

## **Freewheelers Induction process**

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The following is an overview of our induction process. It is intended for the guidance of prospective members, and will be varied as appropriate. The points need not be completed in order.

- we would like to meet you at a committee meeting to get some further insight into how we work . These are usually held on the last Monday of the month, at 1745 for 1800, in Portishead.
  - you are also welcome at all group meetings, 1st Monday of the month 1945 for 2000 at the Bath Arms, Cheddar
  - our Membership Secretary will ask you to complete our induction/annual return form with contact details, advanced qualifications, Next of Kin details etc and your consent to our holding this information
  - at a committee or group meeting, a committee member will go through our Induction brief with you (on the website under 'downloads' for a preview).
  - you will get a Check Ride, similar to an IAM pre-test Check Ride, conducted by an ex-police rider or IAM Senior Observer depending on location and availability
  - a rider from your area will arrange to spend a few hours doing a 'Tour of the Kingdom' with you so you get to know the collection and drop-off points we use most frequently across your part of our area.
  - We have a brief (5-minute) but valuable training video on Blue Light riding which we would encourage you to watch and consider (for download from the website or on DVD).
  - As at June 2007 we are also progressing plans for some specific blue light familiarisation on the Charity's bikes, when these are finalised they will be incorporated into our induction process
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- when the above are completed we will inform our Rota Manager, who will add you to his mailing list ; and email the active riders in your area, who may offer you the chance to take on one of their weeks
  - When you are scheduled for your first week you should arrange handover with the previous week's rider to allow for an extended look round the bike, including instruction on how the extra equipment works
  - and then (after completing and recording a bike check, and informing the co-ordinator) we encourage you to do a familiarisation ride, to include town, country and motorway riding
  - That's It ! You're now a Freewheelers rider. Ride safely and enjoy.

If you have any queries about the above or volunteering for us in general, they should be covered during the Induction Brief – although you are more than welcome to ask a committee member directly, or raise it as a query through the 'contact us' facility on our website.

For more general queries we would first encourage you to browse our website, [www.freewheelers.org.uk](http://www.freewheelers.org.uk) which contains much useful information on how we operate.