

Oakley Motorcycle Club

Rides-out levels and overtaking guidance

Introduction to Ride-out Levels and Overtaking

- Oakley Motorcycle Club operates Group Ride Outs at 2 levels, either Leisurely or Progressive.
- A suitably experienced Leader and Tail End Charlie (TEC) control all ride outs.
- No rider should drop out of a ride-out partway through without telling TEC.
- The Ride-Out level will be published in advance, so that riders can decide whether or not they wish to take part.
- Riders should be **HONEST** with themselves about their abilities. Select the appropriate level.
- The over-riding requirement is **SAFETY**.
- Riders must conduct themselves in a manner that does not endanger themselves, their fellow riders or damage the name and good standing of Oakley Motorcycle Club.
- **RIDERS SHOULD NEVER GO FASTER THAN THEY ARE COMFORTABLE WITH.**
- Riders and bikes must be licensed, insured, taxed and tested.
- Riders on 'L' Plates must only attend Leisurely level ride outs and we would recommend that riders who have no experience of group riding should do likewise for their first ride out.

Leisurely level Ride-Out

- These ride-outs are ideal for leisurely, social, relaxed or training rides.
- They are suitable for riders at all experience levels and are strongly recommended for riders who have little or no group riding experience and are looking to improve their group riding skills.
- They are particularly suited for riders who just like time to 'smell the air' and enjoy a leisurely & sociable ride.
- Riders have to be willing to learn and use OMC Group Riding techniques, including the Drop-Off Scheme, Staggered Formation and Internal Group Overtaking guidance.
- Riders can expect, where appropriate, to be given friendly tips and advice by the Leader and TEC.
- It is required that Riders on 'L' plates join relaxed level rides only
- Event Rides (e.g. Easter Egg Run) will all be at Leisurely pace

Progressive level Ride-Out

- For experienced road riders who are familiar with OMC group ride outs.
- You must be able to ride **SAFELY** within a more demanding group with regards to the route and road conditions that are likely to be encountered.
- Riders will be expected to already have a good practical knowledge of OMC Group Riding techniques, including the Drop-Off Scheme, Staggered Formation and Internal Group Overtaking guidance.
- Riders can still expect, where appropriate, to be given friendly tips and advice by the Leader and TEC.

Internal Group Overtaking guidance

- Overtaking within the group is permitted
- Therefore a rider is allowed to overtake the rider in front of them.
- A rider should be prepared for the rider behind to overtake them. (They may not be on our ride-out!)
- A rider should only overtake a fellow group rider when road conditions allow a safe manoeuvre.
- Whenever overtaking another vehicle, be it in the group or any other vehicle, road traffic regulations must be adhered to.
- Do not overtake within the group, in built up areas.
- No rider may overtake the Leader.
- The TEC will not overtake any rider in the group unless exceptional circumstances demand it.