

Top event to boost biker safety in Stafford

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Bikers in Stafford can pick up some top tips - and a free breakfast bap - during a road safety event on Sunday, July 18.

The Motorcycle Road Safety Awareness event is set to take place at the Darlaston Inn on the A34, in Stone from 9am– 4pm.

The award-winning Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership is hosting the session which will be brimming with biker related information and advice.

Staffordshire County Council's road safety unit will be on hand to give motorcyclists top tips on staying safe.

Staffordshire Police will be covering bike security and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service will be promoting the specially designated 'Ride it Right' routes.

Motorcyclists will also be able to take a look around Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership's speed enforcement vehicles.

People can sign up for a range of training sessions including the county council's Bikesense Rider Development Days and the BikeSafe scheme which is run by Staffordshire Police.

The Institute of Advanced Motoring will also be promoting its Skills for Life scheme.

The event is all part of the drive to save lives on the roads by helping bikers to think ahead and enjoy the thrills without the spills.

Latest figures show that 21% of those killed or seriously injured on Staffordshire's roads are bikers, even though they only represent 1% of road traffic.

Staffordshire County Councillor Mike Maryon, Cabinet member for Highways, said: "Motorcyclists are a real concern for us. They continue to represent a disproportionate number of those killed or seriously injured on Staffordshire's roads.

"This county-wide programme of awareness raising events will give riders an insight into the safety initiatives that are being held specifically for bikers. There will also be the chance to sign up to a great range of heavily subsidised training schemes which could end up saving lives."

Assistant Area Commander for Stafford Fire and Rescue Service Ian Housley added: "This event demonstrates the commitment of many organisations that are working together to drive down the number of motorcyclists killed and injured in the county. We want to equip riders with the skills and knowledge they need to keep them safe when out on the roads."