



Group Meeting

24th February 2025

Chairman – Jeff Martin

- Hello, Good evening and Welcome!
 - Warm hello to new members
 - Have you found the '**Welcome Table**'?
 - Club News
 - Tests; Group Nights; Training Rides; Social Rides; 2025 Challenge update
- Break*
- Tonight's event – Advanced Riding Round Table

New Members

Welcome to:

- Dominic Doble
- Tom Ajdukovic
- Chris Holloway
- Sam Johnson
- Roger Sparling

Test Results (since the last meeting)

- None?



Club News: Training Update

- **Current Position**

- Associates 39 (30 active)
- Tutors 15
- Advanced Tutors (ATs) 5

Group Nights

24 Mar – Andy Tofts from Magellan on touring Europe

28 Apr – Sammie from Mental Health Motorbike

25 May – Tony Lawes – The life of a DVSA Examiner

Any suggestions for speakers, let us know

Group Training Rides

No GTR in February

**23 March – GTR to Posh Pigs
from Beacon Hill**

**26 April (Saturday) – GTR to
Kesgrave Bell (St George's day
Motorcycle Show)**

Watch for email and beware weather!



Group Social Rides

9 Mar – Breakfast Run – Twenty Pence Garden Centre (Wilburton)

Phil Sayer

13 April – Breakfast Run – White Horse TTT Motorcycles Show

David Wood

11 May – Breakfast Run – TBA

Vini Evans



Group Social Rides are for you!

- **Associates are encouraged to come!**

Associates ride in a separate group led by the ride organiser at a relaxed pace. No need to worry about keeping up.

- **Guests are welcome too**

They must be a guest of a Suffolk Riders member or associate, accompanied by the member.



Mates' Trip – John Beckett

Tour of BMW MotorRadwerk, Berlin (www.visit-bmwgroup.com)

Provisional Plan

- Friday 27 June – Overnight ferry, Harwich to Hoek of Holland
- Saturday 28 June – Ride to hotel in Spandau, Berlin
- Sunday 29 June – Sightseeing Berlin
- Monday 28 June – Tour of BMW bike factory
 - €14.50 each or Group (max 15) €210
- Tuesday 29 June – Return or further touring TBD
- *Register Interest with John*

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www.suffolkriders.org.uk



Subs are due!

- £25 if you pay by 31 March, then £30
- You can pay by BACs (please!), PayPal...
- Or by cash or card tonight!
- Please log into MemberMojo and check your details (esp gift aid!) are correct

The 2025 Challenge

Tony Fuller

The Name's the Same!

***Two Sets of Destinations with same name
30 in each set***

Making Two Separate Challenges

LOCAL

For those who don't want to travel too far
Can you do all the 30 local destinations?

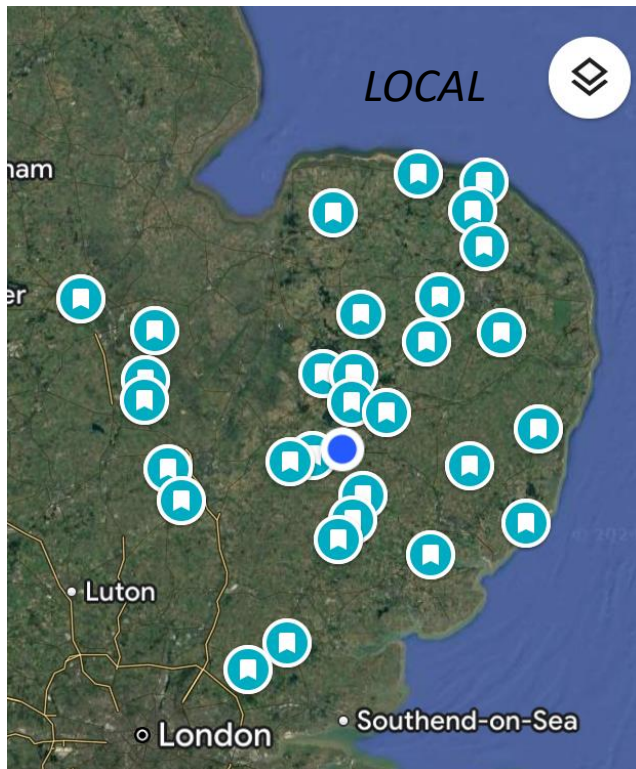
REMOTE

For those who like longer rides
*Can you do all the Locals AND all the Remote
ones?*

Enter either but NOT both

LOCAL destinations are
all within:-

- Suffolk,
- Norfolk
- Cambs
- Essex



REMOTE
destinations are
across the country



Outline of Rules

- The challenge will run from 1st March until 31st October
 - You will need to register for the challenge via the club website, so we know who is participating
- Take a photo of yourself or your Bike as proof of visit and file safely
 - Do not send in photos
- You will get periodic requests for news of progress so far
- At close of Challenge, those with winning claims will be asked for photos as proof of visits

Summary

- Putting together final details and documents of Challenge
- Then will post onto website
- Then launch via email to members and on facebook
 - ***Plan is all systems go on 1st March!***

Break

- Back in 10 minutes please
- ***Bring and Buy***
Have a look at what bargains are on offer.
Remember to use it to recycle that motorbike related stuff you no longer need.
But remember, you must take home any unsold items!

Advanced Riding

**Everything you wanted to know
but were afraid to ask!**

Observation and Planning...

Keith Gilbert...

and Glen Mures!





















Overtaking...

Phil Sayer

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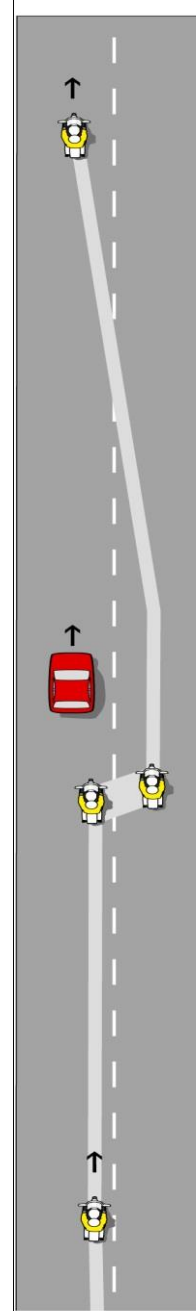
Do I have to overtake on my test?

Can I break the speed limit on an overtake?

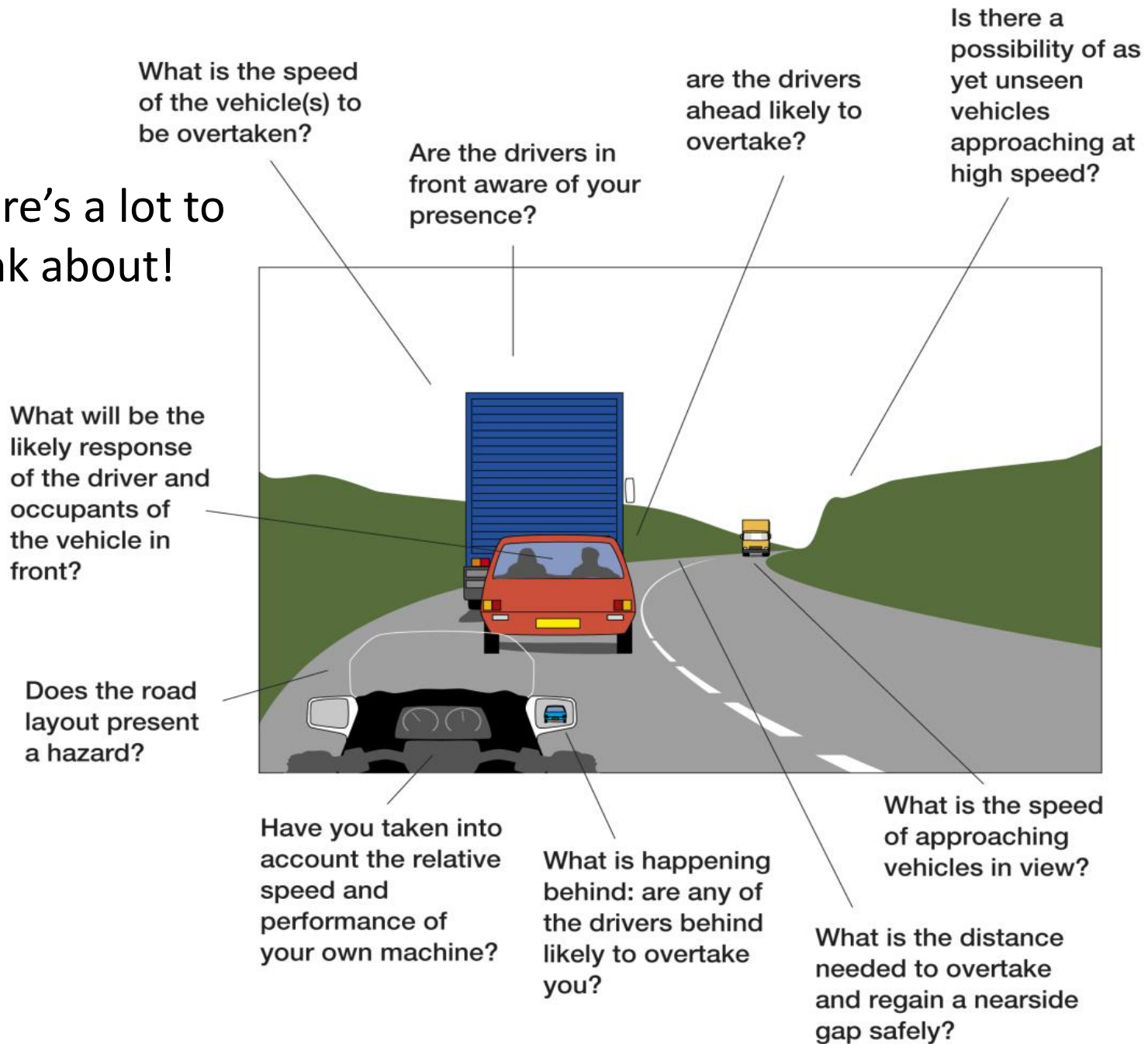
“An advanced grade can be obtained without an overtake being made on the test, however if the opportunity is there the Examiner will be looking at how you deal with it. All overtaking manoeuvres must be well planned, **carried out safely and within the speed limit**. There is no exemption in law for exceeding the speed limit to complete an overtake!”

A diagram of a road layout. The road has two lanes, separated by a dashed white line. A green car is on the left lane, and two yellow taxis are on the right lane. Arrows indicate the direction of travel for each vehicle. The green car is moving upwards. The two yellow taxis are moving upwards, with one taxi slightly ahead of the other.

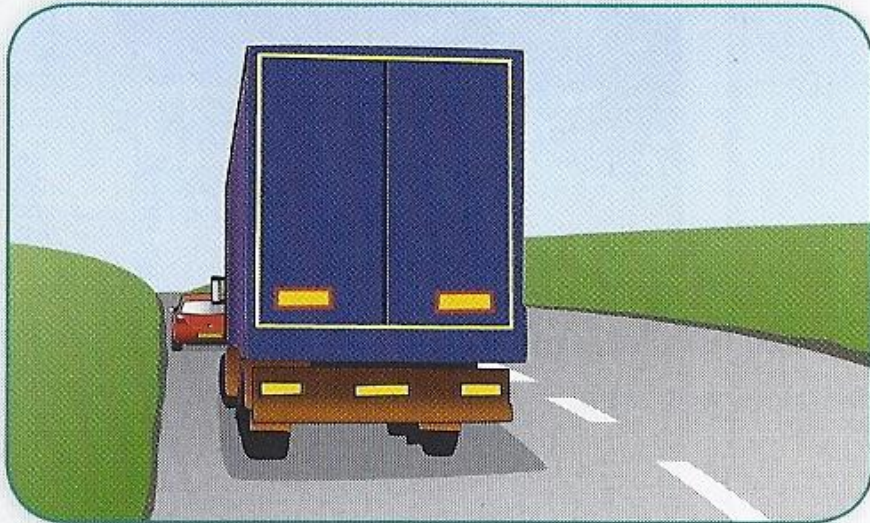
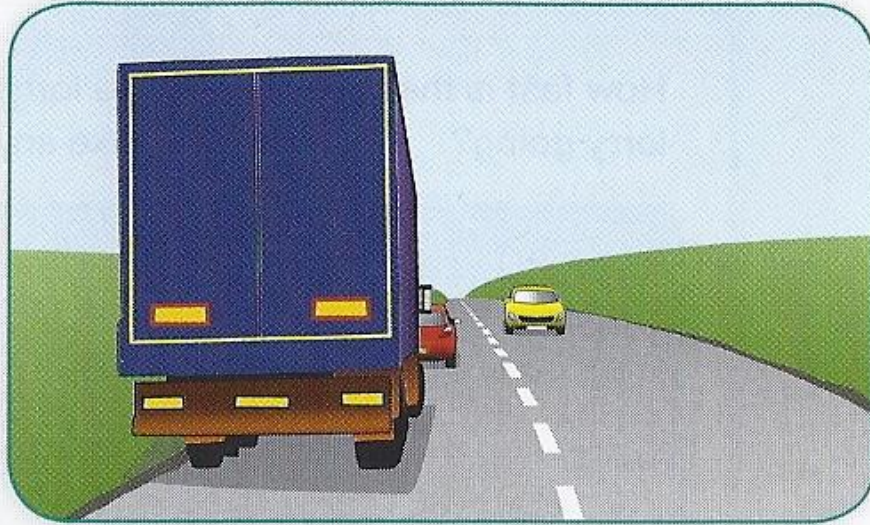
Three stage overtake



There's a lot to think about!



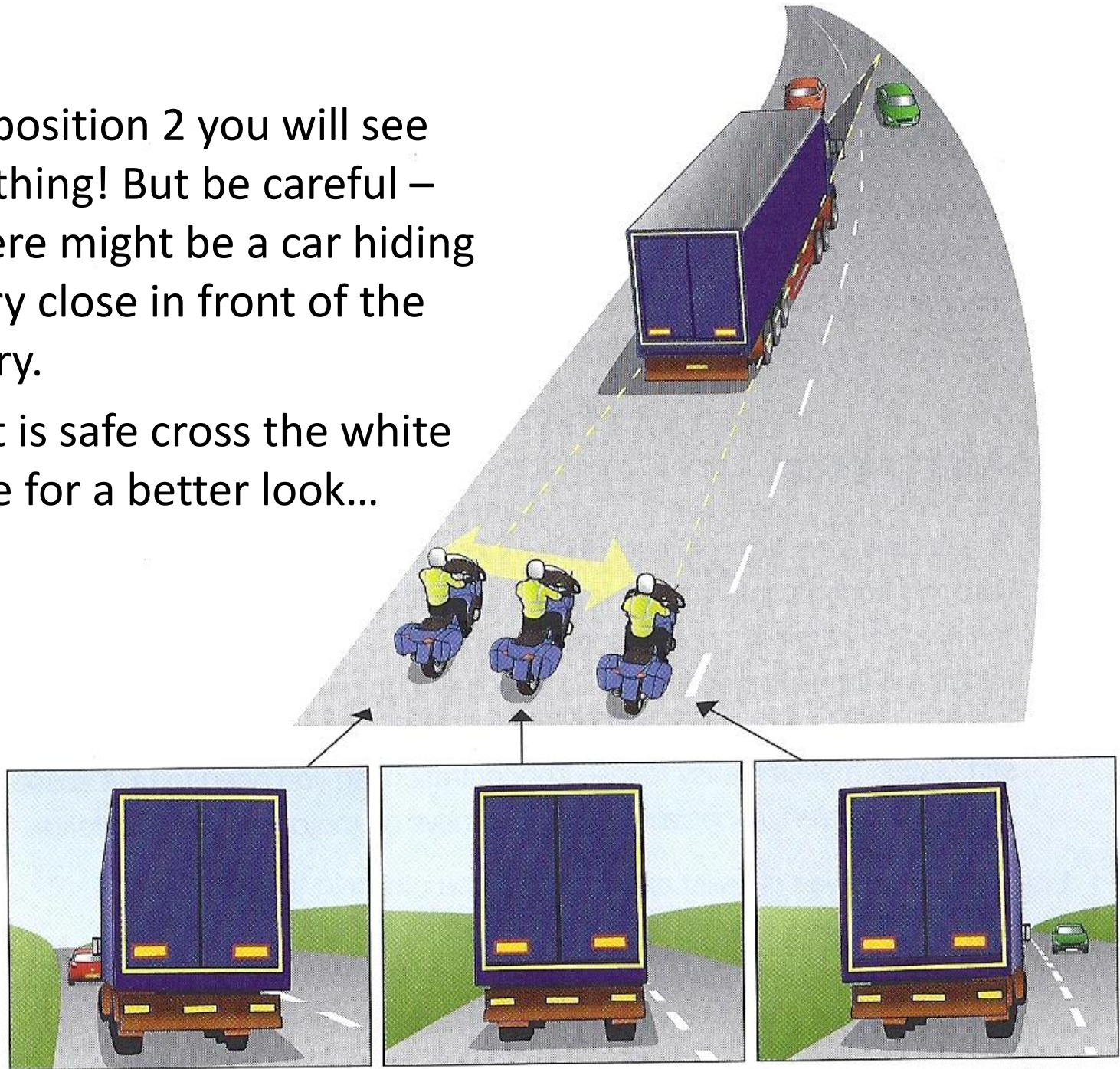
Take a good look from
both sides...



With large vehicles and where it helps, take
a view along both sides of the vehicle.

In position 2 you will see nothing! But be careful – there might be a car hiding very close in front of the lorry.

If it is safe cross the white line for a better look...

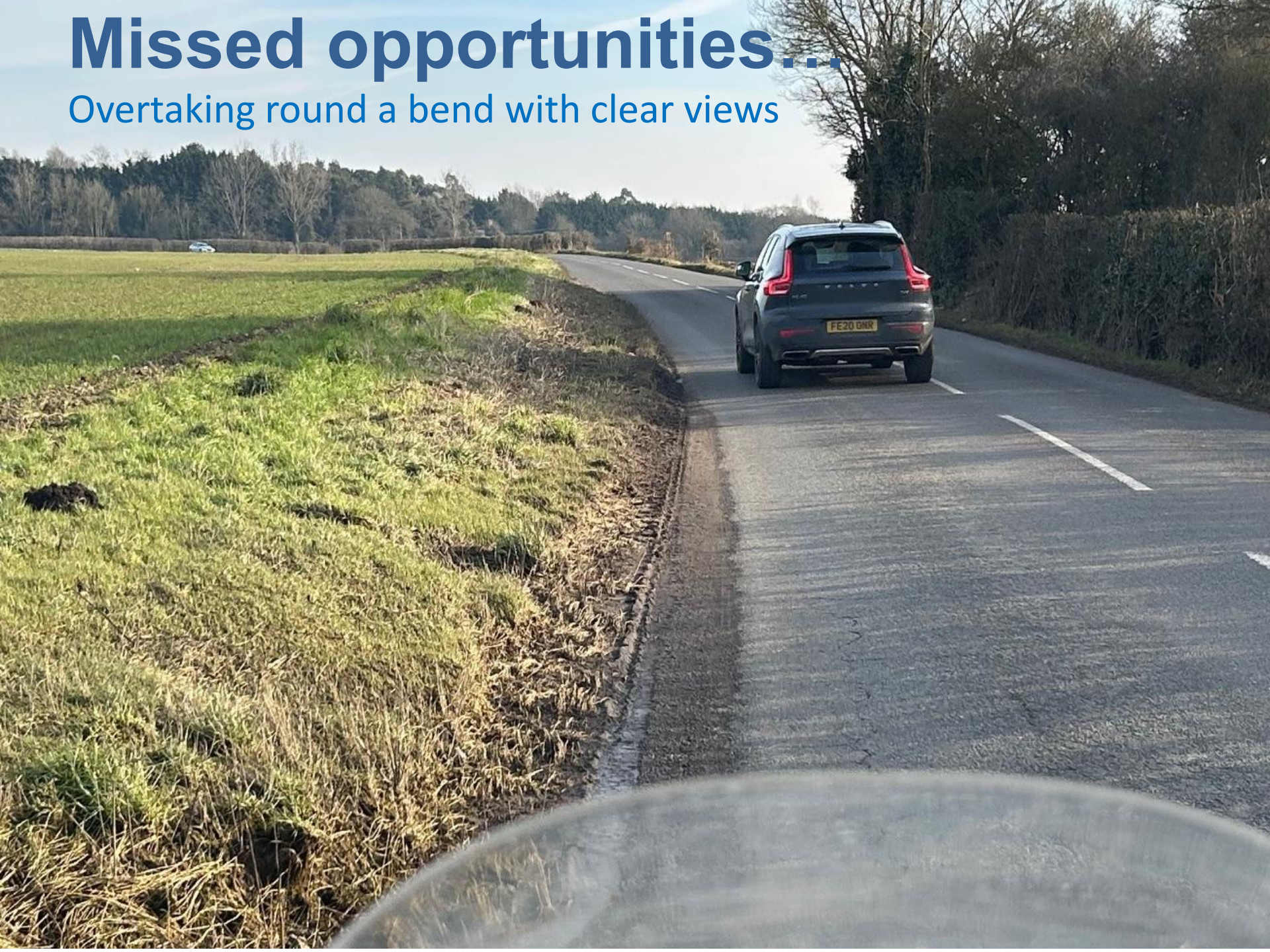


Common mistakes...

- Staying in the overtake position too long
- Staying too far back (think elastic band)
- Unnecessary signaling – focus on the job in hand
- Not coming out for a good look
- Accelerating too early
- Changing gear mid-overtake
- Slowing down too soon after the overtake
- Focusing on the overtake to the exclusion of:
 - Speed limits in the distance
 - Hazards like side roads, entrances etc

Missed opportunities...

Overtaking round a bend with clear views



Missed opportunities...

- Not being ready to overtake – eg after a bend
- Overtake on cross-hatchings with a broken white line around them? Yes, if safe and ‘necessary’...

Finally...

“Is it safe, legal and necessary? “Every overtake is necessary!” (Stuart McIlroy, our past Examiner) Do you agree? If you miss an easy opportunity you may sit behind the target vehicle for many miles. You can tell the Examiner you didn’t think it was safe – but only if after a good look from the right position.

“Don’t look at the speedo when overtaking” (Kevin Stark, past IAM Examiner) – do you agree?

Making Progress...

Stephen Worrall

Making Progress

- It's not just about going fast!

“Forward planning beyond the next hazard”

(Roadcraft Page 59)

“Progress/Restraint/Consideration”

(RoSPA Motorcycle Test Guidelines Page 8)

'Imagine how an off-duty policeman would ride if he was late for lunch at home?'

So what does making progress mean to you?

Making Progress

- **It's not just about going fast!**
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Some suggestions that may be helpful:

Keeping the wheels turning, even in heavy traffic

Accelerating smartly up to the speed limit if it is safe to do so

A safe, systematic, smooth ride will not be a slow or hesitant ride

Can you suggest some more examples of making progress?:

Making Progress

- **It's not just about going fast!**
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As Phil has described - don't miss an overtake opportunity:
Look for and deliver a good 3 stage o/t

Roundabouts – look for the line of least resistance:
Scan ahead, look for the spaces, approach under control

Filtering – whilst managing your road space and safety bubble:
Position to see and be seen, keep it legal, anticipate others actions

*Lastly – if it is safe to do so ride smartly up to the speed limit...some times **it is** 'just about going faster!'*

Now It's Your Turn!

Questions?
Comments?
Views?