committee members who help us with the many webinars we have been holding. Not just the Monday night ones that started when the pandemic broke out in order to help and support you all through the challenges ahead but also for the free training webinars and then the training webinars recently on 5 current topics presented for just £15 each session. We have also held webinars in Scotland for our members there and I would really like to have more contact with members in Wales as well. If there is anyone reading this from Wales who can help us at all please do get in touch with me at [chairman@adinjc.org.uk](mailto:chairman@adinjc.org.uk) We have a Scottish Ambassador in Stewart Lochrie who helps us and ideally we would like a Welsh Ambassador as well.

A huge thank you must go to Andrew Love for all his time and expertise in planning and running the webinars for us and helping us with the zoom platform, he has gone above and beyond what is expected of any of the committee.

We do try to invite guests to these webinars and the recent one was held with the Federation of Small Businesses present to answer questions.

'Thanks to everyone for tonight's coronavirus special with the FSB. Clare Elsbys insights into what is going on with government, councils and grants, I found very helpful. Also to you guys for asking the questions that made that possible. The FSB and NJC are very similar in values and culture. As a member of both, to those thinking about joining the FSB, I recommend it. It's good to mingle with other business sectors.' Ian

See what delegates had to say about our recent training webinars:



### Our Recent Association Meeting:

Because we are holding these on the zoom platform during the pandemic it has encouraged more members to join in the meeting and understand more about the work that NJC undertakes. We also have industry speakers at the meetings and a chance to update and ask questions alongside colleagues. Some quotes afterwards included these:

'I found my attendance at the Association Meeting valuable as it let me think that I am part of a larger entity than just a relatively new sole trader and I heard other perspectives. Thank you.' Jedidiah

'I attended your meeting on zoom. I'm blown away by the quality of people in the association. Thanks for the great efforts.' Ian

Our next meeting will be on June 5th and again will be held on the zoom platform. The minutes from this March meeting have been sent out alongside the slides from the presenters, we send out in a newflash and to our NJC group members.



## From the Chair..... a monthly report



### The II Industry Awards 2021:

I just want to say how very honoured I was to receive the Intelligent Instructor Award 2021 for Services to The Driver Trainer Industry. I was in a zoom "party" with the NJC team when the awards video was being shown and thinking I was there for another member of the team. It was a real surprise and I will cherish the award mostly because it has come from my colleagues and peers. Well done to all of the other winners and those with highly commended places as well, it's brilliant to see the talent that we have in this industry. It's so good to hear the news stories which show the talent and great side of this industry, it's all too often that the minority of cases that bring us into disrepute get headline news. Well done to Intelligent Instructor for making the event still possible and entertaining even during this very difficult year.

The II & ADINJC Conference & Expo 2021: We are also looking forward to our expo event this year, please do save the date on Sunday October 10th as we now have over 30 exhibitors already booked, training sessions and speakers being planned and a full day where you can attend for free. Exhibitors will showcase their latest products and services, offering a valuable opportunity to see what's new on the market to help your business flourish. Visitors can also attend a wide range of topical seminars delivered by expert speakers, which will run in dedicated rooms throughout the day. Key topics include business growth, coaching, lesson planning, marketing, standards checks, training and teaching aids.

Our goal is for visitors to come away educated, invigorated, thinking differently and passionate about being an instructor. We also want to ensure people have fun doing it too! So, if you are new to the industry, perhaps considering becoming a driving instructor, are an independent instructor or even part of a franchise save the date!

### Finally

Thank you for all the kind messages to the team we really appreciate them, thank you for your thoughts and feedback to us as well we do take it on board and act on it where we can and it's appropriate to. Stay safe the future is looking brighter and more optimistic and don't forget our helpline on 0800 8202 444, our talk line and our business support line are there to help you as well.

Best wishes

*Lynne*

**Lynne Barrie - Chair**

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## Public Liability Driving Tuition

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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.

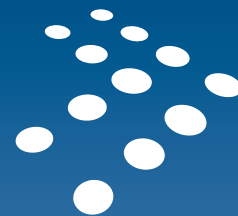
Compensation arising from Public Liability claims can be substantial, and may include loss of earnings, future loss of earnings and damages awarded to the claimant. In addition, considerable legal costs in defending the claim can be incurred, and the claimants' legal costs may also be awarded against 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:

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## SEISS 4 time delay unacceptable

Since the Chancellor's budget, we have received many emails and facebook posts about the length of time people are going to have to wait for the 4th SEISS grant. We realise people are worried, and have written to the Chancellor and other Ministers to express our concern about the delay and the affect it will have on members and their families. We suggest that you write to your own MP, I know through our facebook page that several of you have already done so. We think that they should be made aware of the distress this is causing people, already in desperate circumstances through no fault of their own. The length of time being quoted is not acceptable and we need to make them aware of that.

It was suggested that we do a standard letter for you to send to your MP, so here is a starter for you. Please remember you will need to put your own details in!

You can find your MPs email address here (if you don't have it already!) –

Contact your MP - UK Parliament

<https://www.parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/contact-your-mp/>

*I am a self employed driving instructor living in your constituency, writing to you about my current financial situation. I have been unable to work since the start of this lockdown on 5 January, and will be unable to re-start until 12 April, at the earliest.*

*I last received the SEISS grant of £.... On ..... And am now having to wait until mid/late April to receive the 4th grant. This is cruel and totally unacceptable, how am I supposed to live and feed my family until then, potentially another 7/8 weeks?*

*My outgoings are – rent, utilities etc. Food.*

*I am in desperate need of this grant money NOW! I have depleted my savings, borrowed money from family and friends (which obviously has to be paid back), had a Bounce Back Loan (again it has to be paid back), and I am going to be suffering the effects of this virus for a very long time to come. But my immediate concern is putting food on the table now, and I am at a loss as to how the government thinks I am going to do that.*

*Jacob Rees-Mogg described us as 'one of the unseen engines of the country. They train future generations of drivers'. We provide a valuable service, but we need help to get through the final stages of this pandemic in order that we can continue to provide that service for the drivers of the future.*

*Please, could I ask for your help in getting my grant to me as soon as possible as I honestly don't know how my family and I are going to cope.*

**This is what we have written to the Chancellor, the Finance Secretary and others:**

Dear Chancellor

*I am writing as Chair of a leading driving instructors association in the UK, ADINJC. Whilst there was much to be thankful for in your budget yesterday, I am receiving many communications today from very worried and upset instructors due to having to wait until mid/late April to receive any further financial help. They have been unable to work since the start of this lockdown and will not be able to start work until April 12th at the earliest. They are deeply concerned as to how they will feed their families and pay bills now as they will be waiting and trying to exist for another 7-8 weeks. They are desperately in need of this grant money sooner because their savings are depleted and they have been borrowing money from family and friends (which obviously has to be paid back), had a Bounce Back Loan (again it has to be paid back), and suffering the effects of this virus for a very long time to come. Their immediate concern is putting food on the table now, and I am at a loss as to how the government thinks they can do that. Not long ago, Jacob Rees-Mogg*

*described us 'as one of the unseen engines of the country who train future generations of drivers'. We provide a valuable service, but we need help to get through the final stages of this pandemic in order that we can continue to provide that service. Please, could I ask for your help in getting this grant to driving instructors who are self-employed as soon as possible? Many of them won't be able to cope for this length of time before receiving payment.*

**Below are a few comments I've been sent today:**

*Can't believe that the Government have said we can't claim SEISS until end of April. If it is financial help for Feb-Apr do they not think we may need that money during that time, not at the end? Why do we have to be paid in arrears we have the same bills and outgoings as others and to make us wait 3 months for money is causing a great deal of stress for people,.*

*Although grateful, I'm devastated to know that the fourth SEISS payment will not be paid until April, people like myself haven't had anything since December, what are we supposed to live on, the payment was to cover February to April, I urge you to have this brought forward to an early date this month. I like many others are now having to live on fresh air having not had a payment since 4th December 2020. It was bad enough that the payment did not arrive until the second month of the period but now having to wait until the third month is going to be a nightmare. Have we not had to endure enough hardship through no fault of our own? The only good news here is that the payment will be for 80% of trading profit.*

*I've read that we may not get the money until April which is far too long to wait when the last payment was in December! It's just a joke!! NOT! Devastated to hear that the government thinks it's acceptable for self-employed to wait until the end of April for the 4th SEISS grant. My last payment was received 8th December. That's almost 5 MONTHS without receiving a penny. My business will not survive. Simple as that. It MUST be brought forward.*

**An ADI letter to their MP:**

*The self-employed are yet again being treated differently to the employed. I am enormously grateful for the help we have received from this Government, but there has to be some fairness and understanding about people's circumstances. As you may recall, I am a Driving Instructor, and have qualified for the SEISS grants. The third grant was claimed and received by me in December and covered the period November, December and January. We were told that a fourth grant would cover February, March and April. That grant was to be announced in due course and sure enough it was announced in the Budget yesterday. It has been tweaked and we can claim it from 'late April'! My last payment was in December. The next payment will be at the earliest after 'late April', so potentially May, but is for the period February, March and April. What do they think I and all other self-employed people have been living on since December?? No payment holidays, no mortgage holidays, an unexpected National Lockdown, my Bounce Back Loan is spent, I've had to borrow money from a friend, and I've had to apply for an ARG from Kettering Borough Council, the next bit of which will repay my friend. I've taken on a job working 13 hour shifts in a Covid Testing Tent, paying tax on that and bringing in the equivalent of £7.35 an hour, whilst exposing myself and my family to the risk of catching Covid. And the Government expects me to wait until late April possible May. Why? What is the reasoning behind the delay? There are people who are already beyond the brink, people who will very clearly not make it emotionally, physically to May. Delays and prevarication are costing people's lives, literally. I urge you to use your influence to get the process for payments brought forwards, to help ease our financial, emotional and mental well-being. This is a very real point of danger for a lot of the self-employed and their families.*

Yours faithfully, Lynne Barrie M.A - ADINJC Chair

**More information here: [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/budget-2021-sets-path-for-recovery>

More details here. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-52052123>

And here. <https://www.which.co.uk/news/2021/03/government-announces-grants-for-self-employed-workers-during-coronavirus-outbreak/>



You should all be receiving the latest **ADINJC** and NASP newflashes from our very own beyond superhuman Secretary/Caped Crusader Sue! If in doubt, you'll find the latest links below for all ongoing NASP developments including latest NASP guidelines, DVSA Standard Operating Procedure, Q and A with DVSA and much more. Peter Harvey, National Chairman MSA GB is now in the NASP chair until July 2021.

### Scotland and England update - 25 February 2021

Scottish and English governments have announced their roadmaps for the end of lockdown.

Further to the PM's announcement of the **four-step plan** driving lessons have been included in step two. All going well that will be on 12 April 2021.

For instructors in **Scotland**, the First Minister has announced their roadmap. Driving lessons will not be allowed to start until 26 April when the **level system** will be reintroduced, however there will be three-weekly reviews and NASP will update as and when we receive them.

DVSA released this update today for England: "In line with the government's roadmap announcement driving and theory tests will resume no earlier than 12 April. DVSA is working closely with the government and will provide more information as soon as we are able to do so on other tests, lessons and training."

In **Wales** the current restrictions remain and are being reviewed on 12 March.

### Latest update - 9 March 2021

Hi Everyone

Just a quick update on our recent meeting with DVSA and the Chancellors budget, and how it may affect you, full details below.

As you know DfT/DVSA have now confirmed their suggested road plan on restarting lessons and testing. There had been some confusion on B+E testing and training, this has now been confirmed as this category may start back on 12th April, all of the dates provided are dependent on the PMs announcement due on 5th April.

### NASP/DVSA meeting:

Loveday Ryder the new CEO of DVSA, said, she appreciated how much the ADI community has struggled and was under no illusions how difficult the current situation is. She understands and wants communications to be empathetic and recognises that there have been a number of losses among ADIs and driving examiners. The plan is to move forward safely and steadily, recognising that there will be pressure from the public to recover rapidly. Several driving examiners have been volunteering at vaccination centres. The rapid increase in people being vaccinated will help the situation, as a large number of examiners are over 50 and should be vaccinated by mid-April, similarly a large number of ADIs. The government's new target of all over 18s by the end of July is very welcome.

### Theory Test Recovery:

NASP asked about the recovery plan for theory & Practical tests, the backlog of theory tests is currently 380,000. DVSA has been working with Pearson View before the new service launch in September, and the provision of 10 additional temporary theory test centres will help contribute

to an extra 110,000 more tests per month when theory testing restarts. The aim is to clear the backlog by the end of August. The new booking system opens in July for September bookings.

### Driving Test Recovery:

There is currently around a 420,000 backlog on practical tests, with an average of 20 weeks waiting time.

DVSA is working with PHE and HSE to review procedures. 195 test centre waiting rooms were opened before lockdown, there will be an additional 27 when tests resume and another 27 following. There are 49 that may not be possible to use, and 58 sites without waiting rooms. There are 16 across the estate with no toilet facilities. The target is to recover the backlog in 12 months, after the return to 7 tests a day. DVSA stated everything would be done to achieve this and it was important for everyone to feel that it was getting better.

### Face coverings:

There are no current plans to legislate for compulsory mask wearing in England. DVSA will be sending out further communications on the importance of face coverings and cleaning and ventilation. The numbers of tests carried out can only be increased if there is confidence that examiners are sure it's a safe environment. Scotland & Wales have compulsory face coverings.

### Communication:

More emphasis on the top 10 reasons for failure and clearer guidance when candidates get their results. DVSA is encouraging anyone who is warranted to return to testing and are buying back annual leave to increase capacity. New examiners are being recruited, and ways of increasing the number of tests per day are being investigated. IT improvements should also help to automate examiner scheduling. Improvements have been commissioned and money allocated to redevelop systems next year. LR said she would like to work with NASP to get input. DVSA said, it is hoped there will be more active engagement between ADIs and candidates, it will be open and transparent, DVSA will share what it's doing to recover test backlogs and give information on progress. A lot of effort will be put into planning and communications, early engagement with NASP, to make communications stronger. LR will be writing to introduce herself to ADIs and will invite them to give feedback on what DVSA is doing and why. There will be virtual events, and a behaviour change campaign to encourage better preparation to pass, and a new Safe Driving for Life website with new materials.

### DfT's Learning to Drive Project:

There was an update on this project and the pilot that is about to be started. There will be 3 focus groups – the first will follow the normal instruction route with no added input; the second will follow a modular programme with in-car learning and assessment; the third the modular programme via in-car and online learning and assessment. It's aimed to have the digital platform ready by the end of Q1 2021. If successful it will be followed by a possible 2nd pilot. Recruitment for the project has been delayed because of lockdown. The results will be shared with DfT, the funding sponsor, with regular updates, and that the curriculum is not currently consistently delivered in the same way. There are key core modules, and a student is expected to pass one before moving on to the next. DVSA asked about the timing of modules in relation to the theory test, HPT and practical test. The timeline is currently being worked on.

### New Safe Driving for Life:

DVSA stated they were working on developing a new Safe Driving for Life website and full details will be sent to every instructor as it progresses.

### Standards Check:



There was some discussion about the standards check and whether it would be reinstated at the same time as driving lessons and testing start back, DVSA stated their main priority would be to concentrate on L tests with Part 2 & Part 3, there would also need to be some standards checks conducted, for those who had been missed, or were needing to be seen, as well as for ORDIT registrations.

### Introduction of Reverse Park exercise in public car parks:

DVSA suggested that in the future they would conduct a trial on doing the reverse park exercise away from the test centre as is done at the moment. Instructors will be notified as and when the trial will begin.

### Crystal Report:

NASP suggested that the crystal report could be used more and sent out half yearly, it was stated that people don't have much faith because of the history and the old system of recording faults on paper DL25s, though new ADIs don't know the history. Many ADIs don't see test summaries if a student doesn't pass them on after the test, and it would give instructors confirmation of what driver errors occur on tests and could possibly include in future training.

### Mock Testing:

DVSA stated, they felt it was now more important than ever for ADIs to conduct mock tests to help clear the backlog, it gives ADIs a better understanding of criteria and evidence for any additional training, an insight to test procedures, and help to overcome nerves. DVSA suggested the benefits include more first time passes, which in turn lead to cost savings for the pupil and lower waiting times. DVSA would support NASP in delivering a clear message to instructors. It is important to remember in mock tests to simulate the same as on a live test, by not instructing or helping when on a mock test as the examiner does not, and that ADIs should explain the reasons for recommending a deferral of the test if the pupil is not ready so that they appreciate the reasons and benefits.

### Budget 2021:

The UK Government announced that the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) will continue until September with a fourth and fifth grant. They will contact customers who may be eligible for the fourth SEISS grant from mid-April to tell them how they can claim. The fourth and fifth grants will take into account 2019 to 2020 tax returns and will also be open to those who became self-employed in the 2019 to 2020 tax year. This means that some customers may be able to claim, even if they were not eligible for previous grants. To qualify, you must have filed your 2019-20 Self Assessment tax return by 2 March 2021, at the latest.

### Fourth SEISS grant:

The UK Government will pay a taxable grant which is calculated based on 80% of three months' average trading profits, paid out in a single payment and capped at £7,500 in total. The value of the grant is based on an average of your trading profits for up to four tax years between 2016 to 2020, where available. The grant will be available to claim by late April. As with previous grants, trading profits must be no more than £50,000 and at least equal to non-trading income in order to claim the fourth SEISS grant. Eligibility for the fourth SEISS grant will depend on whether you experienced a significant financial impact from coronavirus between February 2021 and April 2021.

HMRC will take into account your 2019-20 return when assessing your eligibility for the scheme. This may also affect the amount of the fourth grant, which could be higher or lower than previous grants you have received. For this period, you will need to make an honest assessment that there has been a significant reduction in trading profits due to reduced demand or your inability to trade. If you make a claim, you will need to keep appropriate records as evidence. For further details of the changes to eligibility and calculation of the grant, please visit GOV.UK and search 'Self-Employment Income Support Scheme'.

### What happens next:

HMRC will contact you from mid-April if we believe you may be eligible for the fourth SEISS grant to tell you how you can claim. You will be provided with your personal claim date, which will be the earliest date you can submit a claim for the fourth SEISS grant. Claims for the fourth SEISS grant must be made by 31 May 2021, at the latest.

The UK Government has also announced that there will be a fifth and final SEISS grant, covering the period between May and September, which you will be able to claim from late July if you are eligible. The amount of the fifth grant will be determined by how much your turnover has been reduced. The grant will be worth 80% of three months' average trading profits, capped at £7,500, for those with a higher reduction in turnover (30% or more). For those with a lower reduction in turnover, of less than 30%, the grant will be worth 30% of three months' average trading profits.

Further details will be provided on the fifth grant in due course.

### Universal Credit:

The Universal Credit top-up of £20-per-week will continue for a further six months.

For self-employed people on Universal Credit the removal of the minimum income floor will last until August and fuel duty has been frozen.



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This month, we extend our grateful thanks and accredit NJC member David Lockett, ADI and Clinical Nurse Specialised/Clinical Consultant who's written an excellent factsheet/guide for ADIs and Learners on Pregnancy and driving during Covid-19. There is also a risk assessment form to accompany David's piece and we've added both items to the C-19 toolbox.



## Driving While Pregnant—Everything You Need to Know

Almost all learner drivers will go through some pretty stressful moments during their lessons especially as the often anxiety-inducing practical test approaches. Those who are learning to drive while pregnant, however, have a tougher time of it than many. Deciding to learn to drive while pregnant requires serious consideration, and an understanding of the pros, cons, rules, and risks.



In this guide, we will discuss whether it is safe to drive while pregnant, as well the DVSA's advice regarding pregnant learners taking the driving test. We will also provide tips on how to stay safe and comfortable throughout the learning process, and guidance to help you decide whether or not to take your test. Find out everything below!

### Is it safe to drive while pregnant?

It is easy to see why some pregnant women decide to learn to drive. Not only will it help you get around easily during your pregnancy, but it also makes life with a new-born that little bit easier. And besides when will you find the time to learn when you become a new mum?! Despite this, however, learning to drive while pregnant comes with more than its fair share of drawbacks. For starters, pregnancy is already a taxing experience adding the stress of learning to drive makes matters even more complicated. Then, there is the time pressure: can you get passed before your due date?

The most important issue for pregnant learners, though, is safety. After all, getting behind the wheel at any time comes with its share of risks and these become even more salient when you are expecting.

The good news here is that, fortunately, ADIs are more than familiar with the tribulations learner drivers go through on the road their feet are always ready to brake and take control of any situation. In this vein, a learner is safe in the hands of their instructor pregnant learners included! In general, therefore, it is safe to drive for the majority of your pregnancy. However, there are

plenty of factors you need to consider when deciding on whether to continue on with learning to drive or not.

### Medical advice

As you progress through your driving lessons, it is of the utmost importance that you listen to the advice of your doctor regarding your health. While most will tell you that you are fine to drive, rare circumstances that can affect your health or safety may arise at any point. Each pregnancy is different, so you need to make sure you are taking all the necessary precautions.

### Stage of pregnancy & symptoms

Driving while pregnant can be incredibly frustrating and uncomfortable for reasons such as fluctuating hormones and immense physical changes. These can worsen depending on how far along in your pregnancy you are. For the most part, though, you should be able to get through your first and second trimester without much of a hitch. In other words, it will be uncomfortable, but most women should be able to manage.

Of course, there is a nice abundance of symptoms that most pregnant women have to experience, including (but not limited to):

- Morning sickness
- General nausea
- Swelling
- Fatigue

Any of these issues can hit you at any moment, which makes learning to drive a particularly challenging process. Nausea, for example, can make it difficult to settle in an enclosed space. Additionally, swelling around the ankles can make it impossible to drive for long periods of time. You will also have to compensate for your growing bump by moving the steering wheel and constantly readjusting your seating arrangements.

This is not to say that driving is impossible when you are pregnant. There are plenty of ways to alleviate your symptoms and make it easier on yourself when driving. Many pregnant women swear by peppermint tea, for example, to ease nausea and morning sickness (though you will have to account for additional toilet breaks!). If it helps, you can ask your instructor to crack open a window for fresh air or make stops for frequent breaks.

All pregnancies are different, but if you are finding it hard to concentrate or move past these symptoms, it might be better to save learning to drive until after you have given birth.

### Your instructor's advice

It is not just your doctor's opinion and own personal experience that you should consider when learning to drive while pregnant: you should also bear in mind your instructor's opinion. After all, depending on your level of experience, you could be spending up to 50 hours in a car with your instructor. During this time, they will get to know you and your driving style. They will be able to safely assess whether you are capable of completing your lessons and taking your test safely. If, for example, they think you are a danger to yourself and others, then they will just tell you to delay your test.



### When should I stop driving?

There are various factors to consider when deciding when the best time is to stop learning to drive while pregnant. Some women stop not long after finding out the good news. Others have continued on and taken their test well into their third trimester. For the most part, pregnant learners tend to put their driving on hold when they hit 30 weeks (just before the third trimester).

With that in mind, if you are looking to get passed, you should get a test booked in before your third trimester. By doing so, you are more likely to have enough time to finish your lessons. Of course, if there's simply not enough time to get your test sorted before then, you will have to consider doing it after labour. If you have completed half of your lessons only to find you do not have enough time to pass your test, it will have to wait.

Ultimately, it is completely down to you and whether you feel comfortable driving. The further along you get with your pregnancy, the more uncomfortable you might feel whilst driving. You will become more fatigued and, as your baby bump grows, it might become more of a struggle to get behind the wheel. Remember: if you do not feel ready, you can always push your test date back.

### Can I take the driving test?

So, you have got enough time hypothetically to complete your lessons and take your driving test before you are too far along. You might have even booked your driving test well in advance. But what exactly are the rules in regard to taking the practical while pregnant?

Let us consult the experts...

What does the DVSA say? The DVSA states that you can take a driving test at any stage of your pregnancy putting the decision entirely in the hands of the candidate.

<https://www.gov.uk/driving-test/disability-health-condition-or-learning-difficulty>

*"You can take a driving test at any stage of your pregnancy. However, you must be able and willing to do an emergency stop".*

And therein lies the catch. All learners taking their driving test have a 1 in 3 chance of being asked to perform an emergency stop and it is no different for pregnant learners. The examiner has no control over which candidates are chosen to perform an emergency stop. If you fail to conduct the emergency stop, then you will fail your test.

Additionally, there is a lot expected of driving test candidates. The driving test is designed to put you through your paces and truly test whether you are safe and confident enough to be on the roads unsupervised. This can be even more challenging when you are pregnant. Observations during manoeuvres, for example, can be difficult. During your test, you will be asked to demonstrate one of these manoeuvres:

- Pulling up on the right
- Reverse parallel parking
- Bay parking

In order to perform these manoeuvres safely and correctly, you will have to carry out all-round observations. If you are far along in your pregnancy, this can be uncomfortable and difficult to do.

Not sure you would be up to the task? Ask your instructor to give you a mock test if it is safe to do

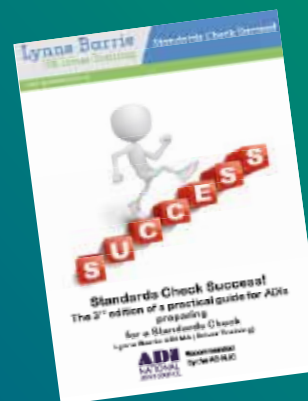
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so. This will give them the chance to determine if you are test-ready or not. It also makes for good practice putting you at ease for when you finally take your test.

## Tips for pregnant learners

### Safety and comfort

Considering that the average beginner driver needs between 40 to 50 hours of driving experience to pass their test, it is safe to say that you will be spending a lot of time in your instructor's car. With that in mind, you need to take necessary precautions and actions to ensure you are both safe and comfortable throughout your learning experience. If at any point during a lesson you feel too fatigued or nauseous to continue on, let your instructor know. They will get you to pull over safely and drive you back home.

For both safety and comfort purposes, you should take care to adjust your driving position as your pregnancy progresses. Sit further back from the steering wheel making sure you can still reach the pedals comfortably. The seat should also be adjusted so that there is a gap between your bump and the steering wheel. The lap belt should be low and resting on your thighs whilst the diagonal belt should rest between your breasts.

Though it seems obvious, you should also take care to wear comfortable clothes while driving. Stick to light tops to keep you cool and elasticated waistbands.

### Fuel Up

As overused as the saying is, throughout pregnancy, you are eating for two. It is not just the car that needs fuel!

As such, you should eat before you leave the house. You might consider taking a snack along with you if you are on a longer lesson. If you think this might be an issue, talk it over with your instructor they should be understanding of your situation. Additionally, make sure you drink plenty of water and stay hydrated. It will help you stay alert and stave off fatigue. You will, however, need to account for toilet breaks.

### Do not push yourself

While it is tempting to go for longer intensive lessons and get passed as soon as possible, it could result in you worsening any one of your discomforting symptoms. For the most part, shorter lessons would be best or long ones with frequent breaks so that you can monitor your circulation and move about a bit.

It is important that you do not push yourself too far. Many pregnant learners try to rush their lessons and get their test out of the way as quickly as possible. That being said, your safety is a priority. If your instructor does not feel like you are ready or they feel it is unsafe they will suggest postponing the test.

### Should I keep learning?

Still not sure whether you should keep learning? Weigh up the key pros and cons before you decide we have got a handy list below.

#### Pros

- **Get it out of the way.** If you wait until after you have given birth, you will only come up with excuses as to why you should not do it. Waiting too long might mean you have to fork out for

additional lessons afterwards to get back up to speed.

- **It is great for small talk.** A nervous driver? Struggle with making conversation. Pregnancy is a great subject matter to chat about with the examiner it can help you distract yourself from the anxiety of taking your driving test.
- **What a motivator!** If you are pregnant and learning to drive, you have a reason to carry on through your lessons and get passed. It is your own personal deadline and motivator rolled into one pushing you to get passed before you give birth.

#### Cons

- **The emergency stop.** 1 in 3 drivers are asked to perform an emergency stop during their driving test, and pregnant learners are not given an exemption. If you are asked to do so and you are not able to, you will fail your test.
- **Pregnancy symptoms.** From morning sickness to fatigue navigating around your growing baby bump, there is more than enough to make your journey towards passing your driving test difficult.
- **Rush and you will regret it.** If you get too preoccupied with passing squeezing in too many lessons and picking a test date that is too soon you might end up failing and being unable to rebook for another until well after you give birth anyway.

It is all ultimately in your hands. If you have looked at the information, we have given you and decided that you still want to go ahead, then why not try it? In the worst-case scenario, you could just delay taking your test until after you have given birth.

With **long driving test waiting times** however, it might not matter if you finish your lessons you'll have to wait months to actually take your test.



## C-19 Toolbox

Enter our toolbox via our homepage <https://www.adinjc.org.uk>

In the C-19 toolbox, you will find a comprehensive collection of documents to help you prepare to return to work. These can be used as they are, or as guides. They can be changed to your logo, business name, and to suit your needs. These are the items currently in the toolbox:

- Useful Tool Box Links - Including financial, PPE, online hygiene courses
- Risk Assessments – 7 Control Measures
- Risk Assessment – Powerpoint presentation (can be used for group presentations)
- Full Risk Assessment – Steve Howe ADI
- Covid 19 – risk assessment presentation, pdf format
- Terms & Conditions during Covid 19
- NASP Guidelines
- Risk Assessments – why and when?



- Wording to clients – whilst we can't work
- Business beyond lockdown – Dan Hill, MyDriveTime
- Returning to Work after Covid 19 – greeting your client
- Returning to Work after Covid 19 – preparing your car
- Ideas for CPD during business downtime
- Client Risk Assessment Guidance Notes (Audrey Russell, Aberdeen Driving Schools Association)
- Client Risk Assessment (Audrey Russell, Aberdeen Driving Schools Association)
- Latest SEN Theory Test factsheets from John Rogers at DDI
- Latest pregnancy and driving factsheet including Risk Assessment form from David Lockett ADI and Clinical Nurse Specialised/Clinical Consultant

If you have any queries please e-mail Andrew Love, Head of Training: [training@adinjc.org.uk](mailto:training@adinjc.org.uk)  
Indeed, several people have written in to say that they have found the **toolbox** useful, so please do feel free to make use of it. We are adding to it all the time and it's been put together by Lin Western, our previous Head of Training along with help from Steve Howe, Derek Young, Audrey Russell and Colin Edwards. Please be aware it's not just for members, it's on the front page of the website for everyone to use!

## Additional tool for the toolbox!

Our thanks again to Colin Edwards who has designed a website app that students will be asked to log into, read, sign and submit. Colin has kindly said that ADIs can use the system if they wish. To have a look at it, use the following details:

Website: <https://onedrivingsolution.uk/>

Username: **lessons**

Password: **onedriving**

Colin says you can copy it onto your own website, but if you have problems with this he can help, or can create a page on the system just for you individually. If you would like to make use of it, then Colin requests donations be made to the Stroke Association in the name of ADINJC. You can make a donation at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/adinjc>

Remember you can access the inspirational Helping ADIs and PDIs donation page via our homepage [www.adinjc.org.uk](http://www.adinjc.org.uk) and in addition to the current newflashes Sue sends out for us, you can find these updates via 'latest news' on our website:

<https://www.adinjc.org.uk/blog/>

Whilst our newflashes are normally a benefit of membership of the ADINJC, during these particularly tough times, we want to share information as widely as possible, so please feel free to pass them on. We are stronger together. The NJC continues to be dedicated to help you and we hope you and your loved ones stay safe and healthy. Please feel free to contact us for help and support.

**We're always here for you**

Reach out to us on the following telephone numbers:

Peter our friendly treasurer can be reached on our usual ADINJC helpline - he loves to hear from you on all things membership/advice so please don't be a stranger where he's concerned!

Peter our treasurer at the ADINJC helpline **0800 8202 444**

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**

## NJC Talk Line

We're so nearly there and we're all rooting for our respective return to work dates but as we all know only too well with C-19, it is all dependent on specific data and not 'dates'. Whatever happens as we all continue to go 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.**

## NJC Business Support Line

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From 8th March, people in England will see restrictions start to lift and the government's four-step roadmap offer a route back to a more normal life:

- **Step 1 - 8th and 29 March**
- **Step 2 - not before 12 April**
- **Step 3 - not before 17 May**
- **Step 4 - not before 21 June**

In England, all pupils [return to school and students return to Further Education](#). Some students on practical courses will return to university. After-school clubs and breakfast clubs begin again.

Outdoor recreation or exercise with your household or 1 other person is allowed.

Find out more about the [roadmap out of lockdown](#).

### *C-19 response Spring 2021*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary>

### *Furlough scheme extended for 6 months*

The furlough scheme and support grants for self-employed people are being extended until September. Find out more about coronavirus-related changes in [this year's Budget](#).



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Information for shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable from COVID-19. [Click here](#)

#### **Coronavirus (COVID-19): getting tested**

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

#### *Go with the flow?*

#### **Find out if your area offers rapid lateral flow test sites**

They're free and you get a result 30 minutes after taking the test.

Use this service to:

- check if your council is offering the new tests
- see if you can get a test
- find a place where you can get a test

Find out what lateral flow testing is and why it's being used [click here](#)

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-analysis-of-lateral-flow-tests-shows-specificity-of-at-least-999>

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## Stay Local – Wales takes first steps out of lockdown

The stay-at-home restrictions will be replaced by a new interim stay local rule in Wales from Saturday 13 March as part of a package of measures, beginning the process of unlocking the strict coronavirus regulations, First Minister Mark Drakeford has announced:

<https://gov.wales/stay-local-wales-takes-first-steps-out-of-lockdown>

### Chief Medical Officer for Wales statement on health protection restrictions easements - 12th March 2021

*I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) Regulations 2020 and agree that they reflect a cautious, incremental approach to the removal of restrictions.*

*The numbers of new COVID-19 cases in Wales continues to decrease, with the 7-day average falling below 50 cases per 100,000 population for the first time since September and a positivity rate for testing which is now less than 4.5%.*

*The current lockdown has been effective in driving down infection rates and our aim now should be to maintain community transmission at the lowest achievable levels. Keeping the prevalence of Covid-19 low is an important preventative strategy both for the avoidance of direct harms and to guard against the emergence of new variants. The maintenance of low prevalence requires the slow release of lockdown restrictions; lifting them too early or too quickly will lead to an epidemic resurgence. Our modelling scenarios suggest that overly-rapid relaxation combined with increased transmissibility of the now dominant variant and low public adherence to restrictions could lead to a third wave of virus circulation in late spring (May/June). If we are unable to avoid this scenario then it is likely that, despite the success of our vaccination programme, we would see a return in Wales to a period of high viral transmission with increased hospitalisations and deaths.*

*UK wide action to prevent importing infection (especially new variants) through international travel is also important. To mitigate public health risks, a suite of border control measures is in place. These require passengers to provide personal and travel details and evidence of a negative coronavirus test before departure to the UK. All travellers are also required to quarantine for a full 10 days upon arrival at a UK port. For arrivals from "red-list" countries (linked to variants of concern), quarantine is at a managed facility near the UK port of entry; for arrivals from other countries, quarantine is at home. Although these measures go some way to protect against the importation of Covid-19 and the introduction of new variants into the UK we should continue to work with other UK Nations to further strengthen our border control arrangements. Continued restrictions on international travel may be warranted if we see case rates begin to increase.*

*We should continue to use both legislation and advice to ensure that indoor mixing between households does not - increase. The importance of public adherence to this restriction cannot be overemphasised; our modelling shows household mixing to be the single greatest determinant of whether we are likely to experience a substantive third wave. Implementing the personal, procedural, engineering and societal mitigations to reduce transmission of SARS-CoV-2 virus remains a vital part of our approach, but the new variant, being more transmissible, requires a step change in the rigour of application given the increased risk of spread. Most importantly, our public messaging should explain why continued restrictions on meeting up with family and friends inside our homes, caravan parks and holiday lets, continue to be necessary.*

*Finally, we should continue to carefully monitor the impact of the proposed easing of restrictions and be willing to intervene again if we see evidence of increasing transmission.*

Dr Frank Atherton - Chief Medical Officer

## DVSA - Continuing lockdown (alert level 4) in Wales

Following the announcement by the Welsh First Minister today (12 March), we are working closely with the Welsh Government and stakeholders to agree restart dates for lessons and DVSA driver and rider testing services. We will share these plans with you as soon as we can. You can read more about stopping the spread of coronavirus on [gov.wales](https://gov.wales/coronavirus) <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

### Driver, rider and vocational tests booked in Wales

To give us the time we need to work with government and the driver and rider training industry to

confirm restart plans, we're rescheduling all driving, riding and vocational tests in Wales up to the next review. We'll email the candidates affected by this with a new date and time for their test. If it's not suitable, they can change it at <https://www.gov.uk/change-driving-test>

Motorcycle and vocational tests booked by trainers will be cancelled and refunded as usual. If you booked a test for any of your pupils, you'll receive the email to let you know it has been rescheduled. You'll need to give your pupil the new details. In the meantime, the mobile emergency worker service for driving tests will still be available.

You can still [teach any of your pupils with one of these tests booked](#).

We thank you for your patience as we finalise more detailed plans for the safe resumption of training and testing in Wales.

### Theory Tests booked in Wales

We will also email anyone with a theory tests in Wales up to the next review and ask them to reschedule their test at [www.gov.uk/change-theory-test](http://www.gov.uk/change-theory-test).

If you booked your pupil's theory test, you'll need to rearrange it for them at [www.gov.uk/book-pupil-theory-test](http://www.gov.uk/book-pupil-theory-test). In the meantime, the mobile emergency worker service for theory tests will still be available.

### Driver, rider and vocational lessons and CBT in Wales

Driver, rider and vocational lessons, must not take place until the restrictions are lifted. This includes CBTs, training for ADI part 2 and 3 tests and standards checks.

We are working with the government to understand when lessons and CBT can restart, we will provide more information as soon as we are able to.

Driver & rider lessons for pupils with a confirmed mobile emergency worker test booking can continue.

### More information

You can find out what financial support is available to you on GOV.UK. and check for the latest about:

- [theory tests](#)
- [driving tests](#)
- [instructor guidance](#)

### What you need to do at alert level 4. <https://gov.wales/alert-level-4>

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

If you have symptoms [get a test](#) -

<https://gov.wales/guidance-leaving-your-home-and-seeing-other-people-coronavirus>

<https://gov.wales/covid-19-alert-levels>

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-social-distancing-guidance>

Read more FAQs about the [national rules](#):

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

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### Ambassador for Wales

Can you help us by becoming our newly appointed Ambassador for Wales? We do hope so! Please get in touch with us here at NJC if you think this could be you!



## 'Stopping the spread starts with all of us'

You should:

- wear a face covering
- avoid crowded places
- clean hands and surfaces regularly
- stay 2m away from other people
- self-isolate and **book a test** if you have COVID-19 symptoms (new continuous cough, fever or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste)
- download the Protect Scotland contact tracing app <https://protect.scot>

## DVSA - Scottish government announcement on extension of temporary lockdown

On 23 February the First Minister (FM) of Scotland announced details of the updated Strategic Framework for Covid 19.

The Strategic Framework sets out the aim to move fully back to a levels system from the last week in April. If all goes to plan the hope is that all parts of the country currently in level 4 - will be able to move out of level 4 and back initially to level 3 and afterwards to levels dependent on incidence and prevalence of the virus at that time.

DVSA driver and rider testing services will remain suspended until an area moves out of protection level 4. You should continue to follow the Scottish Government guidance to stay at home except for essential reasons. You can read more about the measures on the Scottish Government's website <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

**Driving lessons:** Driving lessons must not take place in areas under protection level 4.

You must not travel out of these areas to give driving lessons.

If you live on an island not in temporary lockdown or protection Level 4 you can continue to provide lessons to any of your pupils as long as they do not live in an area in lockdown or protection Level 4.

**Driving tests:** All car driving tests are suspended in areas under protection level 4. This covers mainland Scotland and some islands. This includes ADI part 2 and 3 tests and standards checks. You can check the protection level for an area here: <https://www.gov.scot/check-local-covid-level/> As a result of travel restrictions our examiners are unable to travel to other areas in lower levels to take driving tests. We are suspending all tests booked in level 3, where the examiner is coming from mainland Scotland to deliver the test, until the travel restrictions are lifted. We'll email candidates affected by this to let them know we will reschedule their test. If you have booked a test for any of your pupils, you will receive an email to let you know it will be rescheduled to a new time and date. You will need to contact your pupil to let them know. We'll send you an email with the new time and date as soon as possible; please ask your pupils to be patient. If the new time and date is not suitable for you or your pupil, you can choose a different time and date on GOV.UK. You will need your pupil's driving licence number to do this. Your pupil does not need to pay again to do this.

**Theory tests:** All theory tests are suspended in areas under protection level 4 until the restrictions are lifted. Theory tests will go ahead on the isles of Shetland and Orkney.

Candidates must not travel out of areas in protection level 4 to take a theory test.

We will email anyone who has booked a theory test and is affected by this to let them know their theory test is on hold and they need to reschedule it at <https://www.gov.uk/change-theory-test>.

If you booked your pupil's theory test, you will need to use the booking system to rearrange their test for a new date and time.

**Mobile emergency testing service:** Because of the current COVID restrictions, we are not able to offer a mobile emergency worker test service in Scotland.

**More information:** You can find what financial support is available on GOV.UK.

## Stay at home guidance:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/>

**Coronavirus (COVID-19):** businesses and workplaces that must close and can remain open at protection level 4 - [Click here](#)

**Postcode checker** for COVID restrictions by protection level in areas of Scotland - [Click here](#)

**Latest COVID-19 funding allocations** - [Click here](#)

**NHS Scotland Test and Protect App** <https://protect.scot>

## 'Stay safe, protect others, save lives'

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

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

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-driving-tests-and-theory-tests>

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

<https://publichealthscotland.scot>

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-phase-3-staying-safe-and-protecting-others/>

## Political and business news links:

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/scotland/scotland\\_politics](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/scotland/scotland_politics)

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/scotland/scotland\\_business](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/scotland/scotland_business)

## Latest from Stewart Lochrie, our Ambassador for Scotland

COVID-19 advice and funding information in Scotland is available via the Find Business Support website.

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/newly-self-employed-hardship-fund>

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/funding/mobile-and-home-based-close-contact-services-fund>

The deadline for applications has been extended to 11.59pm on 23 March 2021.

It must be said that Stewart was quickly on the case when it became apparent that there were problems with the system for the new Scottish grant. So he wrote to and tweeted the Scottish government and has had a prompt reply from Kate Forbes MSP. Well done Stewart, his letter follows:

I am writing to you in my role as Scotland Ambassador for the Approved Driving Instructors National Joint Council on behalf of the many Scottish Approved Driving Instructors who have had their applications for the Mobile Close Contact Services grant unfairly rejected today despite supplying accurate information via the portal at <https://www.bizsupport.scot/>. The portal appears to be rejecting legitimate company Facebook pages and legitimate business websites, in one instance from a driving school in Ayrshire that has been in constant operation for over 25 years. While we are incredibly grateful for the additional support being offered to Scottish driving instructors from the Scottish Government, we would suggest that applying a draconian "one strike and you're out" policy, with no right to appeal and no way to amend existing applications is, at



best, harsh. At worst, it is needlessly discriminatory. In addition to the obvious flaws in the system, noted above, genuine mistakes will be made by people under an incredible amount of financial and mental strain. The government should be doing all it can to assist people in their attempts to access funding. Not excluding through a combination of its errors and decree. I would request that you revisit your policy of instant rejection with no appeals. I am convinced that no other industry has been treated in this manner while attempting to access vital funding.

### *Close-contact workers 'still struggling to get support'*

For latest info [click here](#).

## Latest .GOV - N.Ireland

### *We all must do it to get through it - stay safe save lives'*

#### Keep Distance - Wear Face Covering - Wash Hands

The following restrictions are in place in Northern Ireland to help reduce the spread of coronavirus and to help manage the pressures on the health and social care system. During this time, the single most important action we can all take is to stay at home.

#### Regulations

The current regulations are in place until 1 April 2021. They will be reviewed on 16 March 2021.

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/guidance-accompany-health-protection-coronavirus-restrictions-no-2-amendment-regulations-northern>



Latest information on driver theory and practical testing:

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

Get the StopCOVID 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/northern_ireland_politics)

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You'll find the latest updates regarding DVSA via [www.n-a-s-p.co.uk](http://www.n-a-s-p.co.uk)

There is also a 'latest' section from NASP in this newsletter.

### Restarting driving lessons and tests in England

Following the publication of the roadmap out of national lockdown on 22 February, we have been working with government and stakeholders to agree the indicative restart dates of all our driver, rider and vocational testing services. We have set these dates out below. Depending on the outcome of the government review of roadmap measures on 5 April, we'll write to you again shortly afterwards to confirm if lessons and tests can restart on these dates. We aren't able to confirm dates until after the review on 5 April, but we want to share these proposals with you now to help you plan for reopening your businesses and to start teaching again.

You can read more about stopping the spread of coronavirus on GOV.UK

### Restarting driving lessons and tests

The proposed date for you to restart driving lessons and training is Monday 12 April 2021. We know many of you want the opportunity to carry out lessons and training before we restart driving tests and we agree with this. Therefore tests are due to restart 10 days later on Thursday 22 April, if government guidance allows. The safety of our customers and examiners is our top priority. Closer to the restart date we will work with Public Health England to review and check our standard operating procedures. We'll let you know the outcome of these discussions closer to the time.

In the meantime, your pupils can continue to practise driving with an accompanying driver from within their household, as long as it's part of an essential journey. We will update learner drivers and approved driving instructors when this changes. We have shared our guidance for driving examiners with driver training associations and they have updated their good practice guidance for instructors. Links to good practice guidance are included in the instructor guidance on GOV.UK.

### Driving test bookings

We'll email candidates with tests booked before 22 April to let them know their test will be rescheduled. If you have booked a test for any of your pupils, you will receive an email to let you know it will be rescheduled to a new time and date. You will need to contact your pupil to let them know. We'll email you with the new time and date as soon as possible; please ask your pupils to bear with us. If the new time and date is not suitable for you or your pupil, you can choose a different time and date on GOV.UK. You will need your pupil's driving licence number to do this. Your pupil does not need to pay again to do this. We know pupils with tests booked between 12 and 22 April will be disappointed. But it's important that candidates have adequate time to practise with a professional instructor before they come to test. Restarting lessons ten days ahead of tests will give you chance to provide your pupils with professional refresher training before they take their test. This approach is supported by the National Associations Strategic Partnership (NASP).

### Instructor tests

We intend to restart instructor testing from 22 April. Any ADI part 2 and 3 tests and standards checks booked after testing is planned to restart will go ahead as planned. If your part 2 or 3 test or standards check is on hold, we will contact you to arrange a new time and date as soon as we are able to.

### Theory tests

Currently the intention is for theory tests to restart in England on 12 April 2021. We'll email all candidates with theory tests booked before 12 April to ask them to reschedule their test.

### Mobile emergency worker tests

Practical and theory tests for mobile emergency workers which have already been booked will still take place as scheduled.

### Scotland and Wales

We're working with Scottish Government and Welsh Government, who are setting out their own plans and timetables to reduce restrictions. We'll keep you updated as these develop.

### More information

Remember you can check GOV.UK for the very latest updates about:

- **theory tests** - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-theory-tests>  
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-and-motoring>
- **driving tests** - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-driving-tests-and-theory-tests>  
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-and-motoring>
- **instructor guidance** - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-restarting-driver-and-rider-training-and-tests/coronavirus-restarting-driver-and-rider-training-and-tests>  
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-and-motoring>

## Latest news from DfT



### £20 million fund fuels search for electric vehicle innovations

Fund to help make innovation ideas towards zero-emission vehicles a reality announced. [Click here.](#)

### Move to boost transport connections across the whole of the UK

Prime Minister Boris Johnson sets out vision to level up and boost connectivity across the UK through improved transport infrastructure. [Click here.](#)

### Get a coronavirus (COVID-19) test if you're an HGV or van driver

You must take a coronavirus (COVID-19) test before you leave the UK for some countries – check which countries require them and how to get a free test. [Click here.](#)

### Consultation reminder: Simplifying driving licence upgrade and motorcycle test rules

The Department for Transport want to get your views about changes to the laws on driving licence acquisition and the motorcycle riding test. The consultation is asking for views on things like:

- allowing candidates who pass their test in an automatic transmission vehicle to drive a manual vehicle (if they already hold a manual entitlement in another licence category)
- reducing the engine size of bikes that can be brought to an A2 motorcycle test

The consultation will end on 23 March 2021.

[Find out more about the consultation and give your views.](#)



## Road Safety Information

Graham Feest ADINJC  
Road Safety Advisor



It's a double thanks to Graham this month because in addition to providing us all with his monthly TSR publication, he also presented to members who attended our recent association meeting held by Zoom. If you missed the meeting, you can view a pdf of the minutes and links to presentation slides here:



Please click here for TSR March 2021

Items this month include:

- Smart motorways
- Dash cam footage
- Road safety grants
- Improving safety on the UK's major roads
- 1 in 4 car occupants killed in Ireland NOT wearing a seat belt
- Road deaths in 1st 6 months of 2020

And much more!



## Latest links from Road Safety GB



Click the article to read

*Highways England launches 'biggest ever' motorway safety campaign*

*Awards recognise excellence in driver training sector*

*RSGB's online PTW event proves popular in week one*

*"Great deal of work" needed to improve Smart Motorways*

*BHS takes horse safety messages to new audience*



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ANDY MORRISON ADI, APDI SOUTH WEST CHAIRMAN

### Highway Code review

Highways England on the 1st March launched a review of the Highway Code to improve road safety on motorways and high-speed roads. The consultation will run for four weeks and closes at 23:59 on 29 March 2021.

#### What's happening?

The Highway Code is regularly updated to improve safety for all road users.

Highways England is asking for your views on updated safety information for high-speed dual carriageways and motorways. Proposed changes include updating information on the use of variable speed limits to manage congestion, the use of red X signs to close lanes, and what to do in the event of a breakdown.

#### Give your views

You can read full details of the proposed updates, and give your views, on [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk).

## RIP Dave Roulston-Bates

On a very sad note, the Plymouth group recently said goodbye to local ADI Dave Roulston-Bates. Over 40 of them followed the hearse, which carried Dave's top box, and there were another 20 or so lining the approach road to the crematorium. Even a couple of the Plymouth examiners turned out to pay their respects. Dave had served as a member of the Armed Forces in his life before becoming an ADI. Fellow member Richard Tilley, himself also ex military, played The Last Post in tribute. You can see the video of this here <https://vimeo.com/516877133>

(suggest you have a tissue at the ready). RIP DRB.

## Join the C-19 resistance!

I've been both assured and advised by several trusted contacts in our beloved NHS to ensure we and our families and friends all get our vaccinations and boosters when they are made available to us. It's a stark reminder that even when remembering to wash/sanitise hands, cover most of our faces and maintain socially distanced spaces, we are not yet totally free from this awful virus. Can you feel the force? Roll on the freedom jabs!

#### Join Zoe App

<https://covid.joinzoe.com>

You can help fight COVID-19 by aiding research. Join 4,626,718 members of the public supporting the NHS and scientists in the UK. Together we can get out of lockdown safely and beat the disease. Join using the App store/Google Play store.

**One year on** - we're being told to be on the look out for new symptoms including 'Covid tongue'.

<https://covid.joinzoe.com/post/covid-tongue>



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## Latest boost filled news from Marmalade!



Suzy Walsh, Marmalade Network Manager shared some very exciting news recently.

During May they are going to be boosting the commission they pay to instructors on each Marmalade learner driver policy bought by their pupils by £10 per product!

This takes their commission rates to £35 for a learner driver policy, £50 for a PAYG policy, £60 for a new driver policy, £85 for a family driver policy and £250 when a car is bought from Marmalade! There is also a theory test refund scheme running in their name, please see the latest advert in this newsletter for more details.

Indeed, if you have absolutely any enquiries about the Marmalade Network affiliate scheme, please call the friendly Marmalade team now on **0333 323 2615** or visit their site <https://www.marmaladenetwork.co.uk>

## Association meeting held by Zoom - Saturday 6th March

It was lovely to see all of you who attended our first association meeting of 2021. With insightful presentations from our very own Road Safety Advisor Graham Feest and also updates on upcoming training opportunities from our Head of Training Andrew Love, we hope you enjoyed yourselves and found the morning useful. We look forward to seeing you all through many virtual windows at our upcoming webinars/training sessions and next Association meeting on 5th June also by Zoom.



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### The wait is finally over!

The Intelligent Instructor Awards 2021 in association with Kwik Fit & Michelin recognise and reward the very best products and services within the driver training sector. A combination of our independent judging panel and the driving instructor audience helped decide our winners!

Congratulations and celebrations to all of the worthy winners and also those who were highly commended in their respective categories. Extra special and joyous wishes to our Lynne and Dan from NJC, what a night it was for them!

How's this for the full list of award winning people, products and services?

We've listed the winners here

<https://www.intelligentinstructor.co.uk/awards-winners/>

You can view our short Intelligent Instructor Awards 2021 video here



Lynne said 'I just want to say how very honoured I was to receive the Intelligent Instructor Award 2021 for Services to The Driver Trainer Industry. I was in a zoom "party" with the NJC team when the awards video was being shown and thinking I was there for another member of the team. It was a real surprise and I will cherish the award mostly because it has come from my colleagues and peers. Well done to all of the other winners and those with highly commended places as well, it's brilliant to see the talent that we have in this industry. It's so good to hear the news stories which show the talent and great side of this industry, it's all too often that the minority of cases that bring us into disrepute get headline news. Well done to Intelligent Instructor for making the event still possible and entertaining even during this very difficult year.'



Dan said 'It's obviously amazing to be recognised for our team's hard work and dedication over the past 7 years, but it's just as much an award for our loyal customers who have supported us and helped shape MyDriveTime. It's a collective effort, and we can't wait to build on this and further help forward-thinking instructors to better manage and grow their business.'



### On their website, featured recently:

- Smart motorways highlight further failings [click here to read](#)
- Drink driving abroad - GEM looks beyond our shores for effective ways to tackle drink driving [click here to read](#)
- Motoring memories fading [click here to read](#)





For the second month running the lead story is – Smart Motorways. Only yesterday, in fact, the Mail on Sunday ran a piece with the headline “50 drivers a month are stranded in ‘gauntlet of death’ on M1”. The paper went on to say that more than 50 motorists a month are breaking down and getting stranded on a controversial stretch of smart motorway known as the ‘gauntlet of death’, figures reveal. The 14-mile run of the M1 in South Yorkshire is at the centre of a police review after Jason Mercer and Alexandru Murgeanu were killed by a lorry in June 2019. It comes as Highways England officials face criticism for allowing smart motorways to open across the country – including on stretches of the M1, the M25, the M5 and the M6 – before installing enough emergency refuge areas or detection technology which can quickly spot stranded cars. The smart motorway between junctions 32 and 35A near Sheffield is notorious because of the steep banks on sections of the route and the difficulty in seeking refuge. Mr Mercer, 44, and Mr Murgeanu, 22, were killed following a minor collision. When they got out to exchange details, they were struck by a lorry. Lorry driver Prezemyslaw Szuba, 40, was jailed for ten months after admitting causing death by careless driving, but the men’s inquest in January was told the collision could have been avoided with a hard shoulder.

And there was a related piece in the Mail five days earlier. It said that road bosses have just announced plans to include smart motorways in the Highway Code – a whole year after Transport Secretary Grant Shapps told them to. But relatives of those killed on the controversial routes criticised Highways England for the delay, branding the change ‘too little, too late’. The Government-owned company responsible for England’s motorways said it was starting a four-week consultation for motorists to submit ideas about what information should be included. It follows damning comments from public figures, with one coroner warning the routes presented ‘an ongoing risk of future deaths’ and a police chief calling for them to be scrapped altogether. Recently, the Commons transport committee began an enquiry into their safety after it emerged that deaths on smart motorways rose to a record 14 in 2019, up from 11 in 2018 and five in 2017. Highways England, in response, suggested the problem was that drivers did not understand how the roads work. Jeremy Phillips, head of road safety, said the update was about helping “motorists understand exactly how modern motorways and high-speed roads operate”, adding: “The updated edition will help inform the next generation of road users, as well as giving important updates to those with many miles under their belt, to help us all stay safer.” Proposed changes to the code include advice on what to do if you break down in a live lane, explaining that smart motorway signs such as the red X to warn of broken-down vehicles ahead, and how to use emergency refuge areas where drivers in trouble can pull into. But these are up to 1.5 miles apart, which campaigners say is too far and means motorists cannot always reach them. A Department for Transport spokesman said: “The safety of drivers and passengers using these routes remains the Transport Secretary’s personal priority. He will press Highways England to deliver improvements as soon as possible” Well, he would say that wouldn’t he?

There was a story in the Mirror of March 6th about the UK’s favourite cars. It said the Ford Fiesta has been named king of the road. The hatchback is the nation’s most popular car with almost 1.97 million motors sold since 2001, putting it ahead of the Ford Focus on 1.91 million. Research showed 46 million cars have been registered by new owners in the past 20 years and hatchbacks are leading the race. Vauxhall’s Corsa and Astra, and Volkswagen’s Golf made the top five with BMW’s 3 Series

representing saloons in sixth place. Cars that have broken into the annual charts but not made the greatest of the past 20 years list include the Mini Cooper which was number 10 in 2018 with 40,296 registrations. Leasing firm Riverdale, which analysed DVLA figures said: “Since 2001, Ford has been the UK’s most popular car brand, with 315,528 new registrations per year – almost 60,000 more than any other auto-maker.” The Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV (Mrs Adrian had one) scooped the title for the most popular electric car of the past 20 years. Well, there we all are then.

The Sunday Times of February 28th had a piece entitled ‘Motorists face £120 CCTV litter fines’. It said that to many, one of the depressing things about living in Britain is the sight of old coffee cups, crisp packets and half-eaten takeaways discarded – in their millions – at beauty spots, parks, and roadsides. But help is, finally, at hand, with surveillance cameras due to be deployed to catch litter louts, who face fines of £90, rising to £120 if not paid within 15 days. It costs £1 billion in a normal year to clear 30 million tons of rubbish from our streets, so councils are turning to technology. Rather than wardens issuing fixed-penalty notices to those caught in the act, the existing system of cameras will be used to increase the number of fines. Software from a private firm, LitterCam, will match footage of motorists throwing rubbish to their car’s numberplate. The first trials will begin in Maidstone, Kent, in April, and councils elsewhere are expected to follow.

There was a rather amusing story in the Mirror of February 15th, with the headline ‘Staff at DVLA asked waist size to assess Covid-19 risk’. The paper said the reason for this is to help decide if they should work in the office during the pandemic. A number of staff at the drivers’ licensing HQ were asked if their waist was larger than 34 inches for women or 40 inches for men. It was part of a “points-based” system DVLA has been using since last month to decide which of the 6,000 should be kept at home. Staff score a point each for risk factors that can lead to worse Covid illness – like having a high Body Mass Index, ethnic minority, male or pregnant. Those who score high, and cannot work from home, can be put on “paid leave”. Public and Commercial Services union chief Mark Serwotka said: “It is demeaning and insulting to staff who are already being put at unnecessary risk by being forced into work in their thousands”. A DVLA spokesman said: “Our focus ... has been and continues to be on the safety of our staff.” Good grief!

And there was a related piece in the Mail of February 22nd. It was entitled ‘Passport chaos in Backlog Britain 200,000 in queue ... and driving licences held up too’. It told how hundreds of thousands of Britons remain paralysed by delays as Covid restrictions cause major bureaucratic backlogs. Frustrated travellers, motorists and families have been waiting months for important documents and appointments as many public officials continue to work from home. About 200,000 people are in the queue for new passports, more than 80,000 drivers are waiting to get licences posted back to them and at least 300,000 learner drivers are in limbo as all practical tests have been cancelled until the latest lockdown is eased. Many new parents have yet to record their babies’ births as register offices are either still closed or working through a huge backlog of appointments. The DVLA also saw a pile up of 66,228 paper driving licence applications – twice as many as in November. Another 19,537 paper logbooks are either being processed or are in a queue. And high numbers of cancellations have taken their toll on learner drivers too, with DVSA figures showing a backlog of 342,947 car test bookings. Ian McIntosh, chief executive of RED Driving School said: “The backlog of driving tests is becoming an increasing concern... This is a huge financial burden on learners and adding to the bottleneck.” A DVSA spokesman said: “We are working hard to make sure that when it is safe to resume testing, as many customers as possible, who want a driving test and are ready to take it, can access our services.” Well, that’s all good isn’t it?





There was a piece in Fleet News (which I receive electronically) on February 15th, which said that Jaguar Land Rover has outlined its electrification strategy which will see Jaguar offer an entirely electric model line-up by 2025. The Reimagine strategy was revealed by the car maker's new CEO Thierry Bolloré. "Reimagine will see us transition to being an electric-first business. By the end of the decade, we will have achieved that goal, nameplate by nameplate every model will be available with full battery power", he said. Currently the only fully electric model offered by JLR is the Jaguar I-Pace. It has recently introduced a wide range of plug-in hybrid variants across some of its most popular models including the Evoque and Discovery Sport, however Bolloré confirmed there will be six all-electric Land Rovers within the existing Range Rover, Discovery, and Defender families by 2030, with the first launching in 2024. Land Rover models will continue to be offered with a mixture of powertrains, including plug-in hybrid, until 2036. JLR seems to be on a charge, does it not? This was followed up, the next day, by the Mail, with a story entitled 'End of the road for gas-guzzling Jags'. The paper gave what it called the 'roar facts of a classic car.' 1) The company changed its name to Jaguar from SS Cars in 1945 after the Second World War. 2) It initially manufactured side cars under the Swallow Sidecar brand until the name change. 3) A luxury burgundy Mark 2 Jaguar which was used on Inspector Morse sold for more than £100,000 in 2005. 4) Emu feathers are used to clean a Jaguar before it is painted because they become charged with static electricity and pick up dust. 5) Jaguars are tested to ensure they can cope with temperatures as low as -40°C. As Michael Caine would have said – Not a lot of people know that.

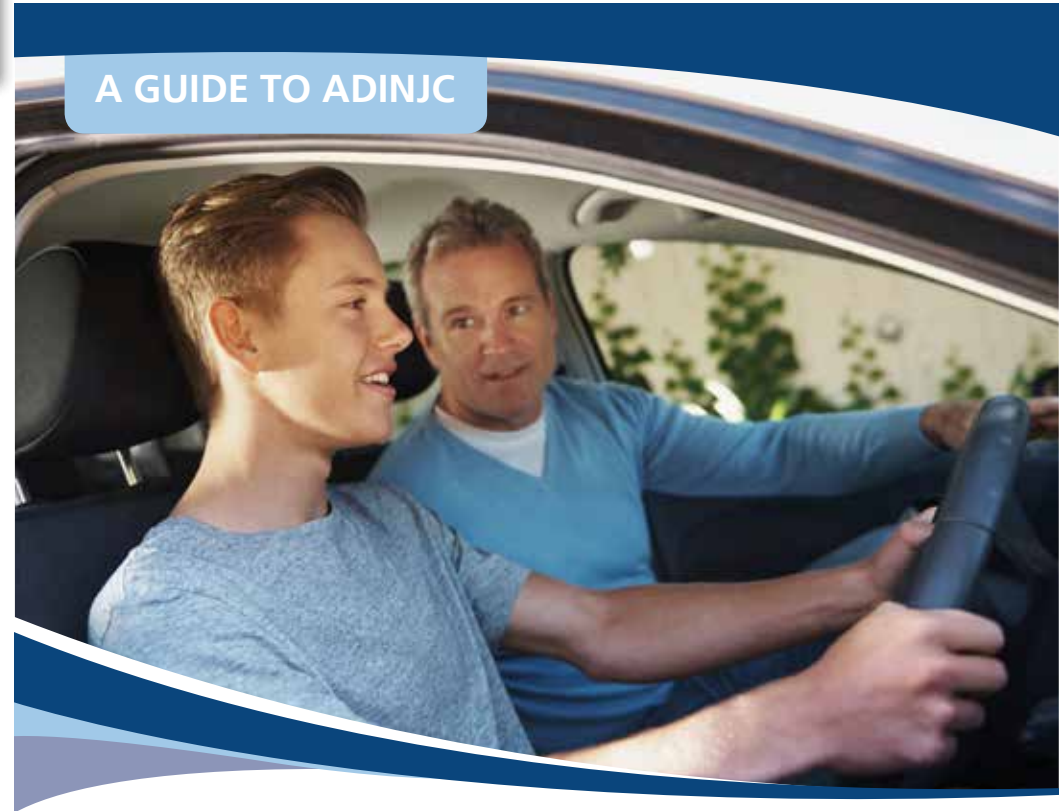
And there was a story in the Mail of February 27th which said that e-scooters have been banned at night from a city centre – less than a fortnight since they were introduced. Newcastle council said the new fleet of 250 electric vehicles face a curfew from 11pm to 5am following complaints people were driving them while drunk. The scooters were installed two weeks previously in a council push to encourage greener transport options. But within days, residents raised safety concerns about people racing in the middle of the night, weaving through traffic and driving recklessly on pavements. Children were also seen on the vehicles despite rules that riders must be over 18 and have a driving licence. Local Avril Deane said: "They are riding on the pavements, none of them are wearing helmets. We are all supposed to be socially distancing but you see two people on a scooter. It's putting everyone at risk." The night-time ban comes after police arrested six men on suspicion of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Graham Grant, the council's head of transport, said another person has been banned and at least four others were under investigation. One thing is for sure – you'll never get me on one of them there things.

And finally,  
What do you call a fear of giants? Feefiphobia.  
What do you get if a piano falls on a commissioned officer? A flat major.

Til next time

Adrian

## A GUIDE TO ADINJC



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Tier	Model	Contract Length	Mileage	Price Per Week	Price Per Month
1	Renault Clio, Peugeot 208 (5 Door)	12 Month	22,000	£92.28	£399.89
2	Ford Fiesta, Nissan Micra (5 Door)	12 Month	22,000	£107.88	£467.48
3	BMW 1 Series, Mercedes A-Class, Mini, Audi A1 (5 Door)	12 Month	22,000	£173.88	£753.48
4	Renault Clio, Peugeot 208 (5 Door)	12 Months (inc 7 Month Break Clause)	22,000 Pro Rata	£107.88	£467.88

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\*\* Excluding tyres and clutch (add on packages available)

\*\*\* Vehicle must be off the road for more than 48 hours

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Thanks for joining Lynne, Sue, Matt, Charles and Andrew for an industry update on 23rd February. If you missed their live broadcast, view here: <https://vimeo.com/515952278>

On 8th March, Lynne, Matt and Andrew were joined once again by Clare Elsbys, FSB-Federation of Small Businesses. If you missed the live broadcast, view here: <https://vimeo.com/521125249>

*'Thanks to everyone for tonight's coronavirus special with the FSB. Clare Elsbys insights into what is going on with government, councils and grants, I found very helpful. Also to you guys for asking the questions that made that possible. The FSB and NJC are very similar in values and culture. As a member of both, to those thinking about joining the FSB, I recommend it. It's good to mingle with other business sectors.'* Ian Hortal

You might also like to visit the [FSB's website](#) to find out more about membership.

### Coronavirus Scotland Webinar for Scottish members

Join us for a meeting about the current situation and any new help that is available. This webinar is for our Scottish members and will be airing live on Tuesday 23 March at 11am. You can register in advance here [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_RrrE4ub0Qk2gfTGRuVYESw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RrrE4ub0Qk2gfTGRuVYESw)

**Date for your diary - Monday 22 March** when we hope to have John Caradine and John Sheridan from DVSA joining us on our industry update webinar.

## You Zoomin' Love virtual training with us!

Have you already zoomed in to 'Polish Your Skills?' or perhaps some 'Mock Test Madness' (not literally you understand!)

As you know, we've been running some training webinars throughout March and the latest selection of online and interactive sessions are still running on Wednesday & Thursday each week, starting at 09:30, lasting 2.5 hours. There's a free taster session on Monday at 14.30 lasting 30 minutes which can be viewed via Zoom or the **ADINJC** Facebook Group. In order to make them as inclusive as we can, the numbers are strictly limited to 25 per session.

We've had some fantastic feedback from many of you who've already attended and are continuing to attend in the company of our training team, headed up by Andrew Love, who as you know also doubles up as our very own technical wiz on all things virtual/webinars!

I must say I've had my own fair share of 'FOMO!' watching the video clips:



When Sue sends out the newflashes this month with anything to do with 'Polish Your Skills' training webinars, you know you need to be super quick because these offerings are not to be missed, absolute bargains for the expertise you're receiving and are getting snapped up fast. For a limited period only, it's a race so catch them while you can!

## Look at the rest of our CPD offerings, available 24/7!

We're still offering easily accessible and reasonably priced online courses for study at your own pace. If you or your students prefer to study this way, we offer the following accredited courses via our own website:

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For more information <https://www.adinjc.org.uk/online-courses/>

## Are you ready for Expo 2021?

*Just 7 short months to go :-)))*

The UK's must-attend driving instructor show. The **ADINJC** & Intelligent Instructor National Conference & Expo '21 is the follow up to our hugely successful inaugural driving instructor show. This free to attend event takes place on Sunday 10th October 2021. The expo will offer unrivalled access to 50+ industry suppliers who will showcase their latest products and services, offering a valuable opportunity to see what's new on the market to help your business flourish. Visitors can also attend a wide range of topical seminars delivered by expert speakers, which will run in multiple dedicated rooms throughout the day. Key topics include business growth, coaching, lesson planning, marketing, standards checks, training and teaching aids. Our goal is for visitors to come away educated, invigorated, thinking differently and passionate about being an instructor. We also wanted to ensure people had fun doing it too! So, if you are new to the industry, perhaps considering becoming a driving instructor, are an independent instructor or even part of a franchise, the **ADINJC** & Intelligent Instructor National Conference & Expo '21 is a must-attend event. Book your free to attend ticket now!

Look forward to seeing you there on Sunday 10th October 2021

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## Great news from Speed of Sight!



Speed of Sight track days will be starting up again this year all going well. The first event will be at the Three Sisters Track at Warrington on 26th April, with another on 17th May and then on 1st and 2nd June, it'll be Llandow circuit in Wales. Our Charity Liaison Officer, Tina Cassidy will be at all events subject to them going ahead and says everyone is welcome to come along and say hello! If you would like more information about Speed of Sight, see here:

<https://www.speedofsight.org>



## Coaches' Corner



Hope you enjoyed the TEDx talk from Carson Byblow 'The Mindset of a Champion' last month. This month, I'm including a TEDx Manhattan Beach video from Raphael Rose entitled 'From stress to resilience'. Facing stress in our lives is an integral component of being more resilient, says Raphael Rose, Researcher and Clinical Psychologist. In his research for NASA, Raphael finds that accepting and even welcoming stress helps us become more resilient, leading to a more meaningful, joyful, and socially connected life.

Hope you enjoy all 13 minutes! See what you think...



*Please do let me know if you have any of your own favourite videos/ideas for sharing with us all. Please also remember that I welcome articles and especially coaching/client centred related so if any of you have already written some masterpieces, feel free to send them my way! That goes for coaches in our industry and beyond. Finally, if you have any coaching/client centred issues you have encountered/would like support with, please do let us know. Even if it's specific topics you'd like us to cover in more depth...*

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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)



For more information or to discuss your cover requirements contact our team on:

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# DRIVING INSTRUCTOR INSURANCE EXPLAINED

## 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.

For more information or to discuss your cover requirements contact our team on:

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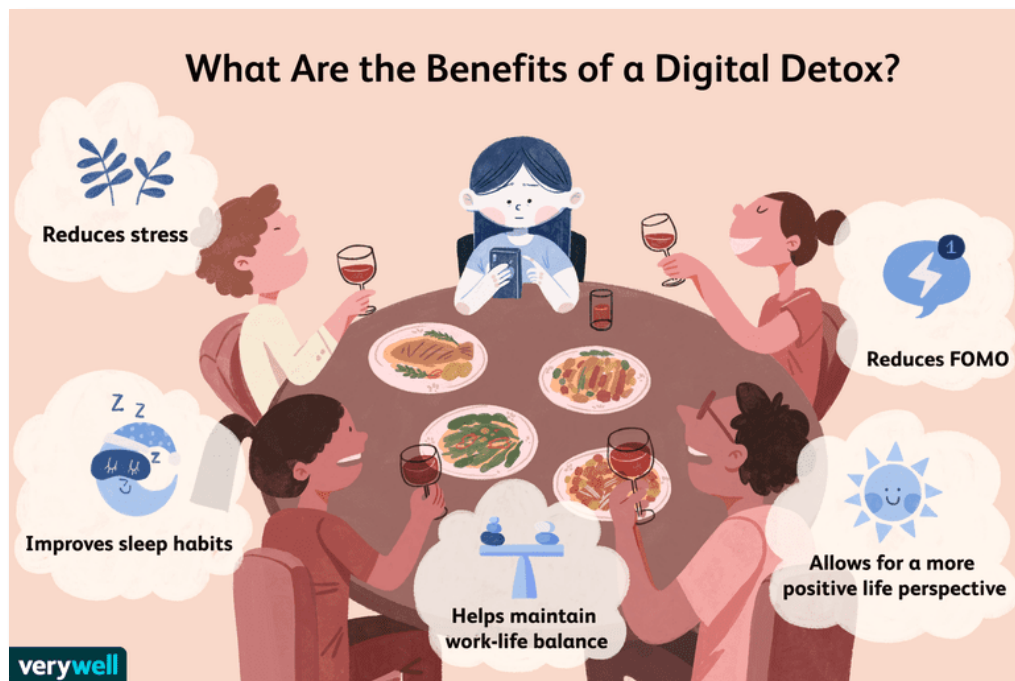
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This month I don't know about you, but I'm already in much need of a digital detox. For those of you who are interested in finding out more about this liberating and painless exercise, please do stay with me on this!

With the clocks about to spring forward and make us all feel that bit better I hope (and hey who's not up for losing an hour to gain more light!) Being within touching distance of those springy summer days and lighter brighter evenings, who would want to be stuck to their devices anyway? Now's the chance to take some well deserved and scheduled 'time out' for the many optimised health benefits for you and yours. Enjoy your recharge and rewards, whatever they may be before you're all rushed off your feet and back in the day job! Also, if you have tried/tested ideas for how to successfully 'switch off' an overly busy mind, then please do let me know and we'll share them. I know I need them ;-)



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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.

Remember if you want to obtain your test analysis from:

[ADI.Enforcement.analysis.request@dvsa.gov.ukk](mailto:ADI.Enforcement.analysis.request@dvsa.gov.ukk)

Thank you for keeping in touch with all of your questions. You've been sending us lots and we have endeavoured to answer as many of them as we possibly can via NASP, newsflashes and our recent webinar. If we haven't obtained an answer for you yet, rest assured we will keep trying!

*If any of you have a question for us, please do get in touch - you know we love to hear from you! We still actively encourage you to send us any questions that you may have as an individual member or a group and we'll do our very best to answer them for you here at QQQ :-)*

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### Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) - Go Heather!

Well done to Heather Lockwood of the Essex group for not taking no for an answer. Initially her local authority, Chelmsford, refused applications for the ARG from ADIs but Heather and her colleagues appealed and got the decision overturned with an agreement to pay it. Not only that, but neighbouring authorities Brentwood & Maldon are doing the same. Heather says it's definitely worth applying and appealing if you get refused. Heather went on to say the ADINJC are to be thanked as without lots of talk on the webinar etc I wouldn't have known about it.

And we had feedback from another member preferring anonymity who said:

*'I wanted to thank you and ADINJC for the guidance in obtaining this grant. Mine was awarded last night. I await payment. I have also received all the SEISS so far. I know I am perhaps more fortunate than some others. My council have also advised that should there be any extensions to government restrictions, this will be further awarded automatically. Again it is ONLY down to the ADINJC I even knew of the grant!'*

Well done to everyone who followed our advice and made a fuss! You know how we love it when you make a fuss :-). You can watch a short video of Rishi Sunak answering a question about it at the Treasury Select Committee [here](#):

Interestingly, we've heard from a number of people that they've had decisions overturned at their local authority - including Northampton and Northumberland. Well done everyone for not taking no for an answer and putting up a fight. Over on Facebook, member **Kev Brock** together with **Carol Greenwood** and **Charlotte Ferguson** are spreading the word on a specially formed group - ARG support for driving instructors. There's lots of help and advice there to be shared so if you haven't been successful with your local authority, go and join them. We previously shared a link to a table containing details of the amounts local authorities have paid out, which could be useful ammunition, so [click here for the link again](#).

Our suggestions are that you write to your local councillors and MP, as well as put in an appeal. Give them information about what other councils are doing, and what they have given out. If they appear from this table not to have given out much money ask them why! Be polite of course, but be firm.

Thanks to Graham McLoughlin for sending [this PDF](#):

ARG support for driving instructors Facebook group have been burning the midnight oil to produce this spreadsheet: [Click here to view](#).

### New website launched for the fund to help ADIs and PDIs

Financial support when you need it most.

The fund to help ADIs and PDIs facing financial hardship has a new website. Please do support this fund. All donations are much appreciated so that as many people as possible can be helped through this difficult time. All donations, no matter how big or small will be gratefully accepted to help this very valuable cause. Visit the website to help each other now and make that difference. You can donate or apply via the site [www.instructorfund.org](http://www.instructorfund.org)

Finally, my thanks to Sophie from WADDIA (Watford and District DIA) who wrote in and said amongst other things, 'The ADINJC have been amazing during this time'. Well Soph, that's all I needed to help keep me going until next month! :-)))

*Thanks to all those that have written in to us this month on various matters. If you haven't seen yourself here, please do let me know and I'll ensure to include a 'big up' for you next month!*

### DIPOD - The Driving Instructors' Podcast - Sponsored by ADINJC for the discerning ADI!

#### Dipod - Show 178

After a bit of a break over the recent lockdown period, you can now listen to the latest Dipod show aptly named 'the end of lockdown is nigh!' Let's hope they are right! One thing we know for sure is we're getting 73 minutes of listening pleasure with Peter, Nick and Elliot and as usual, plenty of topical subjects are up for debate. Tea and cakes at the ready and great to have you back guys!

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| • Booking Tests  | • Mobile Phone Use    | • Parking On The Pavement |
| • DVSA New CEO   | • ALKS                | • Clean Air               |
| • Mock Tests     | • ISAT                | • Driving Abroad          |
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**Catch up now on all 73 minutes and as always, a show not to be missed.**

Remember, the guys love to hear from you and your response to the show is always welcomed!

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### Can you help Lisa at Young Driver?

ADIs and PDIs required to join them in the Leeds, Manchester and Norwich areas. If this could be you, please contact Lisa directly for more information:

Lisa Standbridge, Recruitment & HR Manager **07827 870026** - [www.youngdriver.com](http://www.youngdriver.com)



### Articles we have sent out via Email this Month

- Scottish news
- Association Meeting and news from the Honest Truth
- DVSA - updates on driving lessons and tests in Wales
- DVSA - Continuing national lockdown in England
- DVSA - Update on theory test certificates
- COVID-19 RESPONSE – SPRING 2021
- NASP Update on Driver Training 23 February 2021
- Polish Your Skills webinars during March



### And Finally - a quote...

*'A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor'*

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

*Once again, my thanks to all those involved with the newsletter, especially Rob at the design studio and those who will be helping me by contributing to the newsletter. If any of you out there would like to contribute in 2021, please do get in touch!*