Northumbria Advanced Motorcyclists

# NAM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2026

### OCTOBER CLUB NGHT

This month's club night is on Tuesday 13th October at The Station
We are excited to announce that The Sidecar Guys will be our guest speakers! Some of you will have met them at our Pizza night at The Drift Café. Not to be missed!

### CLUB LOGO STICKERS

Please see Keith if you would like some glossy cub stickers.

### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Our Ride Coordinator Rod would like to thank the members who volunteered to be either Ride Leader or Back marker on the recent All Member and Full Member rides. Rod is now asking for volunteers to help with the Full Members ride scheduled for Sunday 18th October. If you are able to help please contact Rod, ride@namerider.com

We are still looking for a ***Social Lead*** to join the committee to help develop and organise social activities and events. Please contact your Chair or any committee member if you can offer your services.

### NAM END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2025/26

These accounts are due to end on 30th September. The Treasurer would be grateful if anyone has outstanding claims, whether it be Observer Expenses or Ride Out Expenses that they are submitted accordingly before this date. Thank you. Dave Baston, Club Treasurer treasurer@namride.com

### MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF OBSERVER

As we head towards the end of the season, I've been reflecting on our year within the club. We have been incredibly fortunate with the weather this year, which has given us plenty of fantastic opportunities to get out on the tarmac and ride.

A particular highlight was our weekend away at Pitlochry. It was great fun from start to finish, and we even managed to catch a blistering high of 27 degrees on the way home!

Beyond the social miles, we successfully put together a 'Meet the Observers' day alongside two machine control days. I highly recommend both of these events to all of our associates and full

members. They are the perfect environment to brush up on your bike handling skills and catch up with everyone in the club. While we are on the subject of keeping skills sharp, please remember that you can always request a refresher ride with an observer. If you haven't had one in a while, it is a brilliant way to check in on your riding, shake off any bad habits, and stay up to date with the latest guidance in the world of the IAM.

Looking ahead to next year, planning is already well underway. We have two observer meetings scheduled. I am always open to meeting up with our observers to catch up, share feedback, and chat through how things are going.

We also have another two machine control days planned for next season. Following feedback and ideas that came out of our last session, we will be introducing a brand-new approach to running these days, which we are excited to roll out.

For our associates, I would highly encourage you to sign up for one of our group ride-outs. It is a fantastic, supportive way to get some miles under your belt and meet new people from the club. This applies to our full members too—we really need your support on these runs. Our volunteers put a huge amount of effort into planning and leading these rides, and supporting them ensures we can all continue to enjoy them.

Finally, don't forget to keep coming along to our club nights. They are always a brilliant opportunity to catch up, have a chat, and listen to some fantastic guest speakers.

Thank you all for a great season, and I look forward to seeing you at the next club night.

Ride safe,

John Sinclair

NAM Chief Observer

## RECYCLING UNWANTED BIKING ITEMS

As bikers we seem to accumulate biking gear and biking items over the years. I know I have 5 pairs of gloves and about 20 Neck Tubes! Also, a leather suit that may be of use to someone.
The Committee were discussing the viability of members bringing any unwanted biking items to club meetings. Items would be displayed on a table where members could take items they wanted. Recycling items rather than them sitting in garages or lofts and not being used.

**We will try this at our meeting in January**; a reminder will be sent out. So, gather any unwanted items that may be of use to other members. This is not an opportunity to clear out your garage: ***Any items not taken MUST be taken back by the member that bought them in.***

## RECENT TEST PASSES

Congratulations to our new Full Members, well done. Hopefully see you on club rides and at club events.

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| | 5th September<br>**Gordon Bell**<br>Examiner:<br>Paul Robson<br>Observer:<br>Danny Holmes | | 12th September<br>**Stephen Henderson**<br>**F1rst**<br>Examiner:<br>Dave Slade<br>Observer:<br>Danny Holmes |
| | 19th September<br>**Tim Hodgson**<br>Examiner:<br>Dave Slade<br>Observer:<br>Rick Henderson | | 21st September<br>**Matt Snape**<br>Examiner:<br>Dave Slade<br>Observer:<br>John Atkinson |

## OCTOBER ALL MEMBERS RIDE

Next Sunday**, October 4th** will be our final 'All Members' group ride of this season. All members, Associate members, pillion riders and those wanting some more experience of riding safely in a social group are most welcome and if you are free please come along and support this friendly, sociable ride. Just 110 miles split into three equal sections finishing at Amble by 4pm.

***The ride will depart from Sandy Lane, Shell Services by Gosforth Park (NE3 5HE)*** at 10o'clock. Please note that the ride out **briefing will take place at 9.45am**.

Briefly, the route is up the Spine Road turning off past the Woodhorn mining museum, on towards Amble, Warkworth and Alnmouth.

Through Longhoughton turning off on the minor road marked Howick Hall and along the seafront calling at the Piper's Pitch cafe in Craster for the coffee stop. (NE66 3TW)

Continuing up the coastal scenic route to Embleton, Beadnell, Seahouses, Bamburgh and Waren Mill before carefully crossing the A1 into Belford.

Then north through Belford turning into minor roads through Detchant, East and West Kyloe, Lowick, Ford Castle turning south onto the busy A697 stopping at the Maelmin cafe in Millfield for lunch. (NE61 6JD)

Entering Wooler we turn left onto the B6348 to Chatton, Chillingham and Eglingham into Alnwick town centre.

Then its the A1068 back through Walkworth to the Ethos Moto cafe in Alnmouth for a final cup of tea.

Riders may wish to make their way home from here or ride in a smaller group back to Sandy Lane Services.

Petrol is available at Morrisons Supermarket or at the adjacent Esso petrol station in Amble.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the day.

Ride leaders and backmarkers; Martin Trainor, Jim Fidler, Michael Sutherland and Neil Patterson.

Thank you

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| | Club Night | All Members Ride | Full Member Ride | Committee Meeting | Observer Meeting | Pitlochry Weekend | Open Day | Drift Fish n Chip Run | Camping Weekend | Machine Control | Associate Meet Up | Ride Leader Training |
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| **January** | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **February** | None | | | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| **March** | 10 | | | | 21 | | | | | | | 22 |
| **April** | 14 | 5 | 19 | 9 | | | 11 | | | 18 | 26 | |
| **May** | 12 | 3 | 17 | | | 22 23 24 25 | | | | | | |
| **June** | | 7 | 21 | 4 | | | | 9 | | | | |
| **July** | 14 | 5 | 19 | | | | | | 3 4 5 | | | |
| **August** | 11 | 2 | 16 | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| **September** | 8 | 6 | 20 | | | | | | | 13 | | |
| **October** | 13 | 4 | 18 | 8 | 24 | | | | | | | |
| **November** | 10 (AGM) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **December** | 8 | | | 3 | | | | | | | | |

# YOUR COMMITTEE

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The sole aim of your committee is to ensure the club continues to run and meet its objectives. They are selected by the membership to serve all members of the group, so it is both the right and responsibility of each member to ensure any issues, queries, concerns etc. are brought to the attention of the committee as soon as possible.

Honorary President - Michael Sutherland