

The LDIA - News Update

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Well Happy New Year everyone, hope you had a nice one.

Remember that February's meeting is the AGM and subs will be due. Also the DLSAS forms will need signing again for another year in the scheme. While I'm on the subject of the DLSAS, at the next meeting in January (yes that's next Tuesday at the usual place) our guest speaker will be.....and you all know him.....it's..... Mike Bell our DLSAS coordinator. The DLSAS terms and conditions have been revamped and changes have been made. Mike will be explaining these changes in detail. So make sure your there and then you know what you are committing yourself to by joining the DLSAS.

Also at the AGM the election of Officers (WOW) will take place, so if you want to be part of that, please let us know at the next meeting on Tuesday. Paul will be doing the forms for voting.

Okay, every once in a while, a member buys a nice new shiny car. Well below is a picture of Steve Telford's new one, looks a bit big for him, don't you think?



Is that a one seater Steve? Will your roof sign fit on the top? Nice one Steve. If you have an amusing picture or story and would like it in the newsletter,

send it to yours truly at derekadi@aol.com

New speed camera rules to improve transparency Local authorities and the police will have to publish full information about speed cameras, under proposals announced by Road Safety Minister Mike Penning today. By April 2011 the Government wants information about cameras to be easily available to the public. This could include data about accident rates at camera sites, vehicle speeds and the numbers of motorists prosecuted or offered training after offences recorded by cameras. Mike Penning said: "Public bodies should be accountable and if taxpayers' money is being spent on speed cameras then it is right that information about their effectiveness is available to the public. "The proposals I have announced today will help show what impact cameras are having on accident and casualty rates and also how the police are dealing with offenders. This is in line with our commitment to improve transparency of government data so that the public are able to make more informed judgements about the work of local and central government." The Department will be working with police and local authority representatives as well as the **Highways Agency to discuss the details of what should be published and how. The final requirements will then be confirmed in time for publication in April 2011.**

Ealing scraps motorbikes in bus lanes trial, The London Borough of Ealing was this week expected to scrap an experiment that has allowed motorbikes to use bus lanes. According to *Local Transport Today*, Ealing has trialled the policy on borough roads for two years but the council's cabinet member for transport and environment, Bassam Mahfouz, has said he wants to bring the experiment to an end before it causes a death or serious injury. Slightly confusingly, Westminster City Council allows motorcycles in some bus lanes.

Polish road safety is improving fast According to the Polish General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways (GDDKiA), Poland's road safety record is improving fast. Official figures for January to November 2010 show that the number of fatalities dropped to 1,370, down from 2,000 in 2007. Accident numbers have also been reduced from 10,500 to 8,700. Note from editor I wonder if that is because most of them drive over here. **You will find that there are no minutes in this news update as we had the Kiddies Xmas party last month.**

Next Meeting is on Tues 8.00pm 11th January at the Corpus Christi CMC Halton Moor Avenue LS9 0HB

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