

# Hills Ride on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011

Ride report by Chris.



Heading up to the start point this morning I wasn't sure how many riders were going to be there at the start. The weather was a little on the warm side [forecast 33deg] and with the cycling on thought this might also put some people off too trying to negotiate around them on the roads that I'd picked.

I arrived around 8.00am to already see some eager souls ready to head out. Not too much time had elapsed before more bikes had arrived. By the time we started we had a decent size group of 20 + bikes. I thought this was great as this was a good size group of riders to manage on the ride that I'd planned out.

Briefing was quick and by 9.00 we were heading off and tackling the local roads around the hills and surrounding

areas. The first stop was Kersbrook but during the ride had to make a few smaller stops along the way so we could regroup so as not to lose anyone. Unfortunately that did happen as we did lose a rider along the way. After a 30 min wait at Kersbrook [15 was the original] we decided to head off and catch up with our missing rider at the next stop.

We made our way back to Uraidla for our next stop where we met back up with our MIA rider and after another short stop we then made our way to Stirling for the conclusion of the ride and for lunch which after a few hours of riding I think everyone had worked up a good appetite with all the corners during the ride.

This was my first ride as leader for the SABERS [as I have done many others for other groups and organizations]. I would like to thank those that came along and supported me on my inaugural ride as leader and made the day as great as it was.

From the feedback during and at the end of the ride everyone enjoyed themselves. I think some of the riders are still in disbelief that I just went off memory and didn't use a GPS.

Thanks all once again for a great days riding.

Chris.