



# Regional Coordinator Newsletter March 2026

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Welcome to my March 2026 newsletter. The new season is well underway. Tutors will be making themselves available to their new Associates and some existing Associates who started training last year. Those new Associates will be reading Roadcraft and the Highway Code, and wondering what it is all about. Group committees will have organised their 2026 calendar of events and meetings.

It may seem to some, that RoADAR (*and other similar organisations*) are a bunch of 'old fogeys' preaching-on about following the 'boring' safety rules. It is safe to say, that those with this viewpoint, are very unlikely to want to ever improve their skills. After all, 'Road accidents happen to other people!'

Who we [RoADAR] are and what we do has never been so important. Road collisions statistics in the UK and Ireland are no longer dropping and are currently plateauing. Vehicles are faster and heavier. Road [UK] conditions are deteriorating rapidly. Road Policing [UK] has virtually disappeared from view. Driving and riding defensively and learning advanced skills are becoming a necessity.

Advanced Driving and Riding are not just enhanced skills, but are becoming 'Survival Skills'.

## This month's discussion Topic.

### **Extract from Group Training Resource.**

The following extract is from my updated Group Training Resource which references Roadcraft 2025.

#### **ADVANCED DRIVER-ASSISTANCE SYSTEMS (ADAS). Roadcraft Chapter 2**

This is a new chapter in Roadcraft 2025. The chapter does provide a broad explanation of the purpose of ADAS and the benefits to the driver. It also gives a generic explanation of the technology in more detail.

Roadcraft (p25) suggests that drivers should not rely on the technology but to treat it as additional information available to better make decisions "Don't assume they can make judgement calls or replace the need for a fully attentive driver". Advanced drivers should know what ADAS their vehicle has and understand fully, the specific functionality and when to employ it while driving their model of vehicle. (See Maintaining Vehicle Stability: Roadcraft Chapter 8)

Drivers need this knowledge and to understand the importance of regular maintenance (cleaning sensors) and (if necessary, after damage) recalibration, for optimal performance and safety. Neglecting these tasks can lead to inaccurate readings, false alerts, and malfunctioning, compromising the vehicle's safety. ADAS recalibration refers to the process of adjusting and verifying the functionality of sensors and cameras installed in modern vehicles. Proper recalibration ensures that these systems function accurately and effectively, minimising the risk of accidents and ensuring the safety of drivers and passengers. ADAS recalibration is typically performed after a collision repair or replacement of a vehicle's damaged windscreen, and may require specialized equipment and expertise to complete.



## Additional RoADAR topics



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- 🗨️ RoSPA Testing: Eleven RoSPA tests were taken In February in Scotland. There were three tests taken during January in the Republic of Ireland. There were no tests taken in North Cumbria and South West Scotland during February, and there were also no tests taken in Northern Ireland.
- 🗨️ Regional Coordinator: As your Regional Coordinator I am happy to support both RoADAR group members and RoSPA members with membership advice and advanced training advice. I am available at the contact methods below.
- 🗨️ ScORSA – All previous webinars are now available online. The next Road Safety Hour is scheduled for Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2026. All these webinars are free to join and as excessive speed remains a leading cause of crashes involving work-related driving this webinar is entitled 'Speed'. You can register online.
- 🗨️ Ayrshire Road Alliance are in the process of organising an 'iDRIVE event' for International Day of Older People on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October in Ayr Town Hall.
- 🗨️ I would like to ask all motorcycle members to remember if you have recently purchased new PPE, please consider donating your unused but useable PPE to a young rider who may not have the finances to purchase proper PPE.

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