

London Advanced Motorcyclists

Annual Report 2025

Charity Details

Name: London Advanced Motorcyclists (known as LAM)

Registration Number: 1063585

Address: 59 Abbots Lane, KENLEY, CR8 5JG

Trustees: Martin Chamberlain
 Richard Bowden-Doyle
 Stephen Davis
 Michael Seary
 Mark Clarke
 Trevor Ambrose

Structure

The Charity is managed by a Committee which consists of the Trustees plus other Members invited as necessary who lead on specific roles within LAM eg training and events coordinators. The Committee meets several times each year but deals with ad hoc issues by email as they arise. Trustees are the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Webmaster / Operations Manager. These roles are recruited from within the membership of LAM and become Trustees as they take up the role. Likewise, members resign as Trustees as they leave their specific role.

Objectives

The main purpose of the group is to give observed runs (ORs) to associate members in order that those members pass the Institute of Advanced Motoring Motorcycle test, thus promoting the improvement of the standard of riding and the advancement of road safety.

Achievements and Performance

It's been another very busy year with over 369 Observed Rides and Associate-only rides. We had 64 New joiners, 18 Full Member leavers & 16 Associate leavers.

There had been 17 test passes, with one test pass as a F1rst, and 7 fails.

Three members gained their IAM 'Masters' with a distinction.

There's also been 9 Observer retirements, resignations and sadly one who passed away: Martin Thompson. But we have 5 New Observers in training and more planned for 2026.

An Observer Training Day had been held at Lydden Hill Circuit and had received good feedback from the attendees.

Local Observer to National Observer conversions were all completed on time.

An 'Induction Day' for new joiners had been piloted comprising a morning classroom session and Observed Rides in the afternoon. The day was deemed a success and useful in preparing new joiners for the Advanced Rider Course. It is intended to roll this initiative out next year as a six weekly programme.

A new 'LAM Charter' had been produced in the form of a 'contract' between LAM and the membership, particularly new joiners. The Charter details what LAM expects from the membership and what the membership may expect from LAM. It will be used at Induction Days and with new joiners at Group meetings.

Following the demise of 'London Bikesafe', the Training Team had made contact with 'Essex Firebike' and many members had taken the opportunity of a free training day with a supplemental free session with Total Advanced motorcycle trainers.

The regular training weekends at Norfolk and Wales had taken place.

A version of the 'Kent Weekend' had been run out of a recent Group meeting at Tatsfield. A limited number of much longer, all day Observed Rides were available and this opportunity was well received by Associates and Observers alike and so the initiative would be repeated next year.

Several Machine Control Days were run at a new facility.

The new Area Service Delivery Manager from the IAM, Tony Green, attended the Group meeting in March at Tatsfield to meet the Chair and Training Team.

Financial Review

Income:	£26,081.94
Expenditure:	<u>£31,965.07</u>
Deficit:	£5883.13

Equity: £29,965.37

LAM's 2025 financial objective to reduce its cash reserves by spending more on the charity's objective of motorcycle training was successfully delivered: principally through PATTA and the Training Team initiatives (both discussed below). However, unexpectedly large donations within the year meant our cash reserves remained high. However, this will only further motorcycle training opportunities going forward.

PATTA

In January, the Committee agreed to increase the Post Advanced Test Training Allowance (PATTA) from £75 to £150 and to reimburse a further £75 to those members who had already claimed the then maximum of £75. It set a budget of £15,000.

51 Members claimed PATTA during the year compared with 26 the previous year. A further 9 have asked for funds to be reserved although it is unlikely that all of those will claim. Consequently, LAM has committed £10,181 (68%) of its £15,000 PATTA budget.

Training Team initiatives

The Training Team spent £5000 on an Observer Skills day at Lydden Hill Circuit (against a budget of £4900) and a further £175 on observer assessments (against a budget of £1200).

Gift Aid

Two Gift Aid refund claims for our financial years 2023/24 and 2022/23 were submitted and approved by HMRC and we received a total of £978.34 (which included interest payments). This was based on Gift Aid declarations from 195 Members and Associates.

Unclaimed Observer Expenses

Approximately £1600 of observer expenses remained unclaimed last year - similar to the previous year. This is based on an average claim of about £19. The actual unclaimed amount depends on mileage and subsistence and is therefore an estimate. Under the Resolution agreed at the 2024 AGM, the liability represented by unclaimed expenses was wiped on 14 October - the final day for claims to be submitted; and therefore, any unclaimed expenses from 2024/25 are now part of LAM's general funds.

Chair's Charity

£944.65 was donated to the Kent Sussex Surrey Air Ambulance in March from donations collected in 2023/24. The Chair's Charity contribution from collections made in 2024/25 will be £163.51. The reduction arises because 2023/24's contribution was boosted by free Bike Safe places for Observers and Committee Members taken up in exchange for contributions to the Chair's Charity; and because this year, the catering team invested in new coffee machines, plates, storage. We also had quite a few slack months this year thanks to adverse weather.

Reserves

LAM earmarks reserves of £6397 to cover Tatsfield and Banstead hire for 3 months; insurance and bank charges for one year; fixed IT charges/subscriptions for one year; Observer expenses (minus OR income) for one year; a 50% reduction in income from Associates; 10% further contingency on sum of the above. Equity will be monitored monthly to ensure pre-emptive action is taken to protect Reserve funding.

Gifts and donations

LAM's finances benefitted considerably from three unexpected sources in 2024/25: Alan Hawrylyshen and Konrad Norek both used their respective employer charity schemes to direct donations to LAM totalling £743.57; and in May, Mark Clarke persuaded his employer to donate £10,000 to LAM.



Martin Chamberlain

Trustee

7 March 2026

LONDON ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS - Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Activities

	30/9/2025	30/9/2024
	£	£
INCOME	26,081.94	17,416.57
EXPENDITURE	(31,965.07)	(17,575.51)
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(5,883.13)	(158.94)

Balance Sheet

	£	30/9/2025	£	30/9/2024
		£		£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Deferred Expenses	0.00		0.00	
Other	0.00		0.00	
Prepayments - Residential events deposit	0.00		500.00	
CAF Savings Account	36,655.47		35,934.74	
CAF Current Account	7,719.41		11,473.41	
		44,374.88		47,908.15
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued Expenses	0.00		0.00	
Event Deposits	(12,598.00)		(9,418.00)	
Observers' Expenses owed	(1,648.00)		(1,697.00)	
Chair's Charity	(163.51)		(944.65)	
		(14,409.51)		(12,059.65)
		29,965.37		35,848.50
EQUITY				
Reserves brought forward		35,848.50		36,007.44
Adjustments		0.00		0.00
Surplus / (deficit) for the period		(5,883.13)		(158.94)
		29,965.37		35,848.50

Cashflow Statement

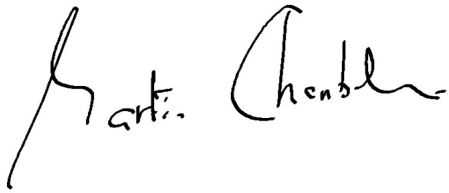
	30/9/2025	30/9/2024
	£	£
Surplus / (deficit) for the period	(5,883.13)	(158.94)
Adjustments for:		
Decrease / (Increase) in Debtors	500.00	0.00
Increase / (Decrease) in Creditors	2,349.86	8,295.29
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(3,033.27)	8,136.35
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	47,408.15	39,271.80
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	44,374.88	47,408.15

Income and Expenditure Detail

INCOME DETAIL	30/9/2025	30/9/2024	
	£	£	
Subscriptions	9,165.00	9,809.50	
Observed Rides	4,012.00	4,120.00	
Chair Charity/Donations	10,184.51	965.65	
Advertising	200.00	1,575.00	
Gift Aid	978.34	0.00	
Interest Received	732.49	946.42	
Benevity & Merch commission	809.60	0.00	
	26,081.94	17,416.57	(1)
EXPENDITURE DETAIL	30/9/2025	30/9/2024	
	£	£	
Observers Expenses (inc events)	10,290.26	10,316.29	
Venue Hire	1,825.00	1,778.40	
Membership Expenses	9,111.00	1,800.00	
Secretary's Expenses	698.22	765.83	
Associates/Master Cash Back Offer	1,164.70	215.00	
Intra-Group gifts	1,268.38		
Insurance	208.78	203.65	
Shoppify & Bank charge	504.84	500.33	
Observers Training	5,175.00	240.00	
IT Running costs	830.86	60.00	
Online store commission	724.52	711.36	
Chair's Charity LAM Contribution	163.51	944.65	
ICO charge	0.00	40.00	
	31,965.07	17,575.51	(2)

Notes to the accounts

- (1) Total income increased mainly due to members' employer donations (£10,744) offset by a reduction in advertising revenue
(2) Total expenditure increased by £14,390 mainly due to PATTA (£9,036) and Observer Training (£5,175)

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Martin Chamberlain". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Martin" and the last name "Chamberlain" clearly legible.

Martin Chamberlain
LAM Treasurer and Trustee of the London Advanced Motorcyclists

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of:
LONDON ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS
Registered Charity Number: 1063585

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2025, as per Charity Commission form CC16a.

This report is made solely to the Trustees in accordance with Section 43(3) of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees those matters which I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To fullest extent permitted by law; I do not accept responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 156 of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts, presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures of the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view," and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting records of the Act have not been met.
2. or in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Brenda Peers-Ross

Brenda Peers-Ross FMAAT, ACIE
14th January 2026