

Southampton & District Motorcycle Club Rideout Guidelines

Rideouts are open to Club Members and friends. They are an opportunity for people who enjoy riding to get together and share the pleasure of motorcycling, and are held on public roads. It goes without saying that each rider is responsible for ensuring that their machine is safe, roadworthy, and fully road legal. It is also wise to make sure that you have a full tank of petrol at the start of the ride, and emergency breakdown cover, in case your machine malfunctions. Although members may offer help and advice as individuals, the Club is not responsible for arranging repairs, or transport home for you in such circumstances.

Rideouts are intended to be an enjoyable experience for all who go on them, whatever their level of experience, or size or type of machine. It is expected that all taking part will ride legally, courteously, and in accordance with the Highway Code. Each rider is responsible for making their own risk assessment before riding. This should take into account weather conditions, levels of rider experience, your own confidence, condition of your machine, and also having riding gear appropriate to the weather and season.

If you are riding a machine that is of restricted power or speed, please make this known to those you are riding with at the outset of the ride. Efforts will be made to lead at a pace that is appropriate for the slowest rider. However, there is also an expectation that all riders will make efforts to make reasonable and safe progress when riding in a group.

If you find that riding at the pace of the slowest rider is frustrating you, or you do not wish to do this, you are free to leave the group, and ride independently to our destination, and join the group there, or on your return to the club. It is not acceptable to pressure slower or less experienced riders to ride beyond their safe limits.

We welcome new members, prospective members and guests to our club. Access to the S&DMCC Club House is open to Members, and to their guests. Visitors will need to be signed in by a member, and the appropriate guest fee should be paid for each person.

If you have a destination that you wish to go to on a Club Ride, or would like to lead a ride on either a Friday night, or on a Sunday (or any other occasion!) please speak to me, or contact me via the S&DMCC facebook page.

John Baker. Touring Secretary.
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