CLENNELL HALL HOTEL EVENT

Another great long weekend event organised by the Yorks and Lincs Section
25th to 28th September 2026



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The BMW Club were warmly welcomed to Clennell Hall (located close to Rothbury in the wilds of Northumberland). The atmosphere and mood was informal, friendly and fun with the dial turned up to 11 on Saturday night. The party atmosphere kept going by a top-notch singer/guitarist who was perfect for our quiet night in!

RIDE 1

Saturday morning after breakfast we headed out on a circular loop through the Cheviot Hills, along the Northumberland Coast across the Scottish Border and back thought Kielder. We headed southeast towards Rothbury on the B6341 to take a view of Alnwick Castle and Gardens. A quick coffee stop in Alnmouth set us up for our ride on coastal back roads to Bamburgh Castle.

Heading west past Belford we crossed the Scottish Border and took the B6401 through Morebattle, following country lanes to Jedburgh and fuel. We rode the remote Note o' the Gate, a 370-metre-high mountain pass located in the Wauchope Forest down into Kielder Castle. The 12-mile toll road connecting Kielder Castle to Blakehopeburnhaugh was not too challenging. From there we rode C roads north over Elsdon and Sharperton to finish back at Clennell Hall for dinner.

RIDE 2

Sunday nine bikes set off for a fabulous 130-mile Borders loop through Bellingham weaving past Kielder Water, heading up to Jedburgh and looping back northeast, riding mainly B and C roads, sweeping tarmac and undulating forest fringes. The forecast rain came earlier than expected so a quick stop for wet weather gear. Spirits were not dampened as we progressed along quiet Northumbrian back lanes with the odd farm gate to open and close! We rode at a steady pace, mindful of the damp roads, uneven terrain and many sheep whilst enjoying the landscape and views. The final section back to Clennell Hall featured minor back roads, forest edge tracks, the occasional narrow bridge crossings and sheep dogs both at work and enjoying their ride back home on the quad bikes.

A very enjoyable weekend away with the BMW Club. Thanks to everyone at Clennell Hall and to Jody for organising this excellent event.