



SAM Weekly Newsletter - 11th February 2022

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

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SAM Spring Breakfast is here!!!

9.30am - 11am 26th March 2022

SAM Members and guests, everyone welcome

43
Days

22
Hours

42
Minutes

2
Seconds

[BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!!](#)

No great events this week, just frosty mornings, later starting for rides, heated grips and cautious riding. We now have the booking form, for the **[SAM Spring Breakfast](#)**, on the SAM website. Sign up so that we can ensure there will be enough food!! Photos have started to arrive for the SAM Annual Photo Competition, so I hope that yours are on their way. It's easy to upload and quite a bit of fun anticipating who will win. Last year Andy Frith put his framed winning photo in the garage - right next to his bike! SAM Club Nights got off the a slow start with a few very keen members turning up to chat, put the world to rights, learn about club events and have a really good laugh. We are hoping to have more speakers at SAM Club Nights, so if you know of any interesting orators just send an email to sam-editor@iam-sheffield.bike.

In your newsletter this week Highways England avoided manslaughter charges over deaths on so-called 'Smart motorways'. South Yorkshire is still the test-bed to see what can be changed. UK track days return at Oulton Park, so you can have lots of fun going around the same piece of tarmac as fast as you can safely tolerate. Mo'cycle airbag jeans extend protection to a rider's lower body. SAM member, Steve Grundy and Astro JJR BSB are going to race in the Quatro Plant Supersport Championship.

Give them your support when you go to the next BSB meeting. The latest research into the hazards faced by motorcyclists is that we are "...often seen but not remembered." Overwhelmed by the amount of information needed to drive a vehicle, motorists initially see us and then forget we are there. Yes, bikers and motorists see the world and its hazards differently. More research, in East Lothian this time, shows that motorists are beginning to heed the requirement to give cyclists a wide berth. In more good news, Greater Manchester's Clean Air Zone has been put on hold. Seeing thousands of businesses going out of business would have too much impact on the city's economy. Lastly, there have been lots of myths, about the changes to the Highway Code, circulating on all the popular public media, so Cycling UK put together a myth-busting article. Many thanks to SAM member Kevin Boot for sending this to us for sharing. As we pointed out in last week's SAM newsletter, it has always been the legal position that **"Everyone has an equal right to use the road...and...should do so in a safe, considerate and responsible manner."** If everyone remembers that life on the road will be very pleasant indeed.

Whilst you are all out and about, have some fun, just 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.

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 stay healthy and ride safely.

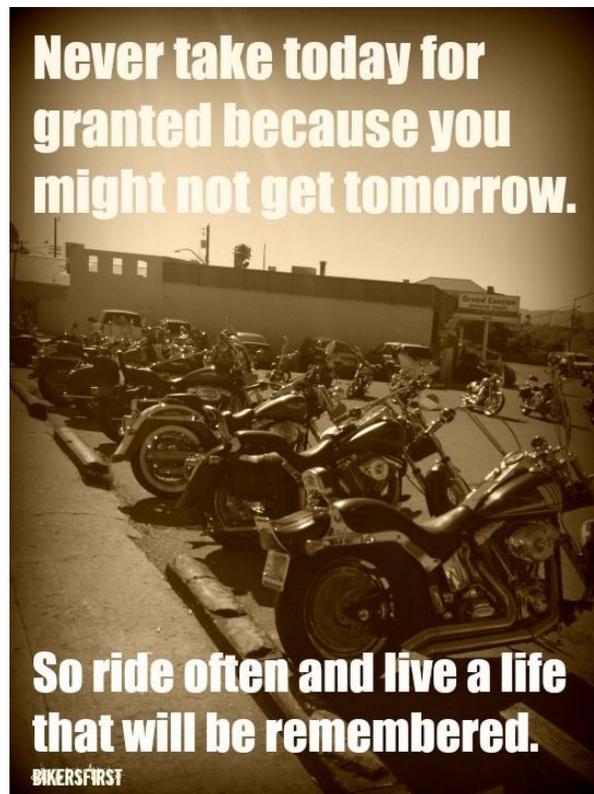
Being a member of the SAM Club

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
Editor & webmaster
Sheffield Advanced Motorcyclists



Highways England avoids manslaughter charges over South Yorkshire 'smart motorway' deaths. Bosses in charge of England's roads will not face charges over the deaths of three people on a stretch of so-called smart motorway in South Yorkshire. South Yorkshire Police launched an investigation into possible corporate manslaughter charges against Highways England in relation to one incident which claimed the lives of Jason Mercer and Alexandru Murgeanu and a separate crash which killed Nargis Begum. [Read more...](#)

UK Trackdays return this month. After a long winter lay-off, UK trackdays will return to a number of iconic circuits in February. The first dates are being run by well-established firm [No Limits Trackdays](#), who will



kick the season off at Oulton Park on Saturday, February 19 for £109 per person. Although the firm have also run European events across the colder months at tracks like Cartagena, this first date is already proving popular with only Lower Group spaces available without a waiting list at the time of writing. [Read more...](#)



MOTORCYCLE AIRBAG JEANS SET TO LAUNCH THIS YEAR.

Extending the protection offered when riding your motorcycle, Mo'cycle Airbag Jeans help to protect your upper legs in a crash. MOTORCYCLE airbag

protection has been around for a

number of years now, with widespread use in high-level motorcycle racing becoming the norm in the early 2000s. Surprisingly though, the technology has been around much longer than that, with a Hungarian inventor called Tamas Straub first dabbling with the idea in the 1970s. [Read more...](#)

Support SAM member Steve Grundy and the Astro JJR BSB assault 2022. Once again, I have been persuaded to help Astro JJR in the up-and-coming BSB season. We will have a similar set as last year with the crew but are heading an exciting new direction.



This year we are entering the Quatro Plant British Supersport Championship as the official factory supported Triumph team. We are now rebranded as Astro JJR Triumph and will be running the ST765RS Street Triple. The Standard bike will be rebuilt by us as the 765RS Daytona with full race bodywork, at this time Triumph do not actually manufacture a race bike so there's plenty of work to be done prior to our 1st test in March. [Read more...](#)



Safety First: "Motorcyclists Are Often Seen But Not Remembered" A report from The Daily Echo has the low-down on what causes accidents when motorcycles are involved – and believe it or not, the phrase "I just didn't see them officer" may be more true than you think.

PhD Researcher Shel Silva, is the mastermind behind a project in partnership with Bournemouth University and Dorset-based DocBike. In the project, all parties set out to do some top-notch work in the area of collisions and injury prevention – and when it came to statistics on road vision, they found different motorists were seeing different things. [Read more...](#)

Drivers passing dangerously close to cyclists nearly halved in East Lothian pilot project. The number of drivers passing dangerously close to cyclists has been almost halved in a trial of new road signs in East Lothian, The Scotsman has



learned. The results follow changes to the Highway Code that include motorists being advised to leave at least 1.5m when overtaking riders at up to 30mph, and more at higher speeds. Read more...



Major car tax changes delayed after months of criticism - 'it was going to ruin people' Greater Manchester's Clean Air Zone has officially been put on hold amid growing fears it could negatively impact

thousands of businesses, drivers and jobs. The charging scheme was meant to begin charging on May 30, but after meetings between Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the Government, this had been paused. Read more...

Highway Code myths and misinformation. Highway Code changes, what's fact and fiction? What's the media misreporting, and how do we rebut this? Cycling UK's head of campaigns, Duncan Dollimore busts some of the myths. The line that a lie can travel halfway round the world before the truth puts on its shoes could have been crafted with the Highway Code changes in mind. The reporting on these changes should leave some journalists hanging their heads in shame. [Read more...](#)



*(Many thanks to **Kevin Boot** (SAM member) for sending this in for us to share.)*



MUCH APPRECIATED | TOP 10 MOTORCYCLES OF YESTERDAY THAT ARE CLASSICS TODAY.

Buying a motorcycle can be more than a mere pleasure purchase - choose correctly today and you could be investing in a little

earner in the future... With the arrival of stunning new bikes like the Aprilia RS 660 and BMW's M 1000 RR homologation special already being touted today as potential 'future classics', not to mention to upcoming revived Triumph Trident mid-range roadster, it got us thinking about those models which could be investments for the future. [Read more...](#)

It feels as though 2022's the year when the electric motorbike finally hits the big time, zipping out into the UK's urban arteries, motorways, B-roads and dirt tracks with a huge catalogue of machines to tickle every fancy. Battery technology has advanced to a point where it can easily give 100-mile ranges with performance to make petrol-powered two-wheelers shudder at the thought of a cheeky traffic light grand prix. But we're also seeing a new wave of affordable and approachable electric machines that offer exciting emission-free alternatives to cluttered and germ-filled public transport. [Read more...](#)



10 electric motorbikes to look forward to in 2022



Sheffield Council: city's roads will 'no longer get speed humps because they're too expensive'. Sheffield roads will no longer get speed humps because the council says they are too expensive.

The council is rolling out a 20mph scheme in Crosspool but there won't be any physical traffic calming measures, just signs on lamp posts. The council has not revealed the cost of speed humps but has blamed cuts from central government for not being able to afford them. [Read more...](#)

The Girl On A Bike is with Harley-Davidson and Honda Motorcycles. Life isn't a textbook. Add angled terrain, rocks, mud and exhaustion, and then add a reconstructed hip and shoulder... Up is up. Protect your back but know there are always many ways to pick up a bike...you do what works for you, for the situation and the bike #upisup It is well worth a practice in easy conditions though. Anyone else found themselves giving it all they've got to recover a bike? Watch as Vanessa Ruck shows us how to lift a GS! #PanAmerica #africatwin #drop #recovery #findyourway #advlife #vtwin #harley #girlpower #strongwomen #thegirlonabike



THE INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE Show
- 2022 -
STAFFORD COUNTY, SHOWGROUND ST18 0BD
APRIL 23-24 2022
GATES OPEN 9.30AM
TICKETS ARE £14.50 in advance
VISIT CLASSICMAGAZINES.CO.UK TO BUY YOUR TICKETS
STAFFORDCLASSICBIKESHOWS.COM

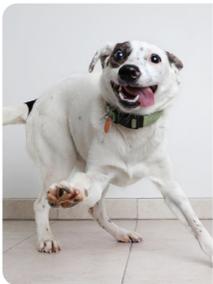
Stafford Classic Bike Show IS BACK for 2022 and boy...do we have some exciting plans for you! Since its early days, the core of the event has always been about providing the best

experience for the classic motorcyclist, which is still the ethos for the show today. The show has seen many a change over the years, and we're always looking for new and exciting things to offer our visitors the very best, all in one place. Keep an eye out for more information! Visit www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com

"Difficult roads
often lead to
beautiful
destinations."

South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership

Drivers who rush
when they're
10 minutes late for
their shift



Drivers who stay
in control and
watch their speed



SPEEDING FACTS:

👉 Speed is one of the main factors in fatal road accidents.

👉 Fatal accidents are 4 times as likely on rural 'A' roads as urban 'A' roads.

👉 The speed limit is the absolute maximum and it doesn't mean it's safe to drive at this speed in all conditions.

Do the Dutch Reach - How to Open Your Car Door Safely. So you think you can dance? So you think you can dance and keep cyclists safer? #barnsley #doncaster #rotherham #sheffield





The Highway Code has changed. You now should give people crossing, or waiting to cross, and cycling straight ahead priority when turning in and out of junctions. Check the changes, let's keep each other safe.

<https://sysrp.co.uk/news/codechanges>
[#HighwayCode](#)

Always wait for the green man! You never know what's coming! [#safetyfirst](#) [#road](#) [#walking](#)
[#wednesdaywisdom](#)



MFW a car suddenly pulls onto the road as I'm driving down my street

MFW I have time to stop because I wasn't speeding



Did you know (we're sure you do)...a speed limit of 30 miles per hour applies to all single and dual carriageways with street lights, unless there are signs showing otherwise?

For more info@
<https://sysrp.co.uk/speed>

NEW DRIVERS... If you get six or more points within two years of passing your test your driving licence will be revoked. If you get caught using your phone while driving you can get a maximum of six penalty points.

Find out more:

<https://sysrp.co.uk/mobiles>

#noexcuse South Yorkshire Police

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**New driver?
In the car...put
your phone
away!**

#NOEXCUSE



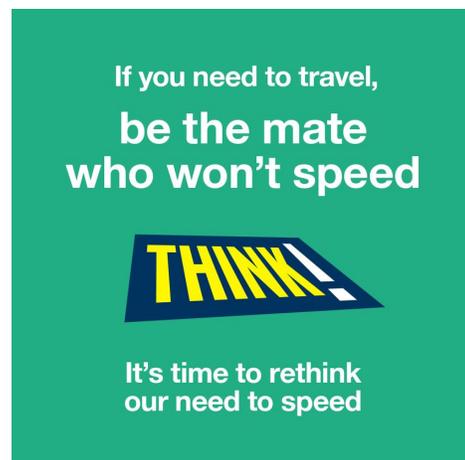
The Highway Code has changed.

When driving, you should now pass horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles at speeds under 10 mph and allow at least 2 metres of space. Check the changes, let's keep each other safe.

<https://sysrp.co.uk/news/codechanges> #HighwayCode

THINK Road Safety speed campaign encourages young drivers to 'Be the mate who won't speed', to keep themselves and others safe and reduce pressure on vital services.

It challenges common reasons for speeding – being in a hurry, driving on familiar roads & fewer vehicles on the road.



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



Drivers will face tougher rules for using mobile phones. Expected to come into effect by 25th March, drivers in England, Scotland and Wales will not be allowed to take photos or videos, scroll through playlists or access apps on their phones when driving.

[#SafeDriving](#) [#RoadSafety](#)

[#MobilePhones](#) [#DrivingLaw](#)

A new report by The Law Commission for England and Wales and the Scottish Law Commission say manufacturers should be held responsible if an autonomous car has an accident. Meaning human drivers should not be legally accountable for road safety if they are behind a wheel of an autonomous vehicle.

Comment your views below.

[#RoadSafety](#) [#AutonomousCars](#)



Collision risk is highest immediately after gaining a licence, especially when young people are driving and riding independently for the first time. So why not treat your precious loved ones with an Advanced Driving Course or Young Driver Assessment to improve their anticipation, observation and awareness. [#RoadSafety](#) [#YoungDrivers](#) [#DriverAssessment](#)

[#AdvancedDriving](#)

With winter potentially coming to an end and the first day of spring only a matter of weeks away, we ponder a question to you. Did you change to winter tyres over the colder months? Comment your answer below.

[#RoadSafety](#) [#WinterTyres](#)



On average, it takes around 1 hour for your body to break down 1 unit of alcohol. However, this can vary based on your weight, age, how well your liver functions, etc. Know the ins and outs of alcohol and

how much 1 drink can cost YOU!

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

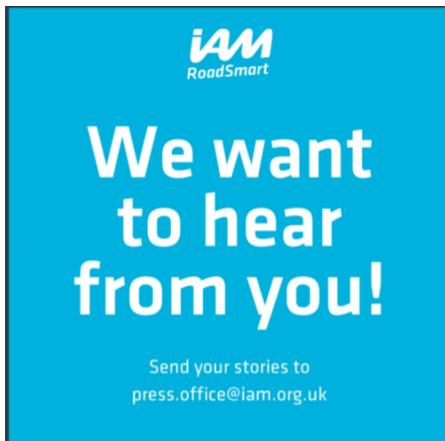
[#NoneForTheRoad](#)

Did you know that travelling 1mph over the speed limit increases the risk of a crash by 5%?

[#KillYourSpeed](#) [#RoadSafety](#)

[#SpeedAwareness](#)





Have you got a driving or riding story about a special mum, stepmother, grandmother, or just an incredible woman in your life? We're looking to feature them in an upcoming Mother's Day blog. Submit your stories to press.office@iam.org.uk today ❤️

#RoadSafety #MothersDay

In the run up to Valentine's Day, discover your love for driving or riding with our 'Roads to Romance' - five unique road trips that showcase some of the best landscapes in the UK. Click below to find out more and download all the information you need to embark on the trips yourself. <https://iamroadsmart.net/3B4O1Iy>



Road to Romance 1/5: The Isle of Arran. Today's road trip around the Isle of Arran showcases the desolate beauty of the highlands on a scale that you can experience in only a couple of days. Fancy taking the trip

yourself? Click below to view our custom map and download an information pack. <https://iamroadsmart.net/3GFqa3o>

IAM RoadSmart appoints new interim CEO

IAM RoadSmart has appointed Antony Kildare as its interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO), taking over from 9th February 2022. He will lead the organisation, which has around 85,000 members, into a new phase of its strategic direction and growth. [Read more...](#)



Potholes more than just a bump in the road for UK motorists

IAM RoadSmart has revealed that motorists still see potholes as the biggest safety issue on Britain's roads even compared to speeding, road rage, congestion or drink and drug driving.

Sharing the roads with cyclists.

As part of changes to The Highway Code, introduced on 29th January 2022, drivers of vehicles that can cause the greatest harm in the event of a collision now bear the greatest



responsibility. This new hierarchy of road users sees cyclists ranked second alongside horse riders, so IAM RoadSmart is on hand to offer expert advice on how best to share the road with cyclists – whilst keeping yourself and others safe.



Looking to improve
your bike safety?

Advanced Riding
Courses from
only £149

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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...

Stay healthy and ride safe

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

Charity no. 1089671 IAM Group no. 4152



Saturday Meetings - talking, learning, riding, eating, repeat!

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: **23rd February 2022**
- Next SAM Club Night: **7th March 2022**
- Spring Breakfast Meet: **26th March 2022. 9.30am - 11am**
The Moorlands, Baslow Rd, Oowler Bar, Sheffield S17 3BQ, UK
- 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](#).
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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.