

## Life on 2 wheels since IAM's

What's IAM's all about? Well I joined in October 2016, did 9 observed rides with my Observer Geoff and passed my test on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016, A nice Christmas present to myself!! Yippee!!!

Previous to this I had ridden bikes for nearly 35 years and enjoyed every minute. I passed my test in 1982 which involved the examiner patting you on the helmet saying, "Do a few laps 'round block lad!! " I duly picked up my certificate thereafter.

Things have changed dramatically since then, more cars, more powerful bikes, use of mobile phones at the wheel along with a multitude of distractions. The roads are a lot more dangerous than when I passed my test in 1982.

With IAM training my own riding has changed bigtime, My forward observation has improved dramatically, resulting in better and safer progress. I have improved bike control along with an better all round awareness of what's happening around me. So its been a very worthwhile journey.

I have also met some great people along the way, some who have become friends and riding buddies and clubnight is always a time to catch-up with like minded people.

I have also participated in numerous ride outs as well as an overnight trip. Long may it continue!

A positive step made by me! in becoming a safer, more progressive and challenged rider. Big Smiles All Round!!!!

Im now a "Thinking Rider"