



SAM Weekly Newsletter - 7th January 2022

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

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Editorial

The New Year has started and a frosty, icy and snowy period has just begun. We've not received a single email of what members are planning for the coming year, so perhaps everyone is playing 'wait and see' before making any plans. At least on a bike you just make sure it and you are fit to ride and then ride. What freedom we all have in our lives! Whilst you are all out and about why not stop and take a snap to upload or send in for the **SAM Annual Photo Competition**. The entry form is set up on the website. You can upload up to 10 images, in either *.jpg or *.png format. Don't forget to give a number and label to each photo in the text box. Our security ensures that only suitable images are uploaded and will rename the file to prevent any subsequent access to it. You can [upload your entries here](#), or send them to sam-editor@iam-sheffield.bike. The winner will be announced at the SAM AGM in April.

Your digest of news this week tells you how the Australian Army are trialling electric bikes for scouting expeditions. Let's hope the squaddies on reconnaissance can carry enough spare batteries. A notorious road in Barnsley has a new Lollipop lady to help parents and children cross the road safely. AirTags are back in the news as part of motorcycle security. South Yorkshire Off-Road Police have had a successful time collecting all the quads and pit bikes, given as Christmas presents, by very generous parents, to children. The children immediately began using them illegally on the public highway or without the permission of landowners. There's even more depressing news of significant increases in motoring tax and insurance costs. On a more lighted-hearted note you can read about the teacher in Brazil who built his own steam-powered trike, the joys of riding in the rain and some advice on different routes to take when you ride from John O'Groats to Land's End. Finally, the Mental Health Motorcycle

charity is offering FREE courses in becoming a mental health first aider.

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

Happy New Year everyone. The SAM Committee wishes you all happiness and prosperity in 2022. Stay healthy and ride safe, Ed.

Being a member of the SAM Club

To be a member of the SAM Club you MUST also be a current member of IAM RoadSmart. As a registered UK charity the SAM Club has charitable objectives to provide advanced motorcycle education and training. Our charity has to abide by the national standards, testing and liability insurance cover to continue these activities. Liability insurance ensures that, within the events covered, both the SAM Club, its Trustees and members are safeguarded against most untoward events; this includes all formal training and social events. Also, the SAM Club is dedicated to promoting the education and training of bikers in advanced riding knowledge and skills, both locally and nationally. At a total cost of £50/year, i.e. 96p/week, you help ALL your fellow bikers to improve their riding knowledge and skills. Thank you.

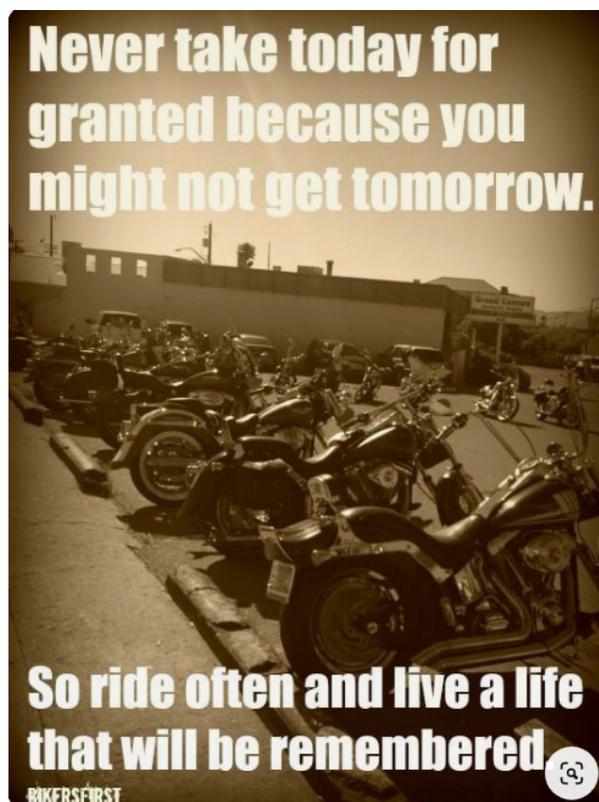
Ways to stay in touch with your Club!

It's really easy to stay in touch with your Club! We provide emails, a website and use social media accounts for you to contact us. All of which is free of any cost to the Club. If you are not getting the Club information circulated, or simply want to tell us something, ***just let us know*** at 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](#).

Paul Conway
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Sheffield Advanced Motorcyclists

SAM News



Motorcycles were key modes of transport for both the Allied and Axis powers in World War II. While motorcycles operate in the field to a lesser degree these days, several militaries have tested the feasibility of electric

bicycles for reconnaissance missions. The latest development revolves around the Australian Army's [Sur-Ron Firefly Light Bee](#) field tests. [Read more...](#)

A LONG-AWAITED school crossing patroller has been initiated on a road just outside the town centre which has been heavily scrutinised for its perceived lack of safety.



Racecommon Road has been the subject of a petition in recent weeks calling for a pedestrian crossing to help children and parents from the three schools on neighbouring Shaw Street cross safely. [Read more...](#)



AirTags Pose Potential For Anti-Theft Motorcycle Safety. If you're somebody like me (a private person in possession of a fully functioning garage and hardly a need to keep it outside with the

prying eyes), you might not have spent very much at all – especially if you're required to have insurance by your State/country. That being said, it never hurts to be extra careful – after all, with extra care often comes extra freedom from HAVING to care when out and about the city proper. [Read more...](#)

[SYP Off Road Team](#). Quads for Christmas? If you have bought your dearest and nearest quads or pit bikes for Christmas, please take note of our previous advice. Make sure you also ask Santa to secure your land



owners permission for a location to ride them. Farmers' fields are not suitable. If you see us coming, a word of advice, don't take off and ride the quads with your toddlers on the front, on public roads to make good your escape. What could have been a stern warning about being in the wrong place, can quickly amount to driving without due care, no insurance, no mot, no licence, no tax, failing to stop for police, criminal damage and child neglect offences...We don't want to spoil fun, but adults/parents decisions are ultimately what lead us to have to take action.



Motorists face unlimited fine and licence points for running out of fuel this winter. DRIVERS are being advised on how to save fuel this winter following a year of uncertainty with petrol prices rocketing and supply issues

causing chaos in September and October. After weeks of extreme weather from Storm Arwen and Storm Barra, drivers will be looking for calmer weather over the Christmas break. Battling heavy rain, gale force winds and snow became the norm for late November and early December, with numerous travel delays reported. [Read more...](#)

[SYP Off Road Team](#) All please be careful around the Drakehouse and Crystal Peaks area of Sheffield. This white scooter was involved in an attempted theft of the bike in the video at about 13.49 hours 30th December. They threatened the male filming and cut through the petrol tank of the bike they had attempted to steal. How it did not set on fire we have no idea. Any information please contact 101 quoting incident 440 30th December. If you see this bike and there is a crime in progress please ring 999.



Major car insurance changes coming in today could lead to drivers 'paying higher prices' From today, January 1, 2022, measures will be put in place to protect drivers from the loyalty penalty in home and car insurance markets.

Loyalty penalties, or price walking, is a pricing practice where existing customers are increasingly charged more, the longer they stay with the same insurer. [Read more...](#)

[Off Road Team](#) FIRST AND FOREMOST HAPPY NEW YEAR. TO ALL THAT SUPPORT WHAT WE DO AND UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE ABOUT, WE CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. WITHOUT YOUR HELP WE WOULD NOT HAVE THE



SUCCESS WE DO. ANYWAY More fine upstanding festive ferrets. Camio Moto, a great little business over in Derbyshire has been done over by the three stooges. They got away with 3 high spec trials bikes in the back of a blue Vauxhall Vectra bearing clone plates YG58LYW. Its is not the everyday occurrence that these type of bikes go missing and it is only just over the border so thought we would try and help. This happened yesterday afternoon 30.12.21 at 4.55pm The bikes are quite unique: 2022 Beta Evo 300 fitted with Red CSP fork yokes, Brembo Front brake master cylinder, Red Renthal bars and Titanium footrests. 2020 Vertigo R2 125 - this is extremely rare and has very distinguishing features. 2010 Gas Gas TXT 250. Sorry no pics of this one. Someone must know these things. If you do and have any information please call Derbyshire Police quoting Incident 615 30/12/21. [Derbyshire Constabulary](#)



I made my own vehicle - [watch on YouTube](#)



Petrol and diesel owners to be most affected by new 2022 car tax changes. DRIVERS of petrol and diesel vehicles will be hit with new charges in

2022 as new car tax fees come into effect. From Spring, petrol and diesel owners will be hit with changes to Vehicle Excise Duty which could see some paying up to £130 extra. Meanwhile, new Benefit in Kind (BiK) changes and Clean Air Zones will also be introduced pushing heavy fees on road users. [Read more...](#)

Why You Should Ride In The Rain Every Chance You Get. So why do I enjoy riding in the rain so much? It forces you to be really smooth so you have to be very slow on and off the throttle on and off the



brakes with your lean angle while shifting gears. it doesn't allow you to be lazy because if you're lazy or abrupt with any of those things i just mentioned then the tire could slip out if you're...

[Watch on YouTube](#)



How To Ride From John o' Groats To Land's End.

John o' Groats is a small, unspectacular village perched on the north-western tip of Caithness in Scotland. A loose collection of

windswept houses, B&Bs, hotels, harbour, café and souvenir shops, it once won an award as Scotland's Most Dismal Town (locals refused to accept it). Glamorous it is not, but the Travel Together hotel is nice. Diametrically opposed, at the south-western end of the country, is Land's End – another hotel,

more souvenir shops and a café. Both locations are marked with a signpost, each pointing to the other. [Read more...](#)

Sheffield parking: Where did Sheffield Council give parking tickets in 2021? Every street was revealed. The authority's parking wardens dished out 62,697 parking tickets in the 12 months from between the end of October 2020 and the start of November 2021. The figures next to the street names represent: Total parking tickets issued; Total parking tickets issued (excluding cancelled parking tickets) [Read more...](#)



BLOCK AND LOCK Urgent warning for keyless car drivers as police warn them how to cut risk. POLICE are urging motorists to be more careful with their keys after a spike in thefts of keyless cars. Officers are warning drivers to take more precautions with their electronic devices after a spate of vehicles have been stolen in Leicestershire. [Read more...](#)

In addition to putting the world to rights, this is what we do...*in the SAM Club*. Well, we're bikers and have an opinion on EVERYTHING!! 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔





Ladies Frank Thomas motorcycle leathers, size 14. Bought these for my wife, and then bought an adventure bike a couple of weeks later. Never worn on the bike due to buying textile clothing to suit the new bike style. They are

absolutely pristine and as if they have just come out of the shop. Just being honest listing as "used like new" as they were worn indoors for 20 minutes. The jacket has back, shoulder and elbow protectors as well as a removable quilted liner. There are perforated ventilation panels front and back for summer riding without the liner. The jeans have hip and knee protectors and come complete with knee sliders. [See more...](#)

Mental Health and Life. Yes,

We at Mental Health and Life always like to start the year on a positive note! We believe 2022 is the year of the mental health first aider and we aim to get as many people as we



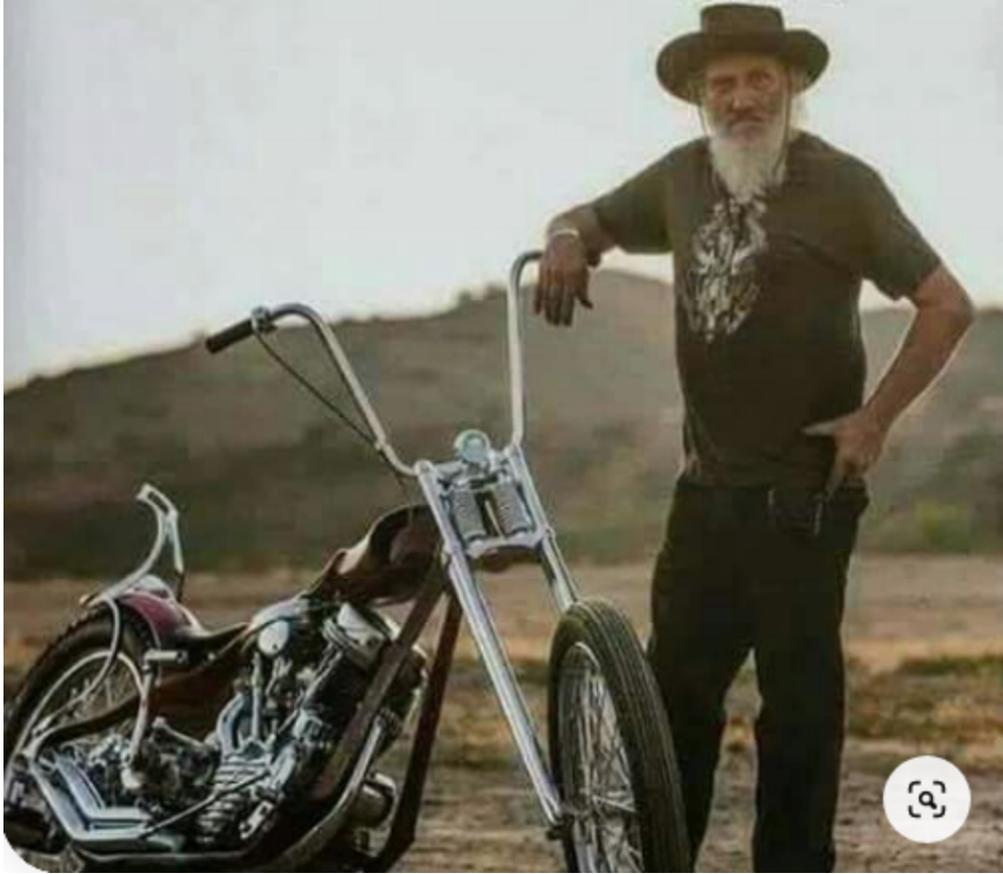
can to join our community! This is why we do free courses throughout the year, so everyday people can see what it means to be a First Aider For Mental Health! Come join us on our first FREE COURSE of the Year! Friday 14th January 2022 @ 10am - 2pm Book on Eventbrite here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../free-awareness-of-first...>

#freecoursesonline #mentalhealthawareness

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South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership



Regular vehicle checks will help to keep you safe and others safe. Keep your vehicle in good running order - especially if you are using your vehicle for the first time in several weeks - and could save you a lot of money on expensive repairs.

Don't risk it. If you want to have a drink, then get organised by booking a taxi, take it in turns to be a designated driver, use public transport or organise a lift in advance. [#NonefortheRoad](#)



We all like to listen to music, chat with our friends and use our mobile phones when out and about. However, if you are cycling, driving or crossing the road these can be a distraction. Getting distracted can be fatal.



Not wearing a seatbelt can be a fatal decision even on short, familiar journeys and at low speeds. Wear your seatbelt correctly so it can offer you the best possible protection in a crash. More information about seatbelt law, the penalties for not wearing them and any exemptions to the rules can be found on the

government website.

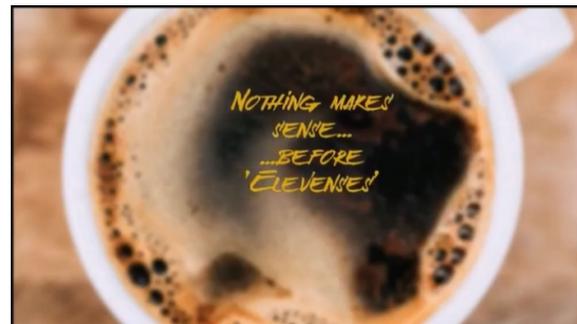
Kevin Williams



*** TIPS ON TUESDAY *** Sounding off - using the horn. So, there I was a few days back, driving along on a motorway. I am in the middle lane and catching the obligatory pair of truckers playing 'lorry

tag'. This is the game where there are two HGVs, one in the inside lane, one in the middle, both travelling at a speed that is identical down to a few fractions of a metre per second which the one in the middle lane tries to pass. We all know what that means - it takes an age for... [Read more...](#)

*** ELEVENSES *** Eleveneses 201 Wed 29 Dec. in today's show... a look back at 2021 - the serious, the funny, the absurd and the just plain weird stories that caught my eye over the last twelve months... [Watch here...](#)



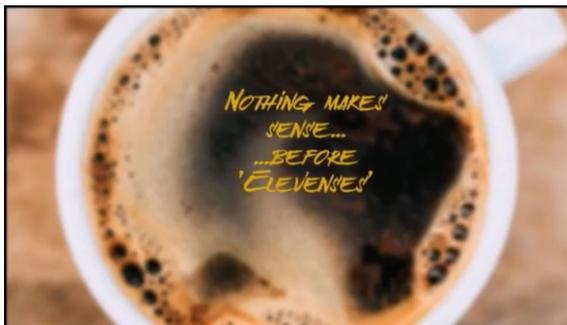


*** LATEST NEWS *** 2021 posts now complete on Ko-Fi I've now indexed the final two posts from the 2021 TIPS on TUESDAY and SKILLS on SATURDAY series from here on Facebook over on Ko-Fi. [Read more...](#)

*** FOCUS ON FRIDAY *** Out with the old. Well, that was 2021, that was. It's a time for new year's resolutions and people talk a lot about 'out with the old, in with the new' at year's-end. [Read more...](#)



*** SKILLS ON SATURDAY *** Starting the new year with a fresh view. As you know, I write a lot about staying upright because I think crashing shouldn't be a necessary part of riding experience. In a perfect world, none of us would crash. [Read more...](#)



*** ELEVENSES *** Eleveneses 202 Mon 3 Jan in today's show... part two of my look back at 2021 - the serious, the funny, the absurd and the just plain weird stories that caught my eye over the last twelve months... plus a quick look forward to 2022... [Watch here...](#)



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



It's New Year's Eve so this is simply a reminder to leave those keys at home tonight if you plan to enjoy an alcoholic drink 🍺❌🍷 #NoneForTheRoad

IAM RoadSmart has calculated the true cost of your beer or glass of wine should it take you over the drink drive limit.

<https://www.iamroadsmart.com/.../end-customer.../drinkdrive>

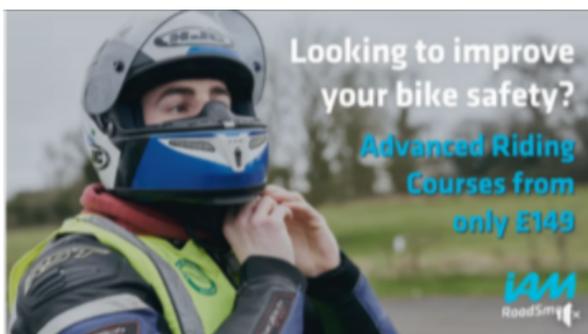
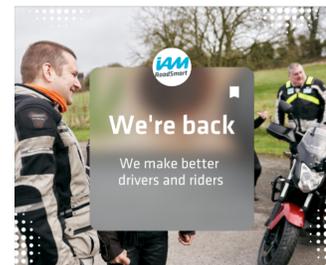


Happy New Year from everyone at IAM RoadSmart! 🎆

We're back and ready to take your calls and emails!

📞 Office hours are 08:30 - 18:00 Monday - Friday 🏍️

📄 <https://www.iamroadsmart.com/>



Want to become a better rider? Our Advanced Riding Course can help. The roads can be a dangerous place, even for the most alert and cautious riders. While you can never be 100% safe, becoming an advanced rider will equip you with the skills to correctly

anticipate, and plan for, the hazards you encounter on your rides. Find out more at:

<https://www.iamroadsmart.com/courses/advanced-rider>

SAM members have you got some news to share? Send it to sam-editor@iam-sheffield.bike and share it with all your SAM Club friends...

Take care and ride 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: **TBA**
- Next SAM Club Night: **TBA**
- Autumn Breakfast Meet: October 2021 - details to follow.
- 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.
- 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. 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](#).

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.