

KYRLE PROBUS 5 NOVEMBER 2015

Kyrle Probus Club members enjoyed a lively and informative talk on 'Driving Matters' by instructor-trainer Tina Lawrence of Southside School of Motoring, Hereford.

The meeting took place during the 80th anniversary year of the Highway Code.

Members were advised that although existing police guidance recommends that most speeding motorists should be given 'certain leeway' before being prosecuted, and offered an awareness course rather than a fine for marginal breaches, the rule is not set in stone.

Tolerance over breaking the speed limit can vary from region to region, Tina pointed out. "It very much depends on the guidelines for each area." And she added the reminder that "speed cameras don't get it wrong."

Tina, who also runs with 'Skills for Life' courses and 'Driver Refresher Days,' said some six police forces nationwide issue tickets in 20 miles-an-hour zones.

The 45-minute talk included statistics highlighting road casualties such as 30 motor-cyclists a day being knocked off their machines, mostly at junctions, and valuable safety tips about leaving minimum gaps of two chevrons, which represent two seconds in traffic black spots, at a time when 47 per cent of accidents are rear-end 'shunts'.

Among other clues were spotting 100-metre posts, street lights and 'repeater signs' to aid adherence to the speed limit when initial signs have been missed.

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