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Road safety training available for motorcyclists

Motorcyclists in Powys have the opportunity to become safer riders thanks to a series of road safety initiatives that are now available.

Powys County Council's Road Safety Unit has a number of initiatives to help motorcyclists ride safely, thanks to funding from the Welsh Government.

The first initiative is called 'Ride On' – a one-day motorcycle course designed to give motorcyclists an introduction to advanced motorcycling. It consists of an informal theory session followed by an assessment ride out, which is captured on the tutors' bike mounted camera.

The courses, which is open to people who live and work in the county, take place on the following dates:

- Saturday 22 April – Llandrindod Wells
- Sunday 14 May – Newtown
- Sunday 23 July – Newtown
- Saturday 23 September – Llandrindod Wells
- Sunday 15 October - Newtown

Another course available to motorcyclists is 'Biker Down'. Provided and delivered by the unit in partnership with Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, the three hour course covers such topics as collision scene management, emergency first aid and helmet removal and the science of being seen.

The course will be taking place on the following dates:

- Thursday 27 April – Llandrindod Wells
- Thursday 18 May – Newtown
- Thursday 22 June – Llandrindod Wells
- Thursday 20 July – Newtown
- Thursday 10 August – Llandrindod Wells
- Thursday 21 September – Newtown
- Thursday 19 October – Llandrindod Wells

Additionally, the Road Safety Unit is able to take the 'Biker Down' course to existing motorcycle clubs.

Finally, the unit is also making the 'Crash Card' scheme available to any motorcyclist who uses the county's roads. The card contains the personal details of the motorcyclist and sits in the lining of their helmet and can be used by the emergency services should they ever be involved in a collision.

Nigel Brinn, the council's Head of Highways, Transport and Recycling, said: "With 3,400 miles of road, Powys has the largest road network in Wales and motorcyclists come far and wide to enjoy our rural roads.

"As one of the most vulnerable road users in Powys, our Road Safety Unit wants to reduce the number of motorcyclists involved in collisions. We hope these initiatives will help motorcyclists ride safer on our roads and minimise the risk of being involved in a collision."

For information on any of these schemes or indeed to book a place, please contact the Road Safety Unit on 07973 944652 or email road.safety@powys.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can visit the Unit's Facebook page www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyPowys

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