

# Newsletter

January 2026

## Programme

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- Driving for Better Business
- D4Drivers
- Transport for West Midlands
- Member Information and News
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# Welcome...

to the first newsletter of 2026. Happy New Year to all our members. Here at BHSEA we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, including some amazing speakers for our Monday Events and some new initiatives to watch out for. It's never been a better time to be a BHSEA Member.

What a fantastic afternoon we had at the BHSEA January Event.

Our three speakers absolutely smashed it. A huge thank you to:

- Mark Cartwright
- Dr Grant Charlesworth-Jones
- Dave Harford

The subject was focussed on driver safety, a huge topic in itself. We all took a lot of valuable knowledge away from it. We also went paperless on feedback forms, so if you haven't had chance to feedback on Monday's event then click [here](#) for the link.

Marisa Firkins  
BHSEA Chair



# January/February Member of the Month

## Prime Solutions

We're excited to announce our Member of the Month for January/February 2026, Trudy and Geoff Whittington of Prime Solutions.

A BHSEA member since 2014, the team values the knowledge, support, and friendliness of the BHSEA community. They particularly appreciate opportunities to share best practices through specialist speakers, safety groups, and open discussions - all aimed at fostering safer working environments.



### MEMBER OF THE MONTH PRIME SOLUTIONS

Prime Solutions (UK) Ltd has been in business for 23 years. They are a refurbishment and fit out company specialising in commercial property typically comprising of offices, workspaces, retail and industrial retail space. and have been BHSEA Members since 2014.

 [www.bhsea.org.uk](http://www.bhsea.org.uk)



# Driving for Better Business

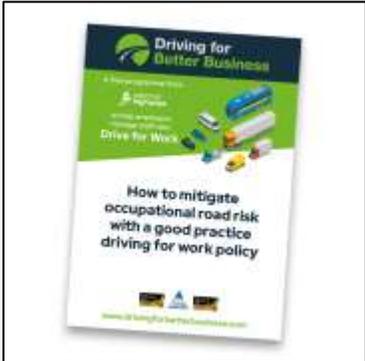
Mark Cartwright



PRESENTATION



# Free Resources



A [risk and policy e-book](#) that will clarify:

- employer and employee responsibilities
- the key areas where road risk lies – there are more than you'd think
- the business impact of getting it wrong
- the business benefits of getting it right.



Driver Resources – Speed

- [Drive Poster – Know your limit](#)
- [Van Driver Toolkit – Speed Limits Module](#)
- [Car Driver Toolkit – Speed Limits Module](#)



## Speed

Your Drivers – Your Responsibility

Your Call to Action:

- Ensure you have the right driving for work policies in place – check out our policy template [here](#)
- Ensure everyone involved – managers, supervisors as well as your drivers – are aware of their responsibilities
- Ensure your drivers understand there are different speed limits for the different vehicles they may have to drive

# Improving the health of vocational drivers



Dr Grant Charlesworth-Jones – D4Drivers

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# Road Safety is Everyone's Business

Dave Harford – Transport for West Midlands

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Transport for  
West Midlands

# Member updates



## Welcome to new Members

- Rachel Hall
- Jayne Malia – Quanex
- Kevin Haycock - Orton Electrical & Mechanical Group
- Marcin Kucharzyk - Student



## BHSEA 2026 Membership Fees Update

As of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026

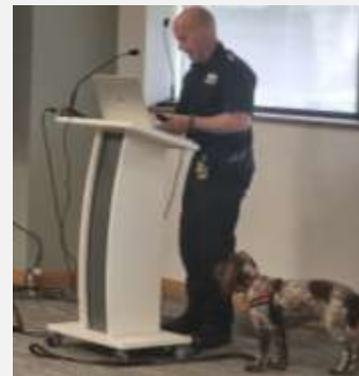
- Under 250 Employees - £45 + vat
- Over 250 Employees - £70 + vat

Payment by creditcard or BACS



## South Wales Safety Group Online Event

The South and West Wales Safety Group invite BHSEA Members to their next webinar on Wednesday 28th January 2025 at 2.00 pm. [Special Procedures Licencing Scheme i.e. the controls to ensure the health and safety of people having tattoos, body piercings, acupuncture, electrolysis etc.](#)



## News

Alex and Giddy the Fire Dog – have now retired from the West Midlands Fire Service.

Alex and Giddy were a firm favourite at the May 2025 BHSEA Event and came third in the BHSEA 2025 High Five Award..

# 2026 Programme of Events



Monthly meetings take place on the second Monday of each month starting at 1:30.

## 2026 Dates for your Diary

- 12 Jan: Driver Safety- Driving for Better Business and D4Drivers
- 9 Feb: Free Training Session – CDM Refresher
- 9 Feb: Environment – Social Value – Baynel Consultancy and Waste Management – Biffa
- 25 Feb WWT – Mental Health and Wellbeing
- 9 March: Construction Matters – HS2
- 13 April: AGM and Hugh Maxwell - Lessons learned on Baltic Sea Project and Chair Q&A.
- 11 May: Behavioral Safety – Craig Jackson and Steve Warwood - UCB
- 8 Jun: Factory Visit
- 14 Sep: Legal Update
- 12 Oct: Construction Matters – Health
- 9 Nov: Health
- 14 Dec: 2025 BHSEA Awards

# NEXT FREE Training Session

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## CDM Refresher

9th February 2026 | 09.30 – 12.15

Walsall FC 1888 Suite

Pete Sutton - Aware Safety Ltd

BHSEA member Aware Safety is a top class Health & Safety consultant team from the West Midlands. The team comprises of over 30 years in hands-on experience across various locations and settings, such as construction sites, office locations and events venues.

Past clients include Colas Rail, Midland Metro Alliance, Transport for West Midlands and RSS.

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### Free Training Session

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CDM Refresher

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09.30 - 12.15  
Walsall FC WS4 1SA



Free Training Course



**Aware Safety Ltd**  
Midlands based Health & Safety

# Mental Health and Wellbeing

25th February 2026 | 08.30 – 12.30

Walsall FC, The Locker Room

- Justin Manley - Titanium Talks
- Kate Walker - The Diabetes Safety Organisation
- Chad Jones - DWJ Harkin
- More to be announced in the coming days





**We hope you enjoyed today's event and find it useful.**

Please leave your feedback and any suggestions for future events / topics, using either:

- Scan the QR code
- Email [secretary@bhsea.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bhsea.org.uk)
- BHSEA Website <https://www.bhsea.org.uk/contact-us>

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# Feedback Reminder

# NEXT EVENT

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# Environment

9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 | 13.30 – 16.00

## Programme

- Introduction
- Social Value – Baynel
- Environment –and Waste Management – Biffa
- Members Corner – Steve Davis – Chiltern Railways

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Demystifying Social Value and Responsible Waste Management: What every Business needs to know

Rachel Wooliscroft - Baynel  
Dwayne Engelbrecht - Biffa

9th February 2026  
13.30 - 15.30  
Walsal FC WSA 15A  
Lunch served from 12.45



BHSEA Environmental Event

BN Biffa