



# Redditch Advanced Motorcyclist Group

## Social Ride Protocol



Group No  
3255

Our regular rides out are every other Sunday. The route and times are posted on the RAMG website.  
The ride is in two distinct parts.

### 1. The Observed ride

The ride from Redditch to the first rest stop is where associates are observed as part of the 'Advanced Rider Course' run by IAM RoadSmart. Associates are supervised by their Observer throughout in accordance with IAM RoadSmart guidance and Group policy.

Every associate is made aware at the start of their course that they are:

- Held to be in control of their bike and responsible for their own actions whilst riding
- All road traffic law must be observed and all speed limits must be observed.

Observers aim to arrange the observed session with their Associates in advance and so should know if their Associate intends to carry on with the second, 'social' part of the ride.

Let your Observer know before the ride starts if you need to be in a group for the social ride.

Observers will arrange to lead riders back to Redditch in small groups if and as necessary.

### 2. The Social ride.

The ride out is now a social ride organised by RAMG where Associates and Members can put into practice the skills introduced as part of their course.

It is typically around 100 miles with rest breaks and returning to Redditch by around 3pm.  
It is less structured and there often may not be an observer to support you individually.

Every rider is still held to be responsible for their own actions.

Road traffic law and speed limits must be observed by all RAMG members whilst on the ride.  
Less experienced riders should ride behind the leader who will set the pace from them.

It is important that you are prepared for the remaining part of the ride out.

It is your responsibility to print the route for the social ride and bring it with you.  
Bring a charged mobile phone, and a satnav or map so you can navigate if you get lost.

Ensure you save relevant RAMG phone numbers in case of real emergency on the ride.

Wear clothing appropriate to the conditions, carry spare gloves and clothing where appropriate.

Riders may feel under pressure to keep up with the group they are in for various reasons.

For safety's sake you **MUST** ride at your own pace, drop out and stop if necessary.

Don't ride beyond your capabilities or those of your bike.

You will have the means of navigating back to Redditch if you get separated from a group.