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Winter Driving Workshops - Be prepared in Buckinghamshire

Transport for Buckinghamshire are holding workshops across the county this November to help prepare motorists for the challenge of winter driving.

Last year over 200 people attended either an evening workshop or a winter driving event hosted by their employer.

Each workshop starts with a winter driving presentation on how to drive safely in challenging conditions. The garage technicians will then take attendees through the most common faults and basic vehicle maintenance checks.

Peter Hardy, Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport, said "We have experienced some severe weather over the last couple of winters so these workshops could be beneficial to those who are not experienced at driving in these conditions."

Whether you're an experienced motorist, older driver or have just passed your driving test, a winter driving workshop will help you understand how to conduct basic vehicle checks to reduce the possibility of the vehicle breaking down.

"I spoke to employees who went to the Winter Driving Workshop and all have said how valuable it was. The comments included that much of it was down to common sense and they would think more about their driving and vehicle safety." Peter Gannaway, Health and Safety Manager Paradigm Housing Group.

"I went on the course with a limited knowledge of the effects the winter can have on my vehicle, but two hours later I was up to speed. It's not rocket science, but what you do learn is common sense that could keep your car on the road in the cold and should make you a safer driver. I've still got my sleeping bag in the boot, I've never used it, but it's great to know it's there!!" Andy Holmes, Buckinghamshire County Council.

The evening workshops start at 7 pm and are held on the following dates:

STS Tyres Aylesbury on 8th November 2011 STS Tyres High Wycombe on 15th November 2011 STS Tyres Chesham on 22nd November 2011 Buckingham Ford on 17th November 2011

To find out more about winter driving and to book a place on a workshop, visit our web site http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/winter_driving_workshops.page

Alternatively if you would like to host a workplace workshop please telephone 01296 382450 01296 382450 or email roadsafety@buckscc.gov.uk

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