

Introduction

Suffolk Riders organises Group Social Rides (GSR), such as local breakfast runs and trips to motorcycle dealers and accessory suppliers. All members, associates and full, are welcome to join any ride, however, some rides will be more suitable for experienced riders while others will be aimed at Associates. Members may bring along a guest to sample our rides and learn more about our Group, but these should be limited to two ride-outs.

These Group Social Rides give everyone an opportunity to enjoy a ride with other members. Although no training is offered, you may well learn from riding with other, more experienced members.

This policy does not apply to private, member organised rides which are the responsibility of the individual participants.

Organisation

The GSR organiser will arrange for full details of the ride-out to be available to members either by email or on the Group web site or both. These will specify the starting location, departure time and destination. The route may be published on the Group web site or sent direct to participants in a format suitable for downloading by members for use in their personal GPS device.

On the day of the ride-out, the organiser will be at the departure location 30 minutes before the stated departure time. If available, the organiser will wear a Suffolk Rider Hi-Viz tabard.

On arrival, the rider should check in with the organiser, tell him whether they are a full member, an Associate or a guest.

The ride organiser will despatch riders in small groups of not more than six at about 4-minute intervals to allow suitable spacing on the road. It may take a few minutes to organise the groups, however the first group should leave within 15 minutes of the start time.

The ride-out organiser may offer to escort some riders such as Associates, new members or guests, to the destination or will place them in a suitable group and brief that group accordingly.

If the weather forecast is for poor conditions, the rider should check the Suffolk Riders Calendar on the website the evening before the ride to ensure it hasn't been cancelled. There will be no follow-up emails cancelling runs beforehand.

Responsibilities

All riders must:

1. Be familiar with the route and have suitable means to carry it, either written, on GPS or map. You should follow the direction of the rider in front, even if they are wrong!
2. Be ready to leave at or before the publicised start time.
3. Find their own way home, although most people enjoy the company of a fellow rider and there are usually plenty of offers to ride back together in an informal group.

Cautions

1. All rides are run within the laws of the road.
2. All riders must ride within their capability. You may well be riding with considerably more experienced riders than yourself. If you feel you are being pulled along, reduce your pace to one you are comfortable with.
3. If a rider loses contact with the rest of their group, they should follow the given route and rendezvous with them at the destination.
4. In poor weather, all riders must decide whether or not the conditions are suitable.
5. Finally remember:
Suffolk Riders and its Committee do not accept any liability whatsoever for any personal injury or damage to a motorcycle(s) that occurs during any event organised by the Group.