

Wessex Association of Driving Instructors

Minutes of the May 2025 Meeting

Held Monday 12th May 2025 7.30hrs at West Wiltshire Conservative Club

Members attending: Bridget Hollister, Sandra Belton, Neil Cook, Mike Donnelly, Geoff Storey, Andrew Holmes, Kate Andrews, Geoff Harvey

Apologies: Mike Palmer, Dave Chance, Donna Williams.

Non apology: Justin Sell-McLellan

Guests: Charlie Johnston-Osgood ADI James Sharrock PDI

Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

Agenda

Consideration of the DVSA 7 Point Plan.

It was generally considered that it was rather a lot of hot air and achieving nothing tangible to date. As for their suggestion/expectation of an improvement in six weeks, our feeling is 'No chance'!

The Honest Truth, and its benefits. Mike and Bridget both use it and find it useful, although the monthly fee is apparently increasing. Is it still good value?

Tests on Hold were discussed and various members have had differing experiences. It seems that not all DVSA staff have had, (and if they've had it have not read), the email stating that Trowbridge no longer qualifies to use this scheme. Bridget has looked into this and clearly understands more and did explain in some greater depth. Unfortunately my shorthand was not up to the task and in any case does not change the fact that at the moment obtaining a Test on Hold is a hit and miss issue. Therefore, if one wishes to use it, best advice is to call the DVSA and try booking one. You never know your luck in a raffle!

(An afterthought: It will be awkward if the DVSA do stop us using it. But if they do, should they not schedule regular 'test release' times and dates, as they do for other test centres?)

Next meeting:

Social. Thursday 12th June. 7.30pm Water Meadows.

Business. Monday 14th July 8pm Conservative Club, Trowbridge.

Meeting closed 21.00hrs

