



RoSPA West Midlands Advanced Motorcyclists Group

New Member Information Guide

Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for your interest in RoSPA West Midlands Advanced Motorcyclists' Group, which is part of RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders (RoADAR). The Group was set up in September 1999 and offers advanced training for all motorcyclists regardless of experience. The Group is run by its own Committee and any organised event is open to all Group members.

Unless you are already a full motorcycle member of RoADAR (having passed the advanced test previously) then you will join the Group as an Associate and be allocated your own Tutor. In addition, a variety of organised, supervised runs and events are available to assist you. Our aim is to help you to develop your skills and achieve your full potential and become a better thinking and safer advanced motorcyclist whilst having fun with like-minded riders.

Your Training

As soon as possible after joining the group, you will be allocated your own Tutor and he or she will serve as your mentor until such time as you have passed your test. All our Tutors have passed their test at Gold grade and have undergone further training to a very high standard in order to be able to help you achieve your full potential on your motorcycle. The training team consists of Senior Tutors and Tutors and they meet regularly to discuss training matters and ensure all Associates receive the highest standard of training.

We use the Police Motorcycle Roadcraft and 'The System' as the basis of our training which is overseen by the Senior Training Team. We aim to train you to a Gold grade standard and to be as close to the Police standard of riding as is possible as a civilian.

If for any reason you find that you are not happy with your Tutor every effort will be made to allocate a new one. Once you have been allocated to your Tutor, it will be your responsibility to make contact with your Tutor so that a mutually agreeable time, date and place can be arranged to meet. Should you be unable to keep your appointment then please contact your Tutor and cancel ASAP. PLEASE DO NOT JUST FAIL TO TURN UP.

At the end of each training session the Tutor and Associate will discuss the ride together and you will be given feedback and an online report analysing each aspect of your riding. Finally you will be given guidance for improvement and then arrange a new date, time and place to meet. It is important that you take note of the advice given to you by your Tutor and that you practice your riding between training sessions in order to make the best progress possible. Training proceeds at your pace, there is no pressure to complete it in a set time frame.

Training is also offered during organised club ride outs which are arranged twice a month, one Saturday and one Sunday. This is an opportunity to have an extended training session, possibly with a different Tutor.

On the return journey you will ride with the Group and get a taste of advanced riding in practice. A system of 'second man drop' means that everyone can ride within their own ability level and at their own pace without the concern of getting lost and with no pressure to keep up with the leaders.

When you arrive for any activity within the group, whether it is a ride out with your tutor or an organised run, please make sure that your motorcycle is maintained in good order and road legal.

Whilst we do not make any charges for your training, your Tutor is giving up their time, fuel and running costs to pass on their knowledge and experience to help you. We therefore expect all Associates to offer a contribution of £12 per training session towards their Tutor's expenses. Please discuss this with your Tutor when arranging your first assessed ride.

The Test Grading System

RoADAR (RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders) operate a grading system when carrying out tests. On completion of your test you will be awarded either a Bronze, Silver or Gold grade, dependent on the examiner's view of how you have ridden.

A Gold grade is the highest civilian motorcycle qualification available and an extremely high standard of riding is required throughout the test to achieve this. Silver and bronze grades are also of a high standard, but maybe lacking just that little bit of "polish" or safe progress which would make a Gold grade ride.

No matter what grade is awarded it will be a tremendous achievement, you will certainly have improved your riding and be a safer motorcyclist for it. Perhaps equally important, you will enjoy your riding far more.

Club Meetings

All group meetings are held on the **second Wednesday** of each month, at Veseyans Rugby Club, Little Hardwick Rd, Walsall WS9 0SQ.

The meetings may consist of a talk by a member of the training team, on an aspect of the roadcraft system of riding or a topic from the book Motorcycle Roadcraft. Other meetings will offer ride outs to practice and hone skills and these are conducted and supervised by our training team.

The agenda for the evening is we meet up at 7:00 pm for a social gathering with the meeting starting at 7:30 pm with the training session running until 8:30 pm. We then have free socialising time until 9:00 pm when we must vacate the club. The club nights are a chance to socialise with other members of the group, speak to other associates and to ask advice or questions of the training team.

Please Contact

Membership Secretary via Email - memsec.roskawm@gmail.com

If any problems are experienced, no matter how small, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will help to resolve the problem. If you have any ideas to improve the smooth running of the group, whether it be a skill you possess, which may be of benefit or just a willingness to "get involved" and help generally it will be very much appreciated.

There is a club newsletter which welcomes articles from members. It is also nice to hear from people who have passed their test, letting everyone know how they did.

The Group Joining Fee and Subscriptions

New Associate Member

£49.00 Joining Fee including 2 books (Motorcycle Roadcraft & The Highway Code)

£39.00 Joining Fee without books

New Full Member

£25.00 Joining Fee if you hold a current Motorcycle RoADAR certificate

Annual Member Renewal (Associate & Full Member)

£20.00 Due each April

Group membership subscriptions are reviewed and may change.

All group subscriptions become due annually and run from the 1st April until 31st March.

When you apply for your RoSPA test there is a £66 test fee (subject to change). Once you have passed the RoSPA test you then become a full member of RoSPA and to stay a member will be required to pay a subscription to them which also includes a free re-test every 3 years.

Group Bursary Scheme

The Group has a bursary scheme for potential members who wish to undertake advanced training but, for whatever reason, cannot afford the membership subscription and test fee. The bursary is worth approximately £100 and includes the test fee. Up to two bursaries may be offered each year at the discretion of the committee.

The potential recipient must be nominated by a member of the Group and brief details of the applicant's circumstances are required. The application will be discussed confidentially by committee and the details will not be minuted. The application will either approved or not at the discretion of the committee and no reason will necessarily be given for the decision.

If you wish to be considered, please contact the email listed in the contacts section.

Membership

Group Associate membership is open to anyone with an interest in improving their riding and those who wish to take the RoSPA advanced riding test.

We also welcome full members of RoSPA as members of the Group.

Please include a copy of your driving license and completed

Membership Application and Disclaimer Forms from the web site or email.

Please return all forms including proof of payment by bacs bank transfer to

memsec.rospawm@gmail.com

Bank Details - Lloyds Bank

Account Name	-	RoSPA Advanced Motorcyclists
Sort Code	-	30 98 37
Account Number	-	50297168

Any personal details included in your application will be stored on our computer files for information only. It will not be used by anyone other than the officers of the Group and RoSPA for administrative purposes only. If you wish to see your details held by the Group, contact the Membership Secretary. If you leave the group all details will be deleted after a timeframe agreed by the Committee unless requested by you.