

- Go out to the bike and perform a cockpit check with the Associate. At this stage it is better to explain it rather than interrogate. If there is a illegal exhaust or number plate, or something else that appears to be illegal, again you must decide whether or not to continue the Assessment. Explain that the Test Examiners will usually fail any candidate riding a bike with illegal fitments or illegal tyre tread (<1mm, etc.)
  - If all is well, carry out an Assessment ride, including a slow manoeuvres check (with some instruction if necessary). It may be appropriate to perform a demonstration ride and to demonstrate how to stop and start correctly. Do not do too much at this stage, it is all very new. Aim to motivate in preparation for the tasks ahead – stress the need for practise.
9. Return to base, or go straight to the club meeting point, if easy to reach. If there is time, talk through the Sure Start topics to be covered in the next sessions so that they may be practised beforehand.
  10. Agree to see the Associate at the next session – avoid agreeing ‘private’ sessions, because it undermines the social get-togethers aspect of the Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings. We believe that the existing Associates and Members find these get-togethers very valuable.
  11. Complete only the Sure Start section of the Assessment Booklet.
  12. Leave the Associate on a high note – we want him/her to return next week!

## **York Advanced Motorcyclists** **(IAM Group No. 4229)**



# ***Sure Start*** ***Introduction***

*Notes for Observers delivering the Introduction to Sure Start*

## Areas to be Covered in Sure Start Introduction

Sure Start is designed to give a structured introduction to York Advanced Motorcyclists, the IAM and the training we give. This leaflet is a crib sheet to assist in the explanation and to help you to make sure that all of the essentials are covered.

1. Give the Associate(s) a formal welcome to YAM. Check that the membership fee has been paid.  
(NB – Either credit card or cheque with cheque card on the day, or already paid direct to the IAM as part of 'Skills for Life'. If you have any doubt please speak to the Membership Secretary as we only do Sure Start for fully paid Associates. This is not part of the free taster assessment).
2. Give a reminder that we operate Saturday 9.30am for 10.00am departure from Squires Café on the B1222 between the A1 and Sherburn-in-Elmet. We aim to stop at another café by 12.30pm or 1.00pm. On Wednesdays, we start at 6.15pm for a 6.45pm departure from Burger King at Clifton Moor (nr. Tesco). We finish about 8.30pm at an agreed cafe or pub.
3. Explain what an Associate and Observer are. Explain that we are not formally qualified professional instructors, but that we assist the Associate to achieve the standard described in Pass Your Advanced Motorcycling Test (PYAMT), by observing their riding and pointing out what we believe are deviations from the standard.
4. Stress the need to practise between sessions (even half-an-hour or an hour in the evening is worthwhile) and to study the supplied books.
5. Present a copy of the *Associate Assessment Book*, if the Associate doesn't already have one. Explain that a copy of the IAM PYAMT, Highway Code and membership card will be sent by Keith Kocinski, the Membership Secretary. If not received

within 21 days, advise the Associate to give Keith a ring on 01904 731200.

6. Explain (point to the back cover of the Associate Assessment Booklet) that they are expected to be in full control of their motorcycle at all times and that it is their responsibility to ensure that at all times they are complying with the relevant laws and regulations covering riding, clothing and motorcycle.
7. Use the Associate Assessment Booklet to explain the structure of Sure Start, viz.
  - After the introduction, riding will start with the Sure Start Assessment. (Note: this is not to be confused with the free taster assessment). Sure Start Assessment is to identify the likely timescale for taking the test, major areas of improvement and identification of those riders who are already at or close to Test standard.
  - Explain that Sure Start is designed to give the Associate a confident start by covering the basic techniques to be covered and how the marking boxes will be used. Keep it simple, do not confuse with too much input.
  - If not already allocated to an Observer (this may be you), the Associate will be allocated at the next session. This Observer will normally see the Associate through to the end of Sure Start. He/she will then pass the Associate to an observer in the team who will develop the riding standard up to Test standard.
8. Ask if there are any questions. If not, suggest that you do the Assessment ride.
  - Start with checking that the rider is wearing the appropriate gear – if not, point out that the PYAMT covers this and stress its importance. Remember that a BSI approved helmet and visor are legal requirements. If the appropriate gear is not in use, you must decide whether or not to continue with the assessment today, or postpone it. Avoid putting the Associate off entirely.