Keep cool this spring with our driving tips



Spring and summer are seasons welcomed by most, however, it's important to consider issues affecting motorists. From increased holiday traffic to a blinding glare, drivers are encouraged to plan ahead before setting off in high temperatures.

Heated breakdowns

Tired journeys

Engine temperatures will soar in slowmoving traffic if the fan is broken so remember to check the coolant reservoir level regularly. To check the fan, run the car to normal temperature to ensure the cooling fan kicks in.

Punctures are a common occurrence from intense, heated friction and motorists are recommended to check tyre conditions and pressures, adjusting for extra loads, as well as checking caravan tyres for cracking. Long motorway journeys in the heat can cause fatigue so it's important to get plenty of fresh air and breaks.

For journeys over three hours, take a 20 minute break, but for longer ones, break every two hours.

Consuming heavy meals leads to drivers feeling sluggish so it is best to avoid this.

Tractors

Tractors may not hear a car overtaking as the cabs are usually sound-proofed, and as they don't have to be fitted with brake lights or indicators in daylight, it can be dangerous to attempt to do so.

Dazzling glare

Keep sunglasses that don't darken in the sunlight to hand and clean the windscreen regularly to remove any smears, that will impair vision.

It is also useful to replace damaged windscreen wipers.



The Tool Box

The newsletter from Scotlands Ash Garage

Our services

MoTs from
6am (by appt)

Servicing

Repairs

Wheel Alignment

Airconditioning

 Brake discs re-surfacing

• TerraClean engine clean

Electric &
Hybrid vehicles

 Free vehicle checks are also available

• Guaranteed courtesy car with every service



Garage aiming to donate thousands to the charity through MOT initiative

Scotlands Ash Garage has revealed that for every MOT it undertakes between 1 November 2015 - 31 December 2016, it will donate £1 to the Teenage Cancer Trust, with the grand total expected to top more than £2000.

With around seven young people aged between 13 and 24 diagnosed with cancer every single day in the UK, Teenage Cancer Trust is the only charity committed to providing worldclass cancer services for this unique age group in the UK. The life-changing care and support provided ensures young people do not have to face the challenges of cancer alone.

Scotlands Ash Garage proprietors, Peter and Ruth Welch, have firsthand experience of how cancer can affect young people when their own daughter, Libby, was diagnosed with a Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumour at the age of just 20. Over the last year, Libby has received pioneering treatment for her cancer, and thanks to the support from the local community, family, friends, and tremendous skills and dedication of our National Health Service, Libby received clear scans in August and is now on the road to recovery.

Peter said: "Teenage Cancer Trust is a charity close to our hearts and we are pleased to have the opportunity to show our gratitude to the hard work it carries out. As a leading MOT test centre in the area, we have high hopes we can raise a significant amount and help the charity continue to change lives."

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Garage in the local community

Oxfordshire's leading independent garage Scotlands Ash Garage is committed to supporting various charities and events. It currently sponsors local football team, Wallingford Town FC as well as recently financially assisting a firework display for the local community in Aston Tirrold.

So far the company has raised more than £600 for the Teenager cancer Trust through this means.

In other Scotlands Ash Garage News, the garage is part of the TerraClean network, which raised an incredible £900 for Teenage Cancer Trust, during an entertaining game of stand-up bingo following a conference.

Libby Welch said: "I honestly can't tell you how grateful I am for your generous donations and I want to thank you wholeheartedly for helping young people access invaluable support from the moment they hear the word 'cancer'.

"On another bright note, I received news that my MRI scan came back clear! Almost one year cancer free!"

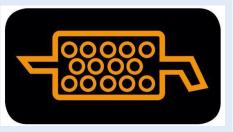


Don't ignore the DPF warning light - call Scotlands Ash

Scotlands Ash Garage can revive blocked DPFs with the new TerraClean EGR cleaning tool.

The new EGR tool has emerged as a leading product for Randstad, becoming extremely popular with TerraClean operators not just in the thorough cleaning of the EGR system, but with restoring air flow to inlet manifolds, improving swirl flap operation and, cleaning DPFs.

The visual inspection of DPFs has been added to MoT test criteria. The DPF works by absorbing harmful diesel particulate matter or soot and then burning these off during its regeneration cycle. For this cycle to complete



successfully, the vehicle is required to run for a prolonged period or risk the DPF becoming clogged and ultimately fail. Other reasons for DPF failure include ineffective heater plugs or underlying engine problems.

Turkington and TerraClean tie-up

Specialising in reducing emissions, restoring MPG and regaining performance for all types of engines, TerraClean has just confirmed its commitment to BTCC driver, Colin Turkington. Igniting excitement within the 400+ TerraClean agents nationwide, the "Cleaner, Greener Drive" service has joined forces with the Northern Irishman in a bid to combine its leading decarbonisation technology with one of the leading Touring Car drivers in the world's most competitive Touring Car series.

Eager to drive the brand forward into motorsport and keen to ensure the correct representation, TerraClean's selection of Turkington highlights the reputation the successful Double Champion has established over the years.

"The TerraClean brand continues to grow at a rapid pace within the Randstad group" says Philip Dowd, Randstad's sales director. "As a business, we have continuously invested in the brand. We want to put the TerraClean service in front of the nation and with Colin Turkington confirmed to spearhead our promotional campaigns, we have achieved a perfect combination.

"As a company, we ensured all of our TerraClean service centres had a say in this decision and it was very nearly a clean sweep of 'Yes' votes! Colin is a very popular and talented driver within the BTCC and it will be hugely rewarding to see our brand penetrating through to a wider motorsport community through the incredible free-to-view ITV package."



Excited by the partnership, Turkington can't wait to expose the emissions reducing product to those yet to discover it: "I am genuinely excited by the TerraClean service. Reducing emissions, restoring MPG and regaining performance are three very important elements for any vehicle.

"I firmly believe that having a TerraClean service should become common practise across the UK and I am delighted to become an Ambassador for the brand - it is a real boost knowing that TerraClean has selected me for this role. I am thrilled to join forces and put our brands alongside one another as Randstad continues to invest in one of the UK's fastest growing brands."