Message from Alan Grayson, Chairperson of Rotherham Advanced Motorcyclists (RAM), to all members of RAM

8th April 2024

Thank you for being a member of RAM. With this message, I hope to update you on our group as we begin the new membership year.

Please remember that you can only be a member of RAM if you are also a current member of IAM RoadSmart. Before the date on which your IAM RoadSmart membership is due for renewal, you will get your membership card through the post. This card is only valid if you pay IAM RoadSmart's membership fee.

Showing last year's numbers in brackets, I am pleased to report that as of 1st April this year, we have 63 (59) full members and 15 (10) associates. Since last April, 10 (5) members have passed their Advanced Riding Test with 3 (2) of them getting a F1rst. We have 5 (3) trainee observers. If you are interested in becoming an observer please talk to me, Owen Wright, Mike Jordan or Ian Edley and we will explain the process.

Our Facebook presence is the page [Rotherham Advanced Motorcyclists](https://www.facebook.com/rotherhamadvancedmotorcyclists/?locale=en_GB) and the group [RAM riders](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1485531471758445?locale=en_GB). Our website is at [iamroadsmart.com/groups/rotherham-advanced-motorcyclists](http://iamroadsmart.com/groups/rotherham-advanced-motorcyclists).

Our social rides for full members are an opportunity for members to practise their riding skills and to enjoy each other's company. These rides have been so well attended on some occasions that we've had to split the group into two. 42 of our members have joined the MyRoute-app group RAM Routes Library in order to share and use shared routes. In the week before a social ride, we send our members a link to the relevant website calendar page, which usually contains a link to the route that the lead rider will be following.16 members have agreed to lead social rides this year.

Our Committee has allocated the sum of £500 to support ride-outs and events. If you have any ideas on how you would like this money to be spent, please tell our Rides Coordinator John Simpkins at least a few weeks before the event that you'd like us to support.

If you have any proposals for making our group even better, please contact any of our Committee members. You'll find a list of these on our webpage [here](https://www.iamroadsmart.com/groups/rotherham-advanced-motorcyclists/organisation/people). Furthermore, I would be delighted if you could join the Committee to help us with our work. We meet at least four times a year on Tuesday evenings in the Primelodge off Hellaby Lane.

Finally, I wish to thank all those who contribute to the running of our group.

Ride safely,

Alan Grayson