

Lindum Colonia UK Chapter - Road Crew Briefing Notes - October 2019

Purpose

The purpose of these briefing notes is to ensure that all the Road Crew are working to the same requirements to ensure that the Chapter Members expectations for ride-outs are met, as well as compliance with the HOG® standards. Virtually nothing in these notes is new!

Road Crew – General

Road Crew are essential to the safe and efficient running of Chapter Ride-Outs and it requires significant effort and time to fulfil these duties. Each of you is a valued member of the team and the Chapter needs your time, effort and skill

Each Road Captain is expected to propose, plan and lead a **minimum** of two ride-outs per year.

Each Road Marshal is expected to support the Road Captains in the execution of their ride-outs by making themselves available where possible for marshalling duties. They are also expected to demonstrate their commitment and enthusiasm every year by actively assisting in the organisation of two UK based Ride-Outs.

Trainees to the Road Crew will be expected to act as Road Marshals for one year prior to commencing their training to become Road Captains.

All Road Crew should be familiar with the detailed requirements set out in the Road Crew Training Resource and supplemented by the Road Crew Handbook.

Chapter Events Calendar

To allow proper planning for the following year, it is essential that the Chapter Events Calendar is published by December 1st. To this end, a proposed calendar of events will be distributed to the Road Crew and Committee during October each year, and feedback / proposals sought from them.

Please can we ask you to now review your plans for next year and put forward your proposed rides for inclusion in the calendar as soon as possible. At this stage we do not require detail other than what/where/when.

When making your proposal please ensure that we know the following:

1. Where you intend to go
2. Ride type – *see note below*
3. When you would prefer to conduct the ride:
 - a. This may be driven by ride length
 - b. Or it may depend upon opening dates/times of the destination
 - c. Or indeed upon your other commitments
4. **Any dates that you are unavailable due to other commitments**

It will not always be possible to exactly match your preferred dates, however where there are clashes in proposed dates we will seek to find an amicable solution.

Types of Ride

There has been much discussion regards the types of ride we conduct, some people preferring long rides, some short rides, some destination type rides and some riding just for the joy of riding.

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While we will never satisfy everyone with every proposed ride-out is essential that we provide something for everyone during the year. That said we would not envisage putting any arbitrary restriction on the types of ride that are proposed as there are enough Road Crew with varied preferences that we are likely to provide a good cross-section of rides for the Members.

In addition to the (generally) Sunday daytime rides, we also will be looking to continue the popular evening rides on (generally) a Tuesday.

One question for discussion prior to implementation is whether we wish to try once more the mid-week daytime rides which Steve Wallis initiated in 2017. There were some issues with these in terms of timing and availability of members however the intention would be for shorter 'out for lunch' style rides for the more time rich Chapter Members.

Another suggestion for discussion prior to implementation is breakfast rides, and Charlie can fill us in on what this may look like.

We will continue to use the rough yardstick of ride lengths:

- [A] Average: A good day out - 120 to 180 miles
- [L] Long: Greater than 180 miles
- [S] Short: Less than 120 miles

Road Crew Meetings

It would be our intention to commit to two Road Crew Meetings each year as a minimum, with ad hoc meetings called if there is a need.

The two meetings planned will be held in October to initiate the planning process, and in March just prior to the start of the riding season as we have done previously.

As it is rather late to be planning and conducting an October Meeting for this year, it is our intention to have a quick meeting after the main business of the November Chapter Meeting has concluded.

It is understood that not everyone may be able to attend the meetings due to work or other commitments however it is expected that everyone should make the commitment to attend where possible and as such is to be regarded as part of your commitment to being part of the Road Crew.