



## Weekly Newsletter 3rd December 2021

*Biking news for ALL our advanced riders, their family and friends*

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## Editorial

Life seems to be throwing us more curve balls with another COVID-19 variant. We all know what to do now to help keep everyone safer and still have a good time. The SAM Christmas Party is still on. Many SAM members have booked through the easy to use [online booking form](#). Everyone is welcome.

This week our Chairman showed us that riding in the snow is both possible and enjoyable. Always riding to the weather conditions and within your capabilities is a must. There is advice on winter riding. The proposed 2-tier system of driving licences got many members and supporters very hot under the collar. The Observer commented on what we'll miss when the only way to travel is via electric motor. The picture of a Ural motorcycle crossing a river bed says it all. Honda has developed a gyro system that helps a bike to stay upright. I'm not sure about the 'wagging' back end though. The EU is to require 'intelligent speed assistance' in cars from July 2022. I've yet to see ANY speed management software that could remotely be described as intelligent, but that is just my opinion. In an era when everything is being pushed to go electric, BSA are expanding globally AND the bikes will be built in the UK. At least this manufacturer can see some future in mechanically driven motorcycles. For kids this Christmas there is the Big Book of Motorbikes to get them hooked early in life.

Finally, Motorcycle Live starts this week. There are always surprises tucked away in the corners of the exhibition halls, so it's really worth a visit. I hope to go one day next week, after the SAM CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Anyone interested in SAM activities can find them, including the SAM and Survival Skills newsletters, on the [SAM website](#). Read, enjoy and share your Club's newsletter with ALL your friends and family. Until next week...

Stay healthy and ride safe, Ed.

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## ***Ways to stay in touch with your Club!***

It's really easy to stay in touch with your Club! We provide emails, a website and website hosting and use social media. All of which is free of any cost to the Club. If you are not getting the Club information circulated ***just let us know*** at [sam-editor@iam-sheffield.bike](mailto:sam-editor@iam-sheffield.bike). We'll be happy to ensure that we stay in touch with you. You can also now sign up for Club emails on the [SAM website](#).

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Editor & webmaster  
Sheffield Advanced Motorcyclists

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## **SAM News**



Saturday bikers are still turning up to ride, so join us for a great advanced riding experience. [Interested in joining us?](#)



SAM Club events for the remainder of 2021 are now published on the [SAM Calendar](#) page. Put the dates in your diaries. ALL SAM members, their family and friends are welcome to attend Club nights and the SAM Christmas Party. Booking details for the latter will be published shortly, so watch your emails. [See more...](#)



SAM Christmas Party 7.30pm 6th December 2021 at [Treeton Miners Welfare Club](#). Everyone is welcome to get the Christmas festivities off to a great start. Bring your family and friends for a great evening's entertainment. Make sure that you [book places](#) for you and your guests. Thank you.



If you're out & about on your bike this week, please consider carrying our Biker I.C.E. Card. It gives emergency services staff vital information about the right treatment for you, should you

be involved in an accident.

<https://iam-sheffield.bike/biker-i-c-e-card/>

## SAM Social Media



New elderly driving licence proposals could create a 'two-tiered system'. Ian McIntosh, CEO of Red Driving School said any changes to driving licence schemes could run the risk of "disenfranchising"

older motorists. The comments come after IAM RoadSmart suggested a new "flexible" driving licence proposal. This would

see older motorists issued some restrictions such as distance limits and curfews. However, the plans have been attacked by RED Driving School who have called for the proposals to be scrapped. [Read more...](#)

Easy rider? We'll miss the roar, but electric motorbikes can't kill our road romance. For bikers, combustive power is one of the thrills of a long-haul trip. But flat batteries



and charging points will just become part of exciting new journeys. A full tank of gas, a twist of the wrist, the roar of the exhaust as you speed towards the horizon ... These are the visceral touchstones of the motorcycling experience, and all are a direct product of petrol-fuelled power, as is much of the biker's lexicon: "open it up", "give it some gas", "go full throttle". For a motorcycle rider, as opposed to the modern car driver, the journey is a full-body communication game, constantly applying judgment, skill and nerve to control the thousands of explosions that are happening between your thighs in order to transport yourself, upright and in one piece, to your destination. [Read more...](#)



**THIS HONDA MOTORCYCLE CAN STAY UPRIGHT ALL BY ITSELF!** With the help of a gyro sensor and rear-wheel swing mechanism (that makes it look like it's wagging its tail) the Honda

stays upright! The weird and wonderful things tend to always come out of Japan, don't they? Here's the latest in Honda safety technology, a motorcycle that's equipped with a self-righting 'riding assist' that makes it wag its tail and stay upright! In order to keep everything balanced, a gyro is heard whirring away and working the swingarm and front end of the bike to keep it all upright. [Read more...](#)

Chairman Steve Brown's chilly ride out! Proper mates do this.....and that's why I love them! Pls don't tell them I said that! There's not much more to say...



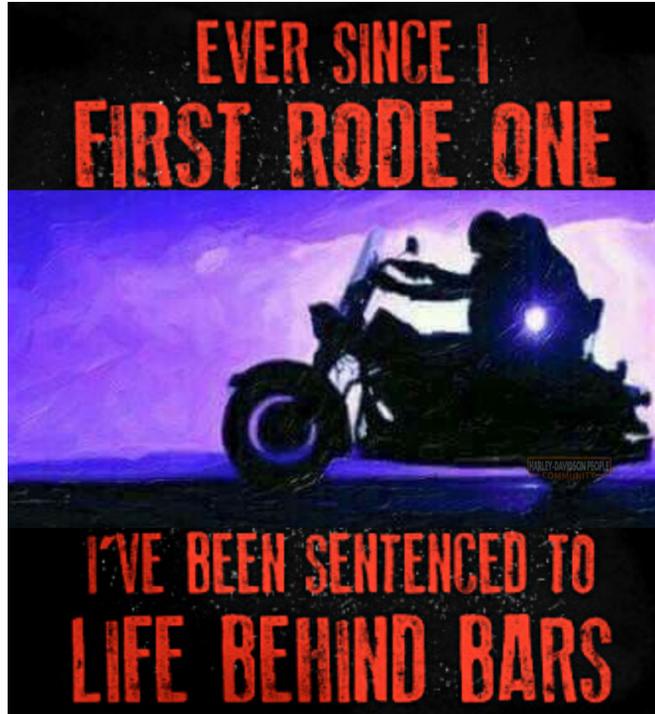
[Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes](#) Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes are very grateful for the provision of our two BMW vehicles to keep us operational and on the road during the recent adverse weather conditions. So

thanks to Sandal BMW and Stratstone BMW, BMW UK for their support to keep our vital service going this winter. [#BloodBikes](#), [#bmwuk](#), [#sandalbmw](#) [#stratstonebmw](#)

I think he might have said one day I will ride a motorcycle like you dad!



See more on our [Facebook](#) page...



# South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership



Temperatures are set to plummet - are you road ready for #winter?

<https://sysrp.co.uk/winter> 🧑‍🎄 ❄️

Help us and our partners [SYP Operational Support South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue](#) by staying safe on our roads during the cold snap. Thank you! [#barnsleyisbrill](#) [#rotherhamiswonderful](#) [#sheffieldissuper](#) [#doncasterisgreat](#) [#snow](#) [#ice](#) [#freezing](#)

[#Roadsafety](#)

We are days away from the start of [#december](#) - if you are heading to a [#christmasmarket](#) this weekend, please don't drink and drive [#nonefortheroad](#) 👍



**HIGHWAY CODE ALERT FOR DRIVERS AND RIDERS: Rule 113.** You **MUST** ensure all sidelights and rear registration plate lights are lit between sunset and sunrise. Use headlights at night, except on a road which has lit street lighting. These roads are generally restricted to a speed limit of 30 mph (48 km/h) unless otherwise specified. Use headlights when visibility is seriously reduced (see Rule 226).

Night (the hours of darkness) is defined as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

Over the festive season we will be bringing you some tasty mocktails so that you can enjoy your party if you are designated driver [#nonefortheroad](#)



- Amount of alcohol consumed
- When and what you've eaten
- Weight, age, sex and metabolism
- Stress levels at the time



It's almost [#December](#)... are you excited about your [#christmas](#) party? When it comes to a festive tittle, please remember that ANY amount of alcohol can impact your driving. Have none for the road.

<https://sysrp.co.uk/drinkdriving>  
[#drinkdrive](#) [#staysafe](#) [#party](#)



[South Yorkshire Police](#) [South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue](#)

## *Around the motorcycling web*



MXGP Videogame is back with the 2021 edition Infront Moto Racing and Milestone are pleased to release MXGP 2021, new chapter of the beloved and iconic series of the official FIM Motocross

World Championship available digital only for PlayStation®5, PlayStation®4, Xbox Series X|S, Xbox One, and PC Steam. MXGP 2021 allows players to compete in the official 2021 Championship, playing with more than 40 riders from MXGP and MX2 categories. The Career mode is the starting point: from MX2 championship aiming to reach the MXGP and marking the history, this year the Career Mode offers enhanced immersion thanks to the Real Transfer windows, Contracts, Personal Team, Challenges and additional activities, in which players find both official and new tracks. [Read more...](#)

Pros and Cons of Winter Riding. Riding a motorcycle in the winter is annoyingly beautiful. We say this because some of the scenes you get on the road are breathtaking, but it can be so dangerous – especially for new riders! Taking this in mind, We Buy Any Bike has put together some pros and cons to winter riding, in a bid to help you decide whether you should be braving the roads or not! [Read more...](#)





E.U. To Require Intelligent Speed Assistance In Cars By July 2022. Back in October, 2021, we asked what RideApart readers think about the possibility of intelligent speed assistance requirements for motorcycles. Overall, most of

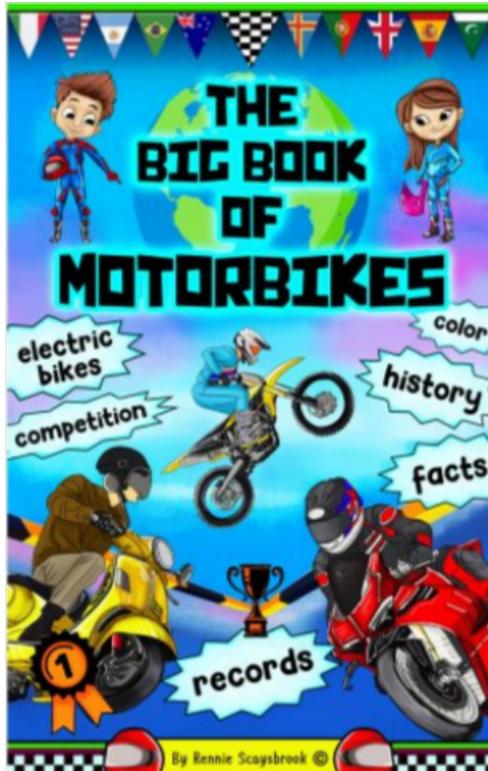
you expressed displeasure with the idea, although at least one person said they'd consider it if it wasn't too intrusive. We have news for you about ISA requirements in the European Union today—although at this point, we must note that this legislation only covers passenger cars, and not motorbikes of any kind. As of July 6, 2022, all new motor vehicles in categories M or N (in other words, those having at least four wheels, powered, and meant for the carriage of passengers and/or goods) seeking European type approval must have an intelligent speed assistance system of some type fitted. [Read more...](#)

BSA Motorcycles Global Debut Date Announced. Classic Legends will be revisiting BSA's origins to establish a better connect with the brand's glorious past and its ambitious resurrection in 21st century. It will be interesting to see how enthusiasts in UK, Europe and other global markets respond



to the return of the legendary motorcycle brand. BSA has plans to manufacture both petrol-powered and electric motorcycles. The first BSA motorcycle could be petrol-powered, equipped with a 650cc motor. Among the rivals will be Royal Enfield 650 twins that have emerged as popular options in several global markets.

BSA motorcycles will be manufactured at the company's facility in Midlands. The company will also set up a technical and design centre in Banbury, Oxfordshire. [Read more...](#)



The Big Book Of Motorbikes Is A Great Way To Get Kids Hooked. The Big Book of Motorbikes showcases the wonderful world of motorbikes to a new and vibrant generation. Highlighting many of the different sectors within the motorbike space, The Big Book of Motorbikes takes the reader on a two-wheeled journey they will want to read again and again. This is a fun and educational volume for children, illustrated and brightly colored by the book's designer, Asim Hussain. [Read more...](#)

12 Tips For Riding Your Motorcycle In Cold Weather. If you live in a country where cold, snowy winters occur, with some preparation and good gear there's not much stopping you from riding all winter long. If you plan to keep riding your motorcycle in cold weather, the following tips and preparations will keep you and your motorcycle in tip-top condition. With each winter and ever-changing conditions global warming seems to create, many riders are opting to keep the motorcycle running and riding. With the use of heated motorcycle gear outside of a few days or weeks it works out for many riders now to simply opt out of winter storage. Preparing your motorcycle for riding in colder temperatures is not only worth it but will protect your



motorcycle's life and ensure it performs well for you on colder air/road surfaces. [Read more...](#)

## dailyTIP

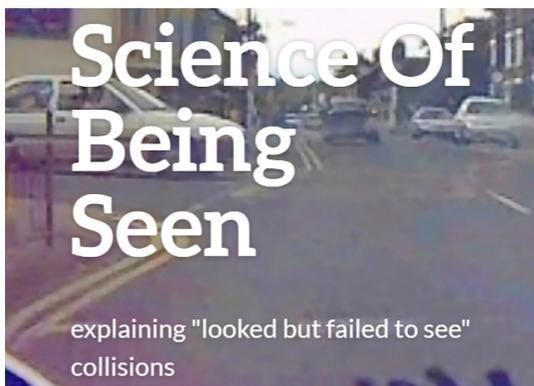
### Rider Responsibility. . .

Whether novice or experienced, riding is about operating a motorcycle safely, proficiently. Your enjoyment and safety depends on mastering not only the art of motorcycling, but also the realities of the traffic around you.

[Read more...](#)

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### Kevin Williams



For many years road safety experts, police and motorcyclists have known that the most common collision between a motorcycle and another vehicle happens when the motorcyclist has right-of-way and another driver turns into the rider's path. All the way back in 1977, US researcher Harry Hurt stated:

*"the most likely comment of an automobile driver involved in a traffic collision with a motorcycle is that he, or she, did not SEE*

the motorcycle..." [Read more...](#)

## IAM RoadSmart News



Did you know the Audi A3 Sportback has been named UK's best used family car?

 Alongside a list of the top 10 family cars based on the criteria set out by parents, [CarGurus UK](#) has teamed up with safety expert, IAM RoadSmart, to

provide mums and dads with the following top tips when travelling with their child or children in the car. Read more here 

<https://www.express.co.uk/.../best-used-family-car-audi...>

[Motorcycle Live](#) opens its door! We'll be in Hall 2, stand no. 2C01, right where the Experience Adventure will be taking place. The adventure bike skills course will be designed to introduce riders to their first taste of adventure riding which will include tuition, on bike set-up, body positioning and balance across a number of testing terrains. Don't forget to book your ticket here: <http://www.motorcycletlive.co.uk>



<p><b>Any use of hand-held mobile phone while driving to become illegal</b></p>  <p>Government will be strengthening existing laws next year to make it illegal to use a hand-held mobile phone while driving under virtually any circumstance.</p>	<p>The public consultation found that 81% of people supported the move and the highway code will change making it clear that hand-held phone use at traffic lights or in traffic jams is illegal. But what are the changes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Police will be able to more easily prosecute drivers using a hand-held mobile phone at the wheel.</li><li>• Laws will go further to ban drivers from using their phones to take photos or videos, scroll through playlists or play games.</li><li>• Anyone caught using their hand-held device will face a £200 fixed penalty notice and 6 points on their licence.</li><li>• Drivers will still be able to continue using a device 'hands-free' while driving, such as a sat-nav, if it's secured in a cradle.</li><li>• There will be an exemption to the new law for drivers making a contactless payment using their mobile phone while stationary to ensure the law keeps pace with technology.</li></ul> <p><small>© Department for Transport</small></p>
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Did you know that government are making changes to the laws around using a hand-held mobile phone while driving? Make sure you know the new rules announced by the Department for Transport. 

The AGM last week was the perfect opportunity to thank two long standing IAM RoadSmart supporters for their outstanding contribution. Racing Legend Paddy Hopkirk MBE pictured being presented with his certificate from our chairman Stuart Donald has been an Ambassador for many years . Retired chairman Derek McMullan was also presented with a certificate for his significant contribution, dedication and commitment to the charity. We thank both for many years of service and support.



## More than half of older drivers support testing of older drivers every 5 years

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Research commissioned by the UK's leading independent road safety charity, IAM RoadSmart, has revealed that older motorists are more willing to prove how safe

they actually are on the roads than perhaps first thought.

Indeed, of more than 3,000 motorists aged over 60 surveyed, over half (55%) agreed with the statement that senior drivers should be retested every five years after their licence renewal.

[Read more...](#)

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*Take care and stay safe*

Paul Conway (on behalf of the SAM Committee) Sheffield Advanced Motorcyclists

Charity no. 1089671 IAM Group no. 4152



Meetings are for club members, observers, associates and ANY biker interested in taking an advanced rider course. Meetings are usually for one of these purposes:

- members take the opportunity to catch up with each other and generally socialise
- observers will be taking their associates out as part of their preparation for the advanced test
- other members will form smaller groups and ride out usually for breakfast somewhere
- Bikers who want to learn about how to become an advanced motorcyclist

If you'd like to find out more about us, join us at 9am any Saturday throughout the year, at Meadowhall Retail Park, Sheffield S9 2YZ, just off J34, M1.

### **Extra bits**

- Next SAM Committee Meeting: **1st December 2021**
- Next SAM Club Night: **Christmas Party 6th December 2021**
- Spring Breakfast Meet: Saturday 26th March 2022.
- Gift Aid Form: Gift Aid allows UK charities to claim back the basic rate tax already paid on donations. This means we can claim back from the government on your behalf 25p for every £1 donated, boosting the value of the donation by a quarter. Use this link to fill in the form on the SAM website and send it to [treasurer@iam-sheffield.bike](mailto:treasurer@iam-sheffield.bike).

- Not getting your SAM emails? If any member is NOT getting SAM Club emails, first check your junk folder, then send a request to [sameditor@iam-sheffield.bike](mailto:sameditor@iam-sheffield.bike). Pass on this message to any members who are complaining about not getting their SAM Club emails.
- Changing your email address: If you change your email address then let me know so that we can keep you informed of all the exciting things
- happening in your club.
- IAM RoadSmart member discounts: SAM members, are you making the most of your IAM RoadSmart membership? There are lots of discount savings that can offset your IAM RoadSmart and SAM membership fees, so grab a bargain TODAY!
- Share with your friends: Know someone who is interested in biking? Why not share this SAM Update and help them to be an advanced rider.
- Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) & [LinkedIn](#).

## What are we about...

*The Sheffield and District Advanced Motorcyclists (SAM) are an independent charity that provides public education, and training in advanced motorcycling skills. Its aims are to increase public awareness and understanding of motorcycling and the advanced knowledge and skill skills required to ride safely on public roads. It is an affiliate group of the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM RoadSmart) and works closely with statutory and non-statutory organisations in promoting public information and education on motorcyclists and motorcycling in its designated region. SAM's volunteer motorcyclists are all trained to and maintain national standards of advanced motorcycle riding. They provide ongoing guidance and support to prepare motorcyclists for UK nationally recognised advanced motorcycling tests. SAM works closely with other charitable groups who require advanced motorcyclists to support public events, NHS dispatch rider services and many other socially responsible activities. SAM*

*provides an essential public service in encouraging, promoting and marketing improved safety on public roads in the UK and internationally through IAM RoadSmart. SAM also has a very active social events programme that encourages its members, family, friends and the public, to both support the charity's socially responsible objectives and enjoy the camaraderie and support provided by the club.*