

Roam Scotland Bikepacking Society

What is Roam Scotland Bikepacking Society (RSBS)?

It's a legally established cooperative society, formed to support group bikepacking rides.

What's the purpose of RSBS?

1. To offer more RS group bikepacking rides, which are:
 - ✓ free-entry
 - ✓ open-access
 - ✓ non-competitive
 - ✓ self-supported
2. To welcome a wider group of riders into the RS community

Why change?

Up until now the rally has been organised and costs covered by me. To share the rewards of group bikepacking with more people and sustain RS over time, it now needs to be a collective group thing. Essentially, I need a little help! The society's legal status allows us to take donations to cover our costs, and provides the legal protection of limited liability.

What are the plans for future RS rides?

- Five week long rally routes & guides will be completed next year
- I've sketched out five provisional 3-day long weekend routes and I'll write ride guides for these over the next year or two
- The current plan is for two or three long weekend rides and one rally ride, each year, if possible

What's in it for you?

- Priority entry to all RS rides
- Access to all RS tested and provisional routes
- Access to all RS Ride Guides
- A society patch-badge thingy!
- Join the RSBS WhatsApp group
- Access to all the premium route building tools on RidewithGPS, our 'club' account
- The democratic power to influence the direction of RS, 1 member 1 vote.
- The reward of spreading the joy of group bikepacking!

What does the society need from you in return?

Simply to make some contribution to the work of the society (see 1-5 below), to pitch in what you are able to . There will not be a lot to be done each year, now most of the routes are done, so probably 20-30 members volunteering even a wee bit of time will make it work.



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What work will the society actually do?

The society will serve the wider Roam Scotland riders community to:

1. Coordinate future rides - probably a team of 2-3 ride coordinators for each ride
2. Finish off testing of the remaining un-tested sections of route
3. Spread the word, building a wider community of RS riders eg. social media posts
4. Help keep ride guides updated with new info
5. Raise donations from riders to cover the costs
6. Use any surplus revenue to support riders from disadvantaged groups to join RS rides

You don't have to live in Scotland to get involved, most of the contributions people could make could be done from anywhere.

How do I become a member?

You can join RSBS for significantly less than the price of one gravel tyre! For £25 you buy a stake, a shareholding in RSBS, and become a founder member-shareholder of the society. A set of four trustees will be appointed for year 1 before an election for future trustees in Spring 2025.

For now, I'd love to hear from you if you might be interested (especially if you might be up for being a trustee!): roamscotland@gmail.com or DM me on Instagram [@roamscotland](https://www.instagram.com/roamscotland) or chat to me on the rally. I'll send more detailed info to those who show an interest. In the next few months I'll have a process for joining up on the website www.roamscotland.org.

Happy roaming!

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