



## **RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders (RoADAR) Thames Valley Group January 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 AGM Summary**

Dear RoADAR Thames Valley Group (TVG) members,

We recently held our AGM on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at Theale Green School with remote access to the meeting via Microsoft Teams. Many thanks to Gemma Allen for making the meeting arrangements.

We were joined by 12 members at the meeting and a further 7 online to give a total of 19 attendees. As many members were unable to attend the AGM, we thought it would be useful to all members to have a short summary of the AGM with the important developments and decisions taken. The full AGM minutes will also be distributed to the membership for review before the next AGM.

2023 has been a good year for RoADAR TVG thank you to all members of the committee and group for their hard work and contributions in 2023. Special thanks are due to Gerry Griffin for stepping in as Treasurer when Axel Thill had to withdraw due to illness.

I am pleased to say that RoADAR TVG is in a strong financial position with Gerry reporting a surplus for the year of £3,500 and we are intending to continue to support the Driver and Rider training and tutor development as well as social and marketing events in 2024. The RoSADAR TVG accounts for 2023 were unanimously approved at the AGM.

We have recruited an additional 8 car and 7 motorcycle members to give a total of 204 active members with 17 motorcycle and 16 car tutors at present. Membership appears to have recovered from the effects of COVID-19 which is encouraging.

Thames Valley Police have recently announced that they will not be able to offer a Bike Safe programme in 2024 which will create a large gap in the recruitment programme. To address this problem we are intending to work with motorcycle dealers to see if alternative arrangements can be made as there is a strong interest in motorcycle safety.

We have had a good programme of marketing and social events in 2023, led by Gemma Allen. This will continue in 2024 and we are always looking for new ideas for events – please contact Gemma with your ideas.

Dominic Harte is taking over as Car Training Officer from Tony Parish and Paul Sheppy. Fortunately, Tony and Paul will remain on the committee to offer their advice and support. There have been 23

new associates during the year supported by 16 car tutors. There have been three tutor workshops, and skid pan training with a night driving course under development.

Graham Knight is continuing as Motorcycle Training Officer, and this is in very good health with 133 group members and 37 new associates this year. There are currently 14 motorcycle tutors with three in training and 6 externally assessed. Unfortunately, two new associates had to have their joining fee refunded in 2023 as a suitable tutor was not available. Demand remains strong for motorcycle training in the Thames Valley area and more motorcycle tutors will be helpful.

I am very pleased that we will have a full RoADAR TVG committee for 2024 which will help the group to be as effective as possible. The new committee was endorsed unanimously by the AGM:

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Group President	Peter Caton
Group Chair	David Tomlinson
Group Secretary	Steve Moxey
Group Treasurer	Gerry Griffin
Group Car Training Officer	Dominic Harte
Group Motorcycle Training Officer	Graham Knight
Group Events & Social Sec	Gemma Allen
Group Membership	Allan Craven
Webmaster	Gemma Allen
Committee Member	Paul Sheppy
Committee Member	Tony Parish

The AGM also decided that it would be more sensible to hold the next RoADAR TVG AGM on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 which will allow us to arrange a good venue and with better weather more members may be able to attend?

I will be working with Steve Moxey and Peter Caton to restart the RoADAR TVG Newsletter so that we can improve regular communication to members. This will probably include both electronic and paper options!

I am very much looking forward to 2024 as there are many opportunities for RoADAR TVG to continue our important work and for our members to make a difference to the local driving and riding communities.

Thank you to all those volunteers who make this possible and our supporters in the local community, Police and Fire and Rescue Services as well. We are always looking for new ideas so if you think of anything please get in touch.

David Tomlinson  
Chair, RoSPA Thames Valley Group