

East

Yorkshire Advanced Riders & Drivers

Group Riding

A big part of E-YARD's philosophy is the social aspect of riding and driving.

But, in keeping with the principles of both E-YARD and RoSPA, the social aspect of riding needs to be safe and professional.

When riding as a group we need to firstly enjoy the ride, secondly ride safely and third - get where we're going!

Not wanting to be too prescriptive, we need a few simple rules to ensure the group stays together when out on social rides - especially when there's a big number of riders.

E-YARD adopt the 'Drop Off' system.

It is a really simple system to adopt.

The system is detailed below and can be printed off separately from this introduction.

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The Drop Off System - Group Riding

Ride leader

- Brief everyone on the ride
- Basic route
- Identify stop off/meet up/destination
- Identify a Back Marker
- Agree any communication - mobile phones/radios etc.

Back marker

- Identify themselves to the rest of the group (perhaps wear a tabard)
- Stay at the back of the group
- Ensure group stays together
- Communicate with leader (if possible) any problems
- Make way to agreed meeting/destination points

Group Riders

- When the leader tells you to mark a corner/junction/roundabout exit you do so in a safe position and do not move until the back marker appears and then slot into line in front of them

How it works

Basically the group will ride out following the lead rider and follow the 'straight ahead'.

When there is a deviation from this the rider immediately behind the lead bike will stop and mark the deviation (roundabout exit, left or right turn from the main carriageway)

Marking rider will wait at that point until the whole group has passed and set off as the Back Marker approaches

Back Marker will always be the last bike and each rider will rotate up to the second position

No overtaking

Ride at your own pace

As long as everyone follows the rules nobody will get lost

Ride in a 'staggered' formation - not line astern, and close up alongside at lights etc.