

Bournemouth & Dorset Advanced Drivers



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Pay per mile

Earlier this month it was suggested by the motoring press that a new form of vehicle taxation could have been coming our way, but as we approach the end of September, I gather that idea has been quashed. Still there is plenty of time for a government U-turn! Those of us who currently drive ICE vehicles are already on a variable rate of pay-per-mile based on the economy of our vehicle, plus we pay a yearly set price based on the emissions.

Figures for those driving electric vehicles is a total minefield from what I can gather, there is currently no yearly 'vehicle duty' (or what ever you'd like to call it). In addition, the cost per unit of electricity used to charge the vehicle can vary depending on when you charge, and even if you have solar/PV panels (basically you could have in essence free motoring, minus vehicle wear and tear if you play the game well). Maybe someone who is an electric car driver would like to chime in as I am sure they are much more versed with how it really works out, rather than me guessing! Free motoring I am sure would be a dream, but we can't all have a road network for free - sooner or later someone needs to pay, and I guess that is the real point: who, how, how much and how to make it fair.

I'm rather short on time again this issue (too busy at work to day off this month - so minimal ramblings from me) I'll put a plea out for future months, are there any articles which you feel may make for interesting reading or discussing by our members.

Stay safe & happy motoring,

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New Associate Members of the Bournemouth & Dorset Group

We welcome the following new Associate members who have recently joined the Group. Observer allocations, where known are shown below:

Anastasia Herring	-	(pending)
Paul Dytham	-	(pending)

IAM Test passes for the Group

Congratulations to our latest Full members of the Bournemouth & Dorset Group who have recently passed their IAM RoadSmart test:

Aiden Guttridge	John Graves
Hannah Challis (F1RST)	Nigel Bailey
John Saunders	Mark Bister
Mae-Lynn Dearlove (F1RST)	Sue Witcher
Paul Lucas	Aila Peacock

Great driving and thanks to our Observer Team for helping you achieve your pass.

Group Annual Membership fee

As previously communicated for existing members of the Bournemouth & Dorset Group or the Dorset Group we shall be looking to shortly collect our first membership renewal payment. Back in July those with Standing Orders set up were asked to change the date to the 1st December. Anyone who didn't confirm this change will shortly be asked to set up a New Standing order.

At the same time, we shall take the opportunity to review the Gift Aid form we hold, so will be asking all those who are eligible for us claim Gift Aid on your membership to complete the form. As always thank you for your continued support of the Group.

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Forthcoming Social events

3rd October 2024

Allyson Moore from Dorset Police will be talking to the Group about various police matters.

Time: Doors open from 1900

Location: Wimborne Town Football Club, Ainsley Road, Wimborne BH21 2FU

Drinks can be purchased from the bar from 1900, talk starts at 1930. Accessing Wimborne Town football club can be a bit of a fine art. Recommended access is to follow Lonsdale Road (from the B3073) through the new housing estate, and then turn left onto Ainsley Road, and park in the ground's carpark on the right.

As always the latest information about Group Social evenings can be found on our website at: <https://www.bdiam.org.uk/social-events/>

Younger motorists now make up more than a third of all dangerous drivers

from the IAM Blogs

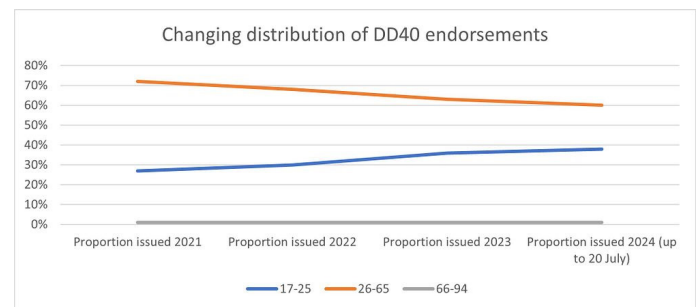


- Shocking new figures show that despite making up under a tenth of all drivers, those aged 17-25 are responsible for 38% of dangerous driving endorsement
- More than 6,300 drivers aged 17-25 have had DD40 (Dangerous Driving) endorsements added to their licence since 2021

Young drivers aged between 17-25 now make up more than a third (38%) of all new dangerous driving endorsements despite this age group accounting for just 7% of all full licence holders*, according to new fig-

ures analysed by the UK's leading road safety charity IAM RoadSmart.

Analysed data* gathered through a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to the DVLA (GB data) reveals that in 2021, a total of 1,585 drivers aged between 17-25 inclusive were issued with DD40 (dangerous driving) endorsements on their licences, making up just over a quarter (27%) of all issued. By 2023, this had increased to 1,928 new endorsements, meaning the proportion of new DD40s for this age group had risen to 36% of all issued. Up to 1st June 2024, there were a total of 1,128 new endorsements, accounting for an astounding 38% of the total issued.



According to the data from the DVLA, those drivers aged between 26-65 accounted for 72% of new DD40 endorsements, with 4,130 added to this age group in 2021. This dropped to 3,378 in 2023, which translated into a proportion of 63% overall. This has fallen further to 60% as of 1st June 2024. Drivers above the age of 66 represent the smallest overall proportion with just 1% of this age group picking up points for dangerous driving between 2021-24. Between 2021 and 2024, the youngest driver with a DD40 endorsement was aged just 13-years-old, well before the legal age of being able to start driving a car. The oldest was 94.

A DD40 is the police endorsement code issued on a licence for dangerous driving*. The number of points can vary from three to eleven depending on the seriousness of the offence and must stay on the licence for four years from the date of the conviction. According to the police*, these are issued when the way a person drives falls far below what would be expected of a competent and careful driver; or if it would be obvious to a competent and careful driver that driving the vehicle in its current state would be dangerous. Typically, this could include behaviours such as:

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AGE GROUPING	2021	Proportion issued	2022	Proportion issued	2023	Proportion issued	2024 (up to 1 June)	Proportion issued
Under-17s	2	<1%	14	<1%	39	1%	45	2%
17-25	1,585	27%	1,677	30%	1,928	36%	1,128	38%
26-65	4,130	72%	3,772	68%	3,378	63%	1,785	60%
66-94	59	1%	50	1%	55	1%	34	1%
TOTAL	5,776		5,513		5,400		2,992	

- speeding, racing, or driving aggressively
- ignoring traffic lights, road signs or warnings from passengers
- overtaking dangerously
- driving under the influence of drink or drugs, including prescription drugs
- driving when unfit, including having an injury, being unable to see clearly, not taking prescribed drugs, or being sleepy
- knowing the vehicle has a dangerous fault or an unsafe load
- distractions may also cause dangerous driving

Research shows that young people in particular are reckless drivers, with a recent IAM RoadSmart commissioned survey* of 1,000 drivers aged 18-26 revealing that more than a third admit to either filming, taking photos or doing both while driving, with almost one-in-ten (8%) admitting to racing friends on a public road.

According to the Department of Transport, one in five drivers crash within one year of passing their driving test, with nearly 5,000 people killed or seriously injured from a crash involving a young driver in 2022.*

In August 2024, IAM RoadSmart hosted a young drivers' skills day session at Thruxton circuit as part of the charity's efforts to upskill younger people on how to become better drivers in a variety of disciplines. The charity also runs Advanced Driving courses throughout the year to help drivers and bikers of all ages improve their skills on the road.

IAM RoadSmart Director of Policy and Standards, Nicholas Lyes said:

“Something is going awry with driving standards among younger drivers when they now account for well over a third of all new dangerous driving endorsements while at the same time making up a small proportion of overall licence holders.

“A form of graduated driver licensing (GDL) should now be considered as part of an updated road safety strategy. We strongly believe that training, upskilling, and wider experience will foster better responsibility and decision making which will make our roads safer.

“However, this should not be the end of it: By extending the learning period and introducing a probationary period, younger drivers themselves must reap the financial benefit of reduced motor insurance premiums and the Chancellor can play a significant role by waiving insurance premium tax on policies that have been taken out through a GDL scheme or a similar training course.

“We maintain our call for social media companies to take more immediate action by promptly taking down uploaded content where law-breaking is being caught on a mobile phone in a moving vehicle.”

* for links to all sources used, please visit the IAM website: <https://media.iamroadsmart.com/pressreleases/younger-motorists-now-make-up-more-than-a-third-of-all-dangerous-drivers-3343696>

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