

Annex 3: National Driver Offender Retraining Courses in Surrey

The National Speed Awareness Course is designed to cover appropriate offences detected by Automatic Camera Devices and Police Officers on the roadside within the range of (10% + 2) mph to (10% + 9) mph excluding 20mph zones. The scheme allows drivers/riders who have committed the offence of speeding to be offered a course in the area of their choice. The course lasts for four hours and is based entirely within a classroom. There were 31,959 attendees in Surrey in 2015.

What's Driving Us? Course (non collision) lasts for four hours and is classroom based. It is for those drivers where the evidence suggests by an act or omission their mischief was intentional or deliberate i.e. the driver knew their actions amounted to an offence. This includes driving while using a hand held mobile phone and jumping red lights. There were 6,112 attendees in Surrey in 2015.

The National Driver Alertness Course is aimed at those motorists who have been involved in a minor collision, where the driving is careless or inconsiderate. The course lasts for one day and involves a mixture of classroom and on-road driving. For the on-road element, there are two students per car with an accredited instructor. There were 714 attendees from Surrey in 2015.

The National Seat Belt Course “Your Belt Your Life” is for those offenders caught not wearing a seatbelt, where there is no exemption. The course is completed either on-line or by a workbook. There were 365 attendees in Surrey in 2015.

The National RIDE Course has been designed for those motorcyclists whose riding behaviour has brought them to the attention of the Police. This course based in the classroom and lasting for five hours, addresses the behaviour of those motorcyclists whose riding could be described as thrill or sensation seeking and also those who by the very nature of their riding could be defined as anti-social or careless, thereby attracting a criminal prosecution had there been no course alternative. If a motorcyclist is caught within the range of the National Speed Awareness Course (above), they will still be offered a speed awareness course. There were 58 attendees in Surrey in 2015.

The Driving 4 CHANGE Course (non collision) is based on the road and lasts for 2 hours 15 minutes. There are two students per car with an instructor. Driving 4 Change addresses a lack of driving skill for example a lapse of concentration, an error of judgement, a general mistake, or a lack of awareness of the law relating to the offence that he or she has committed. There were 30 attendees in Surrey in 2015.

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