

ChainLincs

THE NEWSLETTER OF

Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists

IAM GROUP 7176, REGISTERED CHARITY 1049955

October 2026



Social Gatherings

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 1930hrs at the Nags Head, Gainsborough Rd, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU.

Next Issue

The next issue of ChainLincs will be in November 2026

Please provide any copy to the Editor by **27 October 2026**

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Welcome to the October edition of ChainLincs. It's been a busy month this last month with tests and extra ride outs put on by our great members. Have look at my Facebook roundup to see what has been going, better still join the Facebook page yourself at [\(1\) Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists | Facebook](#). Also a few new members and a couple of test passes so all in all a good month.

As you will see from Ian's 'Chatter from the Chair' this month he is stepping down as Chair at the AGM in November. So, we need a new Chairperson, if you think you could fill the role then contact Ian and he could talk to you about the role. Info for the AGM is on Page 9 and this year we are back to physical meeting rather than Zoom so see you there.

As you will recall John Bateman is also stepping down from the committee in November so that leaves us needing an Events Coordinator. If you feel that is something you could do then give John a shout, I am sure he will happily to talk to you about it.

If you feel you could provide any other rides over and above the regular rides let me know and I can add the details in here and on our Facebook page at [\(1\) Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists | Facebook](#).

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.

Finally, don't forget the Barry Quiz on 28 Oct. We need a team and supporters, Details are in the Events Diary on Page 17.

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Stay safe

Mick

PLANNED RIDES NEAR AND FAR

Three additional rides have been planned, 2 in the near future and day trips, and one next May which is a 4 day trip. Details below. Those on Facebook will have seen these already.

Ride 1 - I am putting on a ride to Derbyshire & Yorkshire on Tuesday 6th October, meet at Woodcock's Burton Waters (LN1 2BE) to leave at 9.15am. – Dave Hall – 07518 264321

Ride 2 - I'm hoping to do another Commemorative Ride this year in memory of Keith Smith one of our members and observer who died in a tragic accident in October 2021 through no fault of his own.

The ride will be on the 1st November weather permitting, leaving from Windmill Farm Off Runcorn Rd, Whisby Rd, Lincoln LN6 3QZ. Meeting at 10.00 departing at 10.30 and will be approximately 130 miles with a couple of stops.

All members and Associate Members are welcome to come along, it would be nice to see a good turnout.

It will be a mainly social occasion and you don't need to have known Keith.

Can you let me know if you may be attending so I have some idea of numbers.

Thanks very much

Will Field – 07599 374560

Ride 3

A Date for your 2027 diary.

I am Organising a 3 night trip to Oswestry, Tuesday May 18th - Friday 21st 2027.

Staying at the Premier Inn, Rods Meadow, Maes -Y-Clawdd. SY10 8NN. If you are interested please book your room Direct with Premier Inn, please also let me know. -

lincolnian2@gmail.com

Thanks. Dave Hall

CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello again.

Firstly, a warm welcome to some new members: Hayley Salt, Ray Barwick, Graeme Waters and Richard Johnson.

I look forward to meeting you on ride-outs sometime.

Congratulations to recent test passes (and your Observers):

Emma Hawkins (Will Field) and David Gill (Phil Niner).

Many thanks to your Observers.

Further to part of my article of last month, please see below for a much more detailed breakdown of Lincolnshire road fatalities, as provided by one of our members (Jackie Brown), showing how persistently stubborn the yearly totals remain, even including the lockdown periods. Seemingly never-ending work to do, I'm sorry to say.

	Lincolnshire Road Fatalities													
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	2	4	2	4	1	2	7	2	2	6	3	0	6	2
Feb	6	10	5	10	2	4	12	10	8	10	5	0	7	2
Mar	8	12	7	12	5	6	18	11	11	17	8	3	13	5
Apr	9	16	9	13	10	12	22	14	12	20	12	7	14	8
May	14	18	13	15	12	17	24	17	16	23	13	8	14	10
Jun	17	20	17	18	15	21	28	21	19	30	17	15	19	15
Jul	20	22	19	22	16	23	35	23	24	34	23	23	26	23
Aug	25	28	24	24	19	27	40	30	31	38	36	27	30	27
Sep	35	34	26	28	27	29	48	32	34	42	39	31	34	35
Oct	38	40	27	32	33	35	51	38	40	43	44	35	37	41
Nov	43	44	32	35	37	37	57	47	47	46	45	37	42	46
Dec	45	47	39	36	42	39	59	49	56	55	51	41	48	49

Here is what I think is a funny tale, see what you think.

It's 13 months or so, since I had my bike nicked. (Oh no, not that old chestnut, let it go, when will this end...). Anyway, if you've been following this saga, you'll know I went overboard and bought 7 locks and a chain. Ridiculous I know and accept.

Anyway, again as you know there was a failed theft attempt when I had only 5 locks fitted.

Success. But this success comes at a price. I am compelled to fit locks even if I'm off the bike and it's in sight. This process comes at a price, some of the (mainly guys) poke fun at me. I can take it.

Anyway, I ride with another group. They are quite adventurous with their 'poking fun'. I can take it. I honestly don't mind. It saves another theft. This other group recently went on a long weekend ride to North Yorks, a very rural trip. I was invited, but declined.

On this ride, at 03:00 one morning, their Group Chair (yep) was alerted by "Datatag" that his bike was being moved. (I'm desperate to know more, I wait till I can sit opposite my opposite number (?) and get the story straight from "the horses mouth" so to speak.)

He tells me he gets up to give chase. This brings some comments from me, I've been there, it's not good. He tells me "it's ok, there were 13 of us". I say "they're all in bed, you're on your own".

He tells me "it only took the police 4 mins to arrive, and they came mob handed". He's impressed. I'm impressed. He's a hell of a character. Then he tells me that he is in his underpants and the police are chasing him. The police have been alerted to some nut job stalker running around country lanes, who they are trying to get under control. I'm depressed.

There's a reasonably happy ending. The police accepted his story and helped him find the bike. Bike undamaged, but panniers ruined. The thieves were trying to get at a pair of camera drones that had been used to film the ride-out. The thieves were unsuccessful, but caused some damage before they were spooked.

I'm sure it's nothing to do with the role of Group Chair!

On that note, don't be put off having a go at being our next Group Chair. That's not my intention. Remember, I'm stepping down at the AGM and the Group can't exist without a Chair. So, go on, give it a go. The committee are very supportive. You get to have a big drum and can bang it as loud as you want, or not, it's up to you to be your own person.

Remember, just because you can doesn't mean you should.
Thank you, ride safe, look after each other.

Ian. (Chair)

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There have been four new members enrolled since the September newsletter.

1167 Hayley Salt from Grimsby	Kev Brereton
1168 Ray Barwick from Winterton	Mark Gill
1169 Graeme Waters from Treswell	Full Member
1170 Richard Johnson from Coningsby	Mick Lismore

We are still managing to match up new associate enrolments to Observers although we are reliant on the goodwill and enthusiasm of our Observer team.

More volunteers for observing are always welcome as people sometimes need to step back for a while for various reasons leaving a gap in the team. Jerry Neale our group Chief Observer (details) on page 2 of ChainLincs is the person to contact.

Two test passes to report, making eleven so far in 2026, congratulations on your successes and a big thank you to your Observers.

We have one test booked to take place in early October and four awaiting a test date to be arranged.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Emma Hawkins	5 September	Will Field
David Gill	5 September	Phil Niner

The present composition of the group from the IAM online portal is as follows:

Full Members	137
Fellows	12
Associate Members	28
Total Group Membership	177

Note that group membership is due in October for group members from 1112 to 1134 inclusive at a cost of £4 to renew until 31 March 2027. This brings the membership into line with the main renewal period in April each year. An email will be sent to those due to renew.

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.

Group online banking details below for membership renewals:

Lincolnshire Group of Advanced Motorcyclists

Sort Code 30 96 26

Acc. No. 67439968

That's all for now, ride safely:

John Cheetham

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IMPORTANT NOTICE to all GROUP MEMBERS

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE FOLLOWING:

Our current Group Chair Ian Morrison is standing down at the 2026 Annual General Meeting on 4 November after serving three years in the role although he is standing for election to continue his work with the group as a group committee member.

It has to be pointed out that the rules of affiliation with IAM RoadSmart means that the group can only operate with a full complement of “Officers”, i.e, Group Chair Person, Group Honorary Secretary and Group Honorary Treasurer.

Therefore, if any group member feels that they can commit to this vital group role please contact the Group Secretary or any committee member.

The consequence of being unable to fill this role will mean the winding up of the group and the transfer of the group funds to IAM RoadSmart.

This would clearly be a serious loss to Lincolnshire and adjacent areas after forty years spent committed to improving the safety of motorcyclists on our increasingly congested and hazardous road network.

John Cheetham (Group & Membership Secretary)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by order of the Group Committee that the 40th Annual General Meeting of **LINCOLNSHIRE GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS** will be held at 19:30 on Wednesday 4 November 2026 at:

The Nags Head, Gainsborough Road, Middle Rasen, Market Rasen, LN8 3JU
to enable the Trustees of the Group (Registered Charity No. 1049955) to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 for approval by the Group Members and to conduct an election.

Honorary Secretary's Name	John Cheetham	Date	27 09 2026
Address	26 Lansdall Avenue Lea GAINSBOROUGH DN21 5JL	Group No.	7176

All Members, Associates and Friends are invited to “attend” but only Fully Paid Up Members of IAM RoadSmart and of the Group may vote.

**A Member entitled to vote at the General Meeting may appoint a proxy to vote in his stead.
A proxy need not be a Full Member of the Group.**

CURRENT OFFICERS

All Officers retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election. (Group Rule 3.4)

Ian Morrison	Chairman	Not standing for re-election
John Cheetham	Honorary Secretary	Standing for re-election
Matt Hopkins	Honorary Treasurer	Standing for re-election

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

One third of the Committee (excluding Officers) must retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election. (Group Rule 3.4)

A. RETIRING BY ROTATION AND STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

1014 Martin Atkin
1051 Sarah Barwick

B. RETIRING BY ROTATION AND NOT STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

0984 John Bateman

C. COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT RETIRING

0777 Phil Niner
0676 Jerry Neale
0654 Mick Smith

Note

**The total number of Committee Members including the Officers must not exceed twenty.
Please see the NOMINATION PAPER for further detail.**

As notified separately, the AGM is being held at 19:30 on Wednesday 4 November 2026 at:
The Nags Head, Gainsborough Road, Middle Rasen, MARKET RASEN, LN8 3JU.

Nominations are invited from Full Members to stand for Committee. The Nominee must be willing to stand for the Committee and sign the Nomination Form. By signing the Nomination Form the Nominee is affirming his/her ability and intention, if elected, to attend Committee meetings regularly.

Please note - You may not stand for the Committee if the law debars you from being a Charity Trustee.

Only Fully Paid Up Members of the IAM and of the Group may nominate Committee Members or be nominated as Committee Members.

This Nomination Paper must be returned to the Group Secretary at least seven days before the election – i.e. by 27 October 2026. (Group Rule 3.5)

All Officers and one third of **all** other Committee Members must retire annually by rotation and may offer themselves for re-election by Group Full Members. (Group Rule 3.4)

Those elected become Charity Trustees of the Group.

OFFICERS

Name	Position	Nominated by	Seconded By	Signature of Nominee
Nomination sought	Chairperson			
Currently vacant	Vice Chairperson			
JOHN CHEETHAM 0070	Honorary Secretary			
MATT HOPKINS 0858	Honorary Treasurer			

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name	Nominated by	Seconded by	Signature of Nominee
MARTIN ATKIN 1014			
SARAH BARWICK 1051			
IAN MORRISON 0654			

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FACEBOOK ROUNDUP

2 September

Thirteen members at the Nags Head this evening. Plenty of chat and nice to welcome 2 new members. A pass certificate was presented to William Acklam by his observer Mike Day. Well done to you both. - Mick



6 September

Great to see 21 members at Brigg this morning. There were some new members (full), old members we hadn't seen for a long time, associates and the regular attendees. We split into 3 groups led by Ken Mulholland, Philip Gilbert and a first time lead for Ian Batchelor. Many thanks for leading guys. I had a great ride up to Goole and back with Ken. We did have some light showers but didn't get a soaking so all good. Thanks to Will Field for organising us all this morning, much appreciated.



There was a bicycle race on from the leisure centre so the car park was full but we managed to fit in! – Mick

Thanks for joining me for my first lead ride. North Cotes flying club for the first stop, then on to Baumber walled garden for a motorcycle show. Hope you enjoyed the ride. – Ian B.



9 September



Many thanks to Will for a great ride out today across the peaks to Monyash. A great selection of roads and scenery plus brilliant company and conversation. I haven't got any pictures but there were plenty taken so look out for them. Thanks again Will, much appreciated. – Mick



16 September

Thanks very much Paul Kirton for leading a great ride around the Rutland TT route. it was a great day and great company. 🙌 - Will

Thank you everyone for your excellent company today - a great day. 🏍️🙌😊 - Paul



20 September

Great ride out today - thanks Ian Welsh. New roads and villages for us all. Superb company too, with Ian x 2, Philip Gilbert and Steve. 🍻🏍️👍 - Paul

Thanks for leading Ken! Great ride and great company! See you again soon 🍻🏍️👍 - Mike



27 September

Thanks to everyone who supported the Cadwell weekend 😊 - Sarah



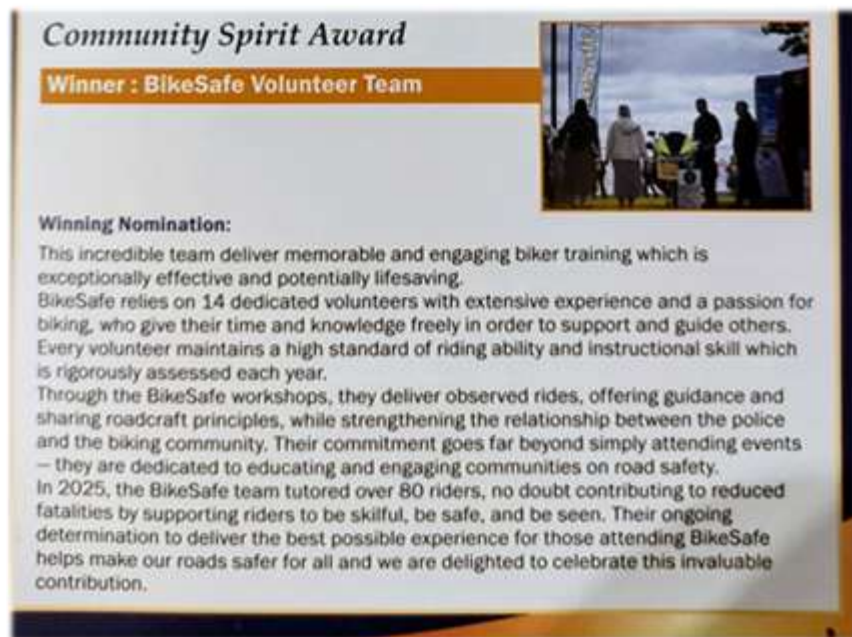
There are plenty more pictures on our Facebook at [\(1\) Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists | Facebook](#) .

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OBSERVER AND ASSOCIATE

As well as delivering the Advanced Rider Course for IAM RoadSmart, some members of the LAM Observer team work alongside Lincolnshire Police force to help deliver the National BikeSafe program. Police run BikeSafe is a one day course that looks to engage riders with safe riding practices with an online module, followed by a two hour office based session, then out on the road having a one to one with a qualified Observer. Riders are then encouraged to look further towards doing a more in-depth Advanced Rider course like IAM RoadSmart or ROSPA.

This year the BikeSafe Observer team were nominated and selected as winners for the Lincolnshire Police Force Annual Awards, proudly receiving the prestigious 'Community Spirit Award'



The Award Ceremony hosted at Arena UK Grantham was a fantastic evening for both BikeSafe Observers and family guests. Each member of the team was presented with their award certificate by Lincolnshire Police Chief Constable Paul Gibson.

The evening then proceeded with a fabulous celebration dinner, a great time was had by all for sure.

The Tyre grip trade off

There is a limited amount of tyre grip available. The patch of tyre in contact with the road varies with the size of the bike and the width of the tyres. On an average machine the contact patch is about the size of a hand. This is shared between accelerating, braking and cornering forces. If more tyre grip is used for breaking or accelerating, there is less available for cornering, and vice versa.

Tyre grip is not always the same on each wheel. It varies with the load on the wheel and this effects the machines balance and how it handles. Braking, changing direction and accelerating each alter distribution of load.

Excessive braking or accelerating as you ride round a corner or bend leaves less tyre grip for cornering. This reduces your control over the positioning of your machine. Eventually, if there isn't enough tyre grip for cornering, the bike will lose traction. The more slippery the road surface the earlier this happens.

The motorcycle tyre grip trade off means a tyre has a fixed limit of total grip that must be shared between turning, braking, and accelerating at any given moment.

How the Trade-off works

- **One job is best:** A tyre has plenty of grip to do one thing well – like lean into a corner or brake in a straight line.
- **Sharing the limit:** When you ask a tyre to turn and brake at the same time, you split its available grip between both tasks. The question I ask is going into a bend would you like 100% of available tyre grip for cornering or would you like only 50% if braking is done in the bend? Obviously we all want 100%, that's why we get all of our braking done before a bend.



Common Riding Risks

- **Braking while leaned over:** Grabbing the front brake hard while deep in a turn overloads the tyre. The front wheel can lose traction and 'wash out' from under the bike.
- **Accelerating too hard:** Rolling on the throttle aggressively while the bike is still leaned over can cause the rear tyre to spin out or slide.
- **Weight transfer:** Braking shifts the motorcycles weight forward. This loads the front tyre for more stopping power, but it unloads the rear tyre, leaving the back wheel with less grip.

Remember that clocks may change for us this month, but not for wildlife especially at dawn & dusk

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
NAGS HEAD	The Nags Head, Gainsborough Rd, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU

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) (1100hrs – November to February)**

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

OBSERVER NOTE: for those wishing to become an observer contact JERRY NEALE 07412 935333

October 2026

Tuesday 6 th	Dave Halls Ride	See Page 4
Wednesday 7 th	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 11 th	Group Observed Ride	Willingham Woods
Friday 16 th	Committee Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday 21 st	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date
Sunday 25 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead
Wednesday 28 th	Barry Heath Quiz	2000hrs Heslam Park Rugby Club, 124 Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, DN16 2AG

November 2026

Sunday 1 st	Keith Smith Memorial Ride	See Page 4
Wednesday 4 th	Social Meeting incl AGM	Nags Head, Middle Rasen.
Sunday 8 th	Group Observed Ride	The Homestead
Sunday 22 nd	Group Social Rides	The Homestead
Wednesday 25 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

December 2026

Wednesday 2 nd	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 6 th	Group Observed Ride	Ancholme Leisure Centre
Sunday 20 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead
Committee meeting on a date TBC.		

February 2027

Wednesday 3 rd	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 7 th	Group Observed Ride	Willingham Woods
Sunday 21 st	Group Social Rides	The Homestead
Wednesday 24 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date
Committee meeting on a date TBC.		

March 2027

Wednesday 3 rd	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen.
Sunday 7 th	Group Observed Ride	The Homestead
Sunday 21 st	Group Social Rides	The Homestead
Wednesday 24 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

April 2027

Wednesday 7 th	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 10 th	Group Observed Ride	Ancholme Leisure Centre
Sunday 24 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead
Wednesday 28 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date
Committee meeting on a date TBC.		

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.

Prices have recently risen and the list below shows the old price and new price.

ITEM	OLD	NEW
Plain polo shirt with LAM group badge	£8.50	£11.75
Plain polo shirt with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo	£10.50	£13.75
Plain polo shirt with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo + name	£10.50	£13.75
Polo shirt (sleeve and collar detail) with LAM group badge	£16.00	£18.00
Polo shirt (sleeve and collar detail) with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo	£18.00	£20.00
Polo shirt (sleeve and collar detail) with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo + name	£18.00	£20.00
T-shirt with LAM group badge	£7.00	£8.00
T-shirt with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo	£8.00	£10.00
T-shirt with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo + name	£8.00	£10.00
Sweatshirt with LAM group badge	£10.00	£12.50
Sweatshirt with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo	£12.00	£14.50
Sweatshirt with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo + name	£13.50	£14.50
Hoodie with LAM group badge with LAM group badge	£16.50	£18.50
Hoodie with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo	£18.50	£20.50
Hoodie with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo + name	£18.50	£20.50
Fleece with LAM group badge	£14.00	£16.00
Fleece with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo	£16.00	£18.00
Fleece with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo + name	£16.00	£18.00
Baseball cap with LAM group badge	£5.00	£7.00
Beanie with LAM group badge	£5.00	£7.00



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