

Crewe and Nantwich Advanced Motorists

Chairman's Report – 2012 AGM

It has been a great pleasure to be involved with Crewe and Nantwich Advanced Motorists Group. I have been a member since September 2007, joining the committee shortly after as Membership Secretary, then Vice Chairman and lastly Chairman. While on the committee, I also undertook training as an Observer and subsequently as Senior Observer. I've had a great time and wish the Group every success in the future.

As many of you will know by now I have moved to Eastbourne and I believe I have left the Group in the safe and capable hands of our motivated committee and special thanks to Tony Hayhurst taking up the reigns as Vice Chairman.

We had a successful start to the year, although it continues to be slow in attracting new associates. We attended the usual events; Sandbach Festival of Transport; Audlem Transport Festival; Cancer Research Christmas Fair; Older Road User Day; and of course our Awards Night. Other events were in the pipeline as I moved house and I'm sure these have been equally successful.

The Awards Night was a great success, although it would have been nice to see more members/associates there. The speakers were first class and thank you Tom Poole (our President) for presenting the awards. Look out for the announcement for next year's event in the Newsletter or on our website - www.crewevantwicham.org.uk

The skid pan event was eventful in terms of its organisation, but successful on the day. We will look at an alternative supplier in the future. Thank you to James for organising the event.

Over the past years we have been invited to various clubs to provide observers for assessment of the club members. This continued this year when we provided assessments for the Nantwich Rotary Club. This was a good evening and promotes our Group to other clubs in our area.

I believe we are making ourselves better known as a Group in the community, with posters going up in doctors' and dentists' surgeries locally. In addition, we are leaving our first class Newsletter in these and additional places to promote the Group. Well done to Simeon for producing the excellent Newsletter. Please talk to Simeon if you have something you would like to put in the Newsletter as we are always looking for more articles.

We have had a change of Chief Observer during the year. I was sad to lose the experience of Sean Clarke, but delighted to have Ian Hughes rejoin the leadership of the Group, this time as Chief Observer. Ian has already made an impact on improving and standardising the observers' role.

It was a pleasure to have 2 new committee members join us during the year. A warm welcome to Rick Appleton and Paul Fildes.

I would like to thank Leigh Webber for his work on designing the various reports the Group uses for observers taking out associates on their observed runs. This work was time consuming but resulted in some excellent forms for the Groups use.

Although I have moved away from the Crewe area, I have managed to find the local Group here in East Sussex. They seem to be a good crowd too, they've even asked me to join their Group as an observer – I was more than happy to oblige!

Finally, I would like to thank the committee and observers once more for all their hard work, and for supplying their time as volunteers. It is greatly appreciated.

I wish the Group all the best for the future.

Murray Hunter
Group Chairman