



Twisty Roads Run August 2015

Welcome to today's run which retraces part of the route used on the Tommy Cup Rally organised by the Newcastle & District Motor Club which took place on 24 February 1952. I have tried to join up some twisty roads with some interesting and scenic roads. I hope you enjoy the twists and turns before a well earned meal or ice cream. (John Pearce 2014)

There are a number of junctions where there are no sign posts and others where some of the directions have destinations, but not the way you should go so they are marked N.S.P. "no sign post in our direction". Please drive carefully on the narrow roads, and enjoy the run.

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| 0.0 | TL | On to Military Road - Gen George Wade began building this in 1746 to move troops to suppress the Jacobite Risings |
| 0.5 | TL | Stocksfield - Well House Farm |
| 1.2 | TR | N.S.P. at cross roads |
| 2.1 | TL | Newton (hidden signpost) |
| 3.0 | TR | at T Junct - Newton |
| 3.6 | TR | at T junct - N.S.P. |
| 4.6 | ---- | 2nd exit off round-a-bout, on to A68 to Riding Mill |
| 6.1 | ---- | 3rd exit off the round-a-bout to Riding Mill - just after crossing the River Tyne – Riding Mill is on the Dipton Burn and was home to cricketer Tom Graveney |
| 7.1 | TL | Slaley - north of Slaley is a nuclear bunker that was used from 1961 - 91 |
| 7.4 | ---- | Bear left |
| 8.0 | TR | Corbridge |
| 8.4 | TL | N.S.P. |

9.1	TR	Corbridge hidden sign at crossroads
9.8	TL	Temperley Grange
10.5	TR	N.S.P. no sign post in our direction
11.2	TR	N.S.P. no sign post in our direction
12.0	SO	Blanchland at Give Way
12.3	TR	Hexham
12.8	TL	N.S.P. at cottage
13.6	TL	N.S.P. At T Junct
13.8	TR	N.S.P.
14.8	TR	N.S.P.
15.2	TL	N.S.P. Around the Dipton Mill Inn with care - its Dipton Burn again
16.4	TR	N.S.P. Give way at crossroads
17.8	TR	N.S.P. no sign post in our direction
18.3	TL	Dalton
18.4	SO	Dalton
18.8	TR	Dalton - on the recce the sign was swinging in the wind so may not be pointing right!!
19.1	TL	No sign post in our direction
19.9	TR	N.S.P. at cross roads
21.8	TR	Dukesfield - Dukesfield is on the lead miners route from Allendale to Blaydon on Tyne and in the woods is an historic site connected with smelting and carrying lead
23.2	SO	N.S.P. no sign post in our direction
24.1	SO	N.S.P.
24.9	TR	N.S.P. at cross roads, ignore “except for access” sign

25.6	TL	N.S.P. - entrance to Slaley Hall on right
26.0	TR	Newcastle, and enjoy a few miles of straight road and to use the overdrive
28.2	TR	Allensford
29.4	TR	A68 Allensford
30.1	TR	Stanhope & Derwent Reservoir
30.4	TR	Edmondbyers at T Junct
30.8	TL	Muggleswick
31.5	SO	Muggleswick - there are ruins of the hunting lodge of the Prior of Durham and on one of the sharp bends are the ruins of a lime kiln
32.3	TL	Rowley & Castleside - lots of tight bends coming up
34.2	TL	Castleside
34.5	TR	Rowley - on bend
35.6	TR	& immediate left over A68 to Lanchester
36.3	TR	N.S.P.
37.1	SO	East & West Butsfield
37.7	TR	N.S.P.
37.9	TL	N.S.P. at Green Law (name of cottage)
39.1	TR	N.S.P.
39.15	TL	N.S.P.
39.6	TL	N.S.P. On to two way road - luxury
41.0	TL	CAUTION!! At the top of the incline turn Left & immediately
41.0	TR	Right to Hurbuck Cottages
42.4	TL	at crossroads - N.S.P. in our direction
43.4	TR	N.S.P.

43.6	TL	N.S.P. Around Knitsley Mill - 16 th cent Mill
44.3	SO	N.S.P. Bear right
44.4	SO	N.S.P. Keeping the farm on your right
45.2	TR	N.S.P. Under the railway arch.
45.6	TL	Castleside A692 - the parish church is a reproduction of a church in Switzerland seen by architect Ewan Christian, related to Fletcher Christian of Bounty fame
47.0	TR	Corbridge A68 time for the navigator to have a rest
48.9	TR	Snods Edge Shotley Fields - the name Snods Edge is thought to be derived from Snows Edge
49.9	SO	Shotley Fields
50.1	SO	Shotley Fields
50.4	TL	Kiln Pit Hill
51.1	SO	N.S.P. Between wind turbines
52.0	SO	Kiln Pit Hill on left is St Andrews Church & the Hopper Mausoleum built by Humfrey Hopper in memory of his wife who died in 1762
52.1	TR	Whittonstall
53.1	TL	Stocksfield
53.9	TR	Stocksfield
54.5	TL	Prudhoe
55.1	TL	Broomley
55.15	TL	Wheelbirks Farm – NE43 7HY follow the road to the farm and park up in one of the car parks and have a well earned meal, ice cream and a cup of coffee.

Suggested route for Nth Manchester members to their hotel is to turn right onto B6309 to Ebchester, cross over A694 to roundabout with A692, leave second exit onto A691 to Durham onto A690 towards Sunderland.