

WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY...



As a member of the ADI Federation from the beginning, I have found your service very helpful and informative.

There was nothing that I asked that you could not help me with or you always knew where to get the answers.

I have enjoyed the newsletters and the information they contained.

Also the light hearted experiences of other members.

Unfortunately I have retired (end of 2016) and so will miss this contact with the Federation and other members.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish The Federation many more years of advice, support, information you have always given.

Tim Madden (Dip. DI Grade A), Wednesbury, West Midlands.

I have been a member of the ADI Federation for more than 15 years. In that time I got know Barbara Trafford well in my capacity as an ADI and Chairman of RAADI (Rugby Association of Approved Driving Instructors), when on occasion Barbara attended the association's meetings and gave presentations on many relevant and interesting topics to the association members.

I personally had a lot of help from Barbara during my illness in 2010

Membership of the ADI Federation certainly paid off - the help I received was fantastic.

On the day I was told the news of my condition (I was diagnosed with a brain tumour) my world fell apart especially, as I just received the letter for the statutory Check Test and no time to re-arrange the date. Well, as I found out, I shouldn't have been worried, on contacting The ADI Federation my concerns were alleviated by Barbara, who reassured me and sorted it all with DSA (at that time), as well as put me at ease pending my operation.

That was not the only help I personally had, as my recuperation lasted almost 14 months and I again needed help from the ADI Federation, as I was well overdue the 12 month limit of being off the ADI register.

However with Barbara's intervention I was allowed back on to the register without having to re-sit the examination and was allowed a further time to refresh before the Check Test. Of course there were many other occasions that needed help and advice.

During the years I have come to know Barbara professionally and personally regarding her as good friend. I always found her to be most helpful especially to any member of the ADI Federation.

So **join up** and you will not be disappointed.

Happy 20th anniversary ADI Federation and to Barbara; Thank you, Merci, Danke, Grazie, Obrigado, Hvala

John Cerpnjak, Rugby, Warwickshire

Happy 20th Birthday

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to the ADI Federation.

Twenty successful years in the front line assisting ordinary ADIs and helping to shape our industry for the better.

All of this you do unobtrusively behind the scenes, day in and day out and yet you are always there for the benefit of your members.

Speaking personally I having been in the driving industry for more years than I would like to remember, it is only when the chips are down that you really find out just how good any association actually is.

I have been a member of every major association that enjoy collecting fees and pontificate about helping grass roots instructors. What I found astonishing was that some associations do not even know you are a member or offer any help at all.

Without doubt The ADI Federation has achieved far more for this industry in such a short number of years compared to all of the other organisations combined.

For me it was most unfortunate that I was struck down and unable to follow my career path due to ill health. The ADI Federation was the only association that actually kept in touch with me during my darkest of days and offered real practical help at the point of need when I needed it. They continue to assist me every time I ask for help and I would encourage every driving instructor to take out a membership with The ADI Federation as the future is so unpredictable that you never know when you may need that extra bit of help yourself.

A huge 'thank you' and a round of applause to the ADI Federation for a job well done.

Do keep up the good work. You are very much appreciated.

John Neilson, Luton, Beds.

Many thanks for all the newsletters over the years; I think I joined in the early years of the Fed. I retired last year and have kept my membership up to keep in touch with 'goings on' in the industry. I always enjoyed the AGMs and meeting old friends and making new ones from around the country.

Thankfully I never had a need for your expert knowledge of how to get out of trouble!! But I know you always put the members first, at times to the detriment of yourself and your health.

Many thanks to the members when I asked, via the Newsletter a couple of years ago, for them to sign up to my protest concerning being charged to go over the new Runcorn bridge. We managed to get over 10,000 signatures and the Government gave in and are to allow the residents of Halton free crossing when the bridge is open next year.

I have always enjoyed our talks on the phone when we were in touch and I send all best wishes to fellow ADI Federation members.

Vince Clark, Runcorn, Cheshire.

Thank you Barbara for twenty years of hard work and dedication to the cause: "The road to a common purpose".
Knowing that you are there for ADIs' concerns and worries is very reassuring.
Here's to the next twenty!"

Brian Stratton.

Hello Barbara

Before I leave the Federation (because of age and health) I would like to thank you all for the positive help I have received from The ADI Federation, not, I am glad to say for problem solving, but with the work you have passed my way. These have been greatly appreciated and financially well worthwhile.
I have been a member of The ADI Federation for some considerable time and wish you and all that are involved a long and fruitful future.
I would always say to anyone thinking of joining a professional body look at what The ADI Federation has to offer, before dismissing it, to join larger organisations, and perhaps join both.

Dave Price, Fareham, Hants.

I think I was one of the earliest members of The ADI Federation and can only thank you for making me feel part of a family who I turn to often for advice and guidance.
I would not want to be without you. Even if you doubled the membership fee. Especially as a sole trader / small business, you have the ADI on your side to help.

Nicky Nicholson. West Hampstead

All the calls I have made to The ADI Federation were responded to very quickly. Problems have always been solved.
I have found The ADI Federation a very useful source of information I would also like to add, Barbara and the ADI Federation have helped me since 2006 when I did my Fleet Training Course. They are very knowledgeable, friendly and helpful
I would highly recommend any ADI to join The ADI Federation.

Sue Howe, Swindon, Wiltshire

All those years ago I never expected to need The ADI Federation but thought I would join anyway, just in case. Oh how I am glad I joined.
The ADI Federation has always been available to help me. No matter how BIG or small my problem has been The ADI Federation has always sorted it. It has acted on my behalf and in my best interests always. I am truly grateful for all the help over the years. If any ADI is reading this who is not a member I would urge you to join because you just never know when you may need assistance.

Sioux Fennessy, Watford, Herts.

Dear Barbara and team,

Many thanks for many of years of support. No matter how small the problem you made sure that it was resolved.

From trying to get through to the DVSA to helping me with a check test a few years ago, some phone calls made out of normal working hours, this is dedicated support.

Only this week Barbara called me to make sure that I had resolved an issue with the DVSA as she was not in the office when I had called and spoke to her colleague.

May the good work continue and support get stronger.

Many 'thanks' to Barbara and all of the team.

Ian Peters, Crowthorne, Berks.

Thank you for your assistance over the last 20 years - keep it up.

Also I wish all my ADI colleagues a happy 2017 and hope it is better than 2016

Eric Parker, Bingley, West Yorkshire

Why did I join The A D I Federation eighteen years ago?

Well I had read about a woman setting up a organised for driving instructors to help with any problems they might have with the then DSA because she had taken the DSA on and won.

Not long after joining myself and my wife attended an ADI Federation conference where I was introduced to the founder Barbara Trafford and from that day she has never forgot mine or my wife's name.

So what has The ADI Federation done for me?

Well made me a better instructor in the beginning when there were training days and many other things going on and I didn't have to pay an arm or leg for them like you would have with other organisations.

When I have had check test coming up, I phoned Barbara: she has put me in touch with very experienced trainers on which I have achieved grade 5 and 6 and recently a high B.

Have I ever had used the Federation?

Many times over the last eighteen years, problems with examiners, booking office, theory test, theory test booking office, theory test centres and pupils parents the latest one driving test cancellations. Barbara has been there for me and always got results, phoned me back once and said Graham the DSA will phone you within the hour and they did - problem sorted.

So do I think my subscription is worth it every penny these last eighteen years. To me it's my insurance that there's someone in my corner ready to give advice or get in touch with the right people and makes things happen.

So Barbara, thank you and the A D I Federation for being there.

Graham Rhodes, Worcester

Barbara Well Done ADI Federation for giving us 20 years Excellent Service
Basil Smith, Northampton

Keep up all the extremely good advice and work. You're brilliant.
I feel very secure when I have any doubts or questions; I know I can
turn to The ADI Federation (you) for excellent knowledgeable advice.
I'm really proud to be a member.

Jackie Clark, Southend-on-Sea, Essex

ADI Federation.

Happy birthday The ADI Federation.

Congratulations on the years of enormous help that you have given to all the
ADI's over the last 20-years.

I for one have been a recipient of the help needed by The ADI Federation when
confronted by what can only be described as, to say the least a very difficult
situation after an encounter with the DVSA.

On making contact with other organisations and getting no response I made
contact with Barbara Trafford and the job was done!!!! The work that was put
in on my behalf was irreproachable. I would encourage all ADI to get involved
with The ADI Federation, you need a strong body behind you, and you will not
find one better.

I have been an ADI for more years than I am going to confess, I have the
pleasure of being the chairman of the HERDI, Hull And East Riding Driving
Instructors where we try to keep instructors informed about their industry, we
must work together and belonging to The ADI Federation has done that for me
and been a great help over the years, my thanks go to Barbara who I know
works tirelessly for all the members, If I can achieve half of what the Federation
(Barbara) has done for its members I will have done the job.

Thank You , Mrs Barbra Trafford, The ADI Federation.

Andrew Hunter-Burgess, Hessle, Hull.

Hi Barbara

Congratulations on 20 years since founding the ADI federation.

I just want to thank you and your staff for the invaluable service, assistance and advice you provide us as ADIs to deal with the many non-driving related matters that we've experienced.

I want to thank you especially for reassurance over some legal issues that I have had with ex-franchise companies and for your commitment to the driving industry.

You, and your staff, do a very professional job.

Well done and thanks,

Simon Porch, Burgess Hill, Sussex