

Dorset IAM RoadSmart



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An Introduction...

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Ian Lingwood Chief Observer for our Group and was voted in as Chairman at the October 2019 AGM.

I am also a National Observer and Masters Mentor for the Car Group and a Local observer for the DAWDAM motorbike group. In addition I hold a Masters distinction qualification for both car and bike.



Our Group is currently in very poor health with only four members of the committee with assigned responsibilities, coupled with very low number of observers. This means events planning, membership support and various other support roles in the Group are not possible at the moment.

There is a strong possibility that our Group may have to close through lack of support, which would mean amalgamating with a Group in another area and the loss of any events or meetings locally which cannot be run without support from the membership. If you

feel you could help or support in any way, please feel free to contact me via chairman@dorsetiam.org.uk.

Doug Miners, an ex police class 1 driving instructor (now a trainer for South West Ambulance Service) is very generously presenting a series of free seminars on **29th April, 6th and 13th of May 2020**.

These are an amazing opportunity for Members and non-members to refresh their knowledge (I always learn something). I recommend these as a chance to help to keep your skills up to date, it would also be helpful if you would pass this information on to anyone you think would benefit or be interested.

Book your place now by emailing courses2020@dorsetiam.org.uk and please follow & like our new Facebook page (see footer for link). We have also updated our website.

I look forward to meeting you at an event or seminar soon.

*Ian Lingwood
Chairman & Chief Observer.*

Dates for your Diary

The series of three seminars evenings will take place on 29th April, 6th and 13th May at Committee Room One, County Hall, Dorchester.

The evenings start at 1900, so please arrive in time to park and sign in. The seminars are the stepping stone for new Advanced Drivers, and existing members alike. All are welcome - please spread the word and let's see a room full of those who want to improve their driving skills (details on following page).

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Seminars

The topic/structure is roughly as follows over three weeks. Attendance for all three evenings isn't mandatory, but it is advisable if at all possible:

Week 1

- Overview, covering observation and safety, all based on Roadcraft (the Police Driving Manual).
- Advanced Driving System of Car Control.
- Proper use of controls leading to a safer, smoother journey.

Week 2

- Cornering, Signalling, Positioning

Week 3

- Overtaking
- Multi lanes
- How to conduct yourself safely when encountering an emergency vehicle.

Timings

The seminars begin at 1900, so please arrive in time to sign in, and get yourself seated. The evenings are generally expected to be finished by approximately 2100.

The evenings are a combination of presentation slides, videos and dialogue from Doug Miners. He is able to dip into his experiences having previously been an Class 1 Police Driving instructor, and holds almost every license available.

Who are the evenings suitable for?

The evenings are the ideal way to understanding how you hone your driving skills to become an Advanced Driver. They are still equally relevant for existing Group Members who have previously passed their test and want to make sure they are fully up to speed. Remember - we can't all be 'above average' drivers! After the seminars you can join IAM RoadSmart as an Associate member and begin your journey to becoming a more skilled driver.

Directions

Committee Room One,
Collition Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ
Entry is via the disabled entrance (automatic doors)

Register your interest

If you would like to attend the seminars, please book your place by emailing courses2020@dorsetiam.org.uk so that we can confirm numbers and let you know the latest details.

<https://www.dorsetiam.org.uk/courses/>

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