

Wessex Association of Driving Instructors

Minutes of the March meeting

Held on Monday 11th May 2026 at West Wilts Conservative Club

Members present:

Dave Chance, Sandra Belton, Bridget Hollister, Geoff Harvey, Andrew Holmes, Mike Donnelly, Justin Snell-McLellan, Charlie Johnston-Osgood, Neil Crook

Apologies:

Kate Andrews, Pam West

Guests

Chairman Dave announced that Mike Donnelly had brought a guest and prospective new member to the meeting and introduced Matt Czerwinski to the group. Without hesitation Sandra advised Matt that the subs were £30 and gave him details re how to pay! The direct approach worked and Matt is now a member. Matt will be in contact with Mike Palmer shortly to supply details for the website.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

These were read to the meeting.

Matters arising

- Note was made of an update to DVSA practise, announced on a recent webinar, regarding the necessity of two people wishing to 'swap' test dates to be on the line to the DVSA at the same time. Now it appears that one party can contact the DVSA and give all required details, including those of the second party, and the DVSA will then contact that second party to confirm, after which the DVSA will make the swap and confirm to both parties.
- Chairman Chance announced that he was to submit his details to Mike Palmer in order that they can be added to the Wessex Association website.
- Bridget advised that Donna had enjoyed her retirement evening and was pleased with her retirement presents. She is now well set to enjoy her gardening without lugging tools to and from her allotment!

Discussion items

1/ Progress on the Longfield roundabout was plentiful. Having unsuccessfully visited County hall to enquire, I have since requested by email a plan of how it will be when finished, indicating the painted road markings and signage.

Bridget has a 'cunning plan' to get a contact to do a photographic flyby by drone, to gather details. Sounds more exciting than my idea! We await news on both fronts.

2/ The chairman raised the question of how the new rules are effecting the 'bots' and many anecdotes were exchanged. Once again, it's 'wait and see' as nothing is clear at this point.

However, I am instructed to ask Mike Palmer to close the Wessex 'Test Swap' WhatsApp site.

3/ There was of course the usual small group and pleasant 'chattering'. It's nice to get together!

Next meeting.

Social. Thursday 25th June, 7.30pm, The Water Meadow

Next Business meeting

Business. Monday 13th July, West Wilts Cons Club.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Signed

Dated