

# Learn to Drive with one of the best

Helen Edwards, a life-long Kilburn resident has been teaching local students how to drive for the past 6 years. She trained as a driving instructor whilst still working full time at a Housing Association in Derby and passed two of the three qualifying tests before taking the leap into teaching full-time.



Initially, Helen started to instruct on a trainee licence, which is the norm for many new instructors. At this time she held a franchise with Reeds Driving School. After Helen passed the third test to become a fully qualified instructor, she decided to set up independently as HLE Driving School. Helen's passion for her career comes from the real sense of achievement she gets when she sees her students pass their test.

Helen explains, "fully qualified driving instructors must take regular tests known as check tests, introduced to maintain the quality of tuition. A senior examiner watches the driving instructor perform a lesson with a real pupil and instructors are then graded on their ability"

A Grade 4 instructor is classed as 'competent', Grade 5 means 'good' and Grade 6 'of a very high standard'. There are approximately 27,000 instructors on the Register of Advanced Driving Instructors - less than 10% of these are Grade 6. Helen Edwards is one of these elite few - so rest assured you will be learning with one of the best.

Charlotte Tansley from Horsley (pictured right) passed her test first time with HLE Driving School after just seven months of tuition. She says, "learning to drive with Helen was brilliant, I was a nervous wreck when I first got behind the wheel but Helen immediately put me at ease. I would recommend her to anyone"



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