



The Newsletter for the Norfolk and Norwich Group

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Hello everyone

Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this issue. Due to unforeseen circumstances, our editor was unable to produce the usual high-quality issue in time.

Monthly Meetings

September 26th.

This month's meeting on Wednesday 26 September will feature a talk by:

Sgt Chris Harris of the Roads Policing Dept. Chris is going to talk about the structure of the department, its priorities, and the way it has changed. This is bound to be an interesting talk.

October 24th - Watch this space!

Chairman's Chunterings

Important Information - GDPR opting out

Hello everyone

We are now aware of an alternative way of dealing with the GDPR registration process and are introducing this change with immediate effect. We will no longer be asking members to opt-in to the GDPR system but instead will give everyone the opportunity to opt out. This is far easier for all of us. Therefore, if you are content to allow us to hold your personal details in support of Norfolk & Norwich Drivers, you need do nothing. However, **if you DO NOT wish to remain connected** to the Norfolk & Norwich Drivers, please contact the membership secretary; he is the one who sends you the newsletter. Please note that should you decide to opt-out and you use a Standing Order for membership renewal, please remember to cancel it. On receiving your request to have your details removed, they will be removed from the database and this will prevent us from contacting you in the future. Thank you to all members who took the time to respond to our earlier requests; your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

RoADAR Prices increased wef 1 Sep 2018 – Full details available from the committee or the RoADAR website.

Chief constable wants to fine for driving 1mph over the speed limit



An official review of the speeding laws is underway and if Britain's Road Policing Chief for the National Police Chiefs' Council gets his way, motorists will face penalties for going just one mile per hour over the speed limit. Chief Constable Anthony Bangham hit the headlines earlier this year after his comments in favour of a zero-tolerance approach to speeding received fierce backlash from other police leaders and motoring organisations who say this approach is unworkable.

The 'buffer' zone

As the law stands, motorists face prosecution if they break the speed limit by any amount. While most drivers know about the current 'buffer' of 10% plus 2 mph, any decision to issue a speeding penalty remains at the discretion of the police officer and the individual police force, with police and fixed speed cameras both able to enforce the speed limits and issue speeding penalties. Motorists who hit the top of the buffer zone can expect to receive either a fixed penalty notice or take the Speed Awareness Course, which, depending on where you live and whether you've taken the course before, will cost you £75-£100. Over a certain amount above the speed limit and drivers will receive a court summons. Chief Constable Anthony Bangham, who is also the chairman of charity Road Safety Trust says the public overuse speed awareness courses and those who break the law should instead receive fines and points on their licences. The minimum penalty for speeding is a £100 fine, plus three penalty points. The maximum speeding fine is £1,000, but this increases to a maximum of £2,500 for exceeding the motorway speed limit. of 70 mph where no further evidence except a police officer's opinion suffices for a prosecution.

The National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC - formerly ACPO) speeding penalty guidelines:

Speed limit: 20 mph

24 mph: a fixed penalty or a Speed Awareness course

35 mph: summoning

Speed limit: 30 mph
35 mph: a fixed penalty or a Speed Awareness course
50 mph: court summons

Speed limit: 40 mph
46 mph: a fixed penalty or a Speed Awareness course
66 mph: court summons

Speed limit: 50 mph
57 mph: a fixed penalty or a Speed Awareness course
76 mph: court summons

Speed limit: 60 mph
68 mph: a fixed penalty or a Speed Awareness course
86 mph: court summons

Speed limit: 70 mph
79 mph: a fixed penalty or a Speed Awareness course
96 mph: court summons

Test Results

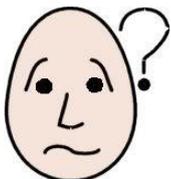
Test Results

Since the last issue of Drivelines, we have been notified of the following test passes:

		Tutor
Rupert Wall	Gold (Retest)	
Bill Tyler	Gold (Initial)	Peter Matchett
Frances Babester	Silver (Initial)	Mike Hadfield

Congratulations to you all

Refresher Drives



Did you take your Advanced Driving Test in 2015/16? Do you remember when your next test is due or that we offer a refresher training drive prior to your triennial retests? These drives are available and intended to assist you in maintaining or even improving your grade. With three years between the tests, please plan early – the offer of refreshers is there for your benefit. **If you wait until a month before the retest is due, that is likely to be too late, especially if remedial practice is recommended.** Such short notice can also be quite disruptive to the tutors' scheduled drives and their personal commitments. So.....

Observation & Information



Please plan ahead!

Contact the Training Officer in plenty of time