

WE'D LIKE TO WELCOME YOU

AS A NEW MEMBER OF

NEW FOREST CHAPTER #9081

The club has been designed by the members for the members
and we are always open to new ideas and suggestions.

The purpose of this pack is to give help and advice to all new members (and old ones too) on everything available to help you become an active member of the club. The aim is to make your time spent with the club both exciting and enjoyable.

If there is something that you need to know and can't find in the pack, please ask one of the committee members and, where possible, we will have the information added to the pack to help others too.

Please read carefully the details of 2nd man drop off and staggered riding information. This is designed to help keep you and others safe during the rides out.

Please read the events calendar and join the road crew on as many rides as possible. Why not enter the 'Ride 365'? (for more info please see Communication & Information page)


Details of all Committee members and details of all the road crew are on the notice board in the dealership for your convenience. Please contact them if you have any questions.










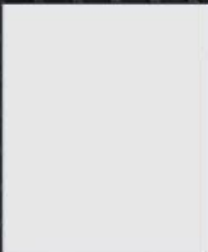



Safe Riding

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Meet the Committee Members

 **NEW FOREST** **CHAPTER #9081** **MEET THE 2023** **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

 Fiona Gilbert, Assistant Director and Social Media Officer	 Les Lawrence Director	 Mark Smith Rally Manager	
 Debbie Lawrence Treasurer	 Don Kenning Head Road Captain	 Adrian Batstone Secretary and Membership	
 Jason Ballett Historian	 Stewart Wallace Safety Officer	 Steve Price Webmaster	
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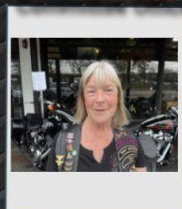
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Craig Neale
New Member Rep
Committee Officer



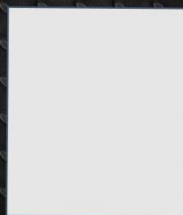
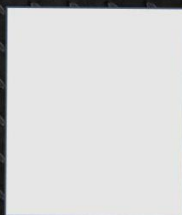
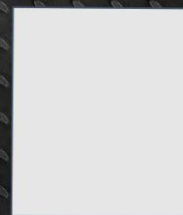
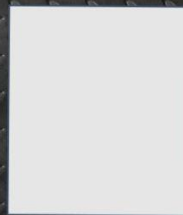
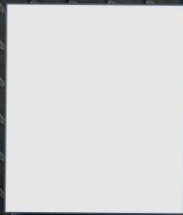
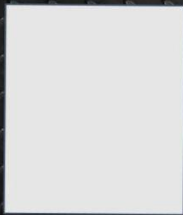
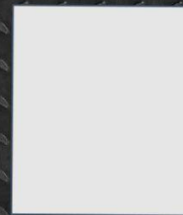
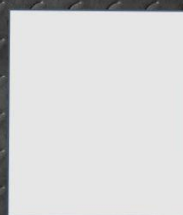
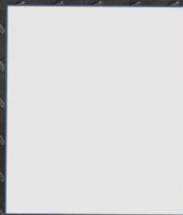
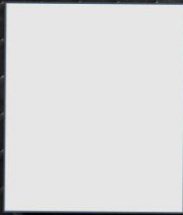
Lesley Barker
New member Rep



Siggie Batstone
New Member Rep



Trevor Barker
New Member Rep



Communication & Information

New (and existing) members often ask how they are kept up to date on rides, events and other club business

In addition to the notice boards, or asking any club/committee member, we have the following official channels for information

Website – www.newforesthog.co.uk

New Forest Chapter #9081 – Facebook page

New Forest HOG CAMP – New Forest Chapter members facebook page, please click on the facebook link on the MemberMojo home page. Or ask a member to invite you

During the riding season, newsletters are sent every other Wednesday around 5.00pm. During the winter months, just one newsletter per month will be sent.

All new members will receive a welcome email containing the new members pack when they first join.

The Events Calendar for 2023 will soon be on display on the notice board at SH-D.

We have a guest policy so Non-members are welcome to attend a maximum of 3 rides/ events before they are required to become a member. (This includes partners of members.)

Please make yourself known to one of the road captains on the day PRIOR to starting the ride.

If you wish to enter the HOG® 365 Mileage Challenge, please see any committee member or Martin at Southampton Harley-Davidson

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Get stuck in!

Help at our rally & other events.

It's a great way to meet fellow bikers

and

get the most out of the social side of the club.

If interested please complete the online form.

You may have noticed there is a post box on the wall by the entrance to the workshop

Please feel free to drop in:

- * Letters
- * Suggestions
- * Notes for committee members
- * Ride suggestions for Road Crew



FOR SALE PAGE

**Hampshire UK - Harley-Davidson for
sale/swap**

(access through facebook page)

**Please search for the above and you can
then be added.**

**(Please speak to a committee member if
you are unsure)**

**Benefits of becoming a
Member of New Forest H.O.G.**

- Many club rideouts
- Annual club trip to Europe (hopefully commencing again in 2024)
- Many club social events
- Two weeks exclusive access to our yearly Blazin' rally tickets before any non-members
- 10% Discount on SH-D official merchandise & accessories
- Monthly dealership events
- Meeting lifelong friends

On Purchasing your fantastic New Harley-Davidson, you will automatically become a member of

HOG International & New Forest Chapter

**If you require further information please contact Martin White (Dealer Principal) or
membership@newforesthog.co.uk**

To learn more about the benefits of being a member of HOG International click below

<https://www.harley-davidson.com/gb/en/content/hog/membership-benefits.html>

LADIES OF HARLEY (LOH)

Within the new forest we have a dedicated LOH group. This part of the club encourages both lady riders & pillions to be active members of the club.

For further information on becoming a LOH please contact one of the committee members or go to
www.newforesthog.co.uk/about-us/ladies-of-harley

Road Crew

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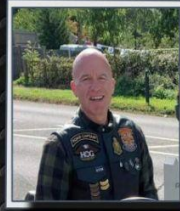
Road Captain	Team
Bob Tatum	Alwyn Thomas Pete Eames
Don Kenning	Phil Brown Stew Wallace
John Monks	Trevor Langford Matt Barker
Paul Phillips	Pauline Smith Thomas Philips
<u>Support Crew</u> Stewart Stuppell Geoff Anderson Pete Callow Paul Callum	<u>Road Marshalls</u> Geoff Burgess Mark Cassel Carol Dunford Adrian Batstone Les Lawrence

If you would like more information regarding road captains,
or would like to have training to become a Support Crew member,
please contact Don Kenning



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ROAD CREW 2023



Don Kenning
Head Road Captain
Training Officer



Bob Tatum
Road Captain



Pete "Pepper" Eames
Road Captain



Polly Smith
Road Captain



Matt Barker
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Trevor Langford
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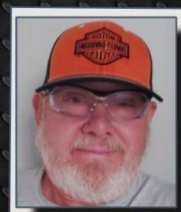
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Road Captain



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Les Lawrence
Road Marshall



Adrian Batstone
Road Marshall

Back Patch Etiquette

Being members of the New Forest Chapter of The Harley Owners Group, means that we are part of the biker community in general and one of the most important unwritten rules in the biking community is to pay respect to the various customs and practices of fellow clubs.

As members of the New Forest Chapter we wear an official centre H.O.G. back patch which is the eagle and above that we wear an official top rocker with our club name. You can purchase the rockers at club nights and you can buy the eagles on hogmerch.com. As we no longer issue membership cards you will need to give your membership number. We, as New Forest members, do not earn patches, nor are we awarded any.

In the case of a number of other clubs, patches and rockers are earned and awarded. As a sign of respect we do not wear bottom rockers below our H.O.G. patch.

Here is an example of what is acceptable.

Below the H.O.G. patch are badges with no geographical significance.

If you want a chapter rocker see Les or Fiona. Large or small, gold or silver.

The eagle patch, you can buy from hogmerch.com

Year bars will be available from the dealership to collect



See Les or Fiona to purchase Rockers, Lge /sml gold or silver
Eagle patches can be purchased from hogmerch.com

IMPORTANT RIDING/SAFETY INFORMATION

Riding in Staggered Formation

It is important to maintain a safe distance between you and the riders around you. Just like the Highway Code, we observe the “2 Second Rule” within our riding pack. We create 2 lanes of riders within a single lane on the road (where the road width allows), this helps reduce the length of the ride and still maintains a safe manoeuvring distance. Each rider maintains a minimum of 2 seconds between the front of his/her bike and the back of the bike directly in front. There is a rider in the other column who may be closer but because he/she is in the other lane we created, he/she should not interfere with you in the event that you have to pull up sharply. Whilst you are moving there should NEVER be any overlap between you and ANY other rider in the pack. Only when you come to a complete stop should you pull up directly alongside another rider.

Remember, these are MINIMUM suggested distances. Road conditions, weather, visibility and a number of other human factors should be taken into account when making the decision on how much room you need. As always you are responsible for your own safety and ensuring that you do not endanger your fellow riders.

Occasionally, the road conditions prevent us from operating the staggered file formation. When this happens, the Lead Road Captain may indicate following riders to form in single file or where riders deem it necessary, they will create a larger gap between themselves and the rider next in the formation and form into a single file themselves. This is more common in cities and towns, on narrow roads and when filtering. Once again, if you do not feel safe in the staggered file because of one of these factors, take the decision yourself (don't wait for a signal from the front). Your safety and comfort is paramount, **maintain that 2 second gap!**

Marking the Route

We operate two basic methods of ensuring that rides get to the final destination safely and together. Both methods require the involvement and participation of everyone in the ride. The Buddy System is used more for small groups (6 or less riders) and has a few risks of

group separation and so the predominant method used by New Forest Chapter is the “Second Man Drop Off” system.

Second Man Drop Off

This method of route marking requires the participation of all riders in the group. As a minimum, there must be a Lead Road Captain and a back marker. We have a fully trained support crew who can assist if required in case of a breakdown.

This method works well with larger groups and operates well even if the group gets split up across junctions / lights. It is reliant on a rider being assigned a marking point by the leader and that rider STAYING at that point until the back marker indicates for him/her to rejoin the ride. Sometimes this can mean a wait of 5 or 10 minutes (or even longer). The point is, no matter what, you must only rejoin the ride in front of the back marker. If you leave your station too early, everyone behind you will likely become lost...

The mechanics are something like this...

As the ride approaches a change of direction, a junction or fork in the road, the Lead Road Captain indicates to the rider directly behind him (The Second Man) to stop at a specific location. That rider pulls over and points the way to all of the following riders clearly showing the direction they should go.

When dropped, the second man should ensure he/she is in a safe position and **MUST** cancel any indicators. Do **NOT** put your hazard warning lights on (if you have them). If you are dropped and you feel unsafe, try to move to a safer spot, in clear sight of following riders. If you have a passenger, they could do the pointing. Don't worry about rushing to rejoin the ride, if the back marker comes along, he/she will either pull over with you and wait or he will ride on in the knowledge that you will be coming to rejoin the ride shortly. The prime objective is to mark the route, show the way and be safe whilst doing so. **DO NOT GET OFF YOUR BIKE.**

The person showing the way **MUST** stay at that location until he is invited to rejoin the group by the back marker. He/she then rejoins in front of the back marker and is now at the back of the ride.

Meanwhile at the front, the rider behind the guy who was just dropped has now become the “Second Man”. At the next turn or junction, the Lead Road Captain will indicate a drop off to that rider and so the process will continue. On longer rides each rider may get the chance to mark the route 2 or 3 times.

The staggered formation DOES NOT change during this procedure. Each rider maintains their position and riders do not switch position in the staggered formation.

Here is a tip for newer riders. The person riding in front of you will get dropped off just before you. This places him at the back of the ride. When YOU are dropped, look for that rider to pass you as right behind him should be the back marker. Make sure you see the back marker and he sees you before you move off, but this is a handy way to buy a few seconds to prepare to rejoin the ride in front of the back marker.

If you cannot rejoin in front of the back marker (traffic, road position, it is not safe to pull out or you are simply not ready in time to pull out in front of him/her), allow the back marker to pass and pull out as soon as it is safe. He will know you are behind and will indicate for you to pass him as soon as it is safe to do so.

If you are on a ride operating Second Man Drop system and you follow all of the advice above, both you and your fellow riders will all make it to the planned destination, safely and together.

Pillion Riders

So, you trust the rider to keep you safe, you have the right gear to protect you and keep you comfortable and warm on the ride, you're happy with where you're going and for how long.

What next? How do you help to keep both yourself and the rider safe?

First, you need to clearly understand how the rider prefers you to get on and off the bike. Some riders like the pillion to get on from the left side, after the bike has been started. The best way is to step up onto the left pillion peg using your left foot, and put your right leg over the seat (between the rider and the back of your seat). The rider will be prepared for your weight going onto the peg and shifting as you settle into the seat. Remember to mind the paintwork with your right foot as it goes onto the other peg.

Second, you need an agreed signal that says you are settled and ready to go. You may have helmet intercoms or you may use hand signals, tap on the shoulder or give a thumbs

up, so that the rider knows they can start moving, agree on a signal that works for both of you.

You and your rider should also agree on hand signals for when you want to stop at the next opportunity. You need to clearly understand your rider's preferences and stay with an agreed approach.

Third, you need to know where and how to hang on. Most bikes have handrails in the pillion seat area that passengers can hold onto. It's not necessary to hold onto them all the time. Don't hold onto the rider's shoulders or arms at any time, as this can affect the rider's control of the bike and cause a crash.

Fourth, your rider needs to know what you are going to do when he/she leans into corners. Motorbikes are steered by leaning them – it's perfectly normal for the bike to go on a lean of 25-30 degrees through a corner or bend. If you lean in the opposite direction to the rider (which some pillions do), you also cause the rider to have to lean even harder to complete the turn. If you react to the lean by trying to straighten up, you can cause a crash or over-correction. The best thing you can do is just "be the bike" ... don't lean but go with the lean of the bike and rider. Remember about trusting the rider? Relax, go with the flow and be as "neutral" as possible.

Fifth, you need to know what to do when the bike accelerates and brakes. There are times when the rider will need to brake hard for unexpected things like animals running across the road, potholes, etc. In this case, grab the handrail or put your hands low on the rider's back to support yourself. Motorbikes can and usually do accelerate fairly quickly – much faster than most cars. It's easy for a passenger to be caught unawares when this happens and slip or slide backwards on the seat, you can counter acceleration forces by holding onto the handrail or the rider's waist, or by clenching your legs around the seat.

Now you are ready to ride, you can start to enjoy it.

Be their second set of eyes, look out for hazards the rider may not see.

Do your own life savers whilst overtaking and pulling out from junctions.

Help the rider at difficult junctions (if safe to do so).

Although the rider is always in control of the bike, some pillions also like to see in the mirrors, especially when overtaking, they may see a hazard the rider has not seen.

Learn how the bike works, see how heavy it is so that you can understand how much weight the rider has to deal with.

Would you know what to do if your rider was to become ill?

- Find out where the kill switch is and think about what you might need to do in an emergency.

Do as much as you can to have the safest ride each time.

After you've been out a few times as a passenger, you might start thinking you'd like a bike of your own ... and why not.

ON BEHALF OF ALL THE COMMITTEE, PLEASE ENJOY EVERY MINUTE OF YOUR NEW HARLEY-DAVIDSON - WE HOPE THAT THIS PACK HAS GIVEN YOU AN INSIGHT INTO THE CLUB.

SAFE RIDING

BLAZIN' WILD WEST

Please join us for our Rally at the end of September it is a great way to meet members especially if you volunteer

Please see poster below for details

FRIDAY 22ND - MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2023
BLAZIN' WILD WEST

Warner's Lakeside Coastal Village, Hayling Island



SATURDAY GALA NIGHT WITH BIG RED AND THE GRINNERS
SUNDAY HOEDOWN | BANDS | PRIZE DRAW | TRADE STANDS
GRAND PARADE RIDE & MUCH MORE

Money raised will be donated to
Local Hayling Island Community Charities

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(Mon-Fri 9-5)

ACCOMMODATION Prices start from £259pp (based on 2 people sharing) half board, inc ticket price and goodie bag. A NON refundable deposit payable on Booking of £80p. No Under 21s.



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