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Dear Mike

I am writing to thank you following my recent motorcycle course with you (Direct Access Scheme).

I could tell straight away that you knew what you were talking about, and you explained all the options that were available to me. I decided to go for the direct access course, and was amazed at the fact that all the training was done on your Yamaha 600 cc Fazers from day one. Before finding you, I visited a few of the training organisations in Sheffield, but none of them did all of the training on the 600cc bikes. This is just one of the many things that sets you apart from the others.

Your method of training and your personality automatically puts you at ease. I found your instruction clear and precise.

The road rides with you were a pleasure, and you were always keen to point out safety issues like road positioning and spotting potential hazards, something which you can tend to overlook after many years of car driving. I felt like I learned something new each time we went out on the road, and I was impressed how you 'drip fed' the information so I didn't feel overwhelmed. This is obviously down to your many years experience of motorcycle instruction.

Although the weather was against us, and I had test dates cancelled, you worked hard to get alternate dates for my Mod 1 test. Goes without saying that I was over the moon when I passed my Mod 1 test in Rotherham first time without any faults.

Then came the Mod 2 test, which again I passed first time with just one minor mark. I was so pleased that you took the time to take me on a short ride before the test to settle the nerves.

I would also like to thank Neil for his time and his wealth of motorcycle knowledge.

Mike, It's not often that you get to meet someone as genuine and kind as yourself, particularly where business is involved. I felt that training with you was more like going out for a ride with a good friend. You have made the whole experience of learning to ride a pleasure. Long may your success continue.

Regards

Mark Grant