

# RideSafe BackSafe Toy Run Safety Briefing

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The second RideSafe BackSafe Christmas Toy Run will take place on Sunday 29 November this year. It presents a combined effort by the biking community of Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Lancashire and from further a field.

The objective of the Toy Run is for each participant to donate one or more toys to make Christmas a little brighter for the Children at Royal Preston Hospital and Donnas Dream House in Blackpool. Additional toys will be taken to Derian House at a later date.

Safety is of primary importance on the Toy Run and therefore you are asked to read the information below before taking part in the run. Additional information may also be given on the day so please listen to any announcements made by the team.

## **Briefing Notes - Rider etiquette and safety**

- The RideSafe BackSafe Toy Run is not a race; it is a relaxed slow ride and an impressive show of biker community.
- It is open to all licensed motorbike riders on a roadworthy motorcycle capable of riding on a highway, providing they donate something at one of the venues.
- It is the responsibility of individual riders to ensure that their motorcycles and helmets are road legal. Riders must make sure that they have a valid licence, certificate of insurance and MOT certificate should their machine require one.
- Riders must obey all traffic lights, signs and legislation. The run will be moving slowly which should enable everyone to stay together even when you have to stop at junctions.
- Lancashire Constabulary, the IAM and MAG will be supporting the run and monitoring its safe progress.
- Carrying a passenger - The decision to carry a child, assuming all safety and legal factors have been considered, is the responsibility of the parent or guardian. Ensure that the child is mature enough to handle the responsibilities; tall enough to reach the footrests, wears a properly fitted helmet and other protective gear, and holds onto you or the passenger hand-holds.

- The route that is taken today has taken into account road and weather conditions, please keep to this route.
- As most of you will be aware motorcycle noise is especially amplified under bridges and overpasses and echoes off of buildings in busy areas. Similarly, a wide-open throttle in a residential area causes disruptions for the people who live there. Whilst most riders are respectful of the communities in which they ride, excessive motorcycle noise creates a problem for all of us. Please keep noise to a minimum.
- Participants should take into consideration other road users and endeavor to cause as little disruption as possible.

### **Before we make a move...**

- Please ensure you have read this briefing and have listened to any information given, your safety is your responsibility, but if a marshal offers advice or directions please consider following them bearing in mind your own safety.
- There will be a sweeper riding at the back of the pack. Do not allow yourself to believe that you are holding the sweeper up. No one is expected to ride at any pace above that at which they feel comfortable.
- If you believe that you are holding up a rider behind you (other than the sweeper) the appropriate action is to wait until the road is clear enough for you to pull in. Likewise, the faster rider should not attempt to pass you until you have indicated that you are comfortable with the pass. But as mentioned above this is not a race and therefore we would recommend that people do not perform overtakes whilst on the run unless absolutely necessary.
- Please bear in mind that you will be riding with people of all abilities and on all types of bikes, who may not be used to riding in a group environment, so please allow enough space between you and the bikes around you.
- Good communication in the pack is essential to the event today, both prior to the event and during the run.

### **Rider down**

If an incident occurs during the run, please take necessary and appropriate action and inform a marshal as soon as possible.

## **Bike worthiness**

Please take a few minutes and run through a safety check on your bike if you didn't do so before you left to meet with the group. When you're admiring the bikes of others be sure to mention anything you notice that may be unsafe or lead to a problem.

## **Run Schedule**

10.30 – 10.45	Meet at Preston Harley Davidson, Strand Road Preston
10:55	Welcome by RSBS Team & briefing
11:00	Set off for Royal Preston
<b>11:20 – 11:25</b>	<b>Arrival at Royal Preston</b>
12:30	Leave Royal Preston for Donnas Dream House
<b>13:20</b>	<b>Arrive at Donnas Dream House</b>