



## Suffolk Riders: Risk Assessment: Group Social Rides

### Summary – Social Ride Policy 2022

#### Principles to be followed for all social rides.

All Social Rides are run within the laws of the road and in accordance with the Highway Code.

In announcement of Social Ride, there shall be a reminder to read the Social Rides Policy as published on Group website.

For each ride, a Full Member of Suffolk Riders Group will act as organiser for that ride.

The organiser will have been briefed by Events Committee member as regards their responsibilities and the safe procedures for organising riders on social rides.

The organiser will check the weather forecast the day before the ride and on the day. If road conditions are poor and unsafe, they will cancel the ride.

#### Pre-Ride Briefing

On arrival at the departure point, participants will check-in with the organiser, informing them whether they are a Full Member, an Associate or a Guest (non-member).

The organiser will remind participants that:

- a) They should ride in accordance with Highway Code and the laws of the road.
- b) They are responsible for themselves and should ride within their personal capability and that of their machine (*Ride Your Own Ride*).
- c) They should ride in a manner consistent with the weather/road conditions.
- d) They should know the destination and have a copy of the ride route.

#### NB

This Risk Assessment applies only to Group Social Rides, starting in and returning to Suffolk on the same day. Long distance trips within UK or continental Europe with over-night stays ('*Mates Rides*') are not overseen by the Group and are not within the scope of this risk assessment.



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**Specific Assessments. Risk = likelihood/severity and is scored H, M, or L. Action = what/who/when.**

What	How	Why	Who	Risk	Action
Personal or third party injury/death.  Damage to property	Road Traffic Accident (RTA)	Rider error, third party error, mechanical failure.	Member, Associate, Guest, Member of the public.	L/H	<p><b>What:</b> Members, Full and Associates, will be advised on safe techniques for riding in a group.</p> <p><b>Who:</b> <i>Events committee member.</i></p> <p><b>When:</b> <i>Annually at a Group evening meeting.</i></p> <p><b>What:</b> Despatch riders in small groups of not more than six at about 5-minute intervals to allow suitable spacing on the road. Consider the potential abilities of the rider (Full, Associate, new member or guest) and place them in a suitable group and brief that group accordingly. If advisable, offer to escort them to the destination in a specific small group.</p> <p><b>Who:</b> <i>Organiser</i></p> <p><b>When:</b> <i>Before ride.</i></p>

***If assistance is needed call Fire, Police, Ambulance by dialling 999. If you have the option on your phone, use 'What Three Words' to locate the incident.***

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