

Report for the V8 AGM 2022 from the V8 Scribe

Aim of the website activities and our material in Safety Fast!

The V8 Register aims to provide content in its monthly V8 Columns (half page) and the three periodic V8 Newsletters (four pages – April, August & December) in Safety Fast! which MGV8 members and other readers will feel is interesting, lively and topical. We mention a “More” webpage in our columns and newsletters where additional information is available should readers wish to read more on a topic.

<https://www.v8register.net/more.htm>

Volunteer

Peter Berry volunteered to take up the role and workload from the May 2022 issue.

Current situation

As the current V8 Scribe, I have worked in parallel with Peter until May 2022 when Peter took over the workload. He intends standing for election to the V8 Committee at the V8 AGM at MGLive! 2022. As the retiring V8 Chairman I will copy Peter in on all the emails and contacts I have from fellow members so he is fully aware of new topics, not least where there is the possibility of a new workshop note, that could be useful as content when drafting the next V8 Column or V8 Newsletter.

What's involved?

The V8 Scribe contributes on a monthly basis 16.5 A4 pages of copy each year. The **copy date is usually around 5th-7th of the month before the month of publication**. So for the four page V8 Newsletter in the April 2022 issue of Safety Fast! the copy has to be sent to the Editor by around 7th March.

Source of material for the V8 Columns and Newsletters

The copy usually is a mix of **news items** (information on events and booking details) and **features** on technical topics (often cut down versions of workshop notes) or **reports on events** (for example the V8 Kent Tour 2021). The Editor likes to see about **40% of the pages as photos** to illustrate the text and provide an attractive read. The copy is reviewed by the Editor then set out by the publisher (Hine). To help so the drafting fits the half page or pages, we use a template in Word format which helps size the text and photos. The photos are useful as Hine can crop them to help make the copy fit the available space. It's essential the digital image files sent to the Editor with the text are **good quality jpegs** because Hine do need good quality digitals to ensure good reproduction by the printer.

Templates for the V8 Columns and V8 Newsletters

Victor Smith has sent send Peter Berry templates in Word format he has used to provide a reasonable guide to fitting the copy to the space available in Safety Fast!

Victor Smith