



Sussex Safer Roads

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Mayday Run riding advice, suggestions and warnings!

Hastings Mayday Run and bike1066 which welcomes it every May Day Bank Holiday Monday is one of the biggest, friendliest and safest free motorcycle events in the UK.

However with tens of thousands of bikers on the roads heading for Hastings from all over the country it makes sense to take care and ride carefully within limits. We want everyone who sets out in the morning to arrive home safely in the evening after a great biking day out.

- The roads to Hastings are packed with bikes and other traffic from early in the morning so please allow plenty of time for your journey and plan ahead.
- When in large groups keep your speed down and your attention up. Do not ride directly behind the bike in front, ride offset and at the greatest distance you can from them to give yourself braking room.
- If you are not used to riding in large groups, do not panic or get too excited, it's great fun but even at slow and moderate speeds it can be very dangerous. If you find the traffic and so many bikes tiring – pull over and take a break – carry a bottle of water with you.
- Whether you are a novice or experienced it pays to learn to ride with the best – consider taking a Bikesafe, Rospa or IAM riding course – you will find plenty of advice about this and Bikerdown courses on the main Hastings car park area from the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership stand.
- Speeding and antisocial riding are not only dangerous to yourself and other road users it is also a very serious offence that will not be tolerated in Hastings or on the roads to and from the town. You may think you can get away with it among so many bikers but Sussex Police are out in force and along with their colleagues in Kent, Surrey and London want to stamp it out with the use of both overt police patrol presence and covert cameras, unmarked bikes, unmarked cars and other technology. You may not get a ticket on the day but you may get a hefty fine and penalty points or even a knock on the door at 6am a week later. **THINK BIKE!
THINK RIDE SAFELY!**

For further information on safe riding and other road safety advice in Sussex visit:

<http://www.sussexsaferroads.gov.uk/>