



IHIE @ 40 Celebrating Excellence



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IHIE members come from a great variety of backgrounds and through many different routes.

Throughout 2005 we will profile members who illustrate that variety and describe their routes to membership which you might follow. First up is Peter Smith.

Peter joined IHIE in 1965 when he was Head of Traffic Management for Thames Valley Police. He decided upon a Road Safety career in the Police as a teenager, after witnessing a horrific and avoidable fatal collision.

He describes IHIE as “a very broad church, willing to accommodate lots of people from all areas of activity providing they have a contribution to make”. This broad reach of the Institute enabled Peter to make strong and mutually supportive working relationships with the engineers responsible for designing and building highways. Peter specialises in carrying out Safety Audits, and in training people to carry them out.

Membership of IHIE helped him to a fuller understanding of how his opposite numbers in local authorities worked and the constraints they faced. IHIE offered many ways of becoming more widely involved, especially through CPD, and then by providing a path to registration. He obtained the Diploma in Accident Safety and Management through MANCAT, and qualified as EngTech. He said, “This qualification accredited the experience and professionalism I acquired over 30 years in the Police. It has provided something concrete, to show for all those years”.

Peter is Chair of the Chilterns Branch, and a new member of Council. He contributes to the profession through this voluntary service, and brings added value to TMS Consultants who he now works for, because safety courses they provide are of the high standard accredited by IHIE. He says he would “encourage anyone in any aspect of highway safety to consider joining IHIE, as it allows you an insight into all areas of activity: if stops you being blinkered”.

The routes to IHIE Membership

Engineering Technician registration is open to practitioners with the MANCAT Diploma, the City of Bath Highways Open Tech or Nottingham Trent University full certificate and the City & Guilds Traffic Engineering Certificate from Kingston College.

With any of these you are able to take a Technician Review to demonstrate your professional competence and commitment.

Police with five years' experience in traffic can also join IHIE as Associate Members, a full corporate grade, which is where Peter started. With ten years' experience you can become a Member.

Join IHIE quickly and easily as an Affiliate Member - it's free - we will then advise you on your personal progression route. Go to www.ihie.org.uk