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# Bikers Welcome Scheme

Touring the Isle of Man by motorbike or visiting the TT Festival or Isle of Man Festival of Motorcycling are activities enjoyed by thousands of visitors every year. Bikers are attracted to the freedom of the Island's open roads and dramatic scenery and fascinated by the history of its association with motorsport. Bikes are often regarded as more than just a means of transport, their security and safekeeping is high on the agenda of any visiting motorcyclist.

The Bikers Welcome Scheme is unique to the Isle of Man and has been developed to assist visitors to choose quality accommodation which can meet their particular needs as a visitor and a motorcyclist.

*The following criteria apply to tourism accommodation business wishing to take part in the Bikers Welcome Scheme:*

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## Core criteria

### Facilities and Services:

- An area should be available for drying outdoor clothing and footwear at an ambient temperature so clothes can dry overnight.
  - You should have a supply of recommended tours including viewpoints and visitor attractions available for reference.
  - Visor cleaning/boot cleaning facilities should be made available. This would mean keeping visor spray or supplying hot, soapy water and soft cloths, black boot polish and brushes etc.
  - Wash down facilities for motorbikes should be available for guests use.
  - Degrease hand wash should be available to guests on request.
  - Details of garages specialising in motorbikes should be made available.
  - Consider motorbike books, magazines and motorbikers' logbook for guests to record day trips.
  - You should provide safe parking for motorbikes (hard standing preferable).
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### Information Provision:

- Information on location and opening times of petrol stations and opening hours.
- Information on location and opening times of motorbike shops.
- Daily and weekly Met Office information (or similar) should be available as well as travel and road information.
- Display Safe Biking information where readily available.

## Additional criteria for serviced accommodation

**Must provide all core criteria, plus the following:**

- Hot or cold drinks should be available on arrival.
  - An early or packed breakfast should be available from 7:00am (continental acceptable), or for very early leavers a tray the night before should be made available.
  - You should be able to offer a packed lunch or filled flask if required.
  - You should be able to offer a late evening meal if there are no other meal providers within one mile. A late night snack should be offered for late arrivals, after 8:00pm.
  - Information on location and opening times of nearest late-opening eating establishments (and directions), if meals are not provided.
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## Additional criteria for self-catering/hostel accommodation

**Must provide all core criteria, plus the following:**

- Flasks and cups.
  - Information (and directions) on the location and opening times of the nearest shops and late-opening eating establishment.
  - Ordnance Survey / Road Map of the Isle of Man.
  - Clothes washing facilities or information regarding the location and opening hours of nearest laundrette facility.
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If you would like your property to be part of the Bikers Welcome Scheme and you believe you meet the above criteria please contact the Quality & Service team on 01624 685965 or email [nikki.salmon@gov.im](mailto:nikki.salmon@gov.im). Your Independent Quality Assessor will verify that your property meets the criteria when they carry out the annual grading visit.

