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C·Scene

The Dolmen campervan ezine



Welcome to C·Scene, our new ezine for Dolmen campervan scheme customers.

C·Scene will help you get the best from your scheme, Working with our partners in AXA, we have information on a wide range of topics ranging from buying a campervan to getting the best deals on accessories and parts. And as you would expect, we will help you get the best from your campervan insurance and other insurance products you might be interested in.

This ezine is two way traffic. We want to know what you liked (and what you think we could do better). The easiest way to give us feedback is probably by email. Send your comments to camperscheme@dolmen-insurance.ie

Kind regards,

Hugh Keogh

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Dolmen Insurance.

It's not about the cover you want - it's about the cover you need!

The benefits of your campervan insurance are designed to give you complete peace of mind. You don't just need motor insurance cover and car insurance is not enough when you drive a campervan. Ask yourself, don't you need cover that includes;

- Fully comprehensive insurance including loss, damage or theft of fixed parts and accessories

- Automatic cover when you travel anywhere in Ireland, the UK or mainland Europe
- Breakdown cover that will get you assistance on the spot (from Galway to Greece).
- Flexibility with our open driving option. This allows anyone aged 25-70 with a full licence to drive your vehicle (so no more phone calls everytime you want to put someone else in the driver's seat).
- Protection when your campervan is going nowhere! Sitting in your driveway, your campervan can be a target for criminals. We don't reduce our cover just because you hang up your keys for the Winter!
- And if you do claim, we promise to do everything we can to get you campervan repaired (with a written guarantee) and back on the road as soon as possible. And if it's a write off, we will give you the market value so you can buy a replacement. We can't say fairer than that!



From batteries to brake pads, you can save money on parts and accessories (and did we mention lower car ferry costs?)...

The trouble with campervans (and all things on four wheels) is that things break, fall off or just won't do what they used to do! And getting new bits costs money. So how about a 15% discount from Halfords, Ireland's largest car part and accessory chain?

All you have to do is produce your campervan insurance certificate (or the disc in your campervan window) and Halfords will give you a 15% discount. And not only on parts. If you fancy buying some accessories (e.g. a bike rack for the rear of your camper) then you get 15% of the price as well.

But as the saying goes, there's more, much more. Book your next trip to the UK with Stena and you will get a discount on your costs. The amount depends on the time of year and the size of your camper but make sure you mention you are a Dolmen customer insured through AXA to see how much you could save.

We will be bringing more savings and discounts to you in the months ahead so make sure to read your next issue of CScene!



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Stena Line

It doesn't have to be night to be bright

Did you know that driving with your headlamps on during daylight could reduce your chance of an accident by 25% -with the chance of head on collision reduced by as much as 50%!

These are some of the findings following research across Europe. Put another way, if everyone drove with their headlamps on by day, around 5,500 lives could be saved on European roads every year.

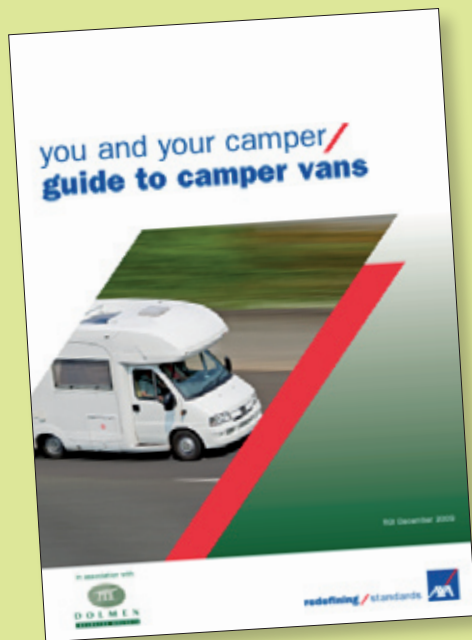
Some EU countries such as Austria have introduced legislation to make use of headlamps (by day) mandatory. But it should not take a change in the law to encourage us to take better care of each other on the road. In the flick of a switch your headlamps can be on... with modern cars designed to sound a warning if they are left on by accident.

So, get the habit, get switched on!



Best seller, costs nothing

Our ever popular guide to buying and owning a campervan is in stock. Packed with tips on getting the most from your campervan, the guide is a must-have for all campervan owners. If you would like a copy log onto dolmen-insurance.ie and download yours on the spot. We will also have a small number of printed copies available on request.



Pride & Joy

Our partners in AXA have a long tradition as a motor insurer (more than a century) and it's no surprise they have thousands of classic/vintage car customers. Against this background and to enable AXA to give something back to local communities they sponsored the complete restoration of a dilapidated but original 1970 VW Camper Van.

Using the skills and enthusiasm of the local community in Darndale on Dublin's Northside, the bodywork, interior, engine and mechanics of this iconic image of flower power was lovingly brought back to showroom condition.

As AXA Chief Executive John O'Neill said (on the day AXA got the keys) "I want to thank the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre for the support they have given the project, and in particular for providing the facilities for the work to be carried out. The finished van is a terrific reflection of what the centre does, and we have been delighted to be involved".



Rules for the road

Our children are precious. They look to us for protection and guidance when it comes to road safety. European accident research has identified a few basic rules that we, as Adults need to learn (and practice) to keep our children safe as road users, passengers or pedestrians.

If you do it, they do it. Children copy adults. If you respect other road users, only cross the road where it's safe to do so, obey traffic signals and generally practice what you preach, the chances are your kids will do the same.

In a group, the rules are different. This can be a tricky one. Kids together tend to be boisterous with a tendency to take more risks. No one is saying kids can't be kids, but they need to develop a sense of personal safety especially when they "run with the pack".

Think with the mind of a child. This one is for motorists. Children, by virtue of their age and height, may be obscured from your line of vision. If you see children playing slow down. You never know, a dash across the road can happen in the blink of an eye. The consequences of a road accident may last a lifetime.

It's always about seat belts (and booster seats). Put simply, any child under 14 must sit in the back seats, belts should be adjusted to provide support across the chest area and booster seats must be suitable for the age/

weight of the infant. If you have any doubts on this, get professional advice.

No helmet, no bike. Some kids feel that bike helmets are uncool. But the fact remains that wearing one could save their life and keep them safe from serious head injury. Bike helmets should sit snugly on their heads and chin straps should be used to keep the helmet in place.

Skatebored? Adults accept that wearing a helmet and suitable padding provides essential protection when skateboarding on hard surfaces. Children may need to be convinced - that's up to us. Remember, as well as protecting against inevitable falls, they will also help if a skateboarder is hit by a slow speed vehicle or other board users. In other words, they could be a life saver.



Research shows that children are probably the most vulnerable of all road users.



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