

# SDIA Chairmans Statement

## AGM 2014

With another successful year for SDIA I would first like to thank both the committee members who keep SDIA organised and make sure the various events take place. Also a thank you to our members who regularly attend our events and meetings. A special thank you goes to Vice Chairman, Nigel Hocking, who lets us use his house for committee meetings.

The AGM is a good time to review our Constitution and see if we are meeting our objectives.

Our objectives are to:

- enable instructors to meet socially and professionally at least quarterly.
  - *We have held quarterly meetings over this year.*
- organise and hold, at least, an annual Christmas party or other similar event.
  - *We organised a family barbecue last summer at Queen Elizabeth Country Park. Plenty of fun and games and the sun shone as well.*
- organise at least two main CPD events each year and provide attendance certificates, where appropriate
  - *There has been CPD content at our quarterly meetings and we have provided certificates.*
- keep instructors up to date and well informed about developments within our industry by promoting relevant publications and websites.
  - *We have aimed to do this through meetings, our Facebook group and website.*

I am pleased we are meeting these objectives.

This year we renewed membership of the ADI NJC. We believe the benefits available to SDIA members are good value including:

- A dedicated team
- Assistance and Guidance
- Legal Advice
- Information Exchange
- Free meetings throughout the year
- Representing Your Views
- CPD and Training Opportunities
- Discounts
- National Conference

The full list of benefits can be found on our website.

We have raised £250 for the road safety charity Brake thanks to the generosity of members. In addition to Brake we will also be raising money for The Rainbow Centre Fareham over the next year. A local charity supporting children with Cerebral Palsy and adults with a stroke, MS and Parkinson's disease, adult Cerebral Palsy, Head Injury and their families. The centre is used by an SDIA member for help and support with his disabled child.

Over the coming year we will be continuing along the same path. We always appreciate ideas and comments from members. Members are welcome to volunteer to join the committee if they wish to contribute further.

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