



## Crewe and Nantwich Advanced Motorists Group

### Chairman's Report 2013

I would like to start by thanking all of my team on the Committee for their work since the election last year. They all work as volunteers and without them the Group would not exist. The same is true of our Observer/Senior Observer team. Thank you all for your time and support of the Group. I also thank all of the members who support the Group by attending the events we have put on, both by attending and also assisting on rotas when necessary.

I thank Rick Appleton for his dedication in his role as Group Secretary, and I, on behalf of the Committee, wish him a speedy recovery to full health. I also thank Nick Harley for his running of the accounts in his years as Treasurer

Over the last 12 months I believe we have continued to make progress towards the goal of a more cohesive Group. It has been my aim to arrange more social events and more importantly to get more members and associates attending the events. I hope this pattern will continue. It is the whole Group that will benefit if we can.

Some of the social events in the last year have included:

Bob Brittain talk – This talk was arranged by Ian Hughes and Bob spoke about life as an IAM Examiner. The evening was really well attended with nearly all the Observer team present and a number of Associates, all of whom questioned Bob in depth about his experiences. Thank must go to Ian for this highly successful evening. I also thank Ian for his time as Chief Observer for the Group and for passing on his experience to the team.

Ice Speed record talk at Bentley. We packed the meeting room at Legends with 45 members present, which was a record! We heard from Ash Mason and his team about the Bentley approach to winning the Ice Speed record on top of the frozen Bothnic Sea. Thanks to Kim for arranging the speaker and the venue for this.

Miles Lacey talk – This was another well attended talk at Bentley and Miles spoke of his involvement with cars from an early age through to his progression with IAM and now onto driving Bentleys - he is the youngest person to achieve this. Thanks again to Kim to organising and also for sorting out the technical difficulties of the evening!

As a Committee we made the decision not to hold an Awards evening on its own this year. This was to try and save expenditure on an event which was losing money. It is obviously important to celebrate the success of the Group and individuals in particular, and for that reason we decided to hold a smaller event here tonight. As a Group we will only survive if we can attract new associates and retain the members and associates that we have. This is not easy and this pattern is being repeated across the UK in the majority of Groups. We do attend events where we can try to promote IAM and CANAM

Sainsburys Promotional event. We attended a day at the Nantwich store to offer assessed drives and speak to shoppers on a Saturday. Thanks to Ian Hughes and the merry band of volunteers who worked hard in the cold all day.

Sandbach Festival of Transport. We attended this and numbers of the public appeared lower than usual, not helped by torrential downpours. Thanks to Tony for arranging the spot for this event.

Our newsletter has had a facelift and been turned into a magazine twice a year. We have distributed it to many public places and the feedback has been very positive

We have attended the Region 5 meetings on a regular basis but not the National Conference due to ill health of the attending members. The IAM are continuing to push forward with their plans for National Observer qualifications, and some of our Observers will shortly be starting their training for these

So far in 2013 we have had 17 new associates join us and 12 passes have been achieved.

Finally, if there is anything you think we can do better, if there's any social event (motoring or non-motoring) you would like us to arrange please let us know.

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