



**Exeter & Torbay Advanced Motorists  
Bi-Annual Observers Meeting  
Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm at Kenn Centre**

**Present:** John Tibbs, Dennis Le Worthy, Meg Privett, Martin Morris-Cooles, Paul Westwood, Robin Watts.

**Apologies received:** Simon Jeffery, Tim Privett, Pete Smith, Kevin Groom, Derek Higgs, Graham Fry.

**Chief Observer's Comments:** A steady trickle of enquiries for Assessments and the ADC, which is not causing us any issues. The 'Local Observer' qualification will become defunct next year, and the new 'Observer' qualification will cover both. The only difference, as far as we are concerned, is that the test procedure will be carried out by our local Examiner - Graham Ranshaw - rather than in house, as previously.

There is some interest in the 'Master's' qualification, and we now have three mentors in the group.

**Discuss Practical Sessions, including Driveouts:** Monthly meetings have now resumed, so will progress Driveouts at those with the lighter evenings.

For the June Meeting we will run a Observational Drive, intention for July is to focus on a specific subject, e.g. 'Mirrors', 'Bends', 'The System'. The Monthly Driveouts between meetings also will continue at differing venues, for the benefit of members, associates and Observers.

**Any Other Business:**

- Looking to arrange speakers for the winter months, currently arranging for a presentation by the Devon Air Ambulance, and a RAC patrol. Any suggestions for further speakers welcomed - contact John [[chair.etamroadsmart@gmail.com](mailto:chair.etamroadsmart@gmail.com)].
- 'E/V's' - Electric Vehicles - concerns raised that with these becoming more prevalent advice to cope with the new technology in relation to the ADC would be useful. Robin Watts is employed part time by a car sales firm and has offered to enquire if we could visit them, or, possibly, they would loan a vehicle for a driving experience? It was also suggested to ask if IamRoadSmart are producing any guidance with this - John to contact our area manager - Shaun Cronin with regard to this.
- December Event/Meeting: There will be an article in the next Group Newsletter for suggestions/amendments to our December meeting, whether to continue as previously with the social event at Kenn, or to go for a 'Christmas meal' - lunch or dinner - instead - or any other suggestions?
- Next Bi-Annual Observer Meeting - Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at the Kenn Centre [tbcf]

John

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