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The VMCC Highland International Rally

Tuesday 5th May – Saturday 9th May 2026

The Northwest Section of the VMCC has put together a residential rally based in Harrogate, in the County of Yorkshire. We will be staying at the 3* Cairn Lodge Hotel in the centre on the town. We will be here for 4 nights on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis. This is a rally for pre-1990 machines.



Tuesday 5th May 2026 We meet at the Cairn Lodge Hotel, If you can, or wish to, we will be beginning a ride from 12 noon from the hotel car park. Marshalls will be on hand to advise where you can park. Hotel check-in is from 4pm. Our ride this afternoon is through Knaresborough, and Ripon, both charming market towns located on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. From Ripon we continue to Masham and then west into the park. A pleasant 60 mile ride. As some of you may have travelled some way, we will arrange a lunch stop early on the ride. the later part of the afternoon will be free for you to take a short stroll into Harrogate, a very elegant Victorian Spa town with many highlights and places of interest to enjoy. The Spa can be visited, and we recommend the world famous Bettv's Tea rooms. Dinner every night. will be taken at the hotel



Wednesday 6th May 2026 Today we head East into the North York Moors National Park. A vast wild moor with some picturesque farming villages. After riding up Sutton Bank we shall pass through Helmsley, Hutton Le Hole and through the National Park, eventually arriving at Whitby, a seaside port on the North Sea Coast, now famous for Whitby Abbey and the Count Dracula story. No visit to Whitby would be complete without having Fish 'n Chips for lunch. From here we ride through "Heartbeat" country: Goatland, Stape and Pickering. Returning to the hotel via the Vale of York. The ride today is 160 miles



Thursday 7th May 2026 Today is a ride West to the Irish Sea. We firstly ride into the Bowland area of outstanding natural beauty, going through Slaidburn, Dunsop Bridge and the Trough of Bowland. We then ride north of Lancaster, the principal town of the region. Our lunch destination is in the small village of Bolton Le Sands overlooking Morecambe Bay. After lunch we return back into the Yorkshire Dales National Park via the River Lune Valley. This Park is renowned for its spectacular views and rough scenery which you can enjoy this afternoon and also tomorrow. 160 miles today

Friday 8th May 2026 Today we ride north into the County of Durham. The ride is a little longer BUT there is a shorter version for those not wishing to cover so much mileage. We ride through Barnard Castle, Stanhope and across the Pennines passing high force waterfalls with a stop at Alston. From here we turn south and ride across the moors on some of the finest roads in England. Returning to Yorkshire we ride over the Butter Tubs Pass and through Hawes in the Wensleydale Region. The ride back through the Dales offers plenty of fine views and stop off points. We hope you enjoy it! The full ride is 200 miles with a shorter ride of approximately 150 miles

Saturday 9th May 2026

Our last day today and we realise many of you will be heading home after breakfast, but for those wanting more we can take a morning ride (A scurry!) This short ride takes us along the smaller roads to Patley Bridge, Grassington, the setting for "All creature Great and Small", Skipton and Ilkley Moore. The ride is approximately 50 miles. **The Cost is £550 for 4 nights per person sharing a room. Single room supplement is £140**

Full payment for participants who have already signed up is due on the 1st March 2026

Once signed up, we will contact you nearer to the rally date with further details.

Cost included all rally fees, hotel B&B accommodation, evening meals, lunches, commemorate Tee shirt. The rally will have a support vehicle but we recommend having adequate breakdown cover

The Rally is open to all on any pre-1990 machine