

# Guidelines for club Ride outs

Ride outs are a core part of what makes the Club special, both within branches and at rallies. The Club wants members to enjoy the ride, make friends and above all to get home safely without harm to themselves or others.....and without any black marks on their licenses.

Riders joining a Club ride out are encouraged to be courteous to establish and maintain good relations between the Club and the public.

**When participating in any group event you are responsible for your own safety and for complying with all laws, regulations and guidance provided by the Highway Code etc.**

**Your Ride Leader is a voluntary guide only. Neither he/she nor the Club is responsible for your safety... YOU ARE. The Ride Leader may designate** a route and meeting or stopping places - even arrange a lunch venue or places to visit. You are not obliged to follow this route, you can make your own way to any meeting spot.

**It is for you to ensure you are prepared and properly informed.** Before the ride starts everyone should establish from the RIDE LEADER places where the ride will be stopping on route, and the end destination. Ensure you have all phone numbers and information you need, including the phone numbers for the Ride Leader and another member of the group.

**It is wise to ensure you carry your insurance details and emergency recovery numbers in the event of breakdown.** Whilst it is hoped your colleagues will help, you are responsible for your own safety and for getting home if something goes wrong. Look after others if they have difficulties mechanical failures: stop, help, ensure they are safe.

**Safety for yourself and your colleagues is paramount.** You must ride within the law, your own capability, and the road condition. You should not encourage or goad others to do otherwise.

**You must be qualified and licensed to ride your machine** and have appropriate insurance. Your vehicle must be mechanically sound and have an up-to-date MOT.

**If you lose contact with your group or friends**, you must not break speed limits or seek to "catch up". You should either make your own way to the next meeting spot at a safe pace and/or stop and text your Leader or a ride-buddy in the group so that your colleagues know you are safe and then proceed.

**RIDE OUTS ARE NOT COMPETITIONS**, you must not race or compete with any other road user or member of the group.

**DO NOT OVERTAKE WITHIN THE GROUP** unless safe and reasonably necessary to do so to enjoy your ride. Give riders who may be less confident than you time and space to enjoy the ride. Overtake safely if you must - but not at excessive speed.

**RIDE IN A ROAD POSITION WHERE THE RIDER IN FRONT OF YOU CAN SEE YOU IN THEIR MIRRORS.**

You have an important role in ensuring that the Club is respected and that our passage and arrival at any venue or location is a good experience for us and those who we meet.

Enjoy your day and help others to enjoy theirs.