

DRIVER AWARENESS SCHEME - YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



I do not live in Dorset; can I attend a course local to me?

No, currently Dorset Police do not participate in the National Speed Awareness course; therefore courses cannot be transferred to any other area as there are no reciprocal arrangements with other course providers. If you wish to accept the offer of attending a driver awareness scheme course as an alternative means of disposal for the offence, a course must be completed within Dorset.

We will endeavour to accommodate courses around previous commitments as long as they are notified to us when payment is made. However, we do have strict timescales in which you must attend a course. If in doubt, please contact the Driver Awareness Scheme (DAS) Office on 01202 227670.

Where are the course held?

The courses are held at the several locations in Dorset:

- Blandford • Bournemouth • Wimborne • Weymouth – please check www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk (select Education /Driver Awareness) for full details of course venues.

You will be provided with a map giving directions to the course venue.

Please note - although we will endeavour to allocate a course nearest to you, this cannot be guaranteed and is subject to availability. Please be prepared to travel to any of these locations. We shall try our utmost to accommodate any specific location requests.

When are the courses held?

The courses run Monday to Friday. Courses start at either 9am or 1pm prompt, each course lasts for 3 hours. You are requested to arrive 20 minutes before the course begins for registration. Latecomers will NOT be admitted onto the course. On occasions Saturday courses are available and your paperwork will reflect this option if available at the time of processing the offence. Saturday courses are strictly subject to availability.

When will I be offered a course date and time?

You will be offered a course date and time once payment has been received by the Driver Awareness office.

Priority for 1pm courses will be given to those who have a distance to travel. Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate a mutually convenient time and date, this cannot be guaranteed. Once a course date has been offered **no further course dates** will be offered unless there are exceptional circumstances.

What are the Terms and Conditions?

You will receive a copy of the full Terms and Conditions within the documentation sent to you.

What MUST I bring with me?

A valid photo card driving licence. If you do not have this type of licence or you have previously submitted your licence to us you **MUST** bring a valid passport or similar valid photographic identification. If you do not bring the required identification, you will **NOT** be allowed onto the course.