

WINTER NEWSLETTER

Here we are at the beginning of June already. The year is speeding by!
We wish you all the best as we head into the colder months and hope you stay safe on the roads.
Cheers, Peter, Anne, Sam, Mark and Shanley



We all know that with winter comes wet, foggy and icy conditions. To keep you and your fellow motorists safe during the winter months there are particular parts of your vehicle that need to be checked more regularly. Some of these are the lights, steering/suspension, windscreen wipers, demister/airconditioning, tyres and brakes.

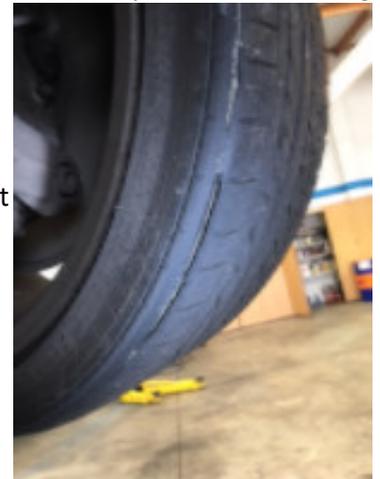
Please remember a WOF is only a safety check on the day of inspection and means the vehicle has met the minimum legal requirements to pass the test. **It does not mean the vehicle is safe until the next WOF inspection; that is the owners/drivers responsibility.**

We'd like to focus on **tyres** because we believe these often get overlooked especially now that recent model cars only need their warrant of fitness (WOF) renewed once a year. We are seeing more and more cars with **dangerously** worn or bald tyres that need replacing just like the tyres shown here. This particular vehicle was not due a WOF inspection for another 6 months!

A lot of modern vehicles run steering angles that make the car handle better but they increase the amount of inside tread wear that is only really evident when the vehicle is lifted in the air.

Tread depth is a measure of how worn your tyres are. Worn or bald tyres with poor tread depth will greatly affect the overall braking and cornering performance of your vehicle, putting you, your passengers and other road users at risk.

Regularly check your tyres to make sure there is still plenty of tread. While the minimum legal depth is 1.5mm, it is recommended that you replace your tyres when the tread depth reaches 3mm. Even from 3mm tread depth, worn tyres can be more **dangerous on wet roads**. The more tread you have, the safer you will be, thanks to having better grip.



ALWAYS REMEMBER

- Drive to the conditions.
- Allow greater following distances on frosty and wet days.
- Obey emergency road closed signs and barriers.
- Follow the directions of any road patrol or police officer.
- Avoid towing in icy conditions.
- Road closures and restrictions are put in place for everyone's safety. It is against the law to drive on a closed highway. If you choose to ignore closures or restrictions, you do so at your own risk, and it voids your insurance.