

Detailed description of Route for NAM 5th June 2016 Ride out

Proceed to Ponteland via Berwick Hill Road. In Ponteland, turn left on roundabout then immediately right at the lights. Follow the road to the roundabout at Darras Hall and turn left then take second exit at next roundabout and follow road to T-Junction. Turn right on Stamfordham road then take first left onto the B6323 towards A69.

Cross straight over the two roundabouts over the A69 and proceed into Throckley. At the roundabout take the third exit onto the B6528 Hexham road and follow to the T-Junction. Take left turn into Heddon then first right near petrol station onto the B6318 Military Road. Follow the Military road all the way to Greenhead. Road condition through Chollerford and beyond, not great. Beware of new 40 MPH limit at Twice Brewed due to construction work.

In Greenhead stop at Old Forge café on the right for coffee stop.

Leaving Greenhead turn right onto A69 and head towards Brampton after approx. 8 miles turn left onto A689 signposted Hallbankgate/Alston. After approx. 10 miles turn left sign posted Coanwood/Haltwhistle (Lambley Viaduct brown tourist sign). This is a narrow road care to be taken.

Approx. 10 miles you come to a crossroads, turn right here onto the better road. Continue through Whitfield and at T-Junction in Bearsbridge turn left on A686 towards Hexham. We are heading to Allendale, but don't be miss-lead as the road to Allendale is closed and this is the diversion.

Be aware when you cross the bridge over the river there are some severe hairpin bends so take care.

Approx. one mile after last hair pin bend look to the right and you will see a road leading up a bank sign posted Allendale/Catton. Do not turn here, but continue for about 200 metres and turn sharp right as this will take you almost back on yourself. Follow the road to T-Junction, turn right.

Follow B6295 through Catton and follow road signposted to Allendale. In Allendale village arrive at the village square, look to the right where you will see a fork in the road and cars parked turn up here and look for the Allendale Forge Studio, this is our lunch stop.

Leaving the café look for the Allendale Inn on the right, turn right and follow the B6295 out of Allendale till you come to five way junction, take right turn marked Catton/Hexham. At the forked junction turn left sign posted Catton/Hexham. Continue on the B6295 for approx. 4 miles then bear right towards Hexham on B6304. After approx. 1 mile roads bears right and becomes B6305 sign posted Hexham 6 miles.

Continue onto Hexham, at the lights turn right and follow road through Hexham, crossing the roundabouts and keep the hospital on your right continue out of town on the A695. At the junction keep on main road to Corbridge B6321.

At the roundabout take first exit to Corbridge, care needed as traffic lights for the bridge just off the roundabout.

Ride into Corbridge and as the road bears right take the left turn down the one way street into the town centre, sign posted Jedburgh/Carlisle. Follow the road to the roundabout and keep on the A68 under the A69. (Petrol station in Corbridge turn right instead of left approx. 100 yards on left)

Continue on the A68 straight over the roundabout at the military road. After approx. 18 miles turn right on road sign posted Kirkwhelpington 7 miles/Knowesgate 6 miles. Follow this road to T-Junction and turn right onto A696 to Newcastle. Follow the A696 through Ponteland over the roundabout, through the lights and end at Dobbies Garden Centre.

There are some good roads travelled, but look out on the second part of the day to see if you can see a "Shoe Tree". It might be more for your pillion, if you are carrying one, but it is close to the road side and very visible.