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# TVGAM News

May 2025

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## Letter from Nick Room

To read Nick's farewell to the role of TVGAM Chair, please [Click here](#)



## Letter from the Chair

Alex Beeston

- A lot of thank you's
- Building on our achievements

To read Alex's letter in full. [Click here](#)

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### [Your TVGAM Committee for 2025/26](#)



From left to right:

**William Phaure** (Treasurer), **Karen Allen** (Group Secretary),  
**Des McDermott** (Chief Observer), **Nicki Kitching** (Associate Co-ordinator),  
**Alex Beeston** (Chair and Communications Manager), **Nick Room** (Membership Secretary).

No change to the faces on the Committee at TVGAM following our AGM on April 29th, but some changes in responsibilities.

**Nick Room** is stepping down as Chair after six years of leading significant achievements for the Group. During his leadership, the Committee has contributed to many deliverables, including TVGAM rising to a High Performing IAM Group, the introduction of IAM Membership by Portfolio (Group Sign-off), the creation of the TVGAM Syllabus for structured ADC delivery, updating of Group Compliance Documents, and KPI-driven improvements to ADC delivery. Nick will now take on the role of Membership Secretary from Nicki Kitching.

**Alex Beeston** succeeds Nick as Chair. His previous roles include Membership Secretary and Associate Co-ordinator. Alex will continue as Communications Manager for the time being.

**Nicki Kitching**, TVGAM's highest performing Observer with 46 passes and 22 F1RST's in 12 years, will bring her extensive knowledge, driving, and people skills to the position of Associate Co-ordinator. This role ensures the smooth transition of Associates from enrolment to certificate presentation, providing necessary visibility to progress or the need for early intervention on their journey.

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(dates for your diary)

**Tuesday 27th May:** Superintendent Mark Lewis.  
Head of Roads Policing for Thames Valley and  
Hampshire & IOW.

**Sunday 22nd June:** Summer Drive Out

**Tuesday 22nd July:** details to be announced

More details on our website at [tvgam.org.uk/events](http://tvgam.org.uk/events)



### Chief's Observations

**Des McDermott.**

Des reflects on how we are 'doing our bit' to improve road safety.

To see the article please [Click here](#)



A warm welcome to 4 new Members who have recently  
joined the Thames Valley group.

#### Associate Members

Sarah Liddell from Reading  
Sharon Jamieson from Wokingham  
Lidia Janik from Reading  
David Jones from Windsor

We wish you all every success with your Advanced Driving Course.

The total number of New Members joining TVGAM in 2025 is : 9

### [Test Passes and Memberships by Portfolio](#)

Congratulations to these Associates who have successfully achieved Full IAM Membership.

#### [Associate](#)

Louise Nazzarri (MbP)  
Jason Hawkins (Pass)  
Alan Kenyon  
Jonathan Brown (F1RST)

#### [TVGAM Observer](#)

Des McDermott  
Nicki Kitching  
Tim Hill  
Andrew West

**The total number of successful associates gaining  
an Advanced Test Pass or Memberships by Portfolio in 2025 is: 8**



### [Congratulations Louise](#)

Louise Nazzarri received her IAM Certificate from retiring Chair Nick Room after completing her Advanced Driving Course and gaining Membership by Portfolio at TVGAM's recent AGM Awards Ceremony.

### [££ Membership fees ££](#)

- All Members pay **both** a yearly IAM Membership subscription **and** a TVGAM one.
- If you do not pay, you cease to become a Member until payment is received.
- IAM Subscriptions can be made either by Direct Debit (it's cheaper) or by Card and both can be done via your IAM website Dashboard at [www.iamroadsmart.com/renewals](http://www.iamroadsmart.com/renewals), or by phoning 0300 303 1134 and select option 2.

For the current TVGAM membership fees and payment methods: [Click here](#)



Please help keep the Group records in order by sending any changes of address, email address or contact telephone numbers to: [membership@tvgam.org.uk](mailto:membership@tvgam.org.uk).

Nicki Kitching  
Membership Secretary

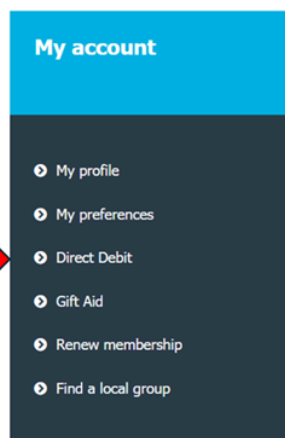


## REMINDER

**IAM RoadSmart**  
Membership went **digital**  
from April.

## **IAM Membership Renewals** *are easier by Direct Debit*

- Save time and £5 per renewal.
- Support our charity work by cutting administration costs.
- Maintain control with easy cancellation.
- Stay informed of any changes.
- Enjoy full protection with the Direct Debit Guarantee.
- Quick setup with a UK bank account.



**Sign up on your Members Dashboard to streamline your payments.**





### [TVGAM - a Road Safety Sponsor](#)

Thames Valley is excited to be one of the first groups to join IAM RoadSmart's road safety sponsorship initiative, launched at the end of last year. The Committee has agreed to make an annual minimum donation of at least £500 to support road safety and advanced driving projects.

In a creative approach to financial recycling, funding will come from the money TVGAM receives from IAM RoadSmart for each new Advanced Driving Course Associate assigned to the group. This means that members' subscriptions won't be used for this venture, allowing individuals to donate should they wish, without feeling they are donating twice.

To find out more on how to become a Road Safety Sponsor - [Click Here](#)



We were delighted that the prestigious Horncastle Garage / Shell Trophy was presented at our AGM. For details please [Click here](#)



**BLACKBUSHE AIRDAY:** For a link to this event please [Click here](#)

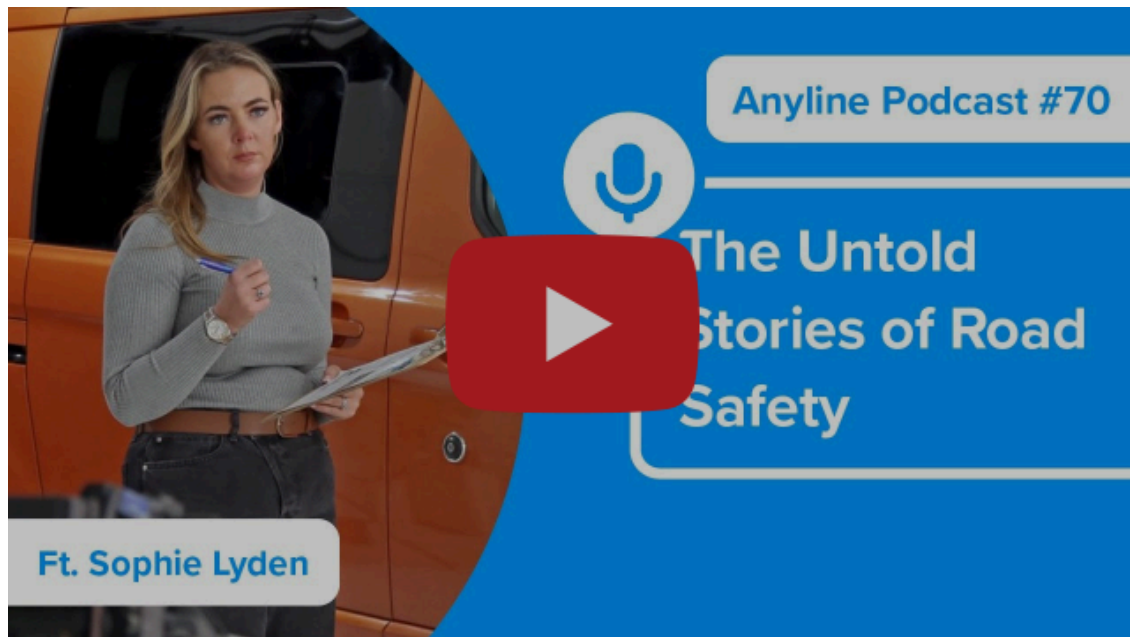
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### Sophie Lyden - Podcast



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## Next meeting

**Tuesday 27th May**

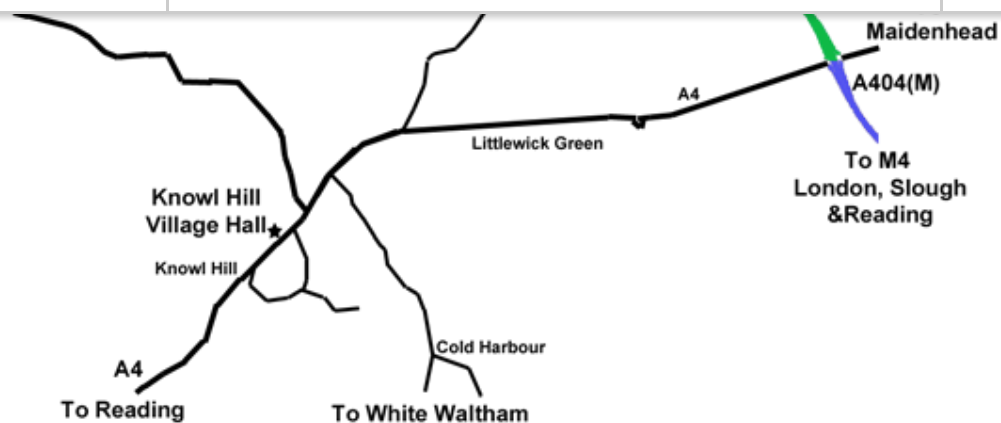
**A talk by Superintendent Mark Lewis.**

Mark is Head of Roads Policing for Thames Valley, Hampshire & IOW

**8pm at Knowl Hill Village Hall**

## Venue Map





ADDRESS: Knowl Hill Village Hall  
Knowl Hill  
Berkshire  
RG10 9XB

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