

SaPAR Social Ride June 2018 – ‘Ffordd uchel y Diafol’- Brief

Date: Sunday 03 June 2018.

Ride Leader: Phil Noble.

Start / End Point: Montford Bridge Café (SY4 1EB).

Departure Time: 0930hrs.

Finish Time: 1640hrs approximately.

Café / Toilet Stop: 1130hrs approximately.

Lunch / Toilet / Refuel Stop: 1310hrs / 100 miles approximately.

Toilet Stops: There are further potential toilet stops i.e. if there is a need to stop, at 1030hrs and 1520hrs approximately. **Note:** It costs 20p to ‘spend a penny’ in Wales therefore please ensure you have some 20p coins with you as some public conveniences are listed as ‘pay for’ on local authority websites. That said on the route recce there was no requirement to pay for access to identified public conveniences along the route.

Route Out in Brief: From Shrewsbury we will be heading in a south-westerly direction to the source(s) of the city of Birmingham’s drinking water via the Pont y Diafol. Roads to be utilised include a mixture of A and B class roads with approximately 45 minutes being spent on minor / unclassified roads. During the route recce, albeit the road surface of the minor / unclassified roads was a little uneven, they were generally in good condition. The minor / unclassified roads, less one or two places, were generally wide enough to take two vehicles heading in opposite directions.

Route Out Potential Hazards:

- New road under construction and associated effects on road conditions.
- Road re-surfacing and effects on road conditions.
- Upland ‘run off’ water on roads.
- Upland sheep grazing along the road side.
- Farming activity and associated effects on road conditions e.g. mud on road etc.

Route Back in Brief: After the lunch / refuel stop we will be heading back to Shrewsbury in a north-easterly direction on a mixture of A and B class roads. Approximately 20 minutes will be spent on minor / unclassified roads. During the route recce, albeit the road surface of the minor / unclassified roads was a little uneven, they were generally in good condition. The minor / unclassified roads, less one or two places, were generally wide enough to take two vehicles heading in opposite directions.

Route Back Potential Hazards:

- Upland sheep grazing along the road side.
- Historical road works / re-surfacing affecting the camber of the road.
- Farming activity and associated effects on road conditions e.g. mud on road etc.

Weather Forecast – 03 June 2018 (as at 17 May 2018):

- A mixture of showers and thunderstorms. Source: www.accuweather.com

Sunrise 03 June 2018 – Shrewsbury: 0451hrs.

Sunset 03 June 2018 – Shrewsbury: 2127hrs.

'Go / No Go' Decision: Sat 02 June 2018 @ 1700hrs. **Note:** notification of a 'No Go' i.e. ride cancelled will be via email. If you do not receive an email on Saturday night the ride will be going ahead.

SaPAR Etiquette and Rules; Please be reminded that by participating in the above social ride you agree to adhere to the following -

- You are responsible for your own riding.
- You must be in control of your motorcycle at all times.
- We will adhere to all speed limits – 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 and the national speed limit.
- Motorcycles MUST be taxed and where necessary MOT'd.
- You must have a driving licence and insurance for the machine that you ride.
- You are responsible to ensure your machine is safe, roadworthy and fully legal for riding on the road.
- Overtaking within the group is permitted provided it is safe to do so and does not impede any other road user.
- We ride to the slowest rider's abilities, for whatever reason that may be.
- When marking a junction remain safe and be clear in directing the group with a clear arm signal.
- If marking a junction you must wait for tail-end-charlie before you move off (immediately in front of him). This could appear to be a long time especially if the group is large and/or traffic is heavy.
- This is a social event, neither SAPAR, its officers or RoSPA can be held responsible for any injury or damage however caused. It is your responsibility to ride responsibly and within the law.

Please ensure you arrive at Montford Bridge in preparation for the social ride with a full tank of fuel and £1 for the 'Guess the Mileage' competition.