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# Driving

IAM Glasgow North Group

The Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists is a road safety charitable organisation registered with The Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) SC018356 and is affiliated with the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM).

The group was formed in 1978, is one of the oldest and largest in Scotland having in excess of 260 members, is manned by volunteers who enthusiastically work to improve road safety by encouraging drivers and riders to improve their skills through coaching and critique.

At Glasgow North Group we recognise that our members all have differing skills and that no matter how experienced a road user that we all have something to learn. We endeavour to make our members safer drivers and riders in a fun and enjoyable way.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

COLIN REVIEWS HIS TIME AS CHAIR AND RENEWS HIS PLEA FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP KEEP GLASGOW NORTH THE WONDERFUL VIBRANT GROUP THAT IT IS.



COLIN COWAN  
Chair

Having joined the group committee in 2014, then taken on the role of Vice Chair in 2016, I've now made it to five years as Chair which was two more than I initially planned, but then again back in 2017 we hadn't heard of COVID-19 and would never have thought of the challenges a pandemic would bring.

We lost access to meeting in person, car and bike observing had to stop, and it seemed to take forever before we finally made it back to the more "normal" process we were used to.

We also found online meeting places like Zoom, which I think will still be with us for a while yet. It has served us well for committee meetings and for keeping in touch with our Members and Associates so they could take part in some online course presentations which helped keep everyone in contact with the learning process, and really demonstrated the commitment in becoming safer drivers and riders (even though no-one was allowed out on the road for such a long time).

Zoom will also allow us to run hybrid meetings going forward, so if you live further away within our group catchment area but would still like to join the committee the distance barrier has now gone and I'm quite sure you are now looking forward to someone new taking up the helm as we venture onwards.

I think when I took on the role of Chair I seem to remember putting out request after request for more volunteers to join us and I've been quite consistent in that approach, so I certainly won't stop now as this is my last message from the Chair (at least for now)!

The group can only run if we have volunteers in post, and without our wonderful volunteers there would be no advanced training of any kind taking place, there would be no newsletters, no online presentations (many many many thanks to Elaine Irvine and Fraser Hunter in the car section and to David Morrison in the bike section for the excellent zoom sessions), so please do consider joining our fantastic team of volunteers.

Volunteer roles to consider range from the following:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee members
- Chief Observer Car
- Chief Observer Bike
- Car Observer
- Bike Observer
- Associate Co-ordinator
- Events Co-ordinator

While some of these post may seem daunting at first glance, remember that you probably already have all the skills necessary to be successful. It's also worth remind-

ing you that the role of Secretary has been split into discrete roles.

If I still have your attention at this stage then you already have the commitment and patience to take on any of the roles mentioned provided you are a full Member.

If you are an Associate and would like to help we can try to make that work too. Many hands make light work and the more volunteers we have, the less each individual has to manage which makes for a happier healthier group.

If you have previously volunteered and stepped back for whatever reason, we'd love to hear from you too.

I look forward to being inundated with requests to volunteer and I do hope to see everyone at the AGM (the details will be listed later in this newsletter).

I'd now like to give a big "thank you" to all our volunteers, past and present, for their hard work and dedication to the group

I don't think it's said often enough, and I really do appreciate all that you and your families have given to make Glasgow North the wonderful group that it is.

Thank you.

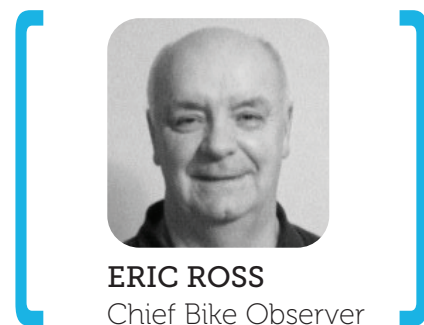
Safe driving and riding.

*Colin*

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# VIEW FROM THE SADDLE

ERIC SHARES HIS THOUGHTS ON RIDING IN THE DARK, WITH LOTS OF ADVICE ON HOW TO REDUCE RISK AND INCREASE OUR SAFETY ON NIGHT-TIME RIDES.



I hope this finds you all well.

It's hard to believe the summer has passed and we are now looking forward to the winter months.

Those of you who have been out on the Wednesday evening sessions will be aware that you are having to ride home in the dark, so I thought I would look at what you can do to make riding in the dark a bit safer.

Riding in the dark can in some circumstances feel a bit safer, mainly because there are less road user about. However, with darkness new hazards appear:

- wildlife becomes more active
- visibility is greatly reduced
- temperatures usually drop
- fog and frost become more likely.

Other road user face these same hazard but also might not be paying proper attention due to fatigue or adverse weather conditions.

So what can we do to increase our safety?

It might seem obvious, but making sure your headlight(s), rear light(s) and indicators are all clean and working properly will make you much more visible to other road users.

A clean clear visor, free of scratches or chips, will greatly assist your vision at night.

Using a pinlock anti-fog visor is also a great advantage at night when fogging caused by the cooler night air is common.

Make sure you can always stop within the distance you can see to be clear.

This means that you should always be able to stop within the distance your headlight(s) light up.

Try to make yourself as visible, and as recognisable, as possible.

People react to what they see in four stages.

First, they detect something is there. Second, they decide what it is that is there. Third, they decide how they should react to what is there closely followed by their actual response.

In order to reduce the time taken to respond we can take steps to make ourselves more recognisable.

Whilst hi-viz makes us more visible in daylight, it has little or no effect during the hours of darkness.

Reflective material on your jacket or vest, along with reflective tape on your bike and your helmet (making sure of course that the glue does not affect the integrity of your helmet) will assist in making it easier for other road users to recognise you as a motorcycle rider, hopefully reducing their overall response time.

Try to avoid being blinded by on-coming vehicle headlights.

At night or in darkness we rely on only a very few of the receptors in our eyes which are made for low light perception.



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ENJOYMENT FROM IT.

Your pupils dilate in an attempt to make the best use of the available light, however when they experience the bright light of headlights coming towards you it can cause a blinding effect.

Usually this is only temporary and as the light dims your pupils dilate again to take in more light.

Clearly the period of blindness and readjustment is a dangerous time, so anything you can do to reduce this will aid your safety.

Looking slightly away from oncoming headlights, usually towards the nearside, can help but don't take your eyes completely off the road.

Use your high beam as much as possible but remember to dip your headlights so as not to blind oncoming drivers or riders.

It is also possible to make use of the headlights of any vehicles in front of you which can often widen and increase the distance you can see ahead, but ensure you maintain a safe following distance which will allow you to react to any sudden manoeuvres made by the vehicle you are following. Never be drawn in too close to the vehicle in front.

You can also use other vehicle's lights to give early indications as to the road layout ahead and any junctions to the sides.

Wildlife is usually more active between dusk and dawn.

Be especially careful when passing through wooded areas; look out for the reflection of animals eyes and if necessary, slow down and be prepared to stop suddenly. Animals are unpredictable!

Larger animals such as foxes, deer, and even in some areas of Scotland wild boar, are a major threat to a motorcyclist's safety.

Try to avoid becoming fixated on the road directly in front of you. Remember to scan to the sides and behind as well.

Riding at night can be boring and tiring, and requires a high level of



concentration.

It is possible that you will start to imagine things in the shadows; things that are not there. If this starts to happen, take a break. Build in frequent breaks on any long night-time journeys.

The human body is designed to be most efficient during daylight hours; the body naturally slows down during the hours of darkness.

Add to this the reduced visibility and build in a greater reaction time.

Think about what you eat and drink.

Whilst it is important to eat well and remain hydrated to maintain your energy levels, a heavy meal is likely to make you sleepy and less able to concentrate.

Think about what you drink. Coffee and energy drinks might give you a short caffeine boost but their effects can wear off suddenly, leaving you finding it very difficult to concentrate or even stay awake.

Whilst you may be trying to forget, we are all getting older. It is true that "with age comes experience", but it certainly doesn't come alone!

Our sight is one of the things that we need to check at all ages,

but especially as we get older.

In general, night vision decreases with age so it is important that we have regular eyesight tests.

Linked to the age factor is the fact that for many young inexperienced drivers or riders, night-time is party time.

Without wishing to stereotype, and whilst this can apply to those of any age, there can often be a temptation to drive outwith one's ability if you are trying to impress your friends which, in turn, can impact on other road users.

This impact can be further enhanced by those of any age who decide that while partying, drink or drug driving is acceptable, and there is plenty of evidence that the most common time for this to occur is night-time.

Clearly there is a lot to think about when we are riding during the hours of darkness, but if we approach it in the right way we can get great enjoyment from it.

Safe riding.

*Eric  
Chief Bike Observer*

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# VIEW FROM THE DASHBOARD

STUART UPDATES ON RECENT ACTIVITIES AND GIVES ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE AND PREVENT BREAK-DOWNS DURING HIGH TEMPERATURES.



I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Over the past few months the car Observers have been working hard with their Associates.

We have had one test pass; Grant Hutchison, whose Observer was Douglas Macallister.

Well done to both, and special congratulations to Grant for getting a First.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Associate, Tom McKee, who joined us recently and I look forward to hearing how Tom progresses once he starts his observed drives.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> August some of our Observers went to Dunoon where they were met by Tommy, one of our examiners and a serving police officer.

We met at Dunoon Grammar school and had the MDU with us.

We carried out Scot-free drives

with members of the public; taking them out on a route which was 20 mins long, followed by some parking manoeuvres.

By the end of the day we had carried out 29 observed drives and 2 bike observed rides.

The feedback we received on the day was great and all the activities went down well.

I would like to thank everyone that helped make this day as special as it was, with special thanks to Jim Bowles and Laura Evans (a police officer from Dunoon) who undertook most of the organising.

I would also like to say thanks to Western Ferries for providing the tickets for us to travel over to Dunoon, and Shearwater Marine who towed the MDU to Dunoon and back on our behalf.

Over the past few years we have been enduring extremely hot weather, with more summers now

having temperatures over 30°C and this year's temperatures in July breaking records by exceeding 40°C in some places.

This might be great for days out and spending time with friends and family, but it got me thinking about what impact these temperatures have on our vehicles and what we can do to look after them and prevent breakdowns.

Statistics show that there is a 20% increase in breakdown call outs when it's hot, and cars are 50% more likely to overheat in coastal areas.

What does hot weather do to your car and what can you do to prevent damage and retain performance?

When the weather is hot you are more likely to get a puncture and clutch problems are more likely too.

Very hot weather can hinder the chemical processes in car batteries which means they can struggle to hold their charge, and this can be



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made worse by having the air conditioning on and fans running.

To reduce the chances of this happening it is advisable to get your battery serviced before summer starts. You can also get a voltage tester and check the output of your battery yourself.

Cooling systems rely on coolant/antifreeze to keep all parts of the engine cool.

On a hot day, this liquid runs around the engine at a higher temperature, causing some parts of the engine to overheat and potentially fail.

Cooling system problems are more likely to happen during low-speed driving, when there's less air circulating through the fan at the front of the car to cool the radiator.

The solution is to make sure your cooling system is topped up with high-quality coolant.

You can check the current protection level of your coolant with a coolant tester. This lets you know the concentration of coolant/antifreeze in the mix, so you know that your car's protected.

Car tyres and hot weather don't get along. That's because the heat makes the air inside expand, causing over-inflation and, in extreme circumstances, bulging of the tyre wall.

On average there are around 300,000 tyre-related breakdowns every year, and many of these happen in the summer months when people are unaware of their tyres being set at the wrong pressure.

Get into the habit of checking your tyre pressure every fortnight, or more regularly if you drive a lot or have a big journey coming up.

The effects of prolonged hot weather means your tyres could be a few PSI over the recommended pressure, putting you at increased risk of a blowout – which is never

fun!

When your car's running hot in the summer, the oil circulating around the engine will thin slightly due to the heat.

This can mean that some parts of the engine don't get the protection they need, resulting in increased friction and the potential for engine damage.

It's a good idea to change your car's oil just before summer, replacing the old oil with a high-quality, summer-ready alternative.

Make sure it's fully topped up to the maximum, so that the engine is properly protected even in the highest summer temperatures.

Most cars now come with air conditioning as standard, which is great news for us when the summer hits.

The thing is, if you don't maintain your car's air conditioning system throughout the year, it might not have the power to cool you down when the temperatures really start to climb.

Air conditioning systems need regular maintenance to keep them working at their best. They can become clogged with regular use, which can not only hinder their performance, but could leave your car's cabin smelling fuisty.

It's advisable to get your car's air conditioning system serviced in time for summer.

A professional mechanic should be able to do this for you. Depending on how often you drive and use the air conditioning, you should only need to get this done every 2-4 years, or every 20,000 miles.

As always, drive safe.

**Stuart**  
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## DID YOU KNOW?

You fart on average 14 times a day, and each fart travels from your body at 7mph. *Explains why some motorcyclists talk about the "Grunt Factor".*

You can't smell anything while you sleep – even very bad potent smells! *Explains why some marriages last a long time!*

Your brain uses 10 watts of energy to think, and can feel no pain. *Does that mean as energy costs rise, so does the cost of your thinking?*

20% of the oxygen you breath is used by your brain. *Perhaps Politicians and so-called 'experts' should breath more deeply!*

Giant Pandas eat approximately 28lbs (13.5kgs) of bamboo a day, amounting to over 5 tons a year! *Now that's what I call being "bamboo"zled.*

Bats can eat up to 3,000 mosquitoes a night. *Seems a healthier option than slapping on all that repellent!*

Cows can walk upstairs but not down. *Get them to use the lift, it's safer!*

The most difficult to pronounce town is in Wales – Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwyllyllantysiliogogoch. *Imagine having that for an address!*

The average person spends two weeks of their life waiting at traffic lights. *Not if you live in the Highlands!*

**Spokes**

# NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE



Welcome to the latest newsletter, which we hope you will enjoy reading and consider making contributions to – whether articles or reports, notices of meetings or events, jokes or photos!

We are delighted to announce that we can now meet again face-to-face, and have booked Bishop-briggs War Memorial Hall for group events on the second Wednesday of the month. This change, from our more traditional Thursday, was due to hall availability.

The Dates for your Diary have been updated to reflect this change from Thursdays to Wednesdays.

We look forward to welcoming you in person to our AGM, which is the first scheduled Wednesday meeting to take place in Bishop-briggs War Memorial Hall, on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

All group full Members, Associate members, family and friends are cordially invited.

As well as the [2022 AGM Notice](#), this newsletter also includes the [AGM Agenda](#), [Committee Nomination form](#), [Proxy Nomination form](#) and a copy of [2021 AGM Minutes](#) for perusal prior to this year's AGM.

With the Group AGM getting ever nearer thoughts have been turning to who will help run the group through 2023 and beyond.

The Office Holders of the Group (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) are appointed on a year to year basis, whereas committee members usually serve a three year term.

The current Office holders, Chief Observers and committee members are as listed opposite.

Colin and Moray are both stepping down at the AGM, while Elaine

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is standing for Group Chair with Trevor offering himself for re-appointment as Treasurer for a further one year term.

Andrew Richardson has reached the end of a three year term and is not offering himself for re-appointment. Fraser Hunter and Stuart Inglis have also decided to step down from the committee at this time.

We would like to thank those stepping down for their hard work

and dedication to the group.

You don't have to be a member of the committee to influence the group or have your say; all that is needed is your imagination and a few minutes of your time.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

Stay safe.

**The Committee**  
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# ROUND THE BEND

OUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR, "SPOKES", INVITES YOU TO THINK ABOUT VISITING SOME OF THE GREAT PLACES SCOTLAND HAS TO OFFER.

## Off the Rim

Off the Rim is about getting drivers and riders to think about the great places Scotland has to offer.

In this edition I take a trip to [Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum](#).

How many of us live in towns all our lives and never, or rarely, visit local attractions containing cultural heritage and works of Art that are admired the world over?

Well, if you are one of those people, then I strongly urge you to engerise yourself, put on your coat, take the car, train or bus, and visit one of Glasgow's stunning cultural assets; the [Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum](#).

Pay and display parking is available, or you can take the train to Partick and spend 10 mins walking along Dumbarton Road, where you will see the Kelvingrove's stunning architecture in all its beauty as you approach from the road.



The [Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum](#) is literally a gold mine of art treasures to explore at your leisure without payment. Yes folks, it's entirely free to get in!

The building was opened in 1901 and quickly became a firm favourite with the local people of Glasgow.

There are 22 galleries to explore which house everything from Art to Animals, Ancient Egypt to Charles Rennie Mackintosh, and so much more!

As you climb the stone steps at the front of the building you enter what can only be described as a "Grand Hall", where on a daily basis at lunchtime (1.00pm) organ recitals can be heard as you sip tea or coffee in the cafeteria.

Occasionally there are visiting organists, choirs, and small orchestras too.

I had the good fortune to arrive with my visiting relatives one day to find a Swedish Male-Voice Choir



would be performing that day.

As an avid lifetime chorister I was not disappointed. Their harmony was well-balanced as was their diction.

Kelvingrove hosts the world's most valuable painting by Salvador Dali, "Christ of St John of the Cross". It truly is a stunning masterpiece by what I regard as a modern-day artist.

Dali was ahead of his time and if you ever travel to Berlin there is a gallery that houses many of his early works.

The painting is currently on loan to a gallery in England, where it will be shown alongside another Spanish masterpiece by El Greco.

It will return to its home in Glasgow in early 2023.

This is a place where you can spend the whole day not just wandering the halls and galleries, but also outdoors, as behind the building itself there are several beautiful settings in the 85-acre Kelvingrove Park to be enjoyed, where children will never get bored with the freedom to run around.

We have a lot to thank our City Councillors for. Their vision in the 19<sup>th</sup>-century left Glasgow with a proud legacy that we can all enjoy.

Go on! Take the plunge. Spend a day exploring one of Glasgow's most prized treasures.

Aye the best!

*Spokes*

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## Calum Crawford Memorial Ride

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August I woke at 6.30am with a fair degree of excitement but on looking out of the window, the wind was howling and the rain was coming down like stair rods as my wee granny used to say.

“Ah well!” I thought, “The weather can do what it likes but it won’t stop Calum’s Ride.”

“Those children will be expecting us whatever the weather!”

After coffee and toast came the pre-ride checks, with helmet visor cleaned and coated with Rainex.

Just as I was about to get the bike out of the garage, the heavens opened again so I waited with bated breath for a break in the weather. Luckily it was the last of the stair rods, so, bike out, garage door closed, helmet on, ignition on and as Mr Tracy would have said, “*Thunderbirds are go!*”

Well not really, I set off gingerly and after my rolling brake test I rode cautiously until the tyres were warmer.

Having made it safely to Robroyston I checked out the Park & Ride where it was decided we would all start from with Police assistance onto the motorway.

Arriving at MacDonalds I was excited to see so many bikes turning up for Calum. It was pleasing to see Catherine Crawford (Calum’s widow) there, with some of her friends from Clyde Valley Bikers.

The Treasurer arrived with money collected from previous meetings by Eric and David, along with the £200 raised from the SloMo day earlier this year.

After the meet and greets by everyone, donations from all the riders started pouring in as David Coia took both the money and names of those donating (very organised is our David), and just before departure a total of £840.39 had been collected.

However, that figure was soon surpassed by more money being



thrust into the Treasurer’s hands by a few late arrivals, unsurprising due to the weather.

The total on departure to the Park & Ride had now reached £950.39.

Eric Ross gave a concise and informed briefing about the dos and don’ts on the ride, and with that he split the riders into three groups to make their way to the Park & Ride.

Two police motorcycles escorted us from the Park & Ride to the on-slip of the motorway and 41 bikes were on their way.

David Morrison was lead rider and a staggered formation was maintained for most of the ride.

Even the blasting wind over the Erskine Bridge didn’t disrupt the formation.

As we joined the A82 a strategically placed police car with lights flashing held up the traffic from Great Western Road, enabling a smooth and uninterrupted convoy to proceed.

A short while later we arrived without incident at Robin House to be greeted with great enthusiasm by some of the children and staff.

One or two of the children tried out the seating position on a few large bikes only to find their feet were nowhere near the pegs.

Eventually the squad car won the day! The boys found the whoop and wail along with the nee-naws and blue flashing lights.

The Treasurer, after consulting one of the staff, found a collection bucket and made an announcement. “The total currently stands at £950.39, can we possibly make it

to £1,000?” Some bikers were trampled on and others forced aside as those with tens and twenties lunged at the collection bucket!

After the melee died down and the final note had been placed in the bucket, Eric and Trevor (the Treasurer) went off to count the money.

Shortly thereafter the grand total had reached an amazing £1151.86.

The big cheque was written, and everyone gathered for the team photo with Catherine Crawford and Colin Cowan, Glasgow North’s chairman, holding the cheque.

By this time the wind had blown away the clouds and the sun had come out to play, which brought a beautiful end to a wonderful achievement by Glasgow North IAM group in memory of a dearly departed Member, Calum Crawford.

It was a fitting tribute, and one which Calum would have been rightly proud of.

The group wish to thank Police Scotland for their involvement and assistance on the day.

As an aside, Simon Foy walks his dog regularly near his local golf course and his dog is exceptional at finding lost golf balls.

Simon sells the balls for a small donation to charity and raised nearly eighty pounds for Calum’s ride. Thank you, Simon, and a big thank you to your dog!

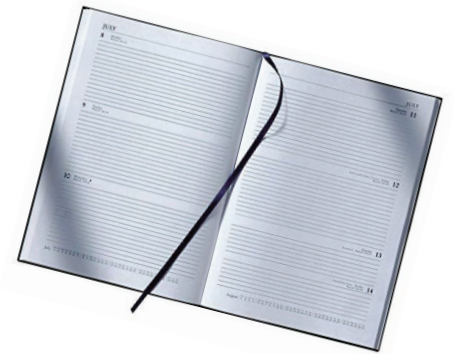
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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DETAILS OF UPCOMING GROUP ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS. FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE GROUP WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE.



We still have a programme of meetings and events planned for the remainder of this season, and the beginning of the next one. See below for a slice of activities over the coming months.

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## Sep 2022

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Bike Skills Development Trackday

This event is designed for riders to develop riding skills in a safe environment. Click [here](#) for further details.

*Croft Circuit, near Darlington*

## Dec 2022

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

### Winter Riding events commence

This is the scheduled start date for Winter Riding bike meetings.

*Robroyston Retail Park  
09.15 for 09.30 start*

## April 2023

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>

### Saturday Bike Meets commence

This marks the start of Saturday morning bike meetings.

*Robroyston Retail Park  
09.15 for 09.30 start*

## Oct 2022

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

### Glasgow North AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Glasgow North. All Members are invited to attend and have their say on the running of the group.

*Bishopbriggs War Memorial Hall  
19.15 for 19.30 start*

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Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

### Wednesday Bike Meets commence

This marks the start of Wednesday evening bike meetings.

*Crow Road Retail Park  
18.15 for 18.30 start*

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

### Group night - tbc

This event is subject to confirmation. Details will be published via the group website and facebook page once confirmed.

*Venue tbc*

## Nov 2022

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

### Bowling Night

Our perennial end of season event brings Members together for some games of ten pin bowling.

*Venue tbc*

## March 2023

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

### Group night - tbc

This event is subject to confirmation. Details will be published via the group website and facebook page once confirmed.

*Venue tbc*

## May 2022

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

### Group night - tbc

This event is subject to confirmation. Details will be published via the group website and facebook page once confirmed.

*Venue tbc*

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

### Last Saturday Bike Meet

This is the scheduled end of Saturday morning bike meetings.

*Robroyston Retail Park  
09.15 for 09.30 start*

# Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists

## 2022 AGM Notice

All Full and Associate Members of the Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists are cordially invited to attend the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the group.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by order of the Group Committee that the Annual General Meeting of the "Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists" will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Bishopbriggs War Memorial Hall, Balmuildy Rd, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow G64 3BX to enable the Trustees of the Group (Registered Charity No. SC018356) to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 for approval by the Group Full Members and to conduct an election.

Of which notice is hereby given by Moray Finlay (Group Secretary), 43 Woodburn Way, Cumbernauld G68 9BJ on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

IAM Group Number: North 6150

While all Group Full Members, Associates and Friends are invited to attend, only Group Full Members may vote at the AGM.

A Member entitled to vote at the General Meeting may appoint a proxy to vote in his or her stead. A proxy need not be a Group Full Member. A [proxy form](#) is available below.

### Current Officers and Trustees

All Officers retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election

Chair: Colin Cowan *will not stand*

Vice Chair: Elaine Irvine *will stand as Group Chair*

Secretary: Moray Finlay *will not stand*

Treasurer: Trevor Herrington *will stand for re-appointment*

### Other committee members and Trustees of the Group are:

Jim Bowles *continuing*

David Coia *continuing*

Tom Hatrick *continuing*

Fraser Hunter *will stand down*

Stuart Inglis *will stand down*

Douglas Macallister *continuing*

Andrew Richardson *completing 3 year term, will stand down*

Eric Ross *continuing*

### Chief Observers

Stuart Inglis is Chief Car Observer, will stand down after AGM.

Eric Ross is Chief Bike Observer, will stand down after AGM.

# Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists

## Agenda

Agenda for the 2022 Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists AGM to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Bishopbriggs War Memorial Hall, Balmuirdy Rd, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow G64 3BX.

1. List of attendees
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes from the Previous Year: 2021
  - a. Resolution: That the Minutes of the 2021 AGM be approved as a true record  
2021 AGM Minutes proposed by .....
  - 2021 AGM Minutes seconded by .....
  - 2021 AGM Minutes accepted by all: Yes / No
4. Matters arising from the 2021 AGM Minutes
5. Amendments or adjustments to this Agenda
6. Chair's Report
7. Secretary's Report
8. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Resolution: That the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022 be approved
  - b. Review of Honoraria
  - c. Subscriptions for 2023
9. Chief Car Observer's Report
10. Chief Bike Observer's Report
11. Election of Group Officers
12. Election of Committee
13. Address by New Chair
14. Any Other Business

# Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists

## Committee Nomination Form

Nominations are invited from Group 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.

### OFFICERS

Name of Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by	Signature of Nominee
..... Chair	.....	.....	.....
..... Vice Chair	.....	.....	.....
..... Secretary	.....	.....	.....
..... Treasurer	.....	.....	.....

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name of Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by	Signature of Nominee
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### NOTES

1. You may not stand for the Committee if the law debars you from being a Charity Trustee.
2. Only Group Full Members may nominate Committee Members or be nominated as Committee Members.
3. This Nomination Form must be returned to the Group Secretary before the AGM commences on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
4. 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.
5. Those elected become Charity Trustees of the Group.

# Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists

## Proxy Nomination Form

In relation to the Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists Charity No. SC018356 (The Group)

I ..... (print your name)

Residing at ..... (print your address)

Hereby appoint ..... (print name of Proxy)

Residing at ..... (print Proxy address)

To vote on my behalf as my Proxy at the Annual General Meeting of The Group to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Bishopbriggs War Memorial Hall, Balmuildy Rd, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow G64 3BX, and at every adjournment thereof.

This appointment is in respect of any and all resolutions raised at the meeting and my Proxy shall vote as instructed by me or, in the absence of my specific instruction as set out below, may vote as my Proxy sees fit.

My specific voting instructions to my Proxy are:

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Your signature .....

Your Membership No. ....

**This form must be in the hands of the Group Secretary before the above meeting commences.**

### NOTES

1. This Proxy Nomination Form, once completed can be posted to Moray Finlay (Group Secretary), 43 Woodburn Way, Cumbernauld G68 9BJ.
2. If you give specific instructions to your Proxy to vote in a particular manner at the AGM you must set that out in the section above on the Proxy Nomination Form. Otherwise your Proxy will be entitled to vote as he or she considers appropriate, which may include abstaining from a vote.





Glasgow North Group  
of Advanced Motorists



# Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists

Annual General Meeting: 19:30 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Place of Meeting: Virtual Zoom Meeting

## 1 List of Attendees

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Colin Cowan	Sandra Neillis
Elaine Irvine	Andrew Dunnet
Andrew Richardson	Leonard McNeill
Moray Finlay	Martyn Peterson
Eric Ross	Raymond Dickson
Thomas Hatrick	Craig McCallum
Trevor Herrington	Jim Kelly
Fraser Hunter	Susan Stuart
David Coia	Douglas Macallister
Stuart Inglis	Bryan Johnston
Di Carter	

## 2 Apologies

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Andrew Richardson	Eric Ross
Jim Bowles	

## 3 Minutes from Previous Year

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2020 AGM Minutes proposed by	: Tom Hatrick
2020 AGM Minutes seconded by	: Fraser Hunter
2020 AGM Minutes accepted by all	: Yes

## 4 Matters arising from the 2020 AGM Minutes

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### 4.1 Calum Crawford Remembrance

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions the group has been unable to carry out the previously agreed actions in order to remember Calum Crawford:

- Memorial Run
- Funding of under-25 IAM RoadSmart Rider

## 5 Amendments or Adjustments to this Agenda

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None

## 6 Chairs Report

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The committee has met 9 times all via Zoom due to COVID restrictions over the past year, all meetings were well attended. We have a Standing agenda to consider:

- Group Finances
- The obligations of the Committee as trustees of the charity, eg submitting the Office of Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) return
- Matters relating to the group – such as correspondence from the IAM RS
- Reports from the Chief Observers on performance of Car and Bike Sections

In February one of our Observers, Peter Hassett, has decided to stand down following 10 years as an Observer as well as a member and office bearer of the committee. £50 cheque of bank transfer and Lifetime Membership will be offered to Peter Hassett.

## 7 Secretary's Report

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### 7.1 Membership Information

Number of Members	2020	2021
DTE/DARTS Records	430	385
Glasgow North Database	492	476

#### 7.1.1 Associates Numbers

Number of Associates	2020	2021
Car	11	17
Motorcycle	46	33
Pending Car	15	8
Pending Motorcycle	3	0

Committee is working on continually updating both databases to ensure they are representative.

### 7.2 Unpaid Fees

Active members with unpaid fees	2020	2021
Expired IAM HQ Fees	21	23
Expired Group Fees	90	3
Both Fees expired	8	2

If any fees are not paid you cannot:

- Carry out or receive training
- Take part in any group activities/rides
- Vote in AGM!

IAM HQ "RoadSmart Fees" – £ 38.00 (Members, more for Fellows) Payable to HQ directly by contacting them by either:

<https://www.iamroadsmart.com/renewals>

0300 303 1134

A direct debit can be set up with this which can be save £4 per year.

Group Fees. £10 Due 5<sup>th</sup> November to the group account:

Account Name: GNIAM Group

Sort Code: 80-91-27

Account Number: 00485454

Please set-up a standing order for these fees. Direct Debit can't be used for this.

**Bank reference should be as follows:**

- **IAM Number FIRST**
- **Initial then Surname**

**Reference Example: 123456 J Examples (Charter limit of 18 for references)**  
**We can't track back via account numbers. No evidence of paying = fees aren't paid!**

COVID exceptions for the IAM HQ fees are only in place for Associates and should be automatically in place, these have ended September this year.

COVID exceptions for the group fees are only in place on a case-by-case basis.

### 7.3 Group Communications

#### 7.3.1 Issues Emails

We are still having issues with emails either not receiving a number of Members and also with Members not being able to contact use via email.

If you believe you are still not receiving emails or unable to send emails please get in touch so we can look into this further.

Committee will be looking into this further this year.

Group have been sending text messages as well. Please ensure contact details are up to date.

BOTH with the IAM HQ and Glasgow North

#### 7.3.2 Local Group Communications

No local group communications with the recent COVID restrictions

#### 7.3.3 Other Communications

Little communications other than HQ communications.

### 7.4 Group Nights

Group nights are still not on the go at the moment due to Bishopbriggs War Memorial Hall being used as a vaccination center.

Committee however strived to set up a number of theory nights over Zoom, so thanks to David Morrison, Fraser Hunter and special thanks to Elaine Irvine for setting these all up.

Committee also set up an external meeting provided by Vanessa Ruck => Girl on a Bike

IAM HQ set up a number of webinars which included:

- Neurodiversity & Observation
- Drink Drive the Myths and Facts

#### 7.4.1 Group Bowling Night

Annual group bowling night is normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of November; this year would be 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at Pro-Bowl Kirkintilloch.

Pro-Bowl is open however committee want to open this up to a vote if they are happy to go ahead with this. Number will be sorted after decision.

**No objections were made to the bowling night going ahead.**

Members wanting to attend should contact secretary. Question was raised by Douglas asking for clarification of date to notify the secretary regarding the bowling night.

This was confirmed to be 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### 7.5 Committee Roles

#### 7.5.1 Secretary Role

This will be my final year as the secretary. Therefore, someone is required to volunteer for this role. I will work with them throughout this final year to hand over the role. Some of the existing tasks will also be delegated further to make this role and other roles easier.

## 7.5.2 Current Main Committee

### 7.5.2.1 Committee Office Bearers

Chair = Colin Cowan  
Vice Chair = Elaine Irvine  
Secretary = Moray Finlay  
Treasurer = Trevor Herrington

### 7.5.2.2 Committee Members

David Coia	Andrew Richardson
Fraser Hunter	Tom Hatrick
Jim Bowles	Eric Ross

## 7.5.3 Current Bike Committee

Eric Ross	Trevor Herrington
Colin Cowan	Raymond Dickson
David Coia	David Morrison
Moray Finlay	Iain Ellis

## 8 Treasurer's Report

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### 8.1 Group Financial Position at 31<sup>st</sup> July

1. There are currently no known concerns regarding the Group's finances or financial matters. All expenditure and income items have been recorded and accounted for and reconciled monthly to the Group's bank account.
2. Summary Accounts for 2020/21 are presented at this AGM and are currently being audited.

### 8.2 OSCAR annual inspection of accounts Charity No: SC01835

1. The Group Accounts were inspected, submitted to Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and registered without qualification for last year 2019/20.
2. The Group accounts for 2020/21 (ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021) are being independently inspected as required by OSCR. The audit is expected to be completed by the end of this month by a Group appointed Independent Auditor.
3. Our Annual Inspection of Accounts (our annual audit) requires to be carried out and the necessary documentation prepared for the OSCR return by the end of March 2022.

### 8.3 Managing the Groups Money

1. The Group's financial account is reconciled monthly with the money in the Group's bank account. These are submitted to the Committee as a standing item on the agenda of each Committee meeting where they are discussed and agreed.
2. Changes to the bank account signatories have been made to reflect changes in the Committee's membership.
3. Chairman and Secretary are authorized to access the account online. All payments are made by the Treasurer; except those to the Treasurer himself which are made by one of the other signatories.

### 8.4 Account Name Change

The name of the group's bank account has now been changed to "GNIAM Group" commensurate with the new financial year.

Sort Code: 80 91 27

Account No: 00485454

**Existing Standing Orders remain unaffected**

## 8.5 Income and Expenditure during 2020/21

1. P&L is flat for what turned out to be another exceptionally trying year to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021. Actual net profit is £245.90.
2. There has been no major expenditure this year and reserves to the previous year remain at an acceptable level of £7000.
3. Overall income was static compared to the previous year, due entirely to the COVID-19 lockdown. We couldn't hold the annual SloMo in April and Capitation (received from IAM when we take on new Associates) was down from last year by approx. 33%.
4. Expenditure stayed the same as 2019/20.
5. Zoom subscription under Web Hosting has increased from £97 to £143 (arranged by Elaine) which allows us to meet successfully in large numbers (like this AGM). {The increase is due to no discount being available.} It has also provided online learning, guest speakers and committee meetings to take place.
6. Finally, I would like to thank two people! Peter Hassett, the Architect of our current financial system. Peter has been very helpful in sorting out any glitches that have arisen during my first year as Treasurer. And secondly Stephen Hagenbuch, (outgoing Treasurer) who with his infinite patience and generous time has helped me to settle in my first year as Treasurer. My thanks to you both.

Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists		Summary Accounts AGM 8th October 2020		
Income	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	
Subs	£2,011	£1,922	£2,017.00	
Capitation	£1,271	£651	£806.00	
Sales	£305			
Cyril Bitcom Income (donations)	£402	£185	£95.00	
Travel Expenses reimbursed by authority	£220			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£4,209</b>	<b>£2,758</b>	<b>£2,918</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Hall Rental	£591	£258		
Postage. (Mobile Phone)	£246	£244	£87.48	
Stationery and Printing	£744	£623	£737.06	
Equipment	£493		£155.52	
Web Hosting/Domain Registration	£133	£133	£277.07	
National Conference and Travel	£421			
Observer Training	£275	£32	£212.72	
General Expenses	£480	£338	£404.25	
Publicity/Recruitment	£1,959	£233		
Test Fees	£258			
Honoraria	£600	£600	£600.00	
Insurance	£139	£145	£156.00	
Cashback Incentive (Motorcycle)	£50		£41.00	
Cyril Bitcom Expenditure	£70	£14	£0.00	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£6,460</b>	<b>£2,620</b>	<b>£2,671.10</b>	
Net change over period	<b>-£2,251</b>	<b>£138</b>	<b>£246.90</b>	
<b>Group Account Year End Balance - 31st July 2021</b>				
Bank of Scotland plc - Paisley the Cross	£6,901	£7,039	£7,285.64	

Poll held for resolution of the accounts.

**This was agreed.**

Poll was held to review of Honoraria which is not planned to be changed.

**This was agreed.**

Poll was held for proposed changes to standardise membership fees to £10 for everyone from 2021/2022 onwards.

**This was agreed.**

## 9 Chief Car Observer's Report

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This time last year lockdown was underway and unable to do any observing and the prospect was looking pretty severe. Aside from a window of about 2 weeks in September, observed drives with Associates have been unavailable since March 2020. Thankfully due to vaccines and the subsequent lifting of restrictions, activities are return to a variation of normality. As of June 14<sup>th</sup>, HQ gave the go ahead to return back to Observing. It's been a long time off!

### 9.1 Associates

Since the AGM last year, 9 Associates signed up for the RoadSmart course and 1 being re-signed after an error in the contact details. No test passes as of yet; however, two Associates are now test ready and are awaiting the examiner contacting them to arrange test.

During the early months of 2021 zoom sessions continued and since the last AGM the following have been hosted:

- 4 Car Section Observer meetings
- 12 Associate Theory meetings
- 3 Bike Section Theory meetings
- 9 Committee meetings
- 6 Bike Section Committee meetings
- The Girl on a Bike talk

This all totals up to an excess of 80 hours on zoom!

The car theory sessions were opened to all group Members and several meetings had over 30 in attendance. Many thanks to all who presented, contributed, or just came along!

Thankfully our Observers have all been keen to resume training and decided to take on 2 Associates each to reduce the waiting list as quickly as possible. There was a pretty high dropout rate of associates in June, however that was due to IAM Subs requiring updating. All Associates were contacted and advised of the situation; however, several chose not to reinstate their membership and therefore were removed from our waiting list.

Currently there are 19 Associates who have been allocated and are either in training or just about to start. Several of them have made excellent progress and will be test ready soon. This leaves an astonishingly small waiting list of only 7 Associates and it is anticipated there will be movement on that very soon.

Douglas Macallister has recently taken on the role of Associate Co-ordinator for the Car Section. Since drives restarted in June, has been busy contacting all new Associates and assigning them to their Observers, ensuring that all have signed the relevant declarations. Douglas has been a great help as training resumed. It is envisaged he will continue to develop his role within the group. There have also been 2 Drive Scot Free checks completed which were requested while the group was still in lockdown.

### 9.2 Observers

Currently there are 13 active Observers, 10 of whom are based in the central Glasgow area. 6 of these are National Observers, 3 are Local Observers with one of these awaiting a test for National Observer (to be scheduled later this year). Also 1 Trainee who will be undergoing Local Observer testing soon.

The mentor groups, or pyramids as referred to by the bike section, have been revised as the group has lost a few Observers and the roles have become a bit muddled over the past few years. Elaine has reduced to 3 groups instead of 4 with each group having no more than 4 Observers, and each group leader is supported by a National Observer within their group. The group leaders are responsible for all check drives, arranging training, and updating the Chief Car with Associate progress information.

Congratulations to Brian McAughtry who is now a Local Observer Assessor. Elaine also requalified as a National Observer and Local Observer Assessor last month. One National Observer is awaiting requalification but due to time restrictions and COVID-19, this has not been possible and will be rescheduled later this year.

There are 3 National Observers in our Satellite group, bringing our group total up to 13 Observers. There are no Associates at present in the Satellite area (which covers Oban to Campbelltown) but hopefully that will change soon.

Elaine took this time to say a massive 'thank you' to all the car section Observers. This has helped make Glasgow North the 'go to' group for Central Scotland. After 4 years Elaine is stepping down as Chief Car Observer with Stuart Inglis stepping forward into the role. Stuart has been part of the group since January 2008 and an active Observer since then. Elaine will remain as an active Observer as well as Vice Chair.

Stuart thanked Elaine for her continued hard work and setting a very high standard as well as separating roles between Chief Observer and Associate Co-ordinator.

Hoping to focus on training again now that COVID-19 restrictions are eased.

Looking forward to group meet-ups following the bowling night in November and potential group meetings in the following year.

## 10 Chief Bike Observer's Report

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Report presented by David Coia in Eric's absence.

Eric has also thanked David Coia on the major role in co-ordinating Associates. Last year the group started a new system for observed ride with each Associate allocated to an individual Observer, but COVID-19 restrictions made it difficult to complete much in the way of coaching. For the first time the bike group found itself with a waiting list of Associates, waiting to start their course. New Associates continued to join the group throughout lockdown, and as a result the waiting list continued to grow.

Though the bike section were prevented from providing observed rides the bike committee continued to meet and prepare for the day restrictions would be eased and sessions restarted.

During the restrictions David Morrison provided several Zoom sessions looking at different aspects of riding using IPSGA.

There were open to both Associates and Members from both the bike and car sections of the Glasgow North group. These sessions proved very successful and led to some very interesting discussions. From feedback received it was clear that everyone who took part enjoyed the sessions and all felt they were enjoyable and worthwhile experience. Eric thanked David Morrison for putting these sessions together and acknowledged the huge amount of time and effort he went into producing such excellent training packages.

When the Scottish Government finally relaxed restrictions, 17 Observers indicated their willingness to return. They also took part on observed peer-to-peer assessments, working on their own riding and observing abilities. All who took part confirmed it was a useful exercise to assist in returning to observed rides.

To assist in the record keeping, four of the more senior Observers agreed to head up a Pyramid system of Observers. These Observers were: David Coia, Iain Ellis, David Morrison and Colin Cowan. Each were responsible for 3 or 4 Observers and collated all information from them for Eric.

To assist the recording keeping of the observed rides with the new system Raymond Dickson generated a new way of tracking observed rides. In mid-May sessions restarted and in order to make in roads to the waiting list of Associates many Observers volunteered to take on two Associates.

To date 175 observed rides were carried out with 4 test passes and 4 F1rst. This is a good result considering only half of the season was available. Eric expressed his thanks to the Observers and their efforts over this difficult period. Bike section is now in the process of training new Observers at the beginning of the next season.



Saturday session did manage to restart and these will be coming to an end on the second Saturday in November, with winter session running every second Saturday with a slightly later time from Robroyston. Conditions will be assessed through the traffic light system on the website along with time and date.

It is hoped that monthly group runs will also take place on Saturdays. Bike committee is looking for a small group of volunteers to organise these group runs. These volunteers can contact Eric or any member of the bike committee to get involved.

Colin also thanked David Coia on behalf of Eric for taken on a major role of assigning all of the Associates with the one-to-one pairing and also contacting all of the Associates. This was done in a very efficient and effective manner.

## 11 Election of Group Officers

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Office Role	Name of Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
<b>Chair</b>	Colin Cowan	Elaine Irvine	Fraser Hunter
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Elaine Irvine	Trevor Herrington	Colin Cowan
<b>Secretary</b>	Moray Finlay	Fraser Hunter	David Coia
<b>Treasurer</b>	Trevor Herrington	Tom Hatrick	Elaine Irvine

## 12 Election of Committee

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Name of Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
<b>Tom Hatrick</b>	Colin Cowan	David Coia
<b>Stuart Inglis</b>	Elaine Irvine	Moray Finlay
<b>Douglas MacAllister</b>	Fraser Hunter	Andrew Richardson

## 13 Address by New Chair

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Colin stressed the need for volunteers for the committee or by just helping out again.

Any Member can volunteer throughout the year as well.

Colin thanked Elaine for her work as the Chief Car Observer and for setting up Zoom for the group as well as Fraser in the theory night.

Colin wished Stuart best of luck in the role as the Chief Car Observer.

## 14 Any Other Business

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None

## GROUP REQUIRED CONTRACT STATEMENT TO MEMBERS

Here at Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists we would like to thank you for commencing/renewing your membership with us. As part of your membership contract with us, we will contact you with information on training, committee and social events, together with newsletters/magazines relating to the group and Road Safety.

Pictures, videos and written updates of Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists events such as training, committee and social events at which you may be in attendance or referred to, will also be regularly published on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, etc, in group newsletters/magazines and on group related websites.

Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists also share your information with IAM RoadSmart in order to administer membership activities.

## OPTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ABOVE

You have the right to withdraw from receiving and/or participating in any of the above, by contacting Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists.

- I do not wish to receive information on training, committee and social events, together with newsletters/magazines relating to the group and Road Safety.
- I do not wish to appear in or be referred to in or on any group social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, etc, group newsletters/magazines and group related websites.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (in capitals): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify the Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists by email to [committee@iamglasgow.org](mailto:committee@iamglasgow.org) or letter to:

Group Secretary  
Glasgow North Group of Advanced Motorists  
43 Woodburn Way  
Cumbernauld  
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