

Joining NWRoAR (North Wales RoSPA Advanced Riders)

What's involved and how much will it cost?

1. Sign up to join NWRoAR and pay your 1st year subscription of £35 (if you are not already a RoSPA paid member).
2. Once you have joined, you will be allocated a 1-to-1 Tutor for Advanced Rider training.
3. Your Rider training follows the recommended system and practices as laid down in 'Motorcycle Roadcraft', the Police Rider's handbook. A copy of the current 'Motorcycle Roadcraft' can be bought at most bookshops, or on-line for about £15-£16.
4. A copy of the current Highway Code is invaluable and will cost about £5.00.
5. Your Tutor will contact you to arrange a 1st Assessment Ride, whereupon you will be known as an Associate.
6. A contribution of £30 towards your Tutor's 'running costs' is payable direct to the Tutor at the end of every tutored ride/session.
7. Your 1st Assessment Ride with your Tutor will take you over a broad cross-section of roads and different conditions, an assessment of your current riding standard. You will be marked 1-5 for various elements within the ride.
8. After the 1st Assessment Ride, your Tutor will arrange further training Rides where you will be encouraged to learn and practice different skills based upon Roadcraft.
9. Once you have reached 'Test standard', your Tutor will arrange with the group's Training Officer for a 'Cross-check'. This will be very similar to the 1st Assessment ride, it will also include a few questions on the Highway code and Roadcraft.
10. Having successfully completed your 'Cross-check' (confirmed you are ready for your RoSPA test), you will be advised to apply direct to RoSPA for your Advanced Motorcycle test. <https://www.roadar.org.uk/applications/application-form.aspx?id=2>
11. The RoSPA test fee is £85 incl' VAT. Your test fee is payable directly to RoSPA with your application. Payments can be made on-line using Paypal, credit & debit cards or posting cheques.
12. Assuming you pass your RoSPA Advanced motorcycle test (graded Bronze, Silver or Gold) within the first year, you pay RoSPA £40 for each subsequent year. The £40 p.a. includes your annual RoSPA membership and your next test fee (you are retested every 3 years)

Conclusion: Not a lot for something that could save your life!

Please note: For those who already have an active RoSPA qualification, NWRoAR group membership is £25 per year.