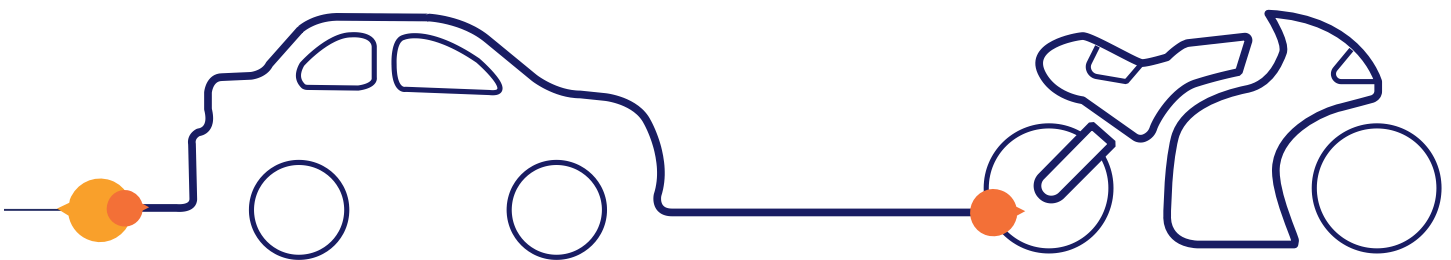




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Introduction

A month into the role as regional coordinator and I am still trying to find my feet and enjoying being part of the team.

I have spoken to some committee members from some of the groups and found great enthusiasm and dedication. I have been asked questions and sometimes been able to give an answer that hopefully was helpful.

The main points being are we going to have a regional get together; I think this would be a good idea and a chance for us to share ideas. I am open to suggestions as to the format and location of a future meeting.

Another question was on the format of the test. I am an examiner myself and have my own style for conducting tests, obviously within ROSPA's guidelines. The method I use is to attempt to put the candidate at ease at the first possible moment. Then eye sight test, documents, and a few rules about speed limits and riding/driving for yourself. With a motorcycle test I then tell the candidate a couple of places that I would like them to ride to, I will have hopefully checked that this can be done by reading sign posts. I also suggest a place to stop normally a café of some type for the de brief.

I have over the years had complaints about examiners trying to use radios, or giving direction by the use of the examiners indicators. Also the way the examiner checks to see what



knowledge the candidate has on Roadcraft and the highway code. The examiner themselves should also ride correctly. Once again I would like to hear the different views in relation generally to the motorbike tests. In car tests it is a little easier for obvious reasons.

I am looking forward to meeting up with a few groups this month

Thanks Martin Powell
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