

Nottingham Advanced Motorcyclists

WELCOME TO NOTTINGHAM ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

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What's it all about?

Our Group is a registered charity and our aim is to promote better road safety. One way of achieving this is to encourage motorcyclists to attain the skills required to pass the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) Advanced Motorcycling test. We do this by the use of observers. These are members of both the IAM and our Group, who have passed the advanced test and then undertaken further training to be able to pass on their knowledge to associate members aspiring to achieve advanced status.

Initial Assessment

Once you have applied to join, we will endeavour to arrange your initial assessment as soon as possible. This assessment is conducted by a group qualified or senior observer and will last approximately 5 hours. It consists of an initial briefing, an assessed ride of approximately 90 minutes, a detailed de-brief, a demonstration ride by the observer followed by a final de-brief.

Training

For the current year, we intend to run two types of associate training. These are:

a) Block Course. This is a fixed length course over 6 weekends where a number of associates like yourself, will be paired up with an observer on the day. The observer you get may be varied from week to week.

b) "One on One" training. Again, this is a fixed length course. An observer and an associate work together in their own time for a fixed number of runs. As all observers are volunteers, the number of observers available at any one time is variable. There could therefore be a waiting list for allocation. Once an observer is allocated to you, all subsequent runs will be arranged between you and your observer.

At the end of the training, you will undertake a 'pre-test' assessment with a senior observer of the group. They will advise you of the standard that you have attained. If appropriate, you will be recommended to apply for the test.

The Test

The test is conducted by an IAM appointed examiner who holds a Police Advanced Motorcycling Certificate. It lasts approximately 90 minutes over all types of roads, usually about 35 miles. Upon successful completion, you will receive a certificate and be proposed for IAM membership.

Costs The Skill for Life package from the IAM costs £139 which includes associate membership of our Group, the IAM test fee, the IAM motorcycling manual and first year's membership of the IAM.

All training time is given freely by the observers. However, a contribution towards the observer's running costs is greatly appreciated. (*Currently £15 - to cover petrol, tyres and servicing costs.*)

If you wish to continue your membership of the Group, the renewal is currently £16 each year (renewable in April each year). Subsequent IAM membership is £28.50 renewable annually

Social Activities

Associates may take part in any of the Group Ride Outs, where they can ask for advice and comment on their riding, or just enjoy the ride. The dates of these are communicated through our Yahoo Group Site and the monthly Group newsletter.

Monthly meetings are held in the upstairs function room at the Black Lion Hotel, Main Road, Radcliffe on Trent, on the last Wednesday of each month, start time approximately 8.00pm. Meetings vary from informal social gatherings of like-minded people, to specific presentations on motorcycling related subjects.

Our membership currently stands at approximately 130 full members and associates from all age groups and all walks of life. It doesn't matter what you ride; it's how you ride it.