

All-Party Parliamentary Group for Transport Safety



Inaugural Meeting – 24 April 2025

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1 Welcomes and Introductions / 2 Opening remarks

- Parliamentarians present at the meeting used this item to introduce themselves and outline why they have taken an interest in transport safety.
- Aphra Brandreth MP spoke about road safety around schools, a topic she has raised through a Westminster Hall debate this year. The reason for her focus on this topic is the death of Evan Rothwell outside a school in Chester in 2024.
- David Williams MP outlined his position that there should be changes to the law over a driver's blood being tested without consent after a fatal road traffic collision. This was raised following the case of Sharlotte-Sky Naglis who died after being struck by a drunk driver near Stoke, in 2021. The driver spent 11 weeks in a coma following the collision and due to current legislation, his blood could not be tested for evidence without his consent.
- Sarah Coombes MP mentioned the topic of ghost plates and their association with street racing and vehicle related anti-social behaviour in her constituency. Ghost plates are used by drivers as a means to avoid detection from speed cameras and Automatic Number Plate Recognition systems.
- Parliamentarians in the room agreed that now is a vital time to be focusing on transport safety with the forthcoming road safety strategy and that the APPG should be bold in pushing for ambitious changes to improve safety.

3 Election of officers and agreement of group purpose

- Andy MacNae MP (Labour) was confirmed as the APPG Chair.
- The other officers chosen were Aphra Brandreth MP (Conservative), Baroness Pidgeon (Liberal Democrats) and Baroness Jones of Mouselcoomb (Green).
- The group purpose was confirmed as – To provide opportunities to debate transport safety matters (on road, rail, air and water) and to encourage the Government to address transport safety issues. To work in partnership with others supporting safe, sustainable and healthy transport.

4 Background to the APPG

- Following the formal elements of the inaugural meeting, a general meeting took place, to which external participants were invited to attend.
- Jamie Hassall, Executive Director of the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS), then provided a brief background to the Transport Safety APPG.
- APPG website – [All-Party Parliamentary Group for Transport Safety | Home](#)

5 PACTS – What we expect to see in a gold standard road safety strategy

- Jamie Hassall then outlined an ongoing piece of work in progress by PACTS to determine what should be included in the Government's forthcoming road safety strategy for it to be considered gold standard.
- Ten best practice priorities were shared, further details of which will be released in due course.

6 Andy MacNae MP – A community approach to road safety

- Andy MacNae MP shared details of a project he is currently pursuing to outline how a new, community centred approach to road safety is required.
- He spoke about how current practices are often reactive rather than proactive and that the voices of affected communities often go unheard.
- The West Midlands was emphasised as being an area that currently utilises this approach successfully.
- He also spoke of how he would be keen for the APPG to champion this approach and that police forces could be an important partner in this work.

7 Brake – Road safety, the victim’s perspective

- Ross Moorlock, CEO of Brake, provided a presentation on post-crash support for families affected by tragedies on our roads.
- The presentation provided background to the issue, including that 5 people die and more than 15 times as many are seriously injured each day on UK roads.
- Details were then shared on trauma and grief, practical and procedural challenges, the reality of road victim support and the cost of inaction.
- The presentation was then rounded off with details of what needs to change, and the steps Parliamentarians can take to help deliver this.
- Brake is undertaking a survey on young driver risk. This has been sent to all MP’s a link can be found here – [Licensing young, newly qualified drivers – Please tell us what you think Survey](#)
- The Brake Road Victims’ Charter – [The Road Victims' Charter | Brake](#)

8 APPG priority setting

- The meeting was rounded off with a discussion on what priorities the APPG should focus on.
- A document was shared with details of previous APPG themes, topics that PACTS believe are important and priorities suggested by the APPG officers.
- It was agreed that the initial APPG priority would be to focus on providing influence into the road safety strategy to ensure that it goes far enough to improve road safety outcomes.
- It was also decided that the APPG should campaign on other transport safety issues, to be agreed upon following an opportunity for all APPG members to feed into this process.
- Other actions included requesting a Backbench Business Debate in the House of Commons’ chamber and an Adjournment Debate looking at road safety themes.

Appendix A – Attendance List

Name	Party / Organisation
In person	
Andy MacNae MP	Labour
Aphra Brandreth MP	Conservative
Sarah Coombes MP	Labour
Andrew Cooper MP	Labour
David Williams MP	Labour
Sarah Russell MP	Labour
Office of Ian Sollom MP	Liberal Democrats
Office of Martin Wrigley MP	Liberal Democrats
Office of Lord Berkely	Labour
Jeremy Leach	Action Vision Zero
Emily Cherry	Bikeability Trust
Paul Cook	Road Victims Trust
Martin Spencer	Caravan and Motorhome Club
Saul Jeavons	Transafe Network
William Porter	IAM Road Smart
Sid Varma	Aviva
Rob Shearing	Road Safety Markings Association
Ross Moorlock	Brake
Jamie Hassall	PACTS
Jamie Morphet	PACTS
Online	
Emma Kelly	Road Safety Support
Sally Kyd	University of Leicester
Fraser Lyall	The Association of British Insurers
Nick Reed	Reed Mobility
Gillian Macleod	Leeds City Council
Mark Jenkinson	Centrica
Ian Marples	Smartstart
Fay Cannon	Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership
Lyle Andrew	Institute of Highway Engineers
Ean Lewin	Dtec International
Lindsay Eckley	Road Safety Trust
	Project Edward
Lucy Harrison	Road Peace
Brian Lawton	Road Safety Foundation
Kevin Allen	Norfolk Council
Kate Fuller	Road Safety Foundation
Chris Seaton	Public Affairs Group
Nicola Christie	UCL

Peter Barnett	Cyclox
Nicola Foster	Essex Highways
Sabina Manea	MIB
Rod King	20s Plenty
Christopher Mitchell	Parksafe
Ian Marples	Smartstart
Mark Taylor	Co-pilot
Helen Wells	Keele University
Alan Holloway	Lion Laboratories
Dean Hatton	Sussex Police
John Cartledge	
Paul Yaghmourian	MIB
Adrian Berendt	20s Plenty
Blair Gibbs	
Ian Marples	
Lyn Hesse	Road Victims Trust