Too many times.....
Our day would begin as their's ended.
Around the Corner

A motorcycle initiative for bikers by bikers
AROUND THE CORNER

Education through Encouragement Engagement Empathy Engineering
Three Main Strands

Interaction
Website
Signage
INTERACTION

Police Bikers

Road Safety Officers
WEB DEVELOPMENT

- Interactive format giving information/weather/news and events
- Riding tips
- Forum
- Interactive route maps
- Video Clips
Local Success

Over last two years 50% reduction in fatalities in Scottish Borders

National Casualty Profile

Male 36 – 45 riding machine over 500cc

Journey - leisure purposes at weekends

Only one vehicle involved

Inappropriate speed / loss of control and left hand bend all feature in main causation factors
CAMPAIGN FUTURE
National Route Development
Local Regional Development
Explore

Central
Dumfries and Galloway
Highlands
Lothians and Scottish Borders
North East Scotland
Tayside
West of Scotland
Fife

DO YOU KNOW WHATS ROUND THE CORNER

None of us can see into the future, but riding instinct created through time in the saddle, experience and training can help us anticipate what might be there. By thinking about how you approach a corner, hazard or other manoeuvre helps to increases your options once committed.

We are here to help you get the most out of your ride-out and have an enjoyable safe day. We've produced a number of bike routes throughout Scotland that should help you to hone your skills. We've persuaded our police bikers to give up their best loved rides for your enjoyment and to share the benefit of their experience and training. Maps are featured on our Regions page(s) and can be downloaded along with in-depth descriptions that will assist even the most experienced rider.

Events
- Steve McQueen Hirop Memorial
- Scottish Motorcycle Show
- Knockhill British Superbikes
- Bike Wise, Durham

Get some biker training

Complete our survey
We would like to hear from you, in order to improve our website we would like your input.
Take our survey

Road Alerts: found a bad road?

Submit a riding article
North East Scotland

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Do you know what’s around the corner? No, of course you don’t, but you can improve your chances of making this prediction. None of us can see into the future, but riding instinct, created through time in the saddle, experience and training can help us anticipate what might be there. By thinking about how you approach a corner, hazard or any other manoeuvre, helps us to increase our options once committed.

Throughout the season our advanced bikers will be out and about on these routes giving tips and advice and occasionally, if you’re lucky, free coffee. They may even have some goodies in those panniers - so don’t be shy, if there’s something you want to know on how to improve your skills, just ASK!

The Scottish Borders is a beautiful place. If you’re looking for great roads, biker friendly rest stops and advice from the professionals - then come out and have a great day and a safe ride.

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The Moray Run

Distance: 160 miles
Time: 4 hours
Download The Moray Run map

Route Information

Having been fortunate enough to become part of the Grampian Police Motorcycle section, I've been given the opportunity to recommend a Motorcycle route that not only encompasses a lot of Morayshire, but also various other sections of Aberdeenshire and a small part of the Highlands.

The route I've suggested takes into account numerous 'A' and 'B' class roads, which in turn, offer some of the best views we have to offer in the north east corner of Scotland.

The run itself can be joined at any stage, various parts of the route are 'leisurely', some are more twisty and technical, allow the majority of us to get the most enjoyment out of motorcycling.

Should you start from the Inverurie direction, directions are (clockwise):

From Inverurie, take the B933 to Kemnay, continue to a 'T' junction where you would take a right onto the A944.

Continue on the A944, through Alford, looking to turn left at Mossat and onto the A97.

Follow the A97, through the village of Glenkindie, through Strathdon, and look to turn right to go past Corrour Castle (watch that the road changes from the A97 to A944 and onto the A939).

Head along the A939, travelling past the Lecht Ski Area, over the undulating landscape, through Tomintoul and Dalmally.
Protective clothing

Remember

Modern cars are fitted with seat belts, air bags, side impact beams and a whole host of advanced safety features, they even have heaters. Unfortunately, even this is not enough to prevent the thousands of casualties we see each year. We as bikers don’t have that extra protection … so when thinking about protective clothing, go for the best you can afford, there’s no point wishing you had bought ‘those leather jeans’ after you come off and let’s face it, falling off is something that could happen to the best rider. When it happens, it hurts no matter the speed.

Jacket/trousers

When considering what to buy, ask yourself what you need it for. Me, I use my bike all year round, so when I go for a jacket, I want it to be wind and waterproof. I want a winter liner that’s removable for the summer and preferably has closable vents.

Let’s not forget about the physical protection. If something happens I want it to save my skin, so it must be abrasive resistant. Think about what parts of ‘YOU’ (impact areas) will collide with other objects. Wouldn’t it be good to have help in these areas, SO armour in the back, shoulders and elbows are a must, and anything else is a bonus. Also give some thought to the colour, I know black looks cool, I’ve been there. Remember, we are about a third of the width of a car, they don’t see us. Even with blue lights, horns and markings, so what can you do to improve the chances of being seen? MAKE IT EYE CATCHING. If you’re not too keen, a simple reflective belt or patch could make all the difference.

Same goes for trousers. If you slide on your bum and no abrasive resistance in the trousers, it reaches the skin very quickly. Get the armour lower back, hips and knees. If you’re buying a two piece suit, try to get one that fits together (full ris) not only does it greatly increase you’re protection, but it also stops those nicks.
Where does the Road Safety Professional fit in?

- Promote safe riding and signpost towards further training
- Be aware of casualty profile within your area and develop partnerships to address
- Develop methods of engagement – they won’t come to us!

AND OF COURSE – Get bikers to think about ‘What’s Around the Corner!’
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