

# NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE GROUP OF ADVANCED DRIVERS AND RIDERS

(AFFILIATED TO THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS)

Group Number 3045

Registered Charity Number 1100497

## Summary minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at Sandyford Community Fire Station on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The meeting commenced at 19:25

### Present

Twelve members attended the meeting.

### ITEMS OF BUSINESS

#### 1) Apologies

Four members sent their apologies.

#### 2) Minutes of the AGM held in 2023 and matters arising

The minutes from 57<sup>th</sup> AGM held on Thursday 9 February 2023 required two amendments to correct dates.

There were no actions from the previous AGM.

#### 3) Chairman's Statement

The Group Chairman's statement is set out in the table below:

### CHAIRMAN'S 2023 RAMBLING THOUGHTS

JANUARY	All was quiet although we had two drive nights and a third had to be cancelled.
FEBRUARY	Two test passes (drivers) and Local Observer (LO) accreditation achieved by PC.

	AGM took place on 9 <sup>th</sup> February with record attendance (13).
MARCH	Two rider test passes and two drivers. One of the riders being DB's first as Observer.  This month also saw our first social event in a while at Bella Napoli.
APRIL	First road trip of the year to the Ponderosa Café, Llangollen, Wales.  Five test passes this month. One Rider and four drivers.  MB completes his National Observer Quality Assurance (NOQA).
MAY	MW attains a F1RST at his driver assessment.  MF certificate presentation.
JUNE	One rider test pass.  We attend our first Biker Breakfast at Port Vale FC.  DC our newly appointed IAM Roadsmart Area Service Delivery Manager (ASDM) visits the Group.
JULY	DB and LW successfully complete their rider NOQAs.
AUGUST	HC represents the Group at the Rocester Biker Breakfast.
SEPTEMBER	Four test passes: two riders and two drivers. The riders included LW and MB's first successes as Observers.  We attended the inaugural Trentham Classic Car Show.  Our second road trip of the year takes us to Quackers Café, Bakewell, Derbyshire.
OCTOBER	Presentation by CN on the activities and objectives of the Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes.  Two representatives PC and DB attended the IAM Roadsmart Autumn Forum in Preston.  Presentation by RG from Biker Down (training for motorcycle riders in assisting at the scene of motorcycle accidents).  A number of riders from the Group attend the Slow Riding Day courtesy of the Congleton and Macclesfield Advanced Drivers and

	Riders Group.
NOVEMBER	<p>Four test passes: three drivers and one rider.</p> <p>SP our prize draw winner from Trentham Classic Car Show is presented with an Advance Driving Course (ADC) voucher.</p>
DECEMBER	<p>The annual NSADR dinner was organised and a venue and date fixed. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at The Limedale Bar and Dine, Liverpool Road, Newcastle-u-Lyme.</p>
ASSOCIATES	<p>We had an incredible 31 new members sign up this past year, 24 drivers and 7 riders, with 2 drivers (after passing their tests) going on to the Observer programme.</p> <p>During the year we submitted 23 for test, 15 drivers and 8 riders. Two from the total failed but one has subsequently re-tested and passed and the remaining one, at the time of writing, is not far off a re-test.</p> <p>We currently have 12 Associates at different stages of the advanced driver/rider course and 2 waiting to commence. Of the 12 one is a rider.</p> <p>My slight concern for next year is that the Co-operative Community Fund monies are now gone but I am sure we can overcome this with some clever thinking and a bit of work through greater interaction with the public.</p>
OBSERVERS	<p><b>DRIVERS:</b></p> <p>This year saw a newly accredited Local Observer (LO) in PC with MW, AC and SM undergoing National Observer (NO) training. We now have 9 active or soon to be active Observers</p> <p><b>RIDERS:</b></p> <p>Three newly qualified NOs this year with LW, MB and DB joining CN. For both riders and drivers I think we have a really strong line up to take the Group forward.</p>
FINALLY	<p><b>A massive well done and thank you to you all. It's been a terrific year for us on so many levels and I look forward in going from strength to strength in 2024 with you all.</b></p> <p><b><u>THANKYOU</u></b></p> <p>January 2024.</p>

In the absence of the Group Chairman, the Vice Chairman highlighted the excellent performance of the Group during the year with a total of 23 test passes (15 drivers and 8 riders).

#### **4) Treasurer's Report**

The AGM received the Treasurer's Report and considered whether the accounts, as presented, represented a true and fair view of the financial position of NSADR. The AGM unanimously agreed this to be the case.

The AGM discussed how the remainder of the Co-operative Local Community Fund money should be used. The Group had been unsuccessful in its recent bid to obtain additional funds from the Co-operative but there were still sufficient funds to help a limited number of under 25s become either advanced riders or drivers.

#### **5) Election of Officers**

As there was only one nomination for each post of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary all the existing officers were successful in being re-elected to continue in their respective roles until the next AGM.

#### **6) Election of Committee Members**

Two members seeking re-election to the Committee were successful along with one new member. The total number of NSADR Committee Members is now 10 including elected officers.

#### **7) AOB**

The AGM discussed the 2025 annual subscription fee and agreed it should remain at £12.00 and continue on a calendar year basis with renewal reminders going out in late December.

#### **8) Date of next AGM**

The next AGM date was proposed and agreed as **Thursday 20 February 2025** to allow more time for the papers to be prepared.

The meeting closed at 20:05

**Signed .....** (Chairman)

