

I started going out for observed rides with Derby IAM Group about 7 months after passing my test (having taken the DAS route), despite my inexperience I'd always felt safe on the roads but figured that a little more guided experience couldn't hurt.

It wasn't until I started going on observed rides that I realised just how much to learn and that how much that I didn't know. Looking back I can see how much I have improved over my observed rides. The observed rides were arranged at times that fitted around my own schedule and all the observers I dealt with (4) clearly had a wealth of experience that I was able to draw on and use to improve my own riding. Although I have now passed the test it doesn't mean I am done learning, the combined knowledge contained within Derby IAM still far outweighs my own and I now look forward to continue improving through group rides, observing how other ride and receiving feedback from them also.

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