

Bringing bikers out of the blind-spot

Too many bikers are being killed and injured on Devon's roads. Like you, Devon County Council is extremely concerned about this problem and feels that the situation is totally unacceptable. We all need to ensure that roads are made safer for bikers - and you can help. By completing this consultation form you can tell us what you think the problems are, what the solutions might be and help us to encourage safer motorcycling.

Please take this opportunity to help us reduce casualties and improve facilities for bikers.

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Your Machine

Q1 How many bikes do you own?

1 295 2 98 3 28 more than 3 23

Q2 What type of bike do you normally ride?

Make: 0
 Model: 0
 Year: 0
 cc: 0

Q3 What is your annual mileage

<i>Less than</i>	<i>2,500</i>	<i>7,500 -</i>	<i>12,500 -</i>	<i>17,500</i>	<i>More</i>
<i>2,500</i>	<i>-7,499</i>	<i>12,499</i>	<i>17,499</i>	<i>-24.499</i>	<i>than` 25,</i>
<i>miles.....</i>	<i>miles.....</i>	<i>miles.....</i>	<i>miles.....</i>	<i>miles.....</i>	<i>000miles. 4</i>
71	257	84	21	10	

Using your machine

Commuting:

Q4 Do you use your bike for commuting on a regular basis?

Yes 264 No 173

If No, please go to Q10

Q5 On average, how many days per month do you commute by bike?

Less than 10 56 *11-20* 82 *More than 20* 127

Q6 Average length of each journey

Less than 10 miles . 101 *10 - 24 miles* 116 *25 - 49 miles* 30 *More that 50 miles..* 17

- Q7** When not using your bike for commuting, what mode of transport would you normally use?
Car 187 *Car share* 10 *Bus* 7 *Bicycle*.... 27 *Walk* 21 *Other* 15
- Q8** Do you have motorcycle parking at work?
Yes..... 200 *No* 64
- Q9** If yes, is it satisfactory?
Yes..... 148 *No* 64
- Q10** What would encourage you to commute to work by bike more?
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Social Commuting

- Q11** Do you use your bike for social commuting i.e. to the shops, gym, cinema etc.on a regular basis?
Yes..... 297 *No* 146

If No, please go to question 13

- Q12** How many journeys per month do you make?
Less than 25..... 193 *25 -49*..... 84 *50 -75*..... 18 *more than 75*..... 15

- Q13** What would encourage you to use your bike for these purposes more often?
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Recreational

- Q14** Do you use your bike for recreational purposes ie touring, leisure runs etc
Yes..... 424 *No* 19

If No please go to question 22

- Q15** How often do you do this?
Less than 25 rides per year 117 *25 -49 rides per year* 170 *50 - 75 rides per year* 76 *More than 75 rides per year* 62

Q16 What is your motivation for biking? Choose three and rank in order of importance:

	<i>1st Choice</i>	<i>2nd Choice</i>	<i>3rd Choice</i>
Cheaper form of transport	37	26	44
Free Parking	19	37	34
Feeling of freedom	199	77	57
Social Reasons (Clubs / runs)	35	64	41
Enjoy the countryside	46	49	50
Way of unwinding	64	56	65
Beats congestion	92	69	64
Excitement of the ride	111	61	51
Get your knee down	8	8	31
<i>Other</i>		50	

When you're out riding do you normally:-

Q17	Ride alone?	<i>Never</i> 2	<i>Not normally</i> . 37	<i>Sometimes</i> 154	<i>Usually</i> 203	<i>Always</i> 34
Q18	Ride with friends	<i>Never</i> 31	<i>Not normally</i> . 58	<i>Sometimes</i> 269	<i>Usually</i> 60	<i>Always</i> 12
Q19	Ride in a club	<i>Never</i> 178	<i>Not normally</i> . 103	<i>Sometimes</i> 127	<i>Usually</i> 16	<i>Always</i> 2

If you ride with others are they usually:

Q20	The same sex as you?	<i>Yes</i> 243	<i>No</i> 137
Q21	Roughly the same age as you?	<i>Yes</i> 227	<i>No</i> 164

Q22 What would encourage you to use your bike for recreational purposes more often

Training

Q23 Have you heard of the following?
Please tick

	<i>Completed</i>	<i>Completed + would re commend</i>	<i>Completed + would not recom mend</i>	<i>Would consider</i>	<i>not interested</i>	<i>Not aware</i>
Bike safe	173	9	32	2	48	5
The Edge	70	1	5	1	18	10
Advanced Riding Groups (ie IAM or Roada)	183	12	59	2	103	17
BMF Blue Riband	91	3	2	0	34	18
GNVQ "Advanced" in Motorcycle Riding	61	0	5	0	56	23

The County Council are looking to establish the following courses at the Devon Drivers' Centre and amongst trainers throughout the County:-

a) Rider Development Course - This is a course for regular riders, those returning to riding, commuters etc. so that existing skills can be perfected and new skills can be developed.

Q24 Do you think this course would be worthwhile?

Yes..... 425 No 16
Comments 212

Q25 Would you be interested in further details?

Yes..... 282 No 150

If YES, please give your details at the end of the questionnaire.

b) A Post CBT course - This will allow riders who have recently passed their CBT to further their skills beyond the basic stage.

Q26 Do you think this course would be worthwhile?

Yes 373 No 46
Comments 168

Q27 Would you be interested in further details?

Yes..... 80 No 320

If YES, please leave your details below.

Q28

Devon County Council runs a Driver Improvement Course. This allows those who have been involved in a minor crash the option of attending a course that concentrates on providing training to the driver or rider instead of being prosecuted. Do you think this is worthwhile?

Yes..... 401 No 26
Comments 156

Devon Roads

Q29 What is your opinion of the general condition of the roads in Devon?

V Good 4 Good..... 68 Average 202 Poor..... 137 V Poor..... 29
Are there any stretches of road that you are particularly concerned about? 237
Please List

Q30 Do you know who to contact to report a road defect?
Yes..... 161 NO..... 282

Crashes

Q31 Have you been involved in a crash whilst riding on public roads in the last three years?

How many?

None..... 350 1 72 2 12 3 3 More than 3 .. 8

Q32 Your most recent crash

a) Please give brief details of the crash

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Q33 b) who, in your opinion, was at fault

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Q34 c) why

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Q35 Do you currently have any penalty point endorsements on your driving licence?

Yes..... 77 No 368

Q36 If yes, what vehicle(s) were you using when you accrued these points?

Motorbike..... 29 Car..... 42 LGV..... 1 HGV..... 4 Bicycle 0

Q37 The greatest crash type for motorcyclists is single vehicle accidents where the rider has been going too fast, lost control and left the carriageway. Do you have any thoughts of how this problem can be tackled?

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Q38 Car drivers are also responsible for a high number of motorcycle collisions. This includes manoeuvres such as right turning into the path of motorbikes or emerging from side roads. Do you have any thoughts of how this problem can be tackled?
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General

Do you have any other comments to make that you feel will help Devon County Council improve road safety for bikers?

Q39 Do you think there's enough motorcycle parking in Devon?
Yes..... 100 No 318

Q40 Where would you like to see more?
Please list...
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Q41 A number of local authorities have allowed motorbikes to use bus lanes on a trial basis to determine whether this has any benefit. Do you think this is something that DCC should investigate?
Yes..... 402 No 38

Q42 Do you have any other comments to make that you feel will help Devon County Council improve road safety for bikers?
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About you:-

Q43 Your age?
Under 21..... 8 21-29 28 30-39 122 40-49 167 50+ 121

Q44 Your sex?
Male 404 Female 42

Q45 Ethnic background?
Asian 0 Black 1 Chinese.. 1 Mixed..... 0 White..... 428 Other 6

Q46 How many years have you been riding?
Less than 3..... 36 *3-9*..... 76 *10-19*..... 78 *20+*..... 259

Q47 Have you had a break from riding in this time?
Yes..... 234 *No* 204
If yes, how long? 230

Q48 How do you rate your riding ability?
V.Good 48 *Good*..... 227 *Average* 154 *Poor*..... 7 *V Poor*..... 0

Please leave your details if you have requested information on any of the above items or you would like to be kept informed of Devon County Council motorcycling matters.

Q49 Name and Address 355
 Name..... 352
 Address
 Postcode 352
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 Email Address

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