

BikeSafe. Frequently Asked Questions - 2012

'I haven't passed my bike test yet, can I attend?' No, regrettably. This is a post-test training initiative. BikeSafe agreed with the Motor Cycle Industry Association not to take provisional licence holders, MCIAs represent bike schools as well as manufacturers. So a full, or restricted power, licence is required and you will need to bring it and Insurance/MoT certs. with you to show you and your bike are fit for the road.

'I have a cruiser style bike. Is any type of bike okay?' All bike types are welcome and catered for. It is the rider we are working with and all riders benefit from the content of what we offer. However, you and your bike have to be road legal. We have a common sense outlook but it does put a police officer in the difficult position if you were to be illegal when out on the road.

'I'm not very experienced and not particularly confident. Will I be out of my depth?' Not in the slightest. The booking information you give helps us to tailor the session. This is a day to enjoy and enlighten, not to put you under pressure.

'I don't have leather riding kit. Is other stuff okay?' Yes of course, leathers are not to everyone's taste. However, we are a safety organisation promoting all aspects of safe riding. We strongly recommend wearing proper kit, manufactured specifically for the purpose, but we won't turn you away as long as you are legal. Be prepared, we will go out in all weather conditions except thick fog or snow. We will also go out, hopefully, in nice sunny weather. If it's really hot, don't turn up wearing shorts and flip-flops!

'How is the day organised?' The day consists of 2 principle sections, an informal theory session followed by an on-road assessed ride. A maximum of 12 attendees will ride out with an observer either in a 1 to 1 or 2 to 1 ratio, matched with your riding experience in mind or perhaps simply because you've come with a friend.

'Where does Lincs Police BikeSafe take place?' Our BikeSafe workshops are presently held at the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership office in Lincoln. A detailed map and directions are included in your booking confirmation.

'Can I pay online?' ***'Can I pay with credit/debit card?'*** Sorry, the answer to both is no, at the moment. The people in finance have a new system on trial but it's not ready yet. So for now please make your cheque out to Lincolnshire County Council, or if you are in Lincoln Monday to Friday 9 to 5 you can pay with cash at our office.

'Cancellations?' No. I'm an easy going chap but selling your bike on the weekend before the event is just silly! It's very difficult logistically for us to refill places at short notice. If you cancel within 4 weeks of the date of your event we will not refund any payment however we will transfer your place to anyone else you can get to take your place. Cancelling with more than 4 weeks notice, we will refund but deduct a £25 admin fee, or if possible transfer you to another date without charge.

Anything else you need answering, phone Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership on 01522 805800 or 805822, and speak to me, Gary Chance or Alex McCulley. You can also email bikesafe@lincs.pnn.police.uk

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