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# TVGAM News

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## Letter from the Chair

Alex Beeston

Alex highlights upcoming events, an exciting change in October, 2024 provisional road casualty updates, and the Safer Roads for All project.

To read Alex's letter please [Click here](#)



(dates for your diary)

**Tues 22nd July:** Meet the Examiner - Mark Sanna

**August - No Meeting**

**Tues 23rd September:** Driving Tomorrow: The Evolution of In-Car Technology - Richard Gladman

**October:** Two Visits to the National Highways Regional Control at South Mimms

**Tues 25th November:** End of Year Quiz

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



### Chief's Observations

**Des McDermott.**

Enjoy the Journey: Des provides some interesting thoughts on his recent road trip (car) around Scotland.

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



### New Members

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to the eight new associate members who have joined us since the last edition of TVGAM News in May. We wish you all success on your IAM Advanced Driving Course journey, delivered by TVGAM.

Abi Masey - Crowthorne

Darrel Mann - Crowthorne

Helen Archibald - Sough

Peter Cardoe – Slough

Alec Mulvey - Ascot  
Christopher Painter - Reading

**17** new members have joined TVGAM this year

### **Test Passes and Memberships by Portfolio**

Congratulations to the following Associates who have successfully achieved Full IAM Membership.

#### **Associate**

Robin St John Smith  
Valentina Oncescu (MbP)  
Sylvia Hood

#### **TVGAM Observer**

Derek Wilson  
Des McDermott  
Richard Heathman

**13** associates have passed their Advanced Test or gained Membership by Portfolio this year

### **££ Membership fees ££**

All members must pay **both** an annual IAM Membership subscription **and** a TVGAM membership fee. Membership is suspended until payment is received.

You can pay your IAM subscription via Direct Debit (cheaper) or by Card through your IAM website Dashboard at [www.iamroadsmart.com/renewals](http://www.iamroadsmart.com/renewals) or by calling 0300 303 1134 (option 2).

For current TVGAM membership fees and payment methods, [click here](#).



### **Membership Records**

Please help keep the Group records in order by  
sending any changes of address, email address or  
contact telephone numbers

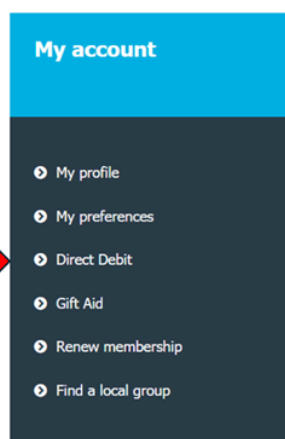
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**Nick Room**  
**Membership Secretary**

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## REMINDER

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





**Congratulations** to three TVGAM Associates that were recently awarded their Certificates and also two Observers on their IMI Qualification Observer Assessments.

To see our successful award winners

[Click Here.](#)

## Visits to the National Highways Regional Control Centre in October **Register your interest here.**



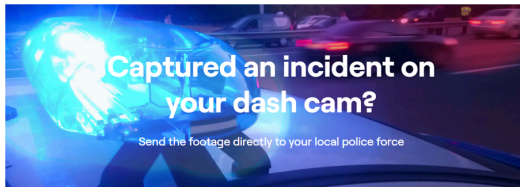
With the kind permission of National Highways Regional Control Centre, South Mimms, TVGAM have organized visits for Members on Saturday 11th & Thursday 16th October. If you are interested, please register your preference using the voting buttons below.

Visits last 4 hours, including a presentation, tour of the Operations Centre, and a Traffic Officer vehicle demonstration. Limited to 15 TVGAM members per trip, first-come-first-served. We are hoping to arrange a Minibus for both visits which may incur a nominal charge - details to follow.

**Sat 11 Oct**

**Thurs 16 Oct**

**Either date**



### [Understanding Operation SNAP](#)

An insight into online reporting of dangerous driving and riding.

To read the article [Click Here](#)

To submit your caption to this picture: [Click Here](#)

The winning entry will be shown in the September edition of TVGAM News. The judges decision is final.

Entries will be judged by the TVGAM Drive Team with a prize for the winning entry.

## [Changing Habits](#)

### Embrace Discomfort for Growth



Stepping outside your comfort zone fosters personal development.



Challenges and risks lead to greater achievements and rewards.



Many successful people attribute their success to embracing discomfort.



### [How our Attitudes Make a Difference.](#)

With the recent launch of the latest IAM ADC Associate Logbook and Observer Handbook for the digital era, we take a look at how to embrace and accept change.

To read the article [Click Here](#)

## [Media Corner](#)





With a record number of 'close passes' being reported to the police by cyclists, Reg's video on dealing with cyclists is a reminder about the need to respect these and all other vulnerable road users. Please share this with other drivers.  
To play: Click on the right mouse button and select open link in new window.

with grateful acknowledgement to [Reg Local \(Reglocal.com\)](https://reglocal.com)

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### Sophie Lyden - Tyresafe's Road Safety Individual of the Year



TVGAM's Congratulations to:

**SOPHIE LYDEN**

**Tyresafe's Road Safety Individual  
of the Year**

Picture with acknowledgement to Tyre News

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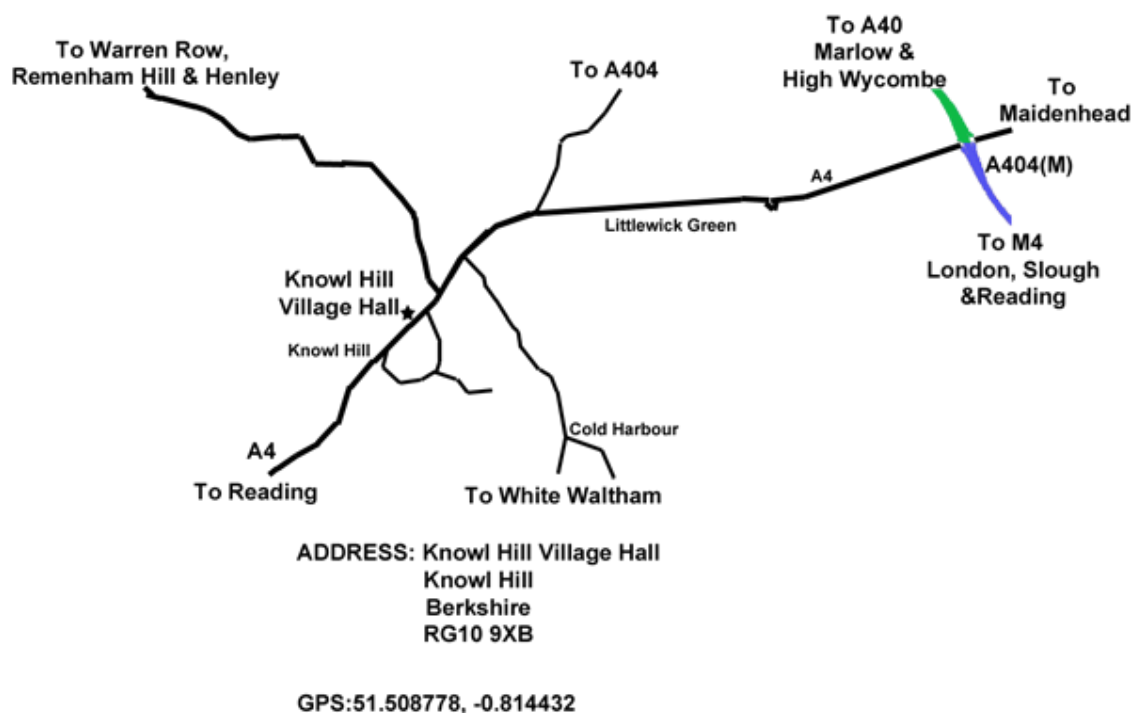
## Next meeting



## Meet the Examiner: A talk by Mark Sanna

8pm at Knowl Hill Village Hall

# Venue Map



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