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Waterlooville Motorcycle Club (WMCC) held its 'Fossils Charity Run' as bikers from across Hampshire and further afield descended on Horndean Technology College.

The event, which is organised by the group, aims to raise money for the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance and Serv Wessex/Blood Runners. This was the 20th running of the event.

Each year it attracts hundreds of bikers, with this year no different as this one-day event saw 166 riders get on the road on a stamped route.



Starting at Horndean Technology College, the event kicked off at 9.30am, with bikers signing on. They were then flagged off in groups of 10 at 11am as they all rode off onto the trail.



The trail was a "signed route" of approximately 35 miles, before returning to the college. From Harley Davidsons to Triumphs and even a Harley Davidson from 1937, everything was included.

The day wasn't just about the annual ride, however. It was an event full of fun, as there was a display of motorcycles inside the hall, a burger van, and many other team interactions, including Air Ambulance and Blood Bike crews.

Back at the college at 2pm, prizes were handed out as awards were given to four different motorcycle age brackets. This included pre-1945, 1946-1965, 1966-1985, and 1986 to present day.

The origins of the Fossils began as the successor to the Gales Run. This ran from The George Gales Brewery in Horndean and was a "very popular event" for classic cars and motorcycles.

The club started in 1928 under the name Waterloo & District Motor Cycle and Light Car Club. The inaugural meeting took place at The Heroes Pub on Waterloo High Street, with the Reverend Bruce Cornford overseeing the proceedings.



Over the years, it became a well-established club, organising high-quality and famous events. They were the hosts of the World Sidecar Motocross Championship in 2023 and 2024.

As well as raising money for the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance and the Serv Wessex/Blood Runners, who are WMCC's main two charities, they also support other charities. They have raised more than £58,000 for charity to date.

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