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EDITORIAL

Please note the 2 extra rides that are being planned this month on 8 May and 28 May – see [Ian's VE Ride Out](#) and [Rolands ride to Derbyshire/Staffordshire](#). Ian needs to know ASAP if you are going and Roland has created an event on Facebook but his contact details are with details of his ride on Page 7.

I want to thank all those that gave their time on 27 April to support the free taster day, it was a fantastic turnout! Whether an observer or other member helping out many thanks, we can't do events like that without you. It was just a shame that we only had 4 taster rides and only recruited two new members. On the plus side it was a great to chat with all of you that came along. You never know just seeing our advert on various Facebook pages may have given people thought for the future and we will see them in time. 🙌 🙌

As you can see from my brief Facebook roundup there are often extra rides laid on a short notice by some of our members so if you want to know what's going on Facebook is the place to look. By being a Facebook member you will get to know about them beforehand not just read about them afterwards in here. If you haven't found our Facebook page go to [\(1\) Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists | Facebook](#) and ask to join to see all the other exciting things that go on. It is a private page so not open to the public's prying eyes.

I need your help to make ChainLincs a worthwhile read so if you have anything you want to share with other members whether your recent IAM journey or other advanced riding experience (RoSPA), your experience at a track day, a recap of a European tour or an experience that may have happened on the road that others can learn from or anything else you can think of please send it to me for inclusion at lincs.am.editor@btinternet.com.

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Stay safe

Mick

CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello again fellow bikers,

A warm welcome to new members: David Maryon, Darren Pick, Tristram Summers, Stephen Rowbotham and Robert Walker.

Test passes: Congratulations to Steve Mitchell and your Observer Alan Pugh.

I was at the 'Free Taster Rides' event on Sunday 27th April and heartened to see so many members who had turned out to help, or, as there was a group ride on the same day, that a bunch of members on a ride out chose to come and join us and show support. What a fine display of bikes and bodies. Thanks to all who turned out, whether your input was great or small, it's never insignificant and always appreciated. You never know the value of the supporting effect your presence gives to the rest of the team. Thank you again.

Also, I finally got to sample one of Sarah's brownies, I can tell you they are not over hyped. Anyone who didn't get one definitely missed out. Thank you Sarah.

We didn't sign up a great number of new members, but I'm not saddened by that as it was a great opportunity for everyone to rub shoulders with people we see so infrequently.

I managed to take out a rider just as we were thinking the day was over. I don't know his age, but I'm guessing 30ish, having only passed his bike test 6 months ago, using his bike as his main commute, riding most of the winter as the weather would allow. What a pleasant surprise, we can all be guilty of bias, conscious or unconscious, he was safe thinking rider, made good progress, wants to learn, listens, hardly anything to fault him on. A real treat to meet and share some time with. While he sounded enthusiastic about joining, he had picked up a screw in his rear tyre so juggling the potential cost of replacing his tyre meant he didn't sign up on the day. Hopefully the seed has been planted and we might see him again at some point in the future.

On a different note, group membership subs were due again at the beginning of the month. If you are not 100% certain that you have definitely renewed the £8.00 group membership, then can I ask that you please check, assuming you do want to remain a member. You need to pay two subscriptions while a member, group membership £8 due every year in April and IAM membership due on the anniversary of your joining currently at £47. John Cheetham (Secretary) sent out his usual reminder email on the 8th April. At the 27th April as I write this, apart from the members who had advised they were leaving, (thank you to those for their support so far and being polite enough to advise their status) there were some 50 members who had still not renewed, or been polite enough to advise John that they would not be renewing. John's job is onerous enough without us making it harder. I accept it's easy to let this slip your mind, I'm sure it's not intentional. I don't mean to be 'harping on', drum banging session over, thank-you for checking and bearing with me.



I look forward to seeing you out on your bikes now the good weather has arrived. Remember, just because you can doesn't mean that you should.

Thank-you, Ride safe, Look after each other.

Ian (Chair)

IAN'S VE RIDE OUT

On 8 May I am planning a ride to follow the Trent area with the destination being the café at Grange Park Fisheries (DN17 3PA). Still working on route but likely start point Bawtry area to leave by 1000hrs. If you let me know you are interested I can let you know exact details once I have finished planning.

They are putting on a period lunch, sandwiches, homemade sausage rolls, scones and the like at a cost of £13 per head. I do need to book in advance so if you want to go let me know by text or WhatsApp on 07766 008100.

Ian

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There have been five new member enrolments since the April newsletter.
Additionally April enrolment Clive Stephenson has been allocated to Observer Will Field

Member	Observer
1111 David Maryon from Tattershall	Jamie Finn
1112 Darren Pick from South Hykeham	Don Ford
1113 Tristram Summers from Lea	Stuart Harrison
1114 Stephen Rowbotham from Cleethorpes	Chris Pursey
1115 Richard Walker from Gainsborough	Full Member

One test pass to report, the first in 2025
Congratulations on your success and a big thank you to your Observer.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Steve Mitchell	19 April	Alan Pugh

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	139
Fellows	13
Associate Members	25
Total Group Membership	177

There are still quite a lot of members still to renew group membership which was due on 6 April 2025.

Preferred method of renewal is now via Bank Transfer (or a Standing Order) to the group's online bank account due to the closure of all the Lloyds bank branches apart from Lincoln city centre which makes it more difficult to pay in cheques.

Hoping that you all decide to renew and enable us to continue to provide guidance to those seeking to improve their riding, safety and general enjoyment of motorcycling.

Payments please to:

Lincolnshire Group of Advanced Motorcyclists
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Finally, please remember that the rules of our affiliation with IAM RoadSmart state that local group membership is dependent on current IAM RoadSmart membership being in place.

That's all for this month, ride safely:

John Cheetam

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ROLANDS RIDE TO DERBYSHIRE/STAFFORDSHIRE

On Wed 29th May I'm planning a mystery tour into deepest darkest Derbyshire/Staffs. It's an all day job (full tank start) with coffee, cake and ice cream stops, marvellous views, old bikes and nadgery bits. Hope a few of you can join me on Roly's Magical Mystery Tour!

09.30 Depart Maccy Dees, South Hykeham



Roland has created an event for this on Facebook but if you don't use Facebook let him know on 07943 812324 if you are going.

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FACEBOOK ROUNDUP

1 April

Tonight's speaker was Jon Wilkins (LAM Group member) gave a very fascinating and entertaining talk on his biker and Moto Cross Racer life from age 13 years old. For those that couldn't make it you missed a real treat. - John



6 April

5 of us out on the planned observed ride around the shire. Thanks Ken for leading a great ride on a fine sunny day 🤙👍 - Alan



13 April

What a great afternoon with LAM Chair Ian Morrison to present LAM Observer and former Chief Observer John Harrison a certificate from LAM in recognition of John's 34 years of service as a group Observer, and assisting 53 candidates to successfully pass the Institute of Advanced Motorists motorcycle riding assessment.

Well done John, a really outstanding achievement in pursuit of road safety, and a very big 'Thank you' from all at LAM for your commitment, knowledge and time. - Jerry



16 April

I'm thinking of doing a ride to the Wheels Cafe in Sykehouse this Good Friday and wondered if anyone would like to come along. The weather is looking much better. The whole ride will be about 100miles. so not a long ride. I will be using mostly country roads.

I will be leaving from Starbucks at lincs. Showground at 10.30 get there sooner if you want refreshments before we leave.

I think the pumps there may be working now.

Please let me know if you are thinking of coming along. Full and Associate Members are welcome. - Will

18 April

Thanks to everyone who came on my ride today and also Harry for tailending 🙌🙌 - Will



27 April

Big thank you to Ady today for a great ride out - much appreciated. 🏍️😊 - Paul

Many thanks to the observers and group members that turned up for the taster day today, it is much appreciated. It was just a shame we only had four bikers turn up for a taster of which currently two have signed up. - Mick



30 April

Thanks Paul for a great ride into Leicestershire today, great weather and company. Thanks for the ice creams Dick. 🍌 finished the ride out nicely 🍌 - Will



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OBSERVER AND ASSOCIATE

Well, the final winter office based Observer training session was a packed house this month. Thanks go to all that travelled fair distances to attend the Observer development session. The session was to both assist our LAM Trainee Observers with their planning, and a refresh for the qualified team members. May will see the start of our summer on bike training sessions. These sessions will run throughout the summer, so there's a good chance that you might see us out and about on the last Wednesday of each month honing our skills. For the teams first on bike session amongst other things we will be pairing up and cross checking each other's ride.

Having another pair of eyes check over our riding is a great way to check for 'Skill fade' this condition can build up over time without the rider noticing. All LAM members should set their own goal to have a 1 to 1 observed ride at least once a year with a qualified Observer to check for that 'Skill fade' The LAM Observer team offers this free of charge to group members as part of LAM membership, a 1 to 1 may be available at the Sunday morning Observed ride, just ask any Observer on the day, or you can contact me and I will try to find an Observer to suit your time schedule.

As advanced riders we should never be afraid to have our riding checked to make sure that we are constantly keeping our standards high, staying safe and setting a good example to others.



Don't linger around lorries; Know your HGV Zones

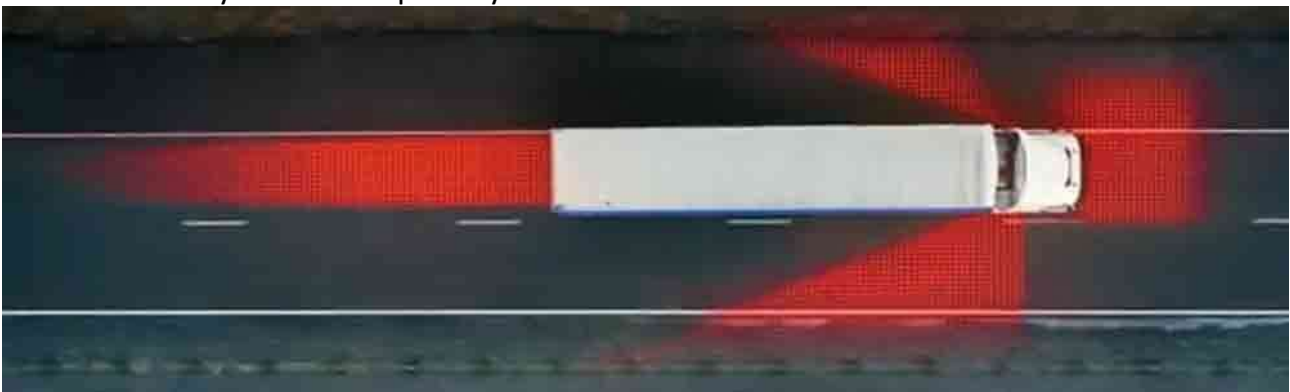
National Highways has launched a new road safety campaign aimed at educating drivers and riders on how to safely navigate around heavy goods vehicles (HGVs). These large vehicles, including trucks and HGVs, are significantly longer, heavier, and more powerful than standard vehicles, requiring extra caution. Drivers often misjudge the size and position of HGVs, their blind spots, and the stopping distances they need. Due to the substantial weight differences, collisions with HGVs are more likely to result in severe injuries or fatalities. This campaign is

designed to raise awareness and knowledge among road users about the blind spots and limitations of HGVs.

Truck drivers face four potential blind spots or zones: the front, rear, and both sides of their vehicle. While lorries are now equipped with additional mirrors as standard, which have enhanced driver visibility, they have not completely eliminated blind spots.

To keep you safe on the road when driving or riding near lorries and other large vehicles, remember these three simple tips:

- **Stay Visible:** Avoid lingering in HGVs' blind spots. If you can't see the vehicle's external mirrors, the driver likely can't see you. HGVs have larger blind spots than regular vehicles.
- **Pass with Care:** Ensure you have enough space to complete your overtaking manoeuvre before committing, as it takes longer to pass a large vehicle. After overtaking, make sure there's ample room in front of the HGV before pulling in, so the driver can see you and brake safely if needed.
- **Know the Zones:** HGVs have four areas with limited visibility: the front, back, and both sides. If you're unaware of these zones, you could be in one without even realising it.
- **Leave a large gap:** Never tailgate an HGV. It will prevent the HGV driver from seeing you and mean you can't stop safely if there's an incident.



IAM RoadSmart's Chief Examiner Richard Gladman said: "Driving safely around HGVs is crucial due to their size and the potential risks they pose. Always be mindful of their four blind spots: the front, back, and both sides. Remember, if you can't see the driver in their mirrors, they likely can't see you. Give HGVs plenty of space by extending your following distance to improve your view, avoid cutting in front of them, and be patient when they are manoeuvring. The motorway and major A-road network managed by National Highways is vital for economic growth, with tens of thousands of lorries relying on it daily to connect products to people and businesses."

Stay Safe Jerry

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EVENTS DIARY

The Sunday morning Group Observed Rides are open to all members and also potential members who may be considering preparing for the IAM test.

The prime purpose is to provide the opportunity to hone/improve skills through riding with fellow members.

Potential members considering taking the IAM test may have an individual assessment ride. Rides usually last around two hours: often with a mid-point refreshment stop.

Depending on numbers / balance etc., it is customary for different groupings to embark on a ride style of their choice as they feel fit.

The main purpose is to have the opportunity to ride with fellow like-minded bikers.

ANCHOLME LEISURE CENTRE	Scawby Brook, Brigg, DN20 9JH
WILLINGHAM WOODS.	Willingham Woods, LN8 3RQ.
THE HOMESTEAD	Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln, LN4 2RS
STARBUCKS	M180, Junc 5 Services, DN20 0PA, ///breakfast.slippers.alleges
SUN INN	20 Bridge Rd, Saxilby, LN1 2PZ (Social Venue)

Group social rides will incorporate café stops unless an alternative is specified. Please try to arrive at the meeting point in good time and with a full tank of fuel. Please let the ride organiser know if you want to invite a guest. If carrying a pillion you should ensure that this is covered by your motorcycle insurance policy.

MEETING TIMES

OBSERVED AND SOCIAL RIDES **0930hrs FOR PROMPT DEPARTURE AT 1000hrs (March to October)**

SOCIAL MEETING **FIRST TUESDAY IN THE MONTH AT 1930hrs**

OBSERVER NOTE: for those wishing to become observers contact **JERRY NEALE 07412 935333**

MAY 2025

Tuesday 6 th	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby - Mark Robinson (Hugh James Partnership) Specialist Motorcycle Accident claims Solicitors.
Sunday 11 th	Group Observed Ride	Ancholme Leisure Centre
Sunday 25 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 28 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

JUNE 2025

Tuesday 3 rd	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby -John Noone (Group member) talking about his Vlog YouTube channel EnthusiasticDad.
Sunday 8 th	Group Observed Ride	Willingham Woods

Monday 9th	Committee Meeting	Via Zoom. To Be Advised
Sunday 22nd	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 25 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date
Sunday 29 th	Motorcycles at the Manor	West Ashby Manor, LN9 5PY

JULY 2025

Tuesday 1st	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby
Sunday 6 th	Group Observed Ride	The Homestead
Sunday 27th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 30 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

AUGUST 2025

Tuesday 5 th	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby
Sunday 10 th	Group Observed Ride	Ancholme Leisure Centre
Monday 11th	Committee Meeting	Via Zoom. To Be Advised
Sunday 24 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 27 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

SEPTEMBER 2025

Tuesday 2nd	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby.
Sunday 7 th	Group Observed Ride	Willingham Woods
Sunday 21 st	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 24 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

IMPORTANT NOTE

IT IS YOU, AS THE RIDER WHO IS DEEMED TO BE IN CONTROL OF YOUR MOTORCYCLE AT ALL TIMES DURING AN OBSERVED OR SOCIAL RUN

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GROUP CLOTHING

There is a wide range of group clothing available to order, with our Lincolnshire Advanced Motorists logo on it, you can also add the IAM logo and a name if desired. There are several colours available, contact Martin Atkin, martin@funnelweb.org or 07795 443607.

Name						
ITEM	DESIGN	SIZE	QTY	Name to be embroidered(leave blank if not required)	PER ITEM	TOTAL
Polo Shirt with	Group Badge				£8.50	£
Polo Shirt with	Group Badge + IAM Logo				£10.50	£
Sweatshirt with	Group Badge				£10.00	£
Sweatshirt with	Group Badge + IAM Logo				£12.00	£
Fleece with	Group Badge				£14.00	£
Fleece with	Group Badge + IAM Logo				£16.00	£
T-shirt with	Group Badge				£7.00	£
Caps	Group Badge				£5.00	£
Beanies	Group Badge				£5.00	£
Colour required:					TO PAY	£
PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED WITH ORDER						



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