



## High Wycombe Group of Advanced Motorists

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020

May I welcome you all to the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the High Wycombe Group of Advanced Motorists which we are conducting using the Zoom facility. This is my first as Chairman and my report of activities through the year is clearly not the one I had been hoping for as the year has been devastated by the effects of the coronavirus.

Firstly, I am extremely saddened to tell you that our Secretary, Matti Alderson, who was unable to join us last year because she was forced to give priority to medical treatment, passed away unexpectedly in September. Matti was Secretary for five years, was a lovely person to know and carried out her tasks in a very professional and competent manner.

Valerie Brickell who had been covering for Matti very kindly stepped up to take the Secretary's position and I am in the process of handing over my position of Treasurer to Tim Nicholson. As well as Keith Chanter standing down as Chairman, Viv Silverman stood down as a committee member as he has moved house and transferred to our neighbouring Aylesbury group area. We are therefore looking fairly urgently for new committee members! I can assure you that being on committee is not onerous or time-consuming and is not a "job for life"! If you would like to join the team, please contact the Secretary as per the instructions shown on the Election of Officers form included in the AGM notice pack. Other members are Andrew True (Chief Observer), Jan Caddie (Membership Secretary), Sean Pearce (Website) and Nigel Mason. I should like to thank all the committee for their hard work during what was quite a difficult year.

We now have only 5 National Observers as both Don Firminger and Viv Silverman moved away during the year, but we retained our 9 Local Observers, some of whom may step up during 2021. I should like to thank all our observers for their efforts, willingness and readiness to observe although to a large extent thwarted by the restrictions imposed on us. If you are interested in becoming an observer please contact Andrew True (Chief Observer).

Although there was very little time to have any observed drives because of the lockdowns and other covid restrictions, we did manage three passes, one of which was a F1RST, and I congratulate the associates and observers involved.

During the year we had to complete an IAM RoadSmart audit questionnaire and we achieved a satisfactory competency in the areas being assessed. However, as a result we have produced our own local group handbook for use by the committee and observers for which I should particularly like to thank Nigel Mason and Andrew True, and having completed that they produced a Local Observer Onboarding guide booklet which complements the Associate Mentoring Plan Observer Guide issued at the beginning of 2020. We should certainly be in good shape when observing restarts!

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Our planned Ultimate Car Control day on 4<sup>th</sup> April which was eagerly anticipated by 30 members and associates unfortunately had to be postponed but we are intending to hold it as soon as the covid restrictions are lifted and everyone feels relaxed about the risks involved. Please do contact me if you would like to join us. No other social events were held during the year but we are looking at some possibilities this year starting with an online quiz in May.

Let's look forward to a much improved 2021!

Peter Gunn - Chairman