

Riding & Road Safety Report to Regional Meeting 1st June 09

Exams are continuing throughout the region, maintaining our pass rate. March was a particular busy time with so many exams running, examiners were brought in from Wales. It is hard to schedule the exams to avoid shows and rallies etc once the weather improves, and in the off season we have the problem of shorter days and, this winter - bad weather, two test dates had to be postponed due to icy roads and fog.

We are now able to accept more than 8 candidates per test, though with all the paperwork anything over 12 would be pushing it. We can no longer have more than one test per day (again due to the paperwork) which does not help the colleges in the region.

The Regional update for Trainers and Examiners was held at Rodbaston on 20th May and was well attended. This had a majority of examiners so the day was geared more to them. The practical session with a mock simulated test ridden by the Yorkshire Regional Rep was well received, informative and amusing and all benefited from the day not only from the excellent instruction but from the opportunity to discuss with peers and learn from their experiences.

There is a Safety Conference planned for October 3rd near Warwick with helicopters and firemen, which should be very informative as well as appealing to those with a bias for uniforms! Safety office at Stoneleigh has all the details.

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