

Riding & Road Safety Report - West Midlands Regional Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Stoneleigh in the midst of moving whilst the rebuilding is taking place, is causing additional stress for the Safety Office as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 the Riding & Road safety exams will come under the aegis of the Training Department. The timing of this change comes in the middle of the two-year rolling training programme, but assurance has been made that the existing presenters will be continuing to give continuity until the end of the programme at least.

Graham Cory did state that he hoped to reduce exam fees and increase examiners' fees in line with other examiners, but by the time this was received in print the caveat of there being enough funding had been added, which does lead to an element of doubt to cloud his rosy vision. If Riding & Road Safety is to on an equal footing to the other exams it does raise the thorny issue of payment to centres, this so far has not been mentioned.

Hereford's problems appear to be resolving and happily Sue Postans is back as the county rep., already with a risk assessment for a new venue. Staffs' new examiner has already been used and is booked already for another exam in February. Needless to say more examiners are needed, hopefully under Training's guidance the process can be expedited.

The Regional Update for Trainers and Examiners has been booked for 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at Rodbaston, when hopefully we shall be in a better position to judge the success of the transfer and the building work.

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