**Yorkshire MAG Regional Meeting**

**17th October 2022, Thatched House, Wakefield**

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| # | Agenda Item | Action |
| 1. | **Welcomes and Apologies**  **Present:**  Gary Williams East Yorks  Andy Foody Huddersfield  Glennys Scrivener Huddersfield  Linz Foody Huddersfield  Ron Organ Huddersfield  Sally Ann Slater Huddersfield  Tom Lonsdale Huddersfield  John Nettleship Leeds  Marcus Houlden Leeds  Mike Jordan Leeds  Craig Hawksworth South Yorks  Derek Hawkes South Yorks  Gary Timms South Yorks  Oliver Rose South Yorks  Stuart Hatfield South Yorks  Chas Milner Wakefield  Martin Burgess Wakefield  Steve Travis Wakefield  **Apologies:**  Kate and Richard Manton, Richard Suddaby |  |
| 2 | **Minutes of the Last Meeting** (AGM on 10th August) - agreement required as a true and correct record by all present.  Proposed: Garry Williams  Second: Steve Tavis  Agreed unanimously |  |
| 3. | **Regional Reps Report**   * Been responding to NC list on various consultations & NC votes (see below); * Consulted Yorkshire MAG Committee for a consensus on Yorkshire Region meeting & newsletter frequency – quarterly for both, region meetings to be mid-week and be central and easy to get to, so as to not impact people’s weekend plans; * Sent out a Regional Newsletter for Autumn to the Yorkshire members email list ([mag-yorkshire-region-list@mag-uk.org](mailto:mag-yorkshire-region-list@mag-uk.org)); * Attended AGC in September; * Forwarded MAG Complaints procedure (in case it’s required); * Attended MAP AGM * Will attend Branch AGM’s as regional observer wherever possible (incl. Huddersfield’s forthcoming EGM on Wed 26th Oct); * Myself and Martin (VR) are planning to attend at least one of every branches business meetings over the course of the year (in addition to AGM’s as mentioned above) – will give lots of notice !! |  |
| 4. | **Committee Reports** **Vice Rep - Martin Burgess**  Taken role on fairly recently. Role to support Steve  **Political Rep - Tom Lonsdale**  Statement from Kirklees council re bus lanes  Recorded thanks for support from Ian Turner, road safety officer/ MAG liaison at Calderdale Council  **Secretary - Marcus Houlden**  New to role and taking minutes for the first time  **Social Media / Website - Marcus Houlden**  Not a lot to report so far. Will update website with AGM minutes and other details  Some discussion re local mailing lists  **Treasurer - Gary Timms**  The current regional account balance is £1726. I’ve had a delay in paying the agreed donation to central due to misplacing the cheque book! I have now located it and brought it with me to get a co-signature from Steve (Travis). In light of this I would like to bring to the committee's attention the possibility of online banking. We use the Yorkshire Bank’s Clubs and Societies account which previously did not allow online banking. Now that Virgin Money have incorporated the Yorkshire this is now an option. With the cheque book we need two signatories from a choice of four to sign a cheque. With the online banking there is the option to require two people to authorise a payment. This maintains the security of the account. It should also be possible for one of the signatories to be given authorisation to make payments – still with the two signatories  requirement – in the event that the treasurer would be unable to do so. This would give additional flexibility to cover unexpected events while still providing account security. As I understand it some local groups use their banks equivalent of this service. I would ask the committee to consider online banking going forward.  Proposal to move to online banking:  **Proposed:** Gary Timms  **Seconded:** Steve Travis  Passed unanimously  Change name on account to Yorkshire MAG  **Proposed:** Gary Timms  **Seconded:** Oliver Rose  **Press / Media - John Nettleship**  Not much to report. Most groups contact directly. There if needed. |  |
| 5 | **Local Reps Reports**  **East Yorkshire – Garry Williams**  Over in East Yorkshire, things remain quiet, meetings continue twice a month with a healthy attendance, but we could really do with seeing some new faces every now and again.  I finally got a response from Humberside Police in respect of the status of Operation Yellowfin given the level of bike theft in Hull and the East Riding which remains rife in the area.  The police indicated Yellowfin was still operational, stressing visibility was only one part of the operation which also includes intelligence gathering and analysis, complex investigations, targeting offenders and locations, supported by colleagues in CID, traffic and patrol. When teams are deployed, it is done so on a place based and intelligence led basis, and we have to ensure the efficient use of resources and deploy these where intelligence and information states the offenders are likely to be.  Whilst there is some comfort that the police do appear to be actively trying to tackle the problem, it is clear that the effectiveness is limited with countless bikes continuing to be stolen. The onus really is on us as riders to do all we can to make our bikes as secure as possible.  Over the weekend of 16th to 18th September, the branch hosted the annual Spat rally at the Breigton Ferry. The rally was again a great success, with around 350 people in attendance and allowed the branch to make a donation of £5,000 to the MAG fighting fund at the recent AGC. Particular thanks have to go to Lauren and Megan Roche, along with their dad Paddy for the organisation of the event and sorting the marshal rota. Thanks also to those of you who gave up part of your weekend to marshal the gate or help clear the site on Sunday. Firm arrangements have yet to be made for 2023, but you may want to keep your diary clear for the same weekend next year….  The East Yorkshire MAG AGM is scheduled to take place following our regular meeting on Thursday 27th October. It would be great to see as many of you at the meeting as possible to help shape the direction of the branch, or perhaps even get involved by volunteering for one of the officer roles. If you would like to know more about any of the roles, and what they entail, feel free to give current rep Garry a ring on 07572 103944. If you are planning to attend the meeting, don’t forget to bring your current membership card to vote.  **Huddersfield – Glennys Scrivener**  Huddersfield MAG held another famous PIE Night on 18th August. We raised £159.00 for MAG funds and it was great to see many friends from different MAG groups.  We were going to have a stall at the Friends of Tolson Museum Motorbike show on 10th September but due to the death of Her Majesty Queen this was called off due to the period of National Mourning. A few people had been asking if this was to go ahead and we were advised that it would be rescheduled for Sunday 9th October .  Sunday morning dawned with a stiff breeze and the hardy bunch of Sal, Cam, Graeme, Mark, Linz, John & Pat braved an early start to put up the MAG stall at Tolson Museum. Many bikes old, new, even an ex BSB racing bike turned up ( in a van as it still had its racing well-worn slicks on ). Coffees, teas and hot chocolates were drunk, bacon butties and cheeseburgers were consumed, discussions on “should I buy a new battery as the wretched thing would start today “along with “just come back from a trip round Europe and the bike didn’t miss a beat “to “I have only been riding for 6 weeks & I love it” were a few snippets of overheard conversations during the day. Sal signed up a new member and we managed not to lose any leaflets when a sudden gust of wind upended the organisers gazebo, which hadn’t been fastened down, thanks to blue tac and strategically placed sweet tins. Thanks again to everyone who came down.  6 members of Huddersfield attended the AGC on the 25th and it would be remiss of me not to add the following comments which I have found hard to put into words.  Huddersfield MAG has had concerns over the recent publication that MAG put out The 2035 ban – MAG’s Fighting Response and the 29 page document that backed it up. The group had questions and wanted answers but we wanted to wait until we had attended the AGC  At the AGC in the response to the Chair’s speech on Operation Earthquake a question was asked by myself and the chair replied. As a result of the question and its response I felt that I had no option to walk out of the room and advise that I could no longer support MAG’s policies as a Rep and that I would be cancelling my membership - *This still stands and, as a result, Huddersfield MAG has called an emergency meeting on Wednesday 26th October where we will be asking for volunteers to stand as Rep & Treasurer.*  Such were our concerns from the AGC that our group sent a number of questions to the National Committee, via the Yorkshire Regional Rep, and at the time of writing this report we have had the courtesy of replies and we are in the process of working through the received responses.  **Leeds & Bradford – Richard ‘Manny’ Manton**  We’re still waiting for a reply from the police regarding our approach to discuss bike theft. There’s a new campaign that we’ve not been involved with, so know nothing about it and we’d like a meeting to find out why we’ve not been included and what it entails as the theft figures have gone back above the pre pandemic levels according to our recent FOI request.  Skelton Lake is a major hotspot as it backs onto Temple Newsham Park so giving scroats a rat run.  The bus lane trial is ongoing with no feedback yet.  Provisionally the Leeds and Bradford MAG annual toy run to Lineham Farm children’s centre will be happening again on Saturday 10th December following the Burley Biker Breakfast.   This year we’re asking for a maximum cost of £8 per gift and if you can wrap them and mark as boy/girl/either, that would be appreciated  This year you can drop toys off at a LABMAG meeting, on the evening at the meeting point of Cardigan Fields car park (behind McDonalds on Kirkstall Road) or at Leeds Motorcycle MOT Centre, where Roseanne will happily save your gifts to pass on to us.  The Leeds and Bradford MAG Christmas meal is planned for Friday 9th December at from 7pm in the Cardigan Arms on Kirkstall Road. We’ll then be going to the Sheesh Mahal restaurant for 8.30 for a fantastic meal then back to The Cardi for post meal drinks. All MAG members welcome but we need numbers in advance so a £10 deposit is required to save your place.  We are having another Comedy Night in the upstairs room at The Royal hotel in Pudsey. This will be on Tuesday 24th January from 8pm and tickets will be on sale soon.  Leeds and Bradford MAG AGM will be held on Thursday 16th February from 8pm at The Royal. After 13 years as rep, Manny is stepping down and we need someone to step up and take the group forward. We need an observer for this meeting.  **South Yorkshire – Stuart Hatfield**  We recently had a business meeting to discuss the wording of a letter to the South Yorkshire chief constable as well as to the police and crime commissioner for South Yorkshire regarding bike theft , the email has been sent out also included was the South Yorkshire police off road team , as of yet I have had no reply . I have posted a template of the letter to our Mrs outlining the benefits of motorcycles for our members to send and have a list of local MPs in South Yorkshire region if our members need it , On the back of this Mr Tosh Mcdonald is in the process of setting up a meeting between himself , me and Cllr Gemma Cobby in the near future to discuss the benefits motorcycle use as regards congestion and in traffic planning for the future . We will report back on the progress in future. To finish with , Steve Jagger and his band will be playing at the market on Sat 29th of October , sy mag members will be doing a bbq to raise funds for mag so we would like to see you all there ,unfortunately we are away that weekend as its my birthday , Halloween baby    **Wakefield – Steve Travis**  In addition to marshaling the Wakefield Hospice 10K race, which we have done for more years than we can remember, the fundraising event organisers at the Wakefield Hospice asked for our assistance for their Dark Peak Sportive cycle event which was held on Sunday 18th September. The event had 3 different routes - 40km (standard route), 78km (hard route) and 177km (extreme route) and we had been tasked with marshalling some tricky points on the route which presented the biggest danger to the cycling competitors. We were certainly needed as the Holme Moss junction is at an extreme angle, making visibility onto the busy Woodhead pass difficult. You just know it is a bit of an accident blackspot when you look behind the dry stone wall and see a huge collection of broken headlights, bumpers and other mangled car parts. This was also where the extreme route parted company (by turning right) from the hard route, who took a left turn. The marshalling did work well and there were no incidents and all the cyclists were very grateful for the support we were giving them. A huge thanks to our 4 marshals who helped make the event run smoothly and incident free.  Wakefield MAG Stalwart, Deputy Rep, champion fund raiser and all round fine upstanding pillar of society, Mr Charles Milner Esq, was 80 in early September. We organised a surprise birthday bash for him on Tuesday 20th September at 20:00 at the Thatched House. We organised it all in secret, so he thought it was just a normal meeting. We had a great turnout of past and present members, together with a contingent from Huddersfield MAG. Absolutely cracking night and so glad we were able to pull it off as a total surprise .... In his thank you speech Chas was a little bit lost for words .... Happy 80th Birthday Chas, and I hope I'm still biking at 80 :-)  Wakefield MAG have a number of social and fundraising events this Autumn, including:   * **Bingo Night** - Eyes Down for another Fun Filled Night of Bingo !!! Cash and Prize Bingo, and lot's of hilarity guaranteed. All profits to the MAG Fighting Fund. The excitement starts at 20:00 at the Thatched House, Stanley, Wakefield, on Tuesday 25th October. * **Christmas Hamper Raffle** - Following the undoubted success of our Christmas raffles in 2019 and 2021, we are hosting another Christmas Hamper Raffle for 2022 with the chance to win a luxury hamper plus other prizes. The tickets will be printed shortly and should be available to buy from mid-October. Tickets will be £1 each (although Chas prefers to sell a book at a time for £5 ;-) and will be drawn at the Wakefield MAG meeting on Tuesday 13th December at 20:00. All proceeds to the MAG Fighting Fund for the on-going protection of your freedom to ride your motorcycle. Please buy some and let's boost the MAG coffers. * **Biker Quiz Nite** - The legendary and hugely popular annual Wakefield MAG Bikers Quiz Nite will be held at 20:00 on Tuesday 29th November 2022 at the Thatched House, 434 Aberford Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4AA. We are planning a few changes to the format this year but there will still be 60 questions, 30 of which will be motorcycle related and 30 will be general knowledge. The quiz is hotly contested throughout Yorkshire. Open to All. £1 entry fee p.p. Team (Max. 5) or individual entry. Great prizes for the winners (1st, 2nd & 3rd), plus booby prize for the least number of correct answers. And just for a change ....... All proceeds to the MAG Fighting Fund ;-) * **Christmas Do** - Saturday 3rd December.A Christmas Meal, proceeded and followed by several goblets of foaming ale, at the Thatched House * **Tuesday 17th January 2023** - Wakefield Branch 21st AGM - The branch will be 21 years old !!!! * **Tuesday 31st January 2023** - Post Christmas Auction.Got lots of unwanted Christmas presents ? Got items that are of use/value but you don't have the space for them any more ? Prepared to donate them for a good cause ? Bring them along to the Wakefield MAG 'Post Christmas Auction' where they will be raffled off to the highest bidder, with all the proceeds being donated to MAG and other worthy causes. 20:00 in the Thatched House.   **York – Richard Suddaby**  York MAG held a showcase on 26th August to help support Yorkshire Air Ambulance, White Knight blood bikers and a local charity Congenital myotonic Dystrophy aka Ride Of Hope. Also in attendance were Not Your Average Bikes showcasing some electric bikes.  York MAG managed to raise £50 with a kind donation of £50 from Strawberry Fields cafe to total £100, YAA raised £128.12, White Knights raised £69 and CMD raised £110.  Upcoming events in York MAGs calendar York MAG Christmas Party will be held on 26th November at their local, The Black Swan Inn, Peasholme Green, York. There will be live music by Kelly Ann Bolland. For further information please check their social media.  Next year York MAG will be returning to Cropton for their micro rally Slaughtered In Cropton. The date to save 19th - 21st May 2023. Live music is an edition to this years event. Tickets to go on sale soon.  Other news York MAG have been in talks with City of York Council with regards to improvements to council owned carparks. Several carparks were highlighted that need better or some security such as a fixed rail, cctv and also some motorcycle bays that require reconfiguration to make them more suitable to encourage use especially since their council admitted they want cars out of the city centre in a previous meeting. These ideas were proposed to CYC Head of parking officer Graham Titchener. They await a solid answer.  York MAG host a monthly ride out on the first Sunday of each month throughout the year starting at Strawberry Fields cafe the next being 6th November.  Their monthly branch meeting is held at The Black Swan Inn every third Friday of each month the next being 21st October.  For further information on York MAGs events, outings or any other topic please check their Facebook - YorkMAGcommunity, their website [York.mag-uk.org](http://York.mag-uk.org) or attend one of their meetings. |  |
| 6 | **NC Report**   * MAG Life Members contribution to Road publication costs   + Some discussion about making digital-only version of Open Road an option for members * NC meetings set for next 12 months (5th Nov; 25th Feb; 8th Jul; 23rd Sep (AGC) * MAG’s on-going Membership of FEMA (to be discussed at 5th Nov NC meeting) * Media Coverage - We seem to be getting more coverage on Visor Down these days * CEBR Report * Operation Earthquake – Tremors |  |
| 7. | **Huddersfield MAG update to Region**  post AGC Feedback; Responses to questions posed; forthcoming EGM etc |  |
| 8. | **Fundraising**  Given MAG has been running at a loss this year as reported in the AGC, any ideas for Regional / Local Fundraising (over and above events / activities already planned)  MH suggested Amazon Affiliates programme |  |
| 9. | **Events**  Reminder to use the Yorkshire Calendar and MAG website to advertise events.  MH asked people to provide their details to update access to the Yorkshire MAG calendar |  |
| 10 | **Expand Branch coverage in the Region**  East Yorkshire (Riding); South Yorkshire; West Yorkshire (Leeds, Bradford, Wakefield, Calderdale, Kirklees & York well represented. Still a gap covering the wider North Yorkshire area |  |
| 11 | **AOB**  Raffle was drawn and raised £55. |  |
| 12 | **Date of Next Meeting**  To be discussed at a later date |  |