

## **Built and Natural Environment: EIT Review**

### **Opportunity of motorcycle training within colleges**

#### Introduction

The Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) certificate, allows 16 year olds to ride up to 50cc machine on the road with "L" plates and 17 year old upwards, to ride on the road with "L" plates on a machine up to 125cc. The CBT certificate is valid for two years and must be re-taken if both the practical and theory test is not successfully completed within this period.

The CBT consists of 5 elements

- Explanation of CBT.
- The Machine, parts of the machine and maintenance.
- On site training, slow riding and braking. The trainee has to reach a level of riding where they are considered safe to take onto the road.
- Riding theory including basic road signs and markings, positioning at junctions and roundabouts.
- Minimum 2 hours riding on the road. CBT only issued once the trainee meets the minimum standards of riding.

#### Safety Issues:

In the last three years 57% of motorcycle collisions involved motorcycles under 125cc in size. Commercial targets do not drive Cleveland's motorcycle training. The instructors are not under commercial pressures as independent schemes. The requirements of the instructors are to ensure that the riders are safer. The ethos behind the Council's training scheme is to produce safer riders and to reduce road casualties within this user group.

#### Target Market

Young people have a higher need for independent travel, to attend college or work placement. The scooter or motorbike offers a suitable low cost option. The training offered by the council run scheme offers high quality training which can take students from CBT to test and to the advanced level training they would need to ride the more powerful motorbikes.

#### Resources:

There will be a need for more instructors to meet potential demand and this can be achieved by recruitment of suitable potential instructors. The motorcycle training service is about to recruit a new scheme co-ordinator to replace the previous post holder and the intention is to re-launch the scheme across the Tees Valley. Funding is currently drawn from Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and the Local Transport Plan budget. The other Tees Valley authorities are to be approached to support this wider initiative.