

## Ipswich Rider Training Review

This review is written on the eve of the Orwell Motorcycle open day in Ipswich, Suffolk. Why is this being written? It is because I think the people who have taught me deserve it. Any praise and information for a small company can only be a good thing. So I put pen to paper.

When looking for a motorcycle riding school to get me through the tests what I didn't want was a school which was going to rush me through. I actually wanted to learn and to be safe. I don't want an accident. I want to be taught by people who ride themselves and who know.

I used to ride motocross bikes as a child and during my teenage years but I am new to the road bike. Recently the bug has caught me again with the attraction being the much larger bikes in the region of 500cc. I'm female, I'm 36 years old. I've driven a car for 18 years, and I want to be able ride safely.

There are primarily two types of people out there on bikes and you've seen them! Those who want to get on a bike and mess about with no experience, who are frankly dangerous; those who are skilled and have a degree of common sense, who you secretly look at and really admire. I want to be admired for being good at what I do. I also do not want to hurt myself because I don't have the necessary skills! Which is why I chose IRT. I'd looked at the different schools and pricing yet it was this company that I felt most comfortable with.

The company itself is small and down to earth. We're not talking a national chain with glamorous targets and perfectly smooth (and unrealistic) tarmac car parks. It is an honest small company which is run by people who ride bikes themselves out of enjoyment. That is why I went with them.

Bike are dangerous! You've heard it! You've no doubt become tired of hearing it over and over again, especially if you're interested in earning. What you don't want is to be taught by someone that has become an instructor just for sake of it and is perfectly willing to let you loose on the road.

These words I would imagine will be well received by concerned relatives and partners the world over. My family are positively mortified so don't think I'm making any of this up, but I can say confidently that I am doing it properly. That's learning to ride properly, not properly mortifying my family!

I have completed my CBT, Theory test Module 1 Big Bike, and am just about to take my Module 2. I have also had a good number of lessons at every opportunity. Why? Because I don't want to just jump on a bike and fall off! That's why! I'm also spending a tidy sum on a bike. At the very end I am going to complete the government subsidised BikeSafe scheme. That's how serious I am.

When I get my new bike, Andy from IRT is going to meet me at the dealership for a 2 hour lesson to get me safely accustomed. Each bike that you will ever get is slightly different in how it handles and behaves. As said, I'm doing this all properly, and safely!

On a final note: There are plenty of companies that will take your money and get you through the test. What those companies won't do is teach you sense, awareness, and good practices. You might save a few pounds in the very beginning but you'll be crying when your pride and joy is laying in a heap on the garage floor because you rushed it. No one wants that. I don't want that.

This review I hope will help someone. Go with this company. They're good.