

Mid Wales Trail Riders Fellowship Group



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Welcome to the Mid Wales Group of the Trail Riders Fellowship. I hope you find friendship and value for your membership fee! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of us as above.

In addition to the committee members given above, we have:

Angela Crowe as Social Secretary arranging the monthly meetings

Ralph Beaumont as Treasurer

Tony Rooney as Group Rep (liaises with the TRF Directors) and equestrian officer, trooney.ajr@btinternet.com 01239 698349

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We have a meeting once a month, usually on the third or last Thursday, except December.

We do not have a fixed venue, so it is notified by email or via the Facebook page. (If you don't do email, see below).

Marianne, Stuart or Graeme can supply contact details for any members who live near to you. If you use Facebook, the Mid-Wales Group page is at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/354419968236284/>. If you don't use Facebook you can opt in to receive a monthly email notifying meetings and also anything which may be of interest to the members. If you do not do email and wish to receive a printed copy, please send a supply of stamped self addressed envelopes to Marianne as above.

Mid Wales members are welcome to join the North Wales Group forum. Apply at <http://nwtrf.proboards.com> A few of them have a regular Thursday ride.

Our rideouts are decided at meetings and notified on Facebook and by email. Numbers at rideouts may be limited due to the number of leaders available, as some routes are only known to one or two members. In the past there has been a problem due to last minute cancellation (people booking a place but cancelling on day or day before, too late to fill places), so in order to book a place on a ride, you may need to pay a refundable deposit of £10 by cash at the meeting, or Paypal to midwalestrf@gmail.com or into bank account 3352 2563 sort code 20-18-41 if you are not at the meeting. This is repaid to you when you attend, but is forfeit if you cancel.

TRF Code of Conduct:

- **Only use roads that the public are entitled to ride motorcycles on.** *Trail riding is lawful on green roads which are commonly known as unclassified county roads or which are classified as Byway Open to All Traffic. Motorcycles and riders must be road legal. Green roads are subject to the same laws as black roads.*
- **Keep to the defined area of the green road.** *Endeavour to travel with least impact. Ride in the 4x4/tractor ruts and avoid creating a third rut, where safe, reasonably convenient, and possible to do so. Avoid straying from the road, especially on to moorland or farmland - doing so may be a criminal offence.*
- **Give plenty of space to walkers, horses and cyclists.** *As a courtesy, on narrow black roads or green roads, stop and switch off engines when sharing the road with ridden horses.*
- **Ride quietly and unobtrusively.** *Machines must be effectively silenced. Use the throttle with discretion, as noise does offend.*
- **Honour the countryside code.** *Respect the countryside and those who live, work and play in it. Green roads can be valuable habitats for wildlife, take especial care in spring and early summer. Fasten gates to safeguard stock, except those tied open for land management purposes.*
- **Travel at a speed which is safe and sustainable for the road surface.** *Ride at an unobtrusive speed, taking regard of conditions and visibility. Be prepared to stop within a maximum of a third of the distance in which you can see the road ahead. Excessive speed increases wear on the road surface, avoid travelling at high impact speeds above the voluntary recommended maximum of 25mph.*
- **Endeavour to be a good ambassador for motorcycling.** *Be courteous to other road users and respect their equal entitlement to use the road. Bear in mind the difficulties of others and try not to add to them. Acknowledge others with a friendly wave or other suitable gesture. Responsible trailriding is a form of quiet enjoyment of the countryside. Maintain the standard of a responsible trailrider, so as not to disturb the tranquillity of National Parks and peaceful areas of the countryside.*

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