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Paul & Marion's Rideout 2026

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On 17th May, eleven keen motorcyclists and four pillions joined Marion and Paul Matchett for their Sussex and Hampshire ride-out. Just less than 100 miles and 3 hours of fantastic scenery and varied roads were ridden, from country lanes, and picturesque B roads through to single track. And in the social stops between, there was lots of jolly conversation.

Starting at the Departure Lounge, Alton, the first 90 minutes or so of the ride meandered across country to Petersfield and then onto Midhurst via South Harting.

After a brief stint on the A272 we turned off again onto a lovely country road through Lickfold before swooping round through Plastow and Loxwood and arriving at Billy's on the Road (just north of Billingshurst) for a quick stop-off.

The final leg of the rideout commenced with a quick stint on the A272 heading west this time before turning off at Wisborough Green and riding the superb sweeping road through Kirdford (home to Jodie Kidd's pub, The Half Moon) and Petworth.

From there it was on via Goodwood to the Pavilion Tearoom, Stansted Park for a leisurely lunch and more cheer.

Despite some negative soothsaying on weather apps, the weather stayed fine all day and many of the roads were traffic light, although we did come across cyclists, horses and even a steam engine en-route, just to add to the occasion!

We collected £20 for Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, thank you for all your donations.

A really fun day out, a perfect addition to the merry month of May. Thank you to Mike and Lesley Smith for being the back markers and to all of those who joined the ride. Look forward to seeing you again soon.