

# **Scarborough GoldWing Light Parade Safety Notes**

## **Saturday's GoldWing Light Parade**

As a condition of entry, participants will ensure that his or her motorcycle meets all UK legal requirements and they have the appropriate valid insurance policy for the vehicle. Riders must also hold a current driver's licence and meet all other legal obligations to ride the machine he or she is operating at this event as you will be riding at your own risk and with your own insurance.

Every participant has a duty of care towards himself-herself and to pedestrians and to other road users. Register your bike when you arrive and sign to confirm you have read and understood the event safety notes and also that you indemnify the organisers, volunteers, marshals and sponsors against any claim arising as a result of your participation in this event.

Registration is £5.00 per bike. The organisers cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage, accident or injury to riders, passengers, or their motorcycles whilst participating in any part of this charity event.

## **Best Lit Bikes on Friday Evening**

There will be a Best Lit bikes competition taking place on Friday evening in Scarborough in front of the Ask Italian Restaurant, Sandside. To enter there is a free registration process before joining the display area. Please remember extreme caution is required when moving into and out of the display area. Bikes should not move until a marshal is there to guide them on or off.

Ride very slowly with vehicle lights on and indicators flashing! Do not switch on your show lights until all bikes are safely parked. Make sure your bike is stable, safe and unlikely to topple or to run forward or topple off stands.

The BMF public liability insurance only covers you and your bike when it's stationary and with no ignition keys left in or on the bike.

Please ensure that nobody is allowed to sit on the bike nor to get too close to it and you must remain with and take charge of your vehicle at all times. If you allow someone to attempt to sit on your bike whilst the engine is running, there is a danger they may step onto the gear change lever, with a risk the bike could shoot forward or off its stand, possibly causing injury to bystanders.

If your engine is turned off and you allow someone to sit on your bike, you do so at your own risk. The organisers will not be held responsible for any accidents such as people falling due to a misplaced footstep in the dark. Children should be kept at a safe distance from bikes due to risk of getting burned by touching hot exhaust pipes either with their hands or accidentally with their legs if they are wearing shorts.

When you are ready to leave the display, you must wait for a marshal to lead you out.

## **Display on Saturday**

The main static display is in Foreshore Road and on the West Pier 10.00am until 4.00 pm. The entrance and exit to West Pier is controlled by traffic lights/combined pelican crossing and marshals. On entering this car park there are public toilets on the left hand side alongside a coned-off chicane section where bikes will be directed in order to register. Great care must be taken at this busy section. The official registration will take place only on Saturday, it's £5 per bike and registration is from 10.00am until 7.45pm.

A static display of motorcycles is no more hazardous than normally parking motorbikes anywhere else. However all owners must park their bikes in a safe and stable manner. In Foreshore Road solos have to park at an angle to the kerb to allow buses easy access past.

Extra care is required manoeuvring bikes in the display areas and you should not cause an obstruction to roadways or walkways. All keys and ignition keys must be completely removed from the bike as a specific condition of the BMF public liability insurance policy.

The general public usually presents no problems at static displays but there are always exceptions so marshals and owners should actively watch for and discourage the public, especially children, from touching the bikes or climbing on them without owner supervision and/or discretion.

Traffic in Scarborough is very busy at this time of year. Pedestrians and young children are always present in the display areas therefore riders should take great care when moving their motorbikes. The evening GoldWing Light Parade and mustering activities on West Pier now come under the jurisdiction of Scarborough Borough Council from 5.00pm.

At this point GoldWings For Life ceases to be the organising body and relinquishes control to Scarborough Borough Council, however, some volunteer marshals will still be assisting with mustering and/or crowd control.

### **Mustering For The Parade**

Participants in the parade must arrive before 7.30pm as road closures at 7.30pm will prevent you from reaching the West Pier parade mustering car park.

If you're late and find yourself stuck at a road block you may miss the parade. Ask the officers if you may wait there and join the parade as it passes by, this will be at their discretion only, the organisers have no power to overrule traffic officers!

Riders attending only the evening parade and who have not registered during the day must arrive early and register their bikes at the registration point at the entrance to the car park. Only bikes displaying the registration sticker will be allowed to muster for the parade.

Marshals will arrange bikes so that the parade can move off smoothly. The Light Parade will start at 8.00pm prompt and should end approximately 40 minutes later back at the start point.

If you wish to ride with friends, then please arrive together and stay together once the parade begins moving.

### **The Parade**

Once your key is in the bike or when you are on the move, you are displaying and riding on your own motor insurance policy! Riders RIDE .... Only passengers WAVE!

Riders should exercise great caution when exiting the car park to avoid the risk of collision as there will be very large crowds of people at this point.

The close proximity of sightseers and children near to the edge of the kerb will present one of the biggest hazards so riders should be vigilant at all times.

Watch out for people stepping off the kerb and for children who may not be properly supervised. There's the possibility that drunken adults or overenthusiastic teenagers will wander into the road too, so once on the move, you must remain extra vigilant.

DO NOT make any form of physical contact with pedestrians or other riders, such as high five hand contact as this is both illegal and dangerous.

Keep up with those in front and adjust to a uniform speed and distance, this ensures the parade becomes "self-policing", that is where other road users and pedestrians do not have the

opportunity to, nor attempt to break up the parade by pushing in or crossing the road. A constantly moving uniform parade ensures improved safety for everyone.

**DO NOT LEAVE BIG GAPS BETWEEN YOU AND THE BIKE IN FRONT** This creates the single most dangerous precedent in a parade as spectators may think they have time to run across the road. Blatant offenders may be refused entry to future parades.

There will be official temporary road closures in the area and once rolling the parade will be escorted by the Scarborough Borough Council's traffic department staff who will keep the parade constantly on the move wherever possible. There is no guarantee that other traffic will not be present and some may even want to force their way into the parade, if so please act sensibly and safely by keeping a watchful eye for such motorists and pedestrians.

**DO NOT SPEED OFF** from a standing situation, please accelerate slowly to avoid accidents in this very busy area. If it rains during or before the parade, extra care should be taken especially on the exposed coastal roads where a section of the road surface is constructed of cobbles. Here the parade is likely to speed up slightly so that solos may negotiate the cobbles with greater control.

Never overtake in this parade and always be aware of your distance from the rider in front who may stop without warning.

The parade doubles back on itself at two points and all riders will get a good view of the parade as it approaches in the opposite direction ... this may present a distraction to riders who have never participated in such an event before, so you are reminded that even greater care should be taken when meeting other participants coming in the opposite direction. Riders must employ maximum concentration and watch out for hazards.

Finally, GoldWings are in Scarborough to provide an attraction to holiday-makers and as such we should all be able to enjoy the event in relative safety. Riders' consideration, vigilance and alertness will make this possible.

The whole parade ends on the West Pier Car Park before dispersing. The road closures will still be in place until the council deems it safe to remove the barriers and re-instate the traffic signals. The North Yorkshire Constabulary has specifically asked that your show lights and sirens not be used on public roads after the parade has ended. Offenders may be prosecuted.

### **In The Event Of An Accident**

There will be a First Aider present in the vicinity of West Pier

Remember that accidents are linked to riding, driving and spectator behaviour. In the unfortunate event of an accident, there is no correct single plan of action. The best way to achieve care for those involved is to try and stay calm. Obtain skilled help as soon as possible. If there are injuries, call an ambulance if necessary. Never place yourself or other people in danger in order to do this. When the site is safe and professional emergency services personnel are on the scene, then call the event organisers to inform them of the accident.

It is impossible to advise specific plans action, as the variety of problems seen at road traffic accidents is so great.

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