

SE Group of Advanced Motorists

62nd Annual General Meeting

18 March 2025

The Chair opened the AGM by welcoming everyone to the 62nd AGM and thanked the 24 members for coming to the new venue, The Warren.

Apologies for Absence

The Secretary announced that we had received 6 apologies as follows: Paul and Denise Atkins, Lee Arnold, Duncan Garrett, Derek Hawes and Sheila Lilly.

Minutes of the 61st AGM

The Chair referred to the minutes of the last AGM which, together with the annual accounts, had been issued on entry to the meeting. He asked if there were any matters arising and, when there were not, called for a proposer and seconder from those gathered to accept the minutes. Jean Biggs proposed and was seconded by Gill Donnelly.

The Chair's Report

Firstly, 4 Group Nights were arranged during the year, the first being the AGM when, unfortunately, the guest speaker, Stuart Haythorn, had Covid and was unable to attend. In June, member John Ward brought his motorcycle along and gave a short presentation. He was

followed by the local IAM Roadsmart Examiner Colin Underwood who spoke on all things regarding the test. In September, we had a presentation by Trevor Sayer from the SERV Kent Bloodrunners for whom we collected and donated £112.50. We finished the year with our usual Christmas Quiz held at Beckenham Public Hall since we had received notice in November that Crofton Halls would no longer be available to us due to it being converted into a Sports Centre.

The Group had a stand at the Pratts Bottom Fair in May and also at the Chelsfield Village Fair in July. Recruitment was good at both venues.

Finally, we issued 4 editions of our quarterly magazine SEGMENT.

The Chair then said he wished to thank the following people:

The outgoing Committee comprising Peter Gray, Phil Grohmann, Steve Ewing, Duncan Garrett, Jonathan Eaton and Ken Moore for all their help and support over the last year.

The Welcome Session Team consisting of Jonathan Eaton, Carol Flowerday, Tony Clark and Christine Groves for making the new Associates feel at ease during the introduction to the Group.

Steve Ewing for running the Associate Scheme and all the Observers who give up their Saturday and Sunday

mornings as well as their own time in between the drives to prepare the Associates for the test.

Paul Hinkley for organizing the refreshments at Group Nights plus he and Will Kirner for organizing the parking at Pratts Bottom on Drive mornings; and Vince Taylor for overseeing the signing-in book.

Thanks also to Jean Biggs for arranging the use of the GEA Hall.

Finally the Chair thanked all of the members for their continued support without which the Group could not survive.

The Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer took members through the accounts. There was a question from Jean Biggs about the increase in the Observer scheme from £725 to £1,873. He explained that the entry for 2024 now included the cost of the hall hire at the Pratts Bottom Village Hall and the GEA Hall for the Associate Drives, whereas the entry for "Room Hire" comprised only the cost of venue hire for the quarterly group meetings.

Centre Manager's Report

2024 saw the Group maintain numbers of Associates with an average of 33 active throughout the year. This enabled us to run drives at both Centres at Pratts Bottom and Petts Wood each month.

A total of 313 drives have been conducted at the Centres. 259 have been Associate drives and 54 have been Welcome Session drives. Additionally, a number of Observers have given extra one-to-one drives in their own time which increases the figure further. We achieved 16 passes with 4 1sts.

2024 has seen our Local Observers go through their conversion assessments to National Observer. All were successful and completed within the timescale required.

The success of the scheme is very much down to the expertise and commitment of the Observer and Welcome Session Teams. The Group thanks them for their hard work throughout the year.

Election of the New Committee

Chair: John Biggs proposed by Phil Grohmann and seconded by Duncan Garrett. Approval was proposed by Ken Moore and this was confirmed by a show of hands.

Secretary: Peter Gray proposed by Phil Grohmann and seconded by Jonathan Eaton. Approval was proposed by Vincent Taylor and this was confirmed by a show of hands.

Treasurer: Philip Grohmann proposed by Jonathan Eaton and seconded by Duncan Garrett. Approval was proposed by Phyl Denton and this was confirmed by a show of hands.

Committee Members: Steve Ewing (John Biggs and Phil Grohmann), Jonathan Eaton (Duncan Garrett and John Biggs), Duncan Garrett (Steve Ewing and John Biggs) and Ken Moore (John Biggs and Steve Ewing). Approval to all was proposed by Vincent Taylor and this was confirmed by a show of hands.

AOB

Ken Moore issued a request for suggestions for Group Night speakers. Anyone who had ideas was invited to get in touch.

There being no other matters, the meeting concluded at 2016 hours.

Tea and biscuits were followed by a most interesting presentation by Amanda Smith, Head of Field Service Delivery Region 2.

Peter Gray

Secretary

25 March 2025