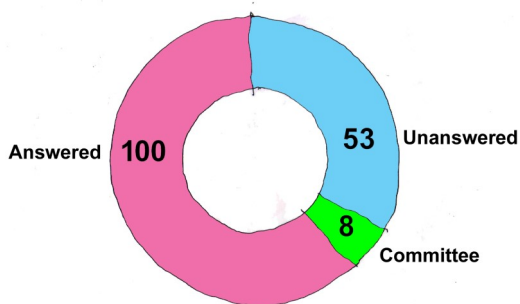


WORCESTER & HEREFORD ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS



SPECIAL EDITION



This special edition newsletter is to let you know the results of our phone round of the membership. I'm sorry if I didn't get to speak with everybody but with over 100 conversations we now have a good picture of WHAM under lockdown.

First, we know of three members who have or have had Covid-19, I'm pleased to say all are on the mend and join the rest of WHAM in looking forward to riding again. Get well soon!

Second, a résumé of comments I received followed by a "what's next" for WHAM.

So what did you say?

The vast majority are following guidelines not to ride.

Those that have been out are riding for:

- Essential shopping
- Checking on elderly relations
- Severn Freewheelers Bloodbike duties
- Volunteer deliveries for the local GP/pharmacy or delivering PPE to the NHS



We are a group of riders with clean and polished bikes sat in pristine garages with nowhere to go!

Some are taking the time out to refurbish/rebuild/repair their bikes while others have newly acquired bikes and are experiencing the frustration of not being able to ride them. At least one member can't renew their insurance and another is awaiting parts. Many are busy working from home: the new norm?

And the newsletter is appreciated by many (congrats ed)

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A note for Associates from IAMRoadsmart HQ.....

Where associates' membership expires, we will extend their membership, at no additional cost, for up to a further six months to enable all associates to complete their coaching and take their test without disadvantage. Each associate should contact our Customer Care team by emailing support@iam.org.uk or calling **0300 303 1134** only when they have received their membership renewal notice.

“What’s next”?

We will look at a virtual natter night via Zoom or similar platform.

Some associates thought that a virtual “question time” on riding would be useful.

Our Slow Riding Day at Throckmorton is still on but please check our website to see if we have to postpone.

IMPORTANT NOTE *please be patient while the website has a revamp.*

Many agreed that our skills will be a little rusty when the lockdown is lifted and we can ride again.

We are introducing a “buddy system” so you can go with an observer or other experienced rider when you blow away the cobwebs.

20 biker things to do in lockdown...

- 1) Clean your bike
- 2) Look at endless Utube videos of other people on bikes
- 3) Start your bike just to check the engine runs
- 4) Buy biker stuff off Amazon
- 5) Clean your bike again
- 6) Read old copies of biking magazines
- 7) Cancel trips already booked, dream of new trips
- 8) Think about volunteering as a courier
- 9) Sit on your bike
- 10) Check out eBay for biker stuff
- 11) Read back copies of WHAM's newsletter (see Library)
- 12) Feed your leathers
- 13) Check the tyre pressures
- 14) Tidy the garage
- 15) Trawl through biker shops on line
- 16) Clean your helmet and visor
- 17) Buy more biker stuff off Amazon
- 18) Proof your gear, feed your leathers
- 19) Clean your boots
- 20) Polish your bike



Finally, nearly everyone welcomed the idea of a celebration ride once we are allowed. Our normal summer day rides attract around 30 riders but I suspect our celebration ride – whenever it is – will engage most of WHAM – what a sight that will be! Can't wait!

Ant, WHAM Chair