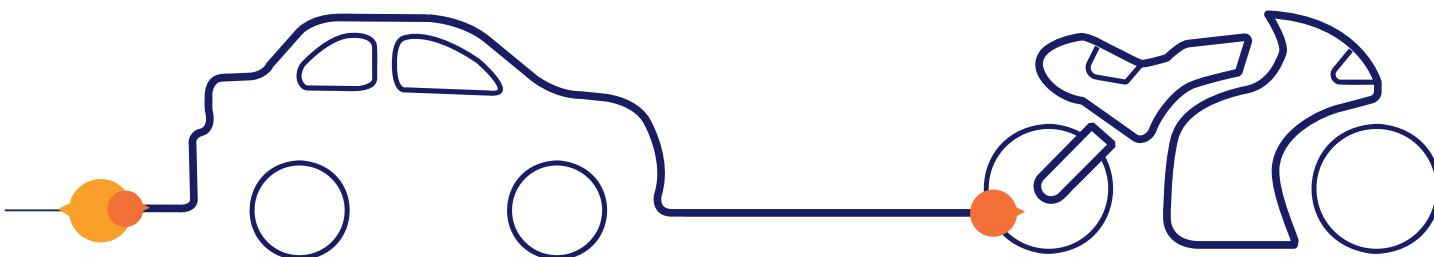




Regional Coordinator Newsletter November 2025

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Welcome to my November 2025 newsletter. Winter is raising its head above the horizon. The temperatures here in Scotland have plummeted. I expect there may be some motorcycle members thinking about keeping their machines in the garage now, until after the worst of the winter. No matter where you are, stay alert and safe when out and about.

Ayrshire Road Alliance ran a second 2025 iDrive event on Saturday the 15th of November in the Council Headquarters in Kilmarnock. There were Presentations from Police Scotland Road Policing – ‘Winter Driving and Drink /Drug Driving’; Road Safety Scotland ‘Good Egg Safety – Child Car Seats’; British Horse Society ‘Lose the Blinkers’; RoSPA ‘Benefits of Further Driver Training’ and Angela McShane ‘Life After a Serious Crash’

Activities for those attending included Online mock Highway Code test; Hazard perception test; Brake reaction testing; Road Safety Scotland's Driver MOT Roadshow; Observed drive with an advanced driver tutor (RoADAR and IAMRoadSmart) and non-alcoholic drink tasting and a prize draw.

Although the attendance could have been improved, those who did attend, gave excellent feedback.

Congratulations to Ayrshire Road Alliance for running the event for all drivers in Ayrshire. This year they have supported drivers (twice) and motorcyclists to review their driving/riding skills.

This month's discussion Topic.

Headlight Glare. The facts.

The UK Road Research Laboratory, (now privatised and called TRL) has investigated headlight glare and reported to the UK DfT their findings. The investigation was in two parts.

1. A survey was undertaken with 1,850 UK drivers matched to the age and gender split of the licence-holding population in the UK. These drivers answered questions about their own experiences of glare when driving. The survey findings indicated that the driving public perceive glare from vehicle headlamps to be an important and widespread issue when driving at night. More than half of drivers reported either having stopped or reduced driving at night (or would if they could) due to headlamp glare.
2. An instrumented trial car (left-hand drive) was used to collect data from the usual driver eye position while driving at night. Analysis of the data from the instrumented car revealed that reported glare was associated with high levels of luminance in the scene, with particular locations and particular positions (pitch and roll) of the trial vehicle.

If you want to read the report here is a link –

<https://www.trl.co.uk/Uploads/TRL/Documents/PPR2072---Glare-from-vehicle-lighting-on-UK-roads---Supplementary-literature-review.pdf>

There are also a set of FAQ's associated with the report –

https://www.trl.co.uk/Uploads/TRL/Documents/TRL_Glare%20FAQs_final.pdf

The report raises more questions than it answers but you may find it interesting.



Additional RoADAR topics



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- 🗨️ RoSPA Testing: Nineteen RoSPA tests were taken in October in Scotland. There were two tests taken during October in the Republic of Ireland. While there were two tests taken in North Cumbria and South West Scotland and, also two taken in Northern Ireland.
- 🗨️ ScORSA –The November Road Safety Hour was entitled ‘Winter Driving and Tyre Safety’ All previous webinars are now available online.
- 🗨️ 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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