

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

held on Tuesday 8 April 2025

at Moulton Community Centre, Sandy Hill Lane, Moulton
NN3 7AX

		Present	Approximately 33 members of the Northampton Advanced Motorists Group were in attendance.
1.		Introduction	The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30hrs and thanked everyone for attending.
2.		Apologies for absence	Manja Ronne, Arthur Hawker, Hilary Aslett, Allan Hamilton, Barry Turland, Terry Bream, Roger Loomes and Michael Leonard.
3.		Minutes of the last meeting	Howard Main, Group Secretary, presented minutes from the 2024 AGM which were shown on screen as hard copies were unavailable.
3a.		Matters arising	The minutes were proposed by David Reeves and seconded by Rod Wyles as a true record.
4.		Chairman's address	The Group Chairman, Steve Groves, reported that the group continued to be very busy and thanked the volunteers, observers, and committee members for their hard work and another successful year. This was reflected in the award given to the group by Head Office. Steve informed the meeting that he had taken up a new role with Northamptonshire Police and was continuing the group's efforts on road safety – he will be a member of the Safer Roads Team operating one of the county's speed vans. Steve presented figures for the group until the end of Jan 2005: • 96 free check drives • 93 mature drivers hints and tips drives • 43 free motorway assessments at the event with Northants Police • 4 NSRA mature driver roadshows

		• 2 NSRA CarKraft events • 1 RoadPeace event • 49 new associates • 42 test passes, including 16 with 'firsts' • 1 local observer became a national observer • 2 observers passed their national tests This has been a huge team effort, and thanks are given to all involved. Other groups have asked what NAM does to make it such a successful group, and Steve says that it is due to the commitment and enthusiasm of the observers, volunteers, and committee members. There will be more CarKraft events for young drivers in June and September 2025 as well as a planned CarKraft for mature drivers. There have been many events attended by the group and many more coming in the next year – RoadPeace, Emergency Services Days, and Classic Car shows. Jane Monk continues to be out and about, working hard to find locations for the group to promote itself. The mobile unit at Wootton Hall was damaged and found to be coming towards the end of its life during the repair process. During an event in August, it was further noted that it was unsuitable to be moved and has now been retired from events; confined to base to see out its days outside police headquarters. Funding could not be secured for a replacement, and a branded gazebo has therefore been purchased for future events. There have been many social events organised by Rod Wyles and enjoyed by members and the committee alike. There has been a first aid evening, ten pin bowling, and the always popular Christmas breakfast. It is hoped that there will be archery, more first aid, go karting, axe throwing, rifle shooting and climbing in the coming year. Support is not always forthcoming, and it would be great to see more attending these events. Family and friends are always welcome. As ever, suggestions will be gratefully received.
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5.		Treasurer's presentation of accounts & appointment of auditors	Henny Cameron, Group Treasurer, reported that NAM is still solvent and that finances remain in a healthy position, with an overall surplus in the accounts. Donations from the mature drivers' events, gift aid, and the auditor's fee has been handed over to charities, including the Air Ambulance. The group now receives £40 per associate which is an increase from £36 previously. Whilst there are promotional items left over from last year, expenditure has been required to cover an increase in insurance, uniform for observers, fuel to attend regional meetings, and food at the motorway day. There has been a top up grant received from the Office of the Fire, Police, and Crime Commissioner which allows £100 to be refunded to each new young driver who passes their advanced test. £1000 has been moved to the MOC (mobile unit) fund which makes a total of £7500, more than enough to cover the cost of the new gazebo. It was unanimously agreed to reappoint Robert Bowden as auditor.
6.		Observers' report	David Reeves presented information regarding observers and training. There are 10 classroom sessions per year, and his 'assistant' Mrs Trellis has joined the modern world and has her own mobile phone. All members are welcome to attend. All local observers have attained national observer status – a huge achievement for the group. There are now qualified 11 observers with another 3 or 4 waiting to join the group, but more are always needed. It would be lovely to welcome some ladies and younger observers to balance out the current mostly 'men of a certain age' demographic. Thanks are given to all mentors too who support trainee observers. On the 'to do' list is the plan for observer meetings which will again be planned for the year and will aim to share updates, good practices, and consistency.
7.		Election of Officers & Committee members	The three group officials – Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary – must be re-elected annually. All current officers were happy to stand for election again: • Chairman Steve Groves • Treasurer Henny Cameron

			• Secretary Howard Main Each officer was proposed and seconded and duly re-appointed by the members present. <table><tr><td>Steve Groves</td><td>Proposed by Seconded by</td><td>Aiden Ward Rod Wyles</td></tr><tr><td>Henny Cameron</td><td>Proposed by Seconded by</td><td>Steve Groves Aiden Ward</td></tr><tr><td>Howard Main</td><td>Proposed by Seconded by</td><td>Alan Brown John Norrie</td></tr></table> Three committee members were seeking re-election, a process which must take place every 3 years. • Colin Tarry • Ian Phillips • Alan Brown Again, each member was proposed and seconded, and duly re-appointed to the committee by the members present. <table><tr><td>Colin Tarry</td><td>Proposed by Alan Brown Seconded by John Norrie</td></tr><tr><td>Ian Phillips</td><td>Proposed by Aiden Ward Seconded by Simon Cockayne</td></tr><tr><td>Alan Brown</td><td>Proposed by John Norrie Seconded by Rod Wyles</td></tr></table> The committee would always like to welcome new members.	Steve Groves	Proposed by Seconded by	Aiden Ward Rod Wyles	Henny Cameron	Proposed by Seconded by	Steve Groves Aiden Ward	Howard Main	Proposed by Seconded by	Alan Brown John Norrie	Colin Tarry	Proposed by Alan Brown Seconded by John Norrie	Ian Phillips	Proposed by Aiden Ward Seconded by Simon Cockayne	Alan Brown	Proposed by John Norrie Seconded by Rod Wyles
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8.	Any other business		No matters were raised.															
9.	Closure of formal business		With there being nothing else to discuss, the meeting was concluded at 20:05 hrs.															
10.	Presentations		Following the close of formal activities, there were several presentations to be made. Test pass certificates were presented to: • John Crane • Carol Pullen • Graham Newman • Denise Hunt															

			• Roger Aston • William Traynor – Kean A first class pass certificate was present to: • John William Norfolk IMI National passes have been achieved by: • Carole Mold – local to national observer • Howard Main • Simon Cockayne The work and success of observers was acknowledged with the presentation of badges: • Gordon Johns 5 passes • Rod Wyles 10 passes • Alan Brown 25 passes • David Reeves 25 passes PC Emilie Bunkall presented special recognition awards for long service to the group: • Ian Phillips 33 years • Colin Tarry 30 years • Alan Brown 22 years All observers received a goodie bag, the contents of which was purchased with the money from the Head Office award. The main award, that of the Caithness Rosebowl, was given to Gordon Johns, who has attended all but one of the promotional events and has been a great help to mentor and train new observers.
11.	Guest speaker		Those in attendance were able to listen to a very interesting presentation from Emilie regarding her work in road safety and with the RoadPeace charity.