



# A PRE-DRIVER TRAINING COURSE FOR SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLDS

The courses are run by the Northavon Driving Instructors' Association (NADIA), supported by South Gloucestershire Council's Road Safety Education Team and Hanson UK. N.A.D.I.A. has been running the courses since 1996.

How do you feel about the prospect of learning to drive? Are you excited? I hope so. Are you nervous? This is where we can help!

Our introductory driving courses for the under-seventeens are a great way to chase away those nerves and to get your driving off to a flying start **before** your seventeenth birthday. They provide a very safe and economical way to learn the basic skills.

You'll learn a lot, you'll make new friends and you'll have a lot of fun!

Did you know that as a newly qualified driver you will be up to **seven** times more likely to crash than a driver with years of driving experience behind them? **Experience**, of course, is the key difference and, sadly, it's something that you can only gain over time.

However, during the **theory** element of the course we believe that we can offset that lack of experience by showing you what mistakes you're most likely to make when you first pass your driving test. Once aware of these most common mistakes you should be a lot less likely to make them! We'll also give you lots of other tips and advice to help you to minimise that increased risk.

You'll meet officers from Avon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service and others who are willing to share their experiences with you.

The six-week course comprises 7½ hours of theory and 6 hours of practical (in-car) sessions. The theory sessions are held on a Thursday evening at Yate Library. They start at 7pm and finish at around 8.15pm.

The practical sessions are held on Saturday and Sunday mornings: you can choose which day you'd prefer. We use a network of roads and car parks owned by Hanson UK at Chipping Sodbury.

Our team of experienced and friendly instructors will aim to teach you all the necessary basic car-control skills in the safety of this private road network so that you'll be able to face your first lesson on a public road with confidence.

You **don't** need to have a provisional licence.

In total you'll receive over thirteen hours of tuition (practical and theory) for only £109. The course could even pay for itself because some of the advice that we give you (especially about insurance) could be worth more than the £109 paid! Fewer on-road lessons should be needed too!

Although we only use fully qualified (and fully insured) Driving Standards Agency Approved Driving Instructors with dual controlled cars we're able to keep the cost of the course down by having a ratio of three pupils to one instructor on the practical sessions.

Over the years, students have told us that this works really well in the initial stages of driving. They've said that they learn a lot from the back seat once the pressure is off, so to speak, by watching someone else have a go. You should get a lot of support and encouragement from your team mates and you, in turn, will support *their* efforts.

You'll meet the other two members of your "team" on your first theory session and you'll stay together for both the theory and the practical sessions throughout the course. It's a chance to make new friends or, if you prefer, you can persuade a couple of your existing friends to come along and have a ready-made team of your own choosing.

Ideally, you'll attend a course which **ends** nearest your seventeenth birthday, so that there isn't a big gap between finishing the course and taking "normal" driving lessons.

Our instructors will be happy to continue teaching you (on public roads) once you reach seventeen and have your provisional licence if you live within their catchment area. However, you'll be under no obligation to stay with them.

I've attached an application form which you should complete and return to the address on the form. A cheque for either £109 (in full payment) or £33 (as an initial deposit) should accompany the application and should be made payable to "NADIA". Those sending a £33 deposit will need to pay the balance of £76 on the first theory session.

If you've ever been a pupil at Alexander Hosea School, Wickwar, you should find that £49 of the fee will be paid by the Wickwar Educational Foundation, leaving you just £60 to send with your application in full payment: download their application form at:  
<http://wickwar.org/community/wickwar-educational-foundation/>

Please give us a ring on 01454 260011 if there's anything else you'd like to know. I **do** hope you'll be able to join us on one of the courses.

Regards, *Jerry.*

Jerry Price, D.V.S.A. Approved Driving Instructor (car) and Course Coordinator.