Sevenoaks Driving Lessons receives Award of Excellence for UK Driving School of the Year 2026

Sevenoaks Driving Lessons provides professional, personalised driving lessons to learners in Sevenoaks, Kent, and the surrounding villages. Geoff Newman, a fully qualified Approved Driving Instructor (ADI), helps people develop the skills, confidence and knowledge they need to become safe, independent drivers. Combining local expertise with a calm, patient teaching style, Geoff aims to make learning to drive a positive and rewarding experience for people at every stage of their driving journey.

Here at E2 Media we have proudly unveiled the highly anticipated 2026 Awards of Excellence, celebrating remarkable achievements across various industries. Among this year's standout winners is Sevenoaks Driving Lessons, who have been given the title 'UK Driving School of the Year'. Their unwavering dedication to delivering an exceptional service sets them apart, earning the respect and admiration of both industry peers and loyal clients. This recognition not only reflects Sevenoaks Driving Lessons' ongoing commitment to excellence but also underscores their consistent efforts to provide a seamless, positive and memorable experience for every customer. At E2 Media, we believe in championing organisations that bring fresh, innovative ideas to their markets. They need not be the largest, but they must strive to offer something truly distinctive and above all deliver an outstanding product or service. Sevenoaks Driving Lessons embodies all of these qualities, making them a truly deserving recipient of this year's award.

Geoff's learners passed 86% of their driving tests in 2026 (50 of 58), against a Sevenoaks test centre average of about 59%. He sits in on almost every one of his learners' tests, more than 100 in Sevenoaks so far, so his mock tests feel like the real thing. He's 5-star rated on Google from over 110 reviews, and his learners who also practise with a parent typically need about 21 hours of lessons, compared with the DVSA guide of 45. He has also been named Kent's Best Local Driving Instructor (Automotive Awards 2025) and won the Education & Training Service Excellence Award (Prestige Awards 2026).

Born and raised in Sevenoaks, Geoff has an in-depth understanding of the area's roads, junctions, traffic conditions and driving test routes. He passed his own driving test at Sevenoaks Test Centre in 1998 and taught his own three sons to drive. His structured approach helps learners develop sound driving habits that extend well beyond passing their test.

Geoff teaches both manual and automatic lessons, in two dual-controlled cars of his own, so learners can switch between them without changing instructor. Lessons are tailored to each learner's abilities, confidence and pace: beginners build their skills gradually, while more experienced drivers concentrate on the areas they need to improve.

Geoff's approach focuses on practical experience, clear explanations and constructive feedback, helping learners understand how to handle different road situations safely.

Preparation for the practical driving test is at the heart of Geoff's teaching. Learners gain experience on local roads and test routes, practising manoeuvres, roundabouts, parking, junctions, lane positioning and hazard awareness. Mock tests help learners become familiar with the test format and identify anything that needs more work before the big day. Geoff is also the author of Sevenoaks Driving Test Secrets: The Local Guide to Passing Your Driving Test, and of a series of narrated videos that help learner drivers understand the Sevenoaks driving test routes, so learners can keep improving between lessons.

Lessons are designed to fit around busy lives. Geoff can pick up and drop off at home, school, work or Sevenoaks station, and teaches in Sevenoaks, Otford and some nearby villages by recommendation. Lessons run seven days a week, from early morning to late evening, on a pay-as-you-go basis with no extra fees.

Away from teaching, Geoff has won two UK Caterham racing championships. He says the experience made him a better instructor: "Learning to race made me a learner again, so I remember what it feels like not to be able to do something."

Geoff's patience, clear communication and focus on road safety reflect his belief that good driving lessons should prepare learners for a lifetime of safe, responsible driving, not just a single test. It's why so many Sevenoaks families recommend him to their friends.



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