**BRITISH DRIVING SOCIETY**

**AREA 27 SHROPSHIRE**

**Annual Area Meeting**

**18th January**

**7.30 at the Four Crosses Inn, Holyhead Road, Bicton, Shrewsbury SY3 8EF**

**AGENDA**

**1) Apologies for Absence**

**2) Area Commissioner’s Report**

**3) Matters arising**

**4) Treasurer’s Report**

**5) Shropshire Driving days a tribute to the late John Gibson**

**6) Future participation in Newport &Shropshire shows**

**7) Rights of Way**

**8) Open Discussion.**

**9) Any Other Business**

**Please be aware that some of the issues listed below are likely to be discussed and members thoughts and ideas will be appreciated**

Discuss guidelines for safely conducting public parades

* Attingham Drive
* Boxing Day at Newport
* New Year’s Day at Prees Heath

Closing dates for entries

* Create a formal schedule for the event. Send it out to known regular attendees in advance and post it on the Area website

Impress on attendees the importance of being ready in time to move off

* How best to deal with non members who attempt to join in? (Event insurance is nul & void if just one non member takes part)
* Carry out cursory harness checks
* Enforce the hard hat requirement for under 14 year olds
* Only the route that has been assessed for risk to be driven

**Make every attempt to comply with the BDS insurers’ requirements and conditions to eliminate, as far as possible, the pressure and responsibility on the Area Commissioner, his assistants and stewards.**

Try and unify the scattered groups of carriage drivers in Shropshire.

* Reintroduce at least one social meeting with a speaker or illustrated talk to reunite the Area members
* Organise one or two fun type events in a field or indoor school to attract a younger element or those already taking part in indoor driving trials.
* 20 mile drive in N E Shropshire/Staffordshire (hopefully) 1st May 2017