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## From the Editor

As some of you might know, I was born in India and, at the age of around 11, learnt how to drive on a farm there. Fast forward a few decades, and some 10 years after I became an Advanced Driver, I attended an IAM “Meet the Examiner” presentation and he showed us a short clip of traffic in India: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjrEQaG5jPM>.

While many visitors claim that there are few easy to understand rules to drive in India, the one clearly demonstrated in this two minute YouTube video is that it is your right of way if you are larger. Notice how virtually everyone gives way to the bus, the cyclists almost always give way to motorcycles, and pedestrians generally give way to everyone else.

It is thus interesting to see the latest changes to the Highway Code identifying the most vulnerable road users, and making it clear that right of way is based upon vulnerability. Drivers and riders are responsible for ensuring the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. This is intuitive and welcome.

Over the years, there have been many changes to the Highway Code but this is certainly one of the more welcome ones.

*Which previous changes do you particularly remember? Write in with details please.*

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Many people are now considering which electric vehicle they might buy. Here is another acronym with which you need to be familiar before you buy one: “mph”. I always thought that mph, or miles per hour, referred

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to the speed of your vehicle on the road, e.g., 70 mph on the motorway (and, as advanced drivers, you need no reminder that the limit for enforcement of speed limits has a typical tolerance of an additional 10% plus 2 mph higher).

Recently however, I found mph being used as a measure of ***the amount of time taken to charge an electric car.*** So, for instance, the Audi e-tron GT quattro has a rapid charge mph of 590. Since the range of the car is 285 miles, using a rapid charger, it takes less than half an hour for a full charge. More information on all available electric cars is at: <https://ev-database.uk/>

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Researching this reminded me of an occasion some 15 years ago, when press reports about climate change were far less frequent than

today. I was contemplating how we as individuals could help to reduce our own CO2 emissions. As a member of this advanced driving group (and others!), I had been told that the greatest vehicular pollution is when an engine is cold.

I therefore tried to identify any short trips that I was making to see which I could eliminate to increase my environmental friendliness with minimal lifestyle impact.

Both my children were enrolled in Saturday morning swimming lessons at our local pool. The pool was just over half a mile away and we had traditionally done the journey by car. Despite their protestations about having to wake up 15 minutes earlier to walk the distance, we managed to prevail and cut out this journey.

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The next short journey I tried to eliminate was to the supermarket. Of course, the issue here was to bring back shopping that could be heavy. I therefore experimented converting what was a single large weekly shopping trip into two separate trips, carrying back 2 bags each time (so that I was evenly balanced on the 10-minute walk home). This worked nicely for a few years until we moved home. Our new house was up a steep hill from the local supermarket, so it was no longer practical to walk.

Other high polluting car trips that I managed to eliminate were visits to the post office, the local model railway shop – I typically use the bicycle as it is a few miles away – and even DIY shops when purchases are not bulky.

*Have you recently taken steps to reduce CO2 emissions? If so, please write in with details.*

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We were just setting home from holiday in Anglesey when our car decided that its brake pads were very thin. Consequently, it prompted us with a message “Brake pads need replacing soon. Contact your service provider.” Once you acknowledged the message, it promptly said “DRIVE MODERATELY”. Naturally, it made me wonder whether the car was questioning my previous driving style!

Safe driving

*Ravi Savur.*

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## From the Chairman

Dear Members and Associates,

I trust that you are all well and have managed to keep fit and safe during the pandemic.

Who would have thought back in February 2020 it would take so long to get back to having our monthly meetings and taking our Associates out again?

Several planned good group presentation evenings were cancelled so we are starting from square one for the rest of this year.

Like you I had holidays booked, places to go and people to meet, including a family wedding but it all got cancelled or delayed a few times.

At the last AGM in October 2019, we had a couple of committee changes.

Lin Brooks our stalwart treasurer stood down after many years' service and Deepak Deshmukh took over the reins.

During lockdown we tried to keep you interested and sent out some "How things work" topics for you to look at and also sent out links to other motoring topics including the consultation on the new Highway Code and the Lower Thames Crossing.

I hope you found them interesting.

Thankfully we have reached a point where we can get back to some form of normality.

We had a couple of committee meetings (via Zoom!) during lock down to keep things rolling. It was a new experience for some of the committee and me too. We recently had our first face to face committee meeting in July, the first one since January 2020. One of the items we discussed was alternating our monthly meetings between the second

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Thursday of the month and the second Wednesday of the month to allow those members who contacted us saying they were unable to attend on Thursdays to join.

We will trial this after our AGM in October. Consequently the meeting in November will be on the 10th as it is the second Wednesday, and the next meeting will be on 9th December which is the second Thursday. Following on, the January 2022 meeting will be on the 12th which is the second Wednesday. All dates will be on the website and we will send reminders ahead of meetings. The trial will continue until August 2022 and then be reviewed.

Our first monthly members meeting took place on August 12th. It was "Meet the Examiner".

Chris Hanney, one of our local examiners give us an excellent presentation and discussion on what he is looking for on a test.

It went down really well, lots of questions and concerns were answered. It was good to see a few familiar faces and some new ones too.

As well as our monthly meeting we are organising some external events this year and next, the first one in October is a Skid pan training. It was soon fully booked, so if you missed out don't worry as we intend do another session, hopefully in November or December, and also next Spring, subject to demand.

We are looking at a 4x4 and quadbike experience and are in discussions with a car dealership on an evening about Hybrid, Electric and Hydrogen powered cars.

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If you have a subject or topic you would like to hear about do let us know and we will see what we can arrange.

I look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings, the AGM in October, and our meetings in the New Year.

Safe and happy motoring

*John Corcoran*

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## From the Training Team

### Associates

We have 17 Associates awaiting Induction. These are higher than typical numbers because of the Covid restrictions.

We also have 1 Associate waiting to be assigned a Tutor, again due to Covid restrictions. The last pre-Covid Induction was held in February 2020 with the next one on Sunday 15th August 2021 at the Pratts Bottom Village Hall.

### Tutors

We have 11 Approved Tutors and 4 Advanced Tutors though unfortunately one Tutor has stepped down. Because of the Covid, we currently have 4 Tutors who do not wish to restart one-to-one drives at present.

There is a chance that we might be joined by a current serving Police Officer/Driver, who wishes to become a Motorbike/Car Tutor. If this comes off, it will be great for the current group as we have never had a Motorbike Tutor.

### Results

Please remember to send me details of your results with details of who the examiner was.

Also, if any Member has a Silver or Gold pass and would like to consider training to be a Group Tutor, please contact me: [ray.rospa@btinternet.com](mailto:ray.rospa@btinternet.com)

*Ray Davies*

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## From Headquarters

After a long and varied career with RoSPA, Amy Brant has left to pursue new opportunities and we wish her all the best.

These are exciting opportunities to update, improve and simplify the portfolio of training and qualifications that we provide to RoADAR volunteers and I am pleased to confirm that Andy Nixon (current RoADAR Regional Senior Examiner) will be supporting RoSPA with RoADAR membership, policy and development with immediate effect.

All queries should be directed to [furtherinfo@roadar.org](mailto:furtherinfo@roadar.org) as before and will be picked up by either Jacqui Adams or Becki Evans.



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### Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021

- A draft affirmative statutory instrument, meaning that car drivers will not need to take another test to tow a trailer or caravan, is being laid in Parliament on 16 September 2021

### Smart Motorway Independent Review

In a report for Secretary of State, Rt. Hon. Grant Shapps MP on 28 June 2021, the Office for Rail and Road (ORR) found:

- There is a limited amount of data available. In 2019, there were only 141 miles of ALR motorway, the network having expanded from 29 miles in 2014. This means that only 29 miles of ALR has a full five years' worth of data associated with it, and much less data are available for the remaining 112 miles.

- In the high-level statistics, comparisons made between conventional motorways and Smart Motorways did not always separate the types of road (i.e. Controlled Motorways, DHS, ALR) which may have obscured the impact of the removal of the hard shoulder.
- We found that some elements of the log were incomplete and that there were some anomalies, particularly whether something was classified as a hazard or an underlying cause
- The main source of evidence where different data could be more effectively used is risk modelling. This source relies considerably on expert judgement validated by wider information that is broader than the high-level statistics or 'Before and After' studies.
- Highways England should undertake additional forms of risk analysis to complement the Generic Hazard Log.

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UK government backs scheme for motorway cables to power lorries

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jul/27/uk-government-backs-scheme-for-motorway-cables-to-power-lorries>

Drivers committing thousands of potentially lethal offences on UK motorways every year

<https://inews.co.uk/inews-lifestyle/money/motoring/drivers-committing-thousands-lethal-offences-uk-motorways-every-year-police-1141973>

DVLA to scrap physical driving licences for online approach

Changes will move provisional licences online with a DVLA app arriving by 2024  
[https://www.autocar.co.uk/car-](https://www.autocar.co.uk/car-news/industry-news-government-and-)  
[news/industry-news-government-and-](https://www.autocar.co.uk/car-news/industry-news-government-and-)

[legislation/dvla-scrap-physical-driving-licences-and-mot](https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-58734265)

Motorists could be forced to pay per mile on all UK roads under new government toll plans  
<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/uk-news/motorists-could-forced-pay-per-21608416>

GB number plate sticker no longer valid abroad



BBC News -  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-58734265>

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