

Society of Road Safety Auditors Newsletter

Welcome to the SoRSA Newsletter!

We are excited to share the recent accomplishments of the Society of Road Safety Auditors (SoRSA) and give you a preview of what's planned for the coming year.

Reconnect and Engage with SoRSA

It's been quite a while since our last newsletter, for various reasons. Your Committee aims to reconnect with all of you and encourage greater participation. We believe engaging more members in Committee roles will bring fresh perspectives and highlight new areas of interest.

Many of our current Committee members have been dedicated to SoRSA since it began. As they look to step back in the near future, exciting opportunities open up for you, the membership, to join and contribute.

What We've Been Doing

Publications & Webinars

- Our Chair, Libby, published "*A History of Road Safety Audit*", which details the creation of SoRSA and the evolution of road safety audit processes.
- Conducted webinars focusing on STATS19 UK collision data collection and road safety audit methodologies.

Events & Workshops

- Provided speakers at the East Midlands Road Safety Workshop, in collaboration with the CIHT East Midlands Branch.
- Collaborated with Motorcycle Law Scotland to deliver Road Safety Road Shows targeting cyclists and motorcyclists.



- Contributed speakers to the Graham Feest and Passively Safety UK conferences.
- Actively participated in Police Scotland's Traffic Management Course.
- Represented at the International Road Federation and PIARC conferences.
- Organized a comprehensive road safety workshop in Queensferry, Scotland.
- Engaged in discussions with the CIHT Bus Centre of Excellence.
- Successfully executed a workshop and conference in Manchester in June.



Looking Ahead to 2026

Webinars & Engagements

- We plan to deliver more webinars focusing on road safety audit and engineering.
- Collaborating with CIHT Northern Ireland and Transport Infrastructure Ireland to present at events in Belfast and Athlone.
- Open call for suggestions on potential areas for workshops from our members.

Major Event

- **Workshop and Conference 2026**
 - **Location:** Radisson Blu, Manchester Airport
 - **Dates:** 22nd and 23rd June 2026

We look forward to your participation and continued support as we strive to improve road safety through education, collaboration, and innovation.

Annual Membership Review

We want to advise our membership that the annual review is set to take place during February & March 2026. During this period, a random selection of approximately 10% of the membership will be asked to provide a full submission for review, in addition to the general online submission. Further details will follow in the New Year.

Presentations and Goodbyes



At the most recent SoRSA Committee meeting on 4th December, John Barrell was presented with Honorary Fellowship, Hon. FSORSA, by Current Chair Libby Sands.



Also present was Christopher Flattery, the CIHT Regional Engagement Officer. Chris has been the liaison between SoRSA and CIHT for the past 3 ½ years. We wish Chris all the very best as he moves on from his role in CIHT.

National Highways Quarterly Report

The National Highways Road Safety Audit quarterly report for July to September 2025 can be found at [SoRSA News | CIHT](#)

Two years in reflection – Immediate Past Chair Eric Hill



Current Chair Libby Sands and Immediate past Chair Eric Hill

My term as Chair of the Society of Road Safety Audits came to close at this years Annual General Meeting, held during our annual conference in Manchester. Looking back, it was enlightening, interesting, very busy period and came with many challenges.

When I was entrusted with the Chain of office in 2023, my aims and thoughts for progressing SoRSA was through engagement and education. I hoped that we would be interacting with other stakeholders in the road safety community and pushing forward our programme of events to inform and educate our members and others. I'm pleased to think we did this with events across the United Kingdom and Ireland, and webinars across the globe. (Our current Vice Chair deserves recognition for translation services when we were presenting to colleagues in South America.)

I had tremendous support from the committee and members of SoRSA during my term and I would like to thank Richard Pearson who stepped down from the committee due to work and personal reasons. Richard shared a great level of enthusiasm to "do things", whether that be organising events, carrying out consultations or generally promoting road safety and road safety audit.

This year's conference was well received, and my thanks goes out to everyone who assisted and attended. In my opinion one of the great things about our events is the networking, discussion and questions raised. We learn so much from each other and the dinner was no exception as the guests at my table allowed me and joined me indulging in some whisky tasting. A slight deviation from the usual modus operandi.



Presentation from Javier Lopez Delgado of ASEVI.

A high point of this year was our colleagues from the Spanish equivalent of SoRSA, “ASEVI” joining us at the conference and Annual General Meeting and presenting a commemorative plate marking ten years since the Minute of Agreement was signed between our two societies.

As I’ve handed over the chain to Libby Sands with Miguel Angel Serrano Santos as our new Vice Chair, I’m looking forward to still being involved in events and supporting our aim as a Society to progress road safety through the promotion of road safety audit.



Our new Chair and Vice Chair Libby and Miguel.

And finally, I’d also like to mention the people in background who quietly support us in what we do, who put up with us vanishing off to various places for meetings, workshops and presentations and in many cases make us who we are. For me my family and friends are that huge support network which keeps me going, celebrating success with me and always there to look after me when things aren’t going so well. Thank you!

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable festive season and all the best for 2026. *Slàinte mhath!*

Feedback and Suggestions

We value your input! If you have suggestions for future workshops or webinars, please reach out to us:

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Stay safe and engaged.

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