



Motorcycling has never been so popular and there is growth in all Powered Two Wheel user groups. Whether motorcycle, scooter or moped, riders are finding a new freedom and flexibility, manoeuvrability in traffic and often a new group of friends enjoying the common bond of riding bikes.

One of the drawbacks of riding on two wheels is our vulnerability. Any crash involving a bike will undoubtedly be far more severe than in a car. Each year too many riders and passengers are killed or seriously injured.

This, combined with a minority who engage in bad riding, gives the impression that motorcycles are anti-social and dangerous.

It is a reality that a number of accidents involve single motorcycles either being ridden too fast for the conditions or beyond the skill of the rider.

In a combined effort to increase rider safety and awareness all Scottish Police Forces in conjunction with Road Safety Scotland and other partners are promoting a scheme called **'Bikesafe Scotland'**.

The multi-agency approach, which will involve the motorcycle industry and dealers, is to raise public awareness of motorcycling issues, including the vulnerability of riders.



Other areas to be included in the scheme are motorcycle security, thefts of motorcycles, enforcement of traffic legislation, particularly where it relates to dangerous or careless driving, riding and speeding.

The Bikesafe scheme delivers informal inputs on riding topics, such as skill and ability, and personal safety. One of the best liked parts of the scheme is the free practical on road assessment and demonstration rides which are conducted by trained riders.

At the end of the assessment you will be given feedback on your general riding and pointers on subjects such as positioning and cornering.

Following a successful pilot of the scheme in 1999, and then an initial 5-year commitment, 2005 saw all eight Scottish Police Forces embrace the scheme and adopt it as an ongoing initiative. On average throughout Scotland some 700 riders of all ages now participate annually.

You too can take part in the scheme.

Simply complete the attached application form and send it to the Force in whose area you wish to take part.

It's **'Time to React'** to Bikesafe Scotland – it will make you think about your riding and may even help you avoid an accident.

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NORTHERN CONSTABULARY

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Application Form

Surname

Forename(s)

Address

Telephone No

E-mail

Occupation

Age

I have held a Full Motorcycle Licence for ___ years/months.

MAKE/MODEL OF MACHINE:

I have/I have not undertaken any advanced motorcycle training.

DISCLAIMER

"I, the undersigned, hereby confirm that I will not hold the _____ Police Board or the Chief Constable of _____ or their employees or officers whomsoever responsible for any injury caused to any person or property occurring during the period of this assessed ride.

I also confirm that my third party motorcycle insurance is effective and in place to cover damage or injury to other persons which may occur as a result of this assessed ride.

I understand that the assessed ride does not constitute any driving examination, achievement, or qualify as any advanced standard of motorcycle proficiency or the like. It merely indicates that I voluntarily participated in an assessed ride on public roads and was observed by a trained rider. I also acknowledge and agree that any information given by myself may be used in conjunction with the 'Bikesafe Scotland Initiative'.

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____



WHAT THE PARTICIPANTS SAID OF THE PILOT SCHEME

"An excellent idea, well presented and executed by true professionals."

"Enjoyed this no end. Will recommend it to others. Hope to return next year for a dry run!"

"Would certainly benefit younger riders and they should be encouraged to attend."

"Have already been recommending the scheme to others."



Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland



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