

ADVANCED RIDING: WHAT MAKES AN ADVANCED RIDER?

There are many definitions about what makes an advanced rider –we believe it means **a rider who develops a safe riding plan and takes every opportunity to make smooth and efficient progress from A to B without impacting on any other road user.**

A safe, smooth systematic approach is required to achieve this objective and we can show you how. Learning to ride well is not easy and it takes commitment to learn but once you have mastered the art it will stay with you for years to come. Much like the tortoise and the hare, your riding will seem calm, under control and you'll make surprising progress from A to B. Dealing with hazards on the road and avoiding them requires good observation, planning and anticipation skills that all come together to provide you with a great skill set.

We welcome riders of all skill levels and the focus of the group is to increase your safety and reduce your vulnerability to collisions. You need to join the group initially, once you are test ready you will need to apply for your first test, and the first year's membership to RoSPA. You will be required to re take your advanced riders test every three years. If you want to receive refresher training with DSAR prior to your retest you will need to have been a continuous member for the preceding three years.

The membership fee is currently £30.00 to join the group, and £25.00 per annum thereafter. Membership can be obtained online, and Paypal is accepted.

Membership also entitles you to attend our training days at the end of each month, and full access to the forum page on our website www.dsar.co.uk



DSAR MEMBERSHIP FORM

First Name(s)

Surname

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Country

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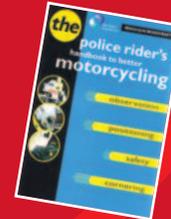
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DSAR Associate Membership - £30

Payment attached

Yes No



Why do you want to join DSAR?

Join online at www.dsar.co.uk or hand this to one of our members.
We welcome any enquiries to membership@dsar.co.uk



Devon & Somerset Advanced Riders

**Reducing rider casualties
& improving rider skill**



ROSPA
www.dsar.co.uk

SOMERSET
Road Safety
www.roadsafetysomerset.org.uk

INTRODUCTION FROM OUR TRAINING OFFICER



I joined DSAR as Training Officer in September 2010. I started riding at an early age and rode my Yamaha Fizzie at sixteen. Since then I have ridden a wide variety of motorcycles for leisure and at work. I joined the Police motorcycle section in 1989 and continued to ride for the Police for fifteen years, during which time I became involved in and developed rider training initiatives for members of the public, delivered by Police officers. I was the regional lead for Bikesafe and attended conferences and seminars.

As a senior accident investigator within the Police, I have investigated many motorcycle collisions. I have sought to bring that experience and knowledge to bear on the rider training initiatives in which I have been involved. I joined the Somerset Road Safety Partnership in September 2010, as a part time road safety trainer with a particular interest in rider training and education.

I have a passionate belief that rider attitude and training is the key to staying safe. I have had a life-long love of motorcycling and hope to influence others, to reduce the casualty rates through their knowledge and activity.

Mike Smalley - Training officer

WELCOME TO THE DEVON & SOMERSET ADVANCED RIDERS

It is with pride that I get to write a few words about the group, and its aims and history. Being a founder member, I have been involved in the groups very first ideas, right up to its current form. It wouldn't be entirely honest to say it's been easy, more a satisfying challenge.

Advanced riding groups are common within organisations like the Institute of Advanced Motorists, RoADAR and others like Diamond and Blue Ribbon. So why would we want to form DSAR? Well, the answer is quite simply –quality. And, more specifically, consistent quality.

During my own personal rider development I worked my way through to the DSA test, and then went on to take the IAM advanced rider test. I then became an IAM observer, and started to really learn about riding a bike effectively and safely. After some time spent further developing my own skills, it became clear to me that there had developed a huge variance in the standard of training that the associates received between groups, and even between observers in the same group. This was my call to action.

Studying the group I was involved with a little closer, I noticed issues with quality. We had riders who passed their advanced test twenty years earlier, teaching and passing on old skills. This is when I began to look at RoSPA- a three year riding review (test, if you like) has got to be good, so I looked for a group. There was only one, sixty five miles away in North Devon. So we set about forming DSAR, in early 2009 we started the planning, and went on to take our tests, tutor, and then advanced tutor examinations. In May of that year the group was born.



I am still involved with the group and its activities, although I have taken more of a back seat when it comes to running the group in its day to day activities.

When you ride with us, train with us or even eat cake with us, it is worth remembering that we are here to give you the very best in advanced training- quality, consistent, safe and effective training. It's worth remembering too that we are all volunteers, giving our time, and sometimes our money to ensure we continue doing the right thing.

Finally, I would like to encourage you to be involved in the group, its events and training opportunities. If you are up for some work, make it known and we can find you something to do. Most of all have great fun with your riding, and be safe.

Colin Webster - Founder member