



Yorkshire MAG newsletter Q2 2024

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the second Yorkshire MAG newsletter of 2024. I hope everyone is managing to get a bit of time out on the bike, despite it raining virtually every day, hopefully it will start improving soon and we can look forward to a dry rally season.

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Lot's has been happening in the region and nationally since the last newsletter in the Winter. Read on

Bikes in Bus Lanes Consultation

Please complete this consultation which is about allowing bikes in bus lanes nationwide by default, not per individual council decision as it is now. MAG's been campaigning for this for years so hopefully with your assistance, we might finally make it happen.

Link to the consultation: www.gov.uk/government/consultations/motorcycles-in-bus-lanes

This consultation closes at 11:59pm on Sunday 9th June 2024.

Operation Earthquake Phase II

Operation Earthquake Phase II will formally start when we know the date of the forthcoming UK General Election, likely to be in Q4 but could be as late as early 2025 (depends on how long the Tories want to cling to power).

Once we know all the prospective candidates in each constituency, we'll be asking you to reach out to them in relation to biking issues and policies, for your respective constituencies.

As covered in the Q1 Yorkshire newsletter, we have UK electoral constituency boundary changes which will be in effect for the next General Election, to ensure that every constituency has largely the same number of constituents (circa > 70,000 - < 77,000). The new Yorkshire constituencies are:

Constituency	Electorate
Barnsley North CC	76,794 constituents
Barnsley South CC	75,896 constituents
Beverley and Holderness CC	71,102 constituents
Bradford East BC	72,726 constituents
Bradford South BC	70,314 constituents
Bradford West BC	71,258 constituents
Bridlington and The Wolds CC	72,613 constituents
Brigg and Immingham CC	71,628 constituents
Calder Valley CC	75,987 constituents
Colne Valley CC	71,518 constituents
Dewsbury and Batley BC	70,226 constituents
Doncaster Central CC	75,007 constituents
Doncaster East and Axholme CC	70,113 constituents
Doncaster North CC	71,739 constituents
Goole and Pocklington CC	76,225 constituents
Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes BC	77,050 constituents
Halifax CC	74,563 constituents
Harrogate and Knaresborough BC	75,800 constituents
Headingley BC	75,396 constituents
Huddersfield BC	76,044 constituents

Constituency	Electorate
Keighley and Ilkley CC	72,954 constituents
Kingston upon Hull East BC	72,622 constituents
Kingston upon Hull North BC	76,039 constituents
Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle CC	74,321 constituents
Leeds Central BC	74,726 constituents
Leeds East CC	75,330 constituents
Leeds North East CC	70,976 constituents
Leeds North West CC	71,607 constituents
Morley BC	71,376 constituents
Normanton and Hemsworth CC	75,388 constituents
Penistone and Stocksbridge CC	71,377 constituents
Pontefract and Castleford CC	72,751 constituents
Pudsey BC	70,270 constituents
Rawmarsh and Conisbrough CC	70,272 constituents
Richmond and Northallerton CC	72,744 constituents
Rother Valley CC	70,814 constituents
Rotherham BC	75,345 constituents
Scarborough and Whitby CC	73,862 constituents
Scunthorpe CC	74,278 constituents
Selby CC	74,761 constituents
Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough BC	71,154 constituents
Sheffield Central BC	70,453 constituents
Sheffield Hallam CC	76,637 constituents
Sheffield Heeley BC	74,614 constituents
Sheffield South East BC	76,223 constituents
Shipley CC	74,095 constituents
Skipton and Ripon CC	76,758 constituents
Spen Valley CC	72,169 constituents
Thirsk and Malton CC	76,623 constituents
Wakefield BC	73,968 constituents
Wakefield West and Denby Dale CC	71,595 constituents
Weatherby and Easingwold CC	71,455 constituents

Constituency	Electorate
York Central BC	74,854 constituents
York Outer CC	72,720 constituents

With the new constituency boundary changes, we do know a large number of MP's will be retiring, and hence, there will be a lot of new prospective MP's standing for the UK General Election.

If the prospective MP's for your particular constituency have already been announced, please be pro-active and reach out to them now.

We have a few e-mail template letters you may wish to use, one for MAG members, one for non-MAG members and one for motorists:

- https://wiki.mag-uk.org/images/1/19/MAG_Members_Letter_to_Candidates_20240111.pdf
- https://wiki.mag-uk.org/images/e/eb/Non-MAG_Members_Letter_to_Candidates_20240111.pdf
- https://wiki.mag-uk.org/images/e/e6/Motorists_Letter_to_Candidates_20240111.pdf

Encourage your mates / families / work colleagues etc to also use these template letters to contact all their prospective MP's (even if you have no intention of voting for them) – it's the saturation of all candidates we need, they do all talk to each other and it's through this saturation it will make candidates sit up and note that bikers are voters and a force to be reckoned with, otherwise, risk losing potentially thousands of votes (which no politician realistically wants to do).

When you receive a response, post it to your local MAG Facebook page (Tag Motorcycle Action Group), and these will be picked up centrally and logged.

What this space for more specific details as and when they are published, which as mentioned, will coincide with the announcement of the General Election date !!!

Please continue to support Operation Earthquake, the future of biking as we know it depends on it.

Mayoral & Police and Crime Commissioner Elections

On the 2nd May 2024, Mayoral & Police and Crime Commissioner Elections will be held in South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and York and North Yorkshire.

South Yorkshire

Five candidates are standing for the Mayoral election in South Yorkshire:

Nick Allen (Conservative and Unionist Party)

Email : nick.allen@doncaster.gov.uk

David Bettney (Social Democratic Party)

Email: david.bettney@sdp.org.uk

Oliver James Coppard (Labour and Co-operative Party)

Email: oliver@olivercoppard.co.uk

Douglas Johnson (Green Party)

Email: djp191@yahoo.co.uk

Hannah Kitching (Liberal Democrats)

Facebook: [HannahKitchingLD](https://www.facebook.com/HannahKitchingLD)

West Yorkshire

Six candidates are standing for the West Yorkshire Mayoral election:

Tracy Brabin (Labour – incumbent)

Email: tracybrabin4wy@gmail.com

Bob Buxton (Yorkshire Party)

Email: bobbuxtonyorkshireparty@gmail.com

Andrew Varah Cooper (Green Party)

Email: andrew.cooper@greenparty.org.uk

Arnold Craven (Conservative)

Email: contact@acforwestyorkshire.co.uk

Stewart Galton (Liberal Democrats)

Email: Stewart.Golton@leeds.gov.uk

Jonathan Tilt (Independent - previously stood for the Freedom Alliance)

Email: campaign@jonathan-tilt.co.uk

York and North Yorkshire

Six candidates are standing for the York and North Yorkshire Mayoral election:

Felicity Clare Cunliffe-Lister (Liberal Democrats)

Email: felicity@felicity4mayor.co.uk

Keane Charles Duncan (Conservative and Unionist Party)

Email: keane@keane4mayor.co.uk

Kevin Foster (Green Party)

Email: Kevin.Foster@votegreen.uk

Paul Haslam (Independent)

Email: paul.haslam@harrogate.gov.uk

David Skaith (Labour and Co-operative Party)

Email: david@davidskaith.co.uk

Keith Graham Tordoff (Independent)

Email: info@keithtordoffmbe.co.uk

CALL TO ACTION

Please contact all the prospective candidates in your mayoral area and ask them what their policies are on things affecting bikes, in essence, why should bikers vote for you – The key area is to request support for MAG's anti-theft pledge (see below) but would also include areas such as bikes in bus lanes, secure motorcycle parking provision, how they would encourage a modal shift from cars to motorcycles, Vision Zero, and Net Zero. The Key is to push candidates to **make comment as part of their public campaigns**. We need them not to simply respond privately via email, but to have the guts to make motorcycling policy a mainstream discussion, as this carries far more weight than if we simply claim they made the pledge without any public domain evidence – it also turns motorcycling into an issue that all other candidates then need to address.

MAG achieved a clean sweep of all Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) candidates in Thames Valley making the pledge. We are then in a no lose scenario where we have won a victory regardless of which candidate wins the election. And whoever wins, they made the anti-theft pledge publically so we can subsequently hold them to account for it (that's why it's important to get public comments rather than private emails).

Suggested e-mail template

You can use the template below (just add your own personal details and for your area where highlighted in bold below), or modify with your own wording, the choice is entirely yours. Please forward any response you receive to Colin Brown, MAG's Director of Campaigns and Political Engagement at cbrown@mag-uk.org or post to your local MAG Facebook page (Tag Motorcycle Action Group) and it will be picked up from there.

Dear <Candidate>

The Motorcycle Action Group (MAG) has spent many years campaigning for a more robust response to motorcycle theft. Motorcyclists are disproportionately impacted by the crime of vehicle theft. Despite this over-representation in the crime figures MAG members - and the wider motorcycling community - believe there remains insufficient attention given to the specific issue of motorcycle theft in the fight against all crime.

Our report, *Motorcycle Theft in Perspective*, produced in 2022, shows the disproportionate impact of vehicle theft on motorcyclists. Motorcycles account for 25% of all reported vehicle theft nationally despite comprising just 3% of the targets available to vehicle thieves. Find the report here: https://wiki.mag-uk.org/images/f/f4/Motorcycle_Theft_in_Perspective.pdf

There are tens of thousands registered motorcycles in the <**South Yorkshire / West Yorkshire / York and North Yorkshire**> police force area. Each is owned by a voter who will need to decide if they should vote and, if so, for which candidate. MAG will be encouraging all riders to exercise their right to vote in the elections on 2nd May.

MAG has developed the *Fight Motorcycle Theft Pledge* to help candidates and riders' votes find each other. The pledge contains three simple bullet points that we believe are reasonable and deliverable, but which would make a massive difference to levels of motorcycle theft in the UK.

We hope you are willing to publicly make the *Fight Motorcycle Theft Pledge*.

MAG will advertise widely to the riding community which candidates make the pledge. We expect there will be little need to encourage riders to vote for candidates that make the pledge.

Please get in touch if you require any more information or detail on motorcycle theft, potential solutions, or the work that MAG is doing to tackle the problem.

We hope to hear an affirmative reply, and are happy to work with you to advertise the fact that you have made the *Fight Motorcycle Theft Pledge*. Please respond as soon as possible to confirm your pledge and we will help to spread the news to the riding community.

We have prepared template assets for use on your communications channels which can be found here: <https://mag-uk.org/fight-motorcycle-theft/>

Yours sincerely

<Name>

<Address>

Yorkshire MAG Member

The 'Fight Motorcycle Theft' Pledge

Within motor vehicle theft, motorcyclists are disproportionately impacted to unacceptably high levels due to an historically weak response to the issue. Nationally, a motorcycle owner is 11 times more likely to become a victim of vehicle theft than a car owner.

Today, by making the *Fight Motorcycle Theft Pledge*, I am sending a clear message to motorcycle thieves: "We are coming for you".

1. I will work to halve motorcycle theft in my jurisdictional area by the end of my four-year term in office.
2. I will work for the victims – motorcyclists – to hold the Chief Constable to account for the performance of the operational police response, requiring regular published progress reports toward my goal of halving motorcycle theft by 2028.

- 3. I will proactively work with the victims – motorcyclists – to ensure that a local multi-agency approach to creating a meaningful prevention strategy is adopted, including riders’ groups, police, local authorities, crown prosecution service, and the judicial system.*

You will also start to see the prospective candidates out and about campaigning over the next few weeks. If you do see them, or you are able to arrange a meeting with them, just ask them the simple question - **“Why should bikers vote for you?”**.

Once you have got their response, write a post about it on your local MAG Facebook page.

For those who would like to take it a step further, we have a competition for you.

Record your question and their answer on your mobile phone (ask their permission if they agree to this first) and post the video on your local MAG Facebook page. Tag Motorcycle Action Group on the post and the MAG political team will select a winner based on the quality of the video and interview technique. Don't worry if your candidate's response is bad, or you have a small following on your Facebook page – we are judging the quality of the lobbying not the popularity of the result!

The winners will receive a MAG 50th hoodie, sweatshirt, or t-shirt for first prize, and a MAG 50th cup or water bottle for second and third prize.

For inspiration, below is a quick video that Michael Armstrong (MAG's National Political Officer) put together with members from West Cumbria MAG.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a59P7_SgFeo
[#bikersarevoters](#)

Let's not be the forgotten mode of transport any more.

The media on these forthcoming Mayor & PCC elections will increase and we in MAG now have the opportunity to raise the profile of motorcycling with all of the political parties before a General Election is called.

Yorkshire MAG Region Meeting

The next MAG Yorkshire Region meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th April 19:30 - 21:00 at Squires Cafe Bar, Newthorpe Lane, Leeds, LS25 5LX.

<http://www.squires-cafe.co.uk/>

Every Yorkshire MAG member is very welcome to attend, where you can witness MAG democracy in action and have a say in how your region is run.

If anyone has any agenda items for the Region Meeting on the 24th, do let me know.

Hope to see you there.

Magic Action Promotions (MAP) Meeting

The next Magic Action Promotions (MAP) meeting is on Sunday April 28th (13:00) at the ITV rally site (Driffield Showground, YO25 9DN). MAP, is the events arm of Yorkshire MAG, which hosts the ITV, FYP & YPR bike rallies, which contribute so enormously to the MAG fighting fund (over £1 Million raised to date). Every MAG member is more than welcome to attend the meeting and see how the MAP events are run, it's more the merrier and MAP welcome you taking more of an interest or active role.

New Rider Discount Scheme

Exclusive to Yorkshire, new riders get half off the cost of their first year of MAG membership – A Welcome to the world of motorcycling with Yorkshire MAG. That means access to cheaper insurance, discounts across several different shops and dealers in God's own County, a digital copy of The Open Road magazine and much more, for only £15 for the year.

**NEW BIKERS
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Present a recent CBT certificate or Pass Paper from a Yorkshire training school to qualify for half price MAG Membership on your first year

Call **01926 844064** or email membership@mag-uk.org to see if you qualify

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Offer exclusive to Yorkshire only. Not available online.

If you know anyone who is taking, or has recently passed their CBT / Bike Test, let them, know about this great deal !!!

And a huge thanks to York MAG Rep Richard Suddaby whose brainchild this scheme was, and who has pushed this through to fruition. Well Done Spud.

Link to The Network MAG activists newsletter

https://wiki.mag-uk.org/index.php/Editions_of_Network

The MAG activists newsletter, Network is published at the start of each month and can be accessed with the above link.

MAG Podcasts

The MAG podcasts are being produced on a monthly basis and feature MAG's Colin Brown, Director of Campaigns and Political Engagement, recapping and discussing the most recent news and events with a variety of guests.

You can find the Podcasts on the MAG Youtube channel:

www.youtube.com/@MotorcycleActionGroupMAG.

Please like and subscribe.

Yorkshire MAG Rallies

All the Yorkshire MAG Branches have tickets for sale for the Yorkshire MAG 2024 Rallies at their meetings.

Ticket prices and dates are:

- **Into the Valley (ITV) 3 - 5 May 2024**, Driffield Showground, Driffield - Pre-Book Only £30 (Saturday ticket £20)
- **Farmyard Party (FYP) 21 - 23 June 2024**, Duncombe Park, Helmsley - £50 Pre-book; £60 OTG (Saturday ticket £35)
- **Yorkshire Pudding Rally (YPR) 2 - 4 August 2024**, Escrick Park, Nr York - Pre-Book Only £35 (Saturday ticket £25)

Remember, if you buy your tickets directly from your local MAG branch, you save on the on-line booking fee (which are per ticket not per transaction !!!) and postage more money in your pocket = more beer money what more of an incentive could you possibly want !!!

See the Yorkshire MAG Events site for more details of these 3 fantastic rallies:
www.mapevents.co.uk

The first of these mighty fine rallies (ITV) is tantalisingly close !!!! (3-5 May at Driffield Showground).

INTO THE VALLEY 2024 JUST GOT EVEN BETTER VALUE FOR MONEY!!! This has to be one of the best stand-up comedy line-ups in the UK for any single event, EVER! This is worth the weekend ticket price of £30 alone!

Into The Valley



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1:00pm – 3:30pm, Saturday May 4th 2024

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3-5 MAY 2024

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- Jack Kelly
- Maxine Wade
- Rob Coleman
- AND YOUR HEADLINER - Jack Gleadow Comedy

In addition to all of the above - you also get the rest of this for your buck - Here's what you can expect:

- Live Music from 12 bands starting early afternoon on Friday
- 2 Indoor stages
- Indoor bars serving lager, real ales, wines, ciders & spirits
- Ride in Custom Bike Show
- Good choice of quality caterers
- 24/7 professional security
- Clean Toilets ALL Weekend (Many MORE this year)
- Variety of Trade Stalls
- Communal Bonfire

This is a pre-book only event with tickets selling fast on a first-come, first-served basis. Car, camper, motorhome and caravan passes available for bikers in cars, call 0800 988 3199 for details. Want to bring a non biking buddy, but not as pillion? No problem call us on 0800 988 3199 for details. (1 buddy per biker).

Buy your tickets at any Yorkshire MAG meeting.

HELP US TO HELP YOU KEEP BRITAIN BIKING

MAG Annual General Conference

The MAG AGC for 2024 returns to God's own County !!!

The 2024 AGC will be held at Driffield Showground (familiar to those of you who attend the Into the Valley Rally) on Saturday 28th of September. The smaller of the two venue halls will be used for the AGC. This is a cracking venue to host the AGC with ample parking and camping (for both tents and Caravans / Motorhomes), plus showers on site along with toilet blocks. There are also a couple of hotels near which will be offering reduced rates for AGC attendees.

A party will be held on the Saturday night with a live band so it promises to be a cracking event all round (and no huge distance to travel for us Yorkshire Folk this year – Result !!!)

Yorkshire Political Officer Update (Tom Lonsdale)

Think Bike: Calderdale is showing great initiative and caring for bikers, consulting us on preferred locations for Think Bike signs, then following up by installing them in very conspicuous positions on routes well used by bikers at exactly the right time of year.

Bus lanes: Kirklees still ignoring all correspondence at officer level and only one response from the portfolio holder, who simply referred it back to the same officers who don't respond - unbelievably rude. I have also been backing up Marcus (Leeds & Bradford MAG Campaigns Officer) in his attempts to lever Leeds into extending their trial, which produced results that ought to translate into universal access across the area if not the whole region. We should all also remember to complete the national questionnaire on the policy of default access to bus lanes (see above).

Green lanes: I have been liaising with and supporting Trail Riders Fellowship (which I have also joined) in resisting closures and TROs on existing rights of way in Kirklees and North Yorkshire. This is part of a national trend of losses of freedom to enjoy unsurfaced routes, generally in rural areas where nuisance is limited, with massive lobbying by ramblers, horse riders and landowners all working against us. TRF are well organised and the threat to their activities is existential but MAG's commitment to freedom makes it a really important stand to take alongside TRF.

Huddersfield town centre: Kirklees Council have been running a series of workshops, led by consultants, exploring measures to improve the accessibility of the town centre, mainly for active travel. Thankfully MAG has been formally invited to participate in these workshops, which is a good thing because the consultants themselves had not even mentioned PTWs in any of their initial work: I have had to interrupt discussions to ensure that this gap is resolved, with particular consideration given to secure parking provision that is woefully lacking at present.

Kirklees parking policy change: Kirklees have rolled out a consultation on their intention to introduce charges and time limits on all car parks throughout the district. A flat rate will apply to both urban and rural locations, which is likely to generate intense opposition in many places especially the more rural ones that attract walkers who swallow up free parking on the street. Thankfully none of that should affect motorcyclists if the current policy of free parking on street and in council owned carparks is maintained under the new system but the consultation remains totally silent on the subject. I have therefore sought clarification and an assurance that there will continue to be free parking, plus more security measures where none exist at present i.e. most places.

Local Branch Updates

A warm welcome to two new branch reps in the region following Branch Annual General Meetings held recently:

- **Leeds & Bradford MAG** – Richard 'Manny' Manton (ex-LBM and ex-Yorkshire MAG Rep steps back into the fold), replacing Keith Maven who has acted as the interim contact for the last year.

- **South Yorkshire MAG** – Oliver Rose (ex-Sheffield MAG Rep), replacing Stuart Hatfield who has held the rep's role at SY MAG for a good many years.

Garry Williams - East Yorkshire Rep

Following issues with our long time meeting venue of the Foresters in Beverley, we have recently been trying alternative venues in Beverley, and also trialing some meetings at the Alex in Hull, in an attempt to attract more people to the meetings. This hasn't had the desired impact of increasing attendance, and we have now settled at our new home of the Durham Ox in Beverley. The pub is run by Kelly, who was the former manager of the Foresters, and she has welcomed us back, providing us with our own room for our twice monthly meetings.

Our Fred Hill run on Sunday 11th March attracted 28 bikes and trikes despite it being a damp morning. The ride departed and returned to the Alex pub in Hull, taking in a 45 mile ride over the Humber Bridge and some Lincolnshire lanes. Hot refreshments served on our return raised a nice round £50 for MAG.

We have now held two Motorcycle Theft Focus Group meetings with the police following on from the MAG Fight Motorcycle Theft Event back in October. It's fair to say that we have not made much headway so far, and moves have been made to move it up a level by Colin Brown at MAG Central for the next meeting scheduled for May. Some interesting statistics were provided by the police which show year on year bike theft in Hull and East Yorkshire falling from 306 to 213, a drop of 30%. There is no specific reason for this, with the police admitting it is not through any direct action from them. They also told us 58% of all thefts are from the home environment, so make sure your home security is up to scratch. If you would like to participate in future meetings, please get in touch.

The next outing for our stand is at the Race The Waves Event at Bridlington on 11th and 12th May, so please stop by if you are going to Brid that weekend. The stand with a refreshed new look was taken up to Oliver's Mount Races last weekend by Rod and Anji Littley, and Jill Laverack primarily to publicise the MAP rallies and sell tickets, but the crew also managed to sign up a good number of MAG memberships over the weekend, so well done to them.

A further reminder to keep the weekend of 13th to 15th September clear in your calendar, as EY MAG Spat Out Of Hull Rally returns to the Brighton Ferry. More details to follow later in the year.

Andy Foody - Huddersfield MAG rep

At Huddersfield, we have a meet up every Wednesday and hold our Business meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. Currently averaging 6 to 7 members attending at each meeting.

On Saturday 24th February, we took the motorcycle clothing Top Box Sale to the Burley Biker Breakfast meet up. The Biker Breakfast was very well attended and we sold items to a total value of £266 which made it very worthwhile doing.

Currently no other events planned for the future, but watch this space.

Richard Manton - Leeds and Bradford MAG

Meetings are ticking over nicely with between 10 and 15 coming along.

I've tried to put a bit of structure back into meetings with regular updates. I intend to restart email newsletters to members as soon as I get my MAG email back up and running.

We attended the Burley Biker Breakfast which raised just over £100 for MAG. We had a great Easter Egg run to Lineham Farm Childrens centre and delivered over 280 eggs. We're having a LABMAG Bargain Hunt Challenge on Sunday 28th April
<https://facebook.com/events/s/bargain-hunt/293451270461912/>
We're also having the Panos memorial ride from Squires to Pateley Bridge on Saturday 25th May.

We'll be supporting the MAP rallies as usual (though I can only do the Farmyard due to work commitments) and we've a few things on the back burner for the near future in the planning stages.

Oliver Rose - South Yorkshire rep

We held our AGM on Sunday 14th April and long standing Rep Stuart Hatfield stood down and was replaced by Oliver Rose (who has previously been the Sheffield MAG Rep). Stuart is staying on as the Rideout and Bike Night Officer. Talking of the bike nights, these are currently being well attended and the sale of burgers are a nice little earner.

We can confirm the 2024 SY MAG Bike Day and Top Box Sale will be held at the Market, 2 Wentworth Rd, Elsecar, Barnsley S74 8EP on Saturday 20th July. We have secured some vendors already as well as a band, Face the Strange, which are a Pudding and Market favourite. Looking to host the MAG 50th anniversary bike show this year as the planned bike show in 2023 was ruined by the weather.

Steve Travis - Wakefield MAG rep

The 22nd Wakefield & District Motorcycle Action Group Branch AGM was held in the Thatched House, on Tuesday 16th January 2024. The overall membership numbers (Full MAG members with a WF postcode as @ 2023 y/e) is 90 (6% increase from the same time the previous year !!), and represents the largest WF membership over the past 10 years. Unfortunately, members physically attending meetings has dropped below 10% of our total membership (the national average) for the first time in the 22 years the branch has existed. So, if you are reading this and used to attend our meetings but no longer do, we would love to welcome you back. Similarly, if you have never been to a branch meeting, we'd love to welcome you into the fold. Steve was voted in as Rep / Chairman again at the AGM (for the 21st time), so unfortunately, you are all stuck with him for yet another year :-)

At the end of January, we hosted our 19th Post Christmas Auction. This years auction was quite poorly attended but we still managed to raise £85.50 which we have since rounded up to £90 from branch funds so it's nicely divisible by three. £60 goes to the MAG fighting fund and our chosen charity for the remaining third of £30 was Yorkshire Air Ambulance. A huge thanks to everyone who attended and parted with their hard earned cash to bag those bargains. And a special thanks to Brian of South Yorkshire MAG who made the trek north to attend. Hope to see (more of) you at next year's auction !!!

Our popular bike show, hosted at the Wakefield Gala at Clarence Park Arena, on May Day Bank Holiday Monday (6th May), is rapidly approaching. Fettle up your pride and joy and enter it into the show for FREE. All types of Bike, Scooter, Moped, Combination and Trike are welcomed and there are six winning categories plus an overall Best in Show up for grabs. This year we have invested in some better trophies for the show winners - wooden shield and plaques as opposed to certificates in frames as we have used in previous years.

We will also be hosting the Wakefield MAG stand and running a tombola (with some great prizes to win). Lots of other attractions at the gala (including a motorcycle stunt show) to entertain you whilst you wait to see if your bike has won, and it's a great family day out.

Location: Clarence Park, Wakefield. Show to be judged at 14:30, Entry into show from 09:30 onwards (Gala officially opens at 10:00).

Hope to see you there. Did we mention it was FREE !!!



Web: <http://wakefield.mag-uk.org>
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Wakefield MAG Bike Show

at the Wakefield Gala

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024

Clarence Park Arena, Wakefield

Free Bike Show entry

(but a donation to MAG would be appreciated)

Multiple Show Categories / Awards, catering for all types of Bike, Scooter, Moped, Combination & Trike

Wakefield MAG Stand and Tombola
Multiple attractions and stalls at the Gala

Bike Show to be judged at 14:30, Entry into show from 09:30 onwards (Gala officially opens at 10:00)

All Welcome to come along and show off your Pride & Joy

Clarence Park Arena is located approximately 1/4 mile south of Wakefield City Centre, in Thornes Park, Denby Dale Road (A636), Wakefield, WF2 8QE.

Richard Suddaby - York MAG rep

Busy organising the finishing touches for the Slaughtered in Cropton Rally 2024. Yes, We are back again for our fourth rally. The Rally takes place on 17 – 19 may 2024 at The New Inn, Cropton, YO18 8HH. Tickets and rally info available at this link: <https://york.mag-uk.org/product/slaughtered-in-cropton-rally-17-19-may-2024>

York MAG were instrumental in launching the New Rider Discount Scheme, currently being trialled in Yorkshire, but may be rolled out nationally depending on the success of the Yorkshire Trial.

Holding monthly rideouts which are advertised on our Facebook Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/207913294151372>

York MAG's Fred Hill run was held on Sunday 11th February, which went from Strawberry Fields Cafe Nr York and went to Whitby where MAG recently had a motorcycle parking ban overturned.

We also held an Easter Egg run helping raise funds and donations for the children's ward at York District Hospital. Just short of 390 eggs and £420 in donations on the day. Fantastic turnout and the weather was great. We shall return next year!

Local group meetings

Your local groups are the lifeblood of MAG and the best way for you to get the most from your MAG membership. MAG, since it's inception 50 years ago, has always been an active grass roots organisation. However, a few of the regions groups are suffering from apathy, reduced numbers and poorly attended events. This isn't unique to MAG by any stretch of the imagination, voluntary organisations across all spectrums seem to be suffering from apathy, which seems to have crept in since the Covid lockdowns. However, this is a trend we must reverse.

Please support your local MAG group as without active members they will wither and die use them or lose them !!!!

We do not want Yorkshire to be like some other regions where there are no active MAG groups, or, groups which operate on-line only. So, come along to your local MAG group meeting and say hello. You'll be glad you did.

East Yorkshire MAG ##### New Meeting Venue in Beverley #####

- **Beverley** meetings - The second Thursday of the month's meetings are held at the Durham Ox, 48 Norwood, Beverley HU17 9HJ at 8pm.

- **Hull Meetings** - The fourth Thursday of the month's meetings will be held at the Alexandra Hotel, 69 Hessle Rd, Hull, HU3 2AB at 8pm (secure bike parking in the back courtyard).

Huddersfield MAG meet every Wednesday from 8.30pm at The Fieldhead, Quarmby Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4FB. Business meetings are the first Wednesday in every month, other Wednesdays are socials.

Leeds and Bradford MAG meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 8pm at The Royal Hotel LS28 8PR.

South Yorkshire MAG meet every Thursday at The Market, 2 Wentworth Rd, Elsecar, Barnsley S74 8EP from 7pm.

Wakefield MAG meet every Tuesday from 8pm at The Thatched House, 434 Aberford Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4AA. Business meetings are every Tuesday with the exception of the last Tuesday in the month, which is an organised social event.

York MAG meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:30pm at the Victoria Vaults, Nunnery Lane, York, YO23 1AB.

Yorkshire MAG Committee

Your Yorkshire MAG Committee is:

- **Regional Rep:** Steve Travis
- **Deputy Rep:** Martin Burgess
- **Political Rep:** Tom Lonsdale
- **Secretary:** Oliver Rose
- **Web & Social Media:** Marcus Houlden
- **Treasurer:** Garry Timms
- **Press & Media Officer:** <position vacant>

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