Hadrian Adventure Weekend 2018 Welcome Script / Notes

- Welcome to Northumbria TRF Hadrian Adventure Weekend.
- Thank you for coming some have driven a very long way!
- We can't wait to show you the very best of trail riding in the north east.
- We're incredibly happy to announce that we have negotiated access to Kielder Forest again this year - this is a huge privilege and we hope you enjoy riding it as much as we do. Most of us haven't been in there since this event last year.
- This year we have had more volunteer ride leaders and tail enders than we need so thank you to all of our members for stepping up.
- This year we really want to make an emphasis on not just enjoying yourself but making sure that everyone leaves here on Sunday evening tired but in one piece. We've got a great record on safety and that's largely down to riders understanding that this weekend is not a race, it's not competitive, it's a chance to enjoy our big trails and big views.
- For anyone staying an extra day do try and visit The Sill just down the road. Northumberland and Hadrian's Wall is a special place and the new National Park Visitors Centre is well worth a visit to find out more before you leave. Good cafe too!
- We would like to invite everyone to join us for an evening meal and raffle at The Twice Brewed Inn just down the road tonight from about 7pm. You'll probably be asleep by 9pm but come and enjoy a drink with your ride leaders.
- You have been given an emergency contacts list. Hopefully you won't need it but it's worth folding up and putting in your pocket just in case.
- Finally before I go through the TRF Code of Conduct, thank you again and have a great, safe weekend!

Hadrian Adventure Weekend TRF Code of Conduct

- 1: Use only roads that the public are entitled to ride motorcycles on
- **2: Keep to the defined area of the Green Road -** Endeavour to travel with least impact. Avoid straying from the road, especially onto moorland or farmland.
- 3: Give plenty of space to walkers, horses and cyclists
- 4: Travel at a speed which is safe and sustainable for the road surface

Be prepared to stop within a maximum of a third of the distance in which you can see the road ahead. Excessive speed increases wear on the road surface, avoid travelling at high impact speeds above the voluntary recommended maximum of 25mph.

- 5: Ride quietly and unobtrusively
- **6: Honour the countryside code -** Respect the countryside and those who live, work and play in it.
- 7: Endeavour to be a good ambassador for motorcycling

In addition, the organisers of the Hadrian Adventure Weekend ask:

- Ride within your own ability level. Communicate with your run leader if necessary.
 Take responsibility for yourself at all times.
- If you are not comfortable riding part of a route stop. Your run leader will come back and help you or advise of an alternative route.
- If you sustain any injuries you must let your run leader know. We have an accident book and it's important that it is filled out for our insurance. In the unlikely event of a major incident your run leader as an action plan.
- Kielder Forest is a public space. Expect walkers, horses, cyclists as well as vehicles on the fire roads, including large logging trucks. These are not closed roads. Ride with caution through the forest - you may not be used to riding on gravel.
- Stop and wait for the rider behind you at all junctions. This helps make sure no one gets lost.
- Try and help keep the run leader at the front by opening and closing gates for them.
- Have a great time!