

What is Ridewell

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The original concept of Ridewell began with the Road Policing Unit of Cleveland Police. They decided to look at ways of reducing casualties within the two wheeled road user sector by a process of education.

As with most things it began with a small plan but quickly developed into what it has become today.

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Steve Darby and Nick Walker, both keen motorcyclists themselves, of the Road Policing Unit began to formulate ideas and they soon realised that they would not be able to achieve what they wanted without some assistance from other parties, Stockton on Tees Borough Council came on board and the Ridewell idea began to take shape

A number of other parties helped greatly in this early stage, some of whom are still with us today such as Just Harleys of Newcastle Upon Tyne.

Attendances have continued to rise since Ridewell began and hopefully will continue to do so.

A number of attractions were secured and competitions devised where a large number of prizes could be won, such as mountain bikes, motorcycle clothing and security devices.

This year we welcome substantial support from Winn Solicitors and Simon Bailles for which we are very grateful.

Since the inception of Ridewell the Motorcycle Section have continued to be innovative in their thinking and have developed the 'Ride to work day' which is set for Wednesday 15th July 2009 this year, so come along and join us for the day.

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