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Driver Awareness Scheme

Since it began in 2005, the Driver Awareness Scheme (DAS) has continued to grow successfully and now educates in excess of 20,000 drivers each year.

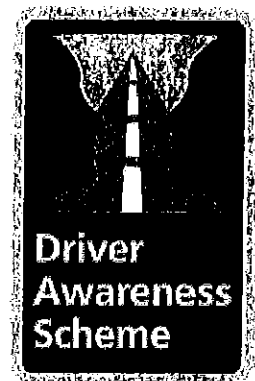
Participants on the course are people who have been detected committing a road traffic offence on Dorset's roads.

Education is a key part of the work of Dorset Police to ensure drivers are safer on the roads and the DAS course offers participants a whole host of information and advice about safer driving.

As well as examining the consequences of excess and inappropriate speed, using a mobile phone whilst driving or red light offences the course also provides an opportunity for drivers to refresh their observation and hazard perception skills.

The varied and informative content of the course is all part of the overall aim to encourage participants to:

- Develop a positive attitude towards road safety
- Identify consequences of actions on the road
- Recognise different speed limit areas
- Recognise personal responsibility
- Facilitate an opportunity to examine attitudes towards hazard perception



The DAS course is classroom-based and is delivered by trained driving instructors and road safety professionals and uses a range of interactive techniques to ensure the course is engaging for participants.

Taking part in the Driver Awareness Scheme

If you are eligible to take part in the Driver Awareness Scheme then you will be contacted by the administration team.

If you are eligible to take part, you will not be required to pay a fine or receive penalty points. However, if offered the course you will be required to pay a fee for attendance and must respond to the offer within the stipulated timescale.

Named drivers are only permitted to attend one Driver Awareness course within a twelve month period. If a driver subsequently commits a further offence in a six month period after attending the course, then that offence will be dealt with via the fixed penalty process (fine and penalty points).

If an individual fails to attend the course or is unable to satisfy the course conditions, then the offence will be referred to the Dorset Police Central Ticket Office and fixed penalty conditions will apply.

The DAS course is also open to participants who haven't received a fixed penalty notice but are keen to improve their driver education. If you'd like to come along and benefit from the expert tuition and advice then contact the DAS admin office, on 01305 227670, to find out more and book your place. Courses are available to attend in Bournemouth and Winfrith (near Dorchester) and last for three hours.

The Education team also provides business driver education and can visit individual organisations to deliver expert advice to drivers. To find out more, contact 01305 227670.

▶ [Read more information about the Driver Awareness Scheme on the Dorset Road Safe website by following this link >](#)

Driver Awareness Scheme (DAS) Speed Thresholds

The table below sets out the speed thresholds at which you may be offered a place on the Driver Awareness Scheme (DAS).

Please note that the offer of a DAS course is a decision made by the DAS office on behalf of Dorset Police. Further details can be found in the DAS Terms and Conditions by following this link >

Speed Limit	Threshold for DAS
30	36mph - 42mph
40	47mph - 53mph
50	58mph - 64mph
60	69mph - 75mph
70	80mph - 86mph

Red Light Offences

Seconds Into red	Process

1 to 1.9 seconds	DAS
2 to 2.9 seconds	Fixed Penalty Notice
Above 3 seconds	Court Hearing

Other offences which may be recommended for the Driver Awareness Scheme are listed below:

- Using a Mobile Phone while driving
- Driving a vehicle while not in proper control
- Driving a vehicle without proper view
- Exceeding a temporary speed restriction
- Exceeding a Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) speed restriction
- Exceeding a Passenger Carrying Vehicles (PCV) 50mph speed limit
- Exceeding a speed limit in an LGV/PCV
- Contravening a Red Traffic sign at a junction
- Contravening a stop/give way sign (Major Road Only)
- Contravening DWLS
- Contravening an Auto Level Crossing
- Contravening a Red Traffic Sign at a level crossing
- Contravening a Red Traffic Sign at road works
- Contravening a traffic sign
- Stopping within the approach to a Zebra/Pelican/Puffin crossing
- Stopping within the limits of a Zebra/Pelican/Puffin crossing
- Failing to accord precedent to a pedestrian at a crossing
- Failing to comply with a red signal at a Pelican crossing
- Overtaking a moving/stationary vehicle at a crossing

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