

## Wessex Association of Driving Instructors

### Minutes of AGM 2026

Held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 8pm at West Wilts Conservative Club, Trowbridge

**Apologies:** Justin Snell-McLellan, Mark Breeze

**Members present:** Sandra Belton, Bridget Hollister, Donna Williams, Dave Chance, Andrew Holmes, Geoff Storey, Geoff Harvey, Mike Palmer, Neil Crook, Mike Donnelly, Charlie Osgood, Kate Andrews

**Minutes of previous AGM** were taken as read.

#### **Matters arising:**

At the last AGM, Mike took an action to find out if Adam Taylor and Mike Jackson wished to remain members in 2025. Adam remained a member, but was not able to attend the meetings due to other commitments. Mike Jackson remained a member for the first half of the year, but left half way through. It is not clear whether or not Adam will remain a member during 2026.

#### **Chairperson's Report**

Association started 1975 so our 50 year

We have welcomed new members always a plus for the association

Social evenings have been well attended and we had a special celebration evening for Sandra 80th and my 60th where I was extremely happy and thankful for all the chocolate gifts

We had a meeting with Andy/sue !!!!

Gave us a bit more understanding that test centre manager have no flu about how the booking system works

We did get info on car parks used on test including forward bay at end of test and reassure what they would do during Longfield road works

AI hit will doggie videos tell learners could drive without a supervision drive

DVSA - many changes - agency in crisis

Loveday resigned next day

Minister announced changed

New CEO started 5th Jan Beverley Warrington (I wish her luck)

DWP local office back ground!!!

Minor changed to booking system in 2025 increase to 10 days notice to change or cancel!

No more tests on hold for Trowbridge

Test changed normal, stops 3

Emergency stops every 7 tests

Whole test sat nav routes

Theory changed more questions on CPR and defibrillator use

More changed to come following consultation

1.8 million learners v 35000 instructors we lost !

Only candidate (customers) more friendly term! To book tests

The only control ADI will have is If customers put ADI number on booking and we have registered our preferred times or number of test per day or number of hours between test, plus won't double book us from ADI number

Local booking only to postcode, 2 changed !!! Still to,be confirmed

New booking system yet to be released DVSA have sub contracted this out

DVSA unable to recruiter or retain examiners £5000 extra salaries to stay for 12 months !

Couple of new ones at Chippenham

Recruitment drive on - best of luck with that

Civil service pay scale executive officer £29,525

And last consultation on min learning period !!!!!

DIA conference

Attended by seven of us, me Andrew, Dave, Geoff, Justin, Mike and Neil

Many thanks to drivers Justin and

Fuel expensive please give Sandra receipts

Fun evening At TGI Fridays, accommodation was as expected, premier inn

Coventry arena not as impressive and the motor museum

Loveday obviously didn't show Pauline Reeves, director of driver services represented DVSA as stand in - she didn't know much couldn't really answer question from the floor!

### **Treasurer's Report**

- £429 took in membership
- Raffle £150. All spent
- Started off in bank £968.20.
- Secretary fee £50
- Cons club for 6 meetings £120
- Website hosting, maintenance and domain registration £94.68
- In the bank £1,149.11

### **Election of officers**

Bridget nominated Dave Chance as Chair; Geoff Storey seconded; all voted him in.

Bridget nominated Geoff Harvey as Secretary; Geoff Storey seconded; all voted him in.

Sandra nominated Bridget as Social Secretary; Andrew seconded; all voted her in.

Congratulations to Dave, Geoff and Bridget in their new roles.

**Correspondence:** None

**AGM closed** at 8:30pm