

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE GROUP OF ADVANCED DRIVERS AND RIDERS

(AFFILIATED TO THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS)

Group Number 3045

Registered Charity Number 1100497

Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at Werrington Village Hall on Thursday 22nd January 2026

The meeting commenced at 19:05

Present

Seventeen members attended the meeting.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1) Introductions, apologies and special announcements

The Group Secretary (acting as meeting Chair) opened proceedings by welcoming everyone to Werrington Village Hall, which is a new venue for the Group; five miles from the centre of Stoke-on-Trent. The Secretary thanked everyone present for coming out on a cold January evening to attend the Group's 60th AGM. There were 17 people present which was the highest number that had attended an AGM in the last 5 years.

The Secretary asked those present to consider putting £1 in the honesty box for parking at the venue.

The original invitation to the AGM had been issued to all members on 27th December but unfortunately had the wrong attachments relating to last year's meeting. The correct documents for this AGM had been issued on 4th January and comprised: an agenda, the Group's accounts, the Acting Chairman's report and the minutes from the previous AGM. The Secretary hoped that these were the papers that everyone had in front of them.

Apologies had been received from five members.

2) Minutes and matters arising from the AGM held in 2025

The minutes from the 59th AGM held on Thursday 20th February 2025 required no amendments.

There were no specific actions from the previous AGM, other than a discussion point recommending that the Group should hold a special event in 2026 to celebrate its 60 years of existence and seek to get an article in IAM Roadsmart's 'Headlight' to recognise the Group's longevity and achievements. This would be discussed in the following Committee Meeting.

The minutes from the last AGM were proposed and seconded.

3) Acting Chairman's Statement

The Acting Group Chairman picked out the highlights from his statement and although recognising it had been a challenging year for the Group, with a number of problems and difficulties, the Group had continued to maintain its presence on a Thursday night at Sandyford Fire Station and had been successful in achieving 19 test passes and no failures in 2025.

The Acting Group Chairman's Statement is set out in full in the attached annex to these minutes.

4) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer summarised the Group's financial position and discussed the reports that had been produced for members to consider.

No one present had any specific questions on the accounts.

Those present 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.

As in previous years the accounts would be presented to The Charity Commission in line with the rules governing charity organisations such as NSADR.

On behalf of those present the Secretary took the opportunity to thank the Group's Treasurer for his work.

5) Election of Officers

The Secretary set out the process for the election of officers (who are required to put themselves forward for election on an annual basis) to the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

As there was only one nomination for each post, all those who had put their names forward were elected to their chosen position for a further year on a show of hands with no dissensions.

The Secretary informed the AGM that at the last Committee Meeting on 23rd October 2025 it had been emphasised that the election of the Officers currently putting their names forward was to some degree sub-optimal. Only the role of Vice Chair was taken by a new nominee, with the remaining posts inhabited by a well-established Officer team, who had

been in post longer than is recommended by the IAM Roadsmart Group Handbook. In order to spread knowledge and built resilience into the Group's hierarchy, it would be important for others on the Committee to put themselves forward to serve as Officers in the future.

6) Election of Committee Members

The Secretary set out the position regarding the election of Committee Members. The rules require one-third of ordinary committee members to make themselves available for re-election every year.

-Two members up for re-election and had expressed a wish to stand again.

-There had been two new nominations received from people wishing to join the Committee.

-There were also two members of the Observer Team who had been successful in the recent recruitment for Lead Observers and were required to join the Committee as part of their new role.

-The election of all six nominees for ordinary Committee Member positions was done together on a show of hands, by members who were not themselves seeking election to any of the posts; there were no dissensions.

One member had expressed a wish to stand-down from the Committee for personal reasons. It was proposed that the AGM should take the opportunity to thank the member for his long service as an NSADR Committee Member. The AGM fully endorsed this proposal and wished him well for the future.

7) AOB

The AGM discussed the 2027 annual subscription and agreed, on a majority vote, that it should remain at £15; although there was a significant minority who felt it should be increased to £20.

The AGM agreed that the Group's articles with The Charity Commission should be changed to allow for virtual AGMs and Committee Meetings in the future. This has to be specifically stated in the articles to allow the Group to do this. The Group's usual venue on Thursday evenings (Sandyford Community Fire Station) will no longer allow the Group to hold its AGMs on their premises because they consider it to be a "corporate event", which falls outside the basis on which they allow community groups, like ours, to use their facilities.

The change to the articles to allow virtual AGMs and Committee Meetings is a back-up measure should suitable alternative premises, at a reasonable cost, not be acquired by the Group to hold such meetings in the future.

8) Date of next AGM

The AGM agreed that the Committee would establish a date for the next AGM later in 2026, based on the availability of people to attend and the procurement of a suitable venue

The meeting closed at 20:05

Signed (Chairman)

Annex

ACTING CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT 2025

| 1. CHRONICLE OF EVENTS DURING 2025 | |
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| JAN/FEB | The 2024 AGM and the first Committee Meeting of the year were both held on 20 th February. |
| MAR/APR | A presentation on 'Observation' was well received and well attended on 6 th March. We held our second Committee Meeting on 20 th March. On 6 th April we attended our first external marketing event of the year with a stall at the Star Bikers Easter Egg Run at the Kings Hall in Stoke. |
| MAY/JUN | Our third Committee Meeting was held on 15 th May at which it was necessary to appoint an Acting Chief Observer for riders for an initial period of 6 months. On 5 th June IAM Roadsmart's Area Service Delivery Manager provided the Group's Observers with a training workshop to assist with the delivery of driver/rider courses. Our second marketing event of the year was at MA Bakers Café in Shropshire on 8 th June but proved disappointing in generating any significant interest on the day. Our annual road trip to the Oil Can Café in Holmfirth on 21 st June was undersubscribed compared with previous years but nevertheless an enjoyable day out for those that attended. |
| JUL/ AUG | <p>Our fourth Committee Meeting of the year held on 10th July where we elected a new Committee Member.</p> <p>During July our longstanding Chair and Chief Observer for cars, Steve W, informed the Committee that he would be resigning from both roles as of immediate effect. Steve had been chair of the Group for six years and under his leadership the Group had move forward on a number of fronts; most notably by adding rider training to the Group's offering. On behalf of the Committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve for his contribution to the Group over a number years and the legacy he has left us.</p> <p>Due to operational difficulties we were unable to attend the Betley Car Show, as planned, on 2nd August. However, our attendance at a classic car event at Apedale on 25th August, on a sunny Bank Holiday Monday, more than made up for our absence at Betley.</p> |
| SEP/OCT | We held our fifth Committee Meeting on 4 th September. The Trentham Classic Car Show on 14 th September was again dogged by poor weather but nevertheless was successful in generating interest leading to sign-ups for courses. A talk on the 'The Art and Science of Vehicle Detailing' on |

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| | <p>25th September was well attended and proved very educational for those of us who thought that a sponge was the only way to clean a car. Two members of the Committee attended IAM Roadsmart Area Forum on 11th October in Manchester on behalf of the Group. We held a Gala Evening at the Wade Conference Centre in Hartshill on 16th October to celebrate recent driver and rider test passes, as well as the appointment of a number of qualified National Observers following the successful conclusion of their training. This was a standout event for the Group celebrating a number of recent achievements by the dedicated volunteers who comprise the Group. Our final Committee Meeting of the year was held on 23rd October. On 26th October members of the rider team attended a well-received slow riding event hosted by colleagues from Congleton and Macclesfield Advanced Drivers and Riders (CAMADAR) at the Cheshire Constabulary in Winsford. The Group intend to attend the event again in 2026.</p> |
| NOV/DEC | <p>On 27th November two members of the Observer Team provided a presentation at Stoke-on-Trent College to young people attending the uniformed and non-uniformed public service course, who might benefit from advanced car and bike training in the future. The Star Biker Christmas toy run event (30th November) at the Kings Hall was attended by Group members who distributed leaflets and provided advice on advanced driving and riding courses. This proved challenging due to the presence of a very loud live rock band!</p> |
| 2. ASSOCIATES | |
| | <p>We had 38 new associate members sign up in 2025, 26 drivers and 12 riders.</p> <p>During the year we submitted 19 for test, 12 drivers and 7 riders. 19 passed and 0 failed</p> <p>We currently have 16 Associates at different stages of the advanced driver/rider course and 0 waiting to commence.</p> |
| 3. OBSERVERS | |
| | <p>DRIVERS: We currently have a total of 13 driver Observers qualified to the national standard. With 1 in training (+ 2 on hold)</p> <p>RIDERS: We currently have a total of 2 rider Observers qualified to the national standard. With 3 in training and one person currently suspended from observing activities.</p> |
| 4. IN CONCLUSION | |
| | <p>It's been a challenging year for the Group due to personnel changes and the need to suspend one member of the Group for behaviour</p> |

incompatible with the Group's customer focussed objectives. Despite these difficulties the Group has continued to maintain a presence at Sandyford Community Fire Station on Thursday evenings throughout the year; providing drives and rides to Associates and Group Members or running special speaking events.

The Group's finances are stable under the watchful eye of our longstanding Treasurer and in 2026 we will be seeking to apply for further Co-operative Community Fund money in a bid to assist those in the under 25 age group.

The Group's media presence has been enhanced by the continuing development of the website and the introduction of a new YouTube channel. The Group's Digital Media Manager has enthusiastically driven forward these changes, as well as successfully transitioning the Group to Gmail during the year and training Committee Members and Observers in the use of the Google Workspace; which now stores the Group's training materials and other resources.

I am confident that the Group will go from strength to strength in 2026, and with the various difficult issues that we have had to confront in 2025 now behind us, we will continue to be a powerful advocate for better driver and rider standards in North Staffordshire; in what will be our 60th anniversary year.

Ian K
Acting Chair

January 2026