

Club Riding Guidance

The guidance is issued in order to ensure a consistency of expectation, approach and experience in the conduct of our clubs social riding.

Arrangements

The ride should be publicised in advance via usual social media and email. These should ensure everyone understand in good time the start point, the starting time and the general route and destination.

Before You Set Off

Ensure everyone is known and has current membership. Non-members cannot be allowed onto club organised rides. Pillions are welcome.

Ensure new members and associates who have come along for their first group riding experience are to be warmly welcomed, introduced to everyone and generally allowed to settle in. Consider noting name and details of new attendees.

Conduct a pre-ride brief. Does everyone know how first man drop off works? If not give them a simple introduction to ensure there is no surprises. Ensure everyone has a general understanding of the route, where you may be conducting stops and who the 'last man' is.

Ensure everyone understands that this is a RoSPA club organised event. It is therefore expected that:

- The ride will be conducted within the spirit of 'Motorcycle Roadcraft'
- The ride will be conducted in a safe and legal manner
- The riders will respect one another and other road users at all times
- Overtaking is allowed providing it is clean, respectful and legal
- Everyone to know that they are to ride their own ride, ride at a pace they are comfortable with, and is responsible for their own safety.
- The group will not knowingly leave anyone behind.

Conducting the Ride

In conducting the ride:

- The leader and the 'last man' are a team. Ensure you both know the route and any deviation or changes to the plan are known to everyone, specifically the 'last man'.
- The 'last man' should ensure he will be clearly visible to all in the group (eg wear Hi Viz and ensure headlight is on). All riders in the group should be told before the start who the last man is.
- The group's ride should be fun, it is not a training session, it is not a place for feedback. It is a social event.
- Any observed behaviour not compliant with club ethos and codes of behaviour is to be tactfully dealt with by the ride leader (and any members of the training team on the ride should support when required)
- Ensure you know how many people are in the group. Periodically check that the group is together and the last man can be seen.
- If anyone is struggling with pace or style, consider slowing the group to suit or ensure 'last man' understands the issue and is accommodating the pace.
- If anyone falls or breaks down, we all help. Ensure the rider is OK, ensure the machine is OK, ensure recovery is arranged where needed and ensure they get home safely.
- Any event with safety or reputation implications, must be reported to the chairman