



SAM Weekly Newsletter - 11th March 2022

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

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Editorial

SAM Spring Breakfast is here!!!

9.30am - 11am 26th March 2022

SAM Members and guests, everyone welcome

17
Days

22
Hours

54
Minutes

43
Seconds

26th March 2022. 9.30am - 11am The Moorlands, Baslow Rd, Owlter Bar, Sheffield S17 3BQ, UK

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!!

The SAM Spring Breakfast and closing date for the SAM Annual Photo Competition are getting closer, so get booked and send in your entries now. The next SAM Club Night meeting is on the 4th April 2022. It will be the Annual General Meeting - with FOOD! - so come along and sample Julie's delightful spread.

Understandably, there has been limited attendance at the last two SAM Club Night meetings, but the AGM is important, so make an effort to come along to shape the future of your club.

In this week's newsletter, you can read about how your dash cam footage can help to make our roads safer for everyone. There is some timely advice from the Mental Health Motorbike charity on 'Getting Bike Fit'. What are your rights if someone parks across your driveway? Recent research suggests that 9 out of 10 road users support the use of safety cameras. There is a new FXS Supermoto electric bike from Zero that is 46bhp and getting into serious biking territory. We've also found a serious electric trike manufacturer that is producing some seriously useful vehicles. Visordown has put together the 'Ultimate Motorcycling Bucket List', so you can start planning some great riding adventures this Summer. Don't forget that our intrepid adventurer (read

completely mad fool), Steve Bennett, is raising money for Cancer Research with an epic 24-hour bike ride on a 14-year-old Piaggio MP3 400. There is plenty more to read this week, so enjoy and share.

SAM ANNUAL PHOTO COMPETITION 2022

Closing date for entries is 12mn 27th March 2022



Counting Down!!

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

SAM Social Media News



Welcome to the GET BIKE FIT programme. This programme has been designed by Mental Health Motorbike team member Martin Smith with unique and original drawings from Weebles World. It features Weeble and Dog and aims to get you fit, ready for getting back out onto your bike safely. Remember to read the instructions first and read the legal bits. Please avoid doing this

if you are medically unwell. Enjoy and we look forward to seeing you fit back into your leathers in a few weeks. Send us your stories... [Read more...](#)

The next **SAM CLUB NIGHT** is the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. We warmly invite ALL SAM Club members to help shape the future of your club. Oh yes, there will be food! So, come along, elect the SAM Committee and talk about what you want from your club in the next 12 months.



4th April 2022 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
(the AGM will start at 8pm)

Treeton Miners Welfare, Arundel St, Treeton,
Rotherham S60 5PW, UK



UK Police want your dash cam footage. A SAM member's experience.

"Ref: Your recently submitted dash cam footage

Thank you for your recent submission of dashcam/helmet cam. Every submission works towards making the roads of Nottinghamshire (editor's note: and the rest of the UK) safer, and therefore reducing the number of those who may be killed or injured on our roads.

Due to data protection and GDPR, we are unable to tell you the specific action we are undertaking, but the outcome for the driver will be one of the four options listed below, dependent on the evidence that has been submitted. Those are:

- *Sending a 'Close Pass' warning letter*
- *Offering a Driver Education Course*
- *Offering a Conditional Offer (fine and points)*
- *Prosecuting through the Courts*

If you are a cyclist or a horse rider or other vulnerable road user, a close pass warning letter will only be issued where the footage would not be sufficient to support a prosecution. Where a substantive offence, such as dangerous driving, driving without due care is apparent, then this will be pursued and a warning letter will not be issued.

The Nottinghamshire Safety Camera Partnership will continue to process this offence and if you are required to give evidence in court you will be contacted in due course. As such can ask you to keep the original for six months in the event that it is required in court.

Please note that we cannot enter into any discussion on the specific outcome unless you are required to court as a witness.

Thank you

Nottinghamshire Safety Camera Partnership."

This response shows that each road user can help to make our roads safer by sending, online, video footage of poor behaviour by other road users. **Let's make our roads safer for everyone.**



What to do if someone parks in front of your driveway - New Highway Code code changes. NEW Highway Code rules came into effect on January 29 and there's some updated information about parking.

Here's what to do if someone parks in front of your driveway. After a long day at work, the last thing you want to return home to is a car blocking your driveway.

If you're uncomfortable with confrontation or don't know the vehicle's owner, it can be tricky to resolve an issue like this. Don't worry, here's what the Highway Code says about the frustrating inconvenience. [Read more...](#)

9 in 10 support use of safety cameras, claims road charity. Research conducted by the UK's largest independent road safety charity, IAM RoadSmart, claims that the overwhelming majority of UK motorists support the use of safety camera technology to check for insurance, MOT and road tax offences.



Indeed, IAM RoadSmart's annual Safety Culture Report, which gauges drivers' attitudes to key road safety issues over time, revealed that nearly 9 in 10 (89%) of over 2,000 motorists surveyed supported the idea of safety cameras being used to spot those who decide to flout the rules and drive illegally on public roads without the required documentation. [Read more...](#)



Zero has replaced its popular FXS supermoto model with the completely restyled 2021 FXE. The new bike was designed as a collaboration between Zero's in-house engineering team and Bill

Webb of Huge Design—a San Francisco industrial design studio that usually works with Silicon Valley tech giants. The FXE carries over the much-loved FXS chassis, battery, and motor, making it

one of the lightest proper EV bikes at a claimed 135kg. Top speed is limited to 85mph in the interest of battery life, but with 46bhp and 78lbft of torque, there's great fun on tap. Our test was limited to about an hour on the new bike—which is about all the time it takes to drain its battery if you're riding aggressively. [Read more...](#)

THE ULTIMATE MOTORCYCLING BUCKET LIST.. AND HOW TO EXPERIENCE THEM. If motorcycling is all about letting yourself go and enjoying the moment, then make sure you have ticked off all of



these before your 'time' comes. There are motorcycles you want to own, bikes you want to travel on and use and then there are some bikes you maybe want to experience, just once. These are the 'Bucket list bikes' – the machines that may be impractical or undesirable to own but which also undeniably deliver a unique experience, a thrill like nothing else or maybe a sensation you simply can't afford to own but which still deserve to be sampled once. [Read more...](#)



The Highway Code 'sat-nav' blunders that could land you with a £1,000 fine. There are several rules on the obstruction of windscreens and mobile phone use that could see motorists fall foul of the

law. Drivers could be slapped with fines of up to £1,000 and even be banned from driving if they're caught making any of these common sat-nav mistakes. This is because using the equipment

incorrectly can fall under dangerous driving, putting both you and others at risk. [Read more...](#)

New York: No More Bike Licenses for Three-Wheels with New Lupardo-Kennedy Autocycle Bill. A new legislation signed by Governor Kathy Hochul has just given all New Yorkers the ability to drive without a



motorcycle license – provided, of course, that the machines in question are the three-wheeled kind from local brand Arcimoto Fun Utility Vehicles. [Read more...](#)

Steve's 3 wheel mad 24 hour dash from Lands End to John O'Groats. Well, March is coming and it seems that this 'mad biker' is about to show just how crazy a biker can be. Riding a 14-year-old Piaggio MP3 400, SAM member Steve is taking on the challenge of riding from Lands End to John O'Groats. Steve, a widower, is doing this epic quest in memory of his wife Samantha who died of leukemia. He hopes to raise £300, but can we be a bit more generous and help this champion raise more funds for a brilliant worthy cause? [To donate go here...](#)



BikeSafe 2022 season launch – workshops now available. Join us! We are happy to announce the start of the BikeSafe season, we have been provided by most police forces across the UK dates for an early start in March for the 2022 season! We want



riders to start their season skilled and safe by attending a BikeSafe workshop and by doing this you can extend your skill set and expand your knowledge. Where else can you get a full day of advanced motorcycle skills input for just £65? March Availability: Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Metropolitan (London), Hertfordshire, Merseyside, Devon & Cornwall, Leicestershire, Northern Ireland (PSNI). 90 SPACES AVAILABLE [Read more...](#)

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

**You're A Biker When You Ride
A Motorcycle Not So The
World Can See You..
But So You Can See The World.**



South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership



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>

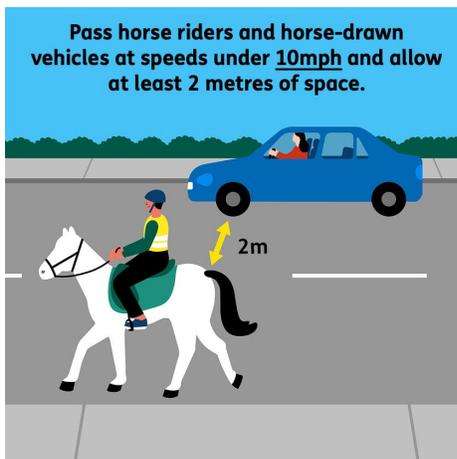
[#HighwayCode](#)

Changes to the #highwaycode:

"Two people cycling can ride two abreast and it can be safer for them to do so." Find out more:

<https://sysrp.co.uk/Highway-Code>

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[#sheffield](#)



The Highway Code has been changed to improve safety for people walking, cycling and horse riding.

Pass horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles at speeds under 10 mph and allow at least 2 metres of space.

Make sure you're up to date.

[#HighwayCode](#)

If your bike gear has 'shrunk' over the winter, (cough, cough), 😊 then [Mental Health Motorbike](#) have a few tips to get back [#bikefit](#) ready for the better weather. 👍 Have you seen our 'Get bike fit' campaign ? It's perfect for shaping you up for riding in the better weather, especially if you've had a few months off...



The programme has been designed by Mental Health Motorbike team member Martin Smith with unique and original drawings from Weebles World. What a team!!

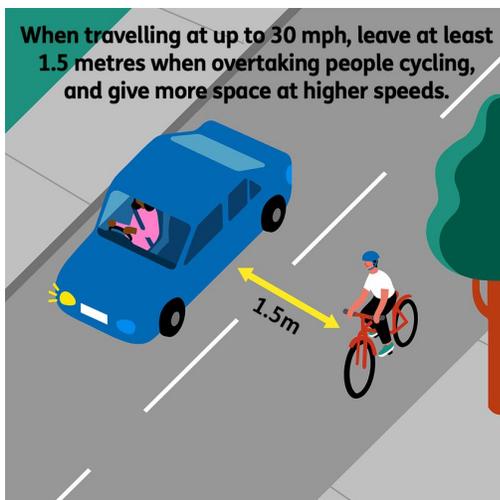
It features Weeble and Dog and aims to get you fit, ready for getting back out onto your bike safely.

Please don't do anything you are medically unable to do though 😊

If in any doubt - check with your Doctor

You can find the programme on the link below and would love you to send us your stories about your experiences with it!

<https://mhmotorbike.com/bikefit/> [#BikeFit](#) [#Motorcycles](#) [#MentalHealthMotorbike](#)



The [#HighwayCode](#) has changed.

When travelling at up to 30 mph, leave at least 1.5 metres when overtaking people cycling, and give more space at higher speeds.

<https://sysrp.co.uk/Highway-Code>
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People may cycle in the centre of their lane in certain situations, allowing others to overtake when safe to do so.

Want to know more about the recent [#highwaycode](#) changes?

<https://sysrp.co.uk/Highway-Code>

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Good morning and happy [#monday](#) to all our followers.

Don't forget to buckle up when you head out today:

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

[#barnsley](#) [#doncaster](#) [#sheffield](#)
[#rotherham](#) [#beltup](#) 😊 👍

It's [#tuesday!](#) What are you up to?

Wherever you are heading please stick to the speed limit:

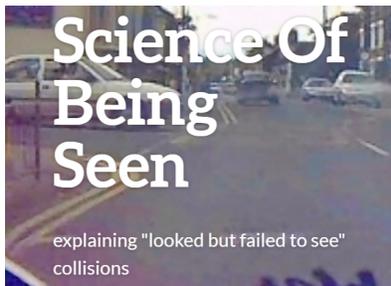
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[#tuesdaymotivations](#)

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Kevin Williams

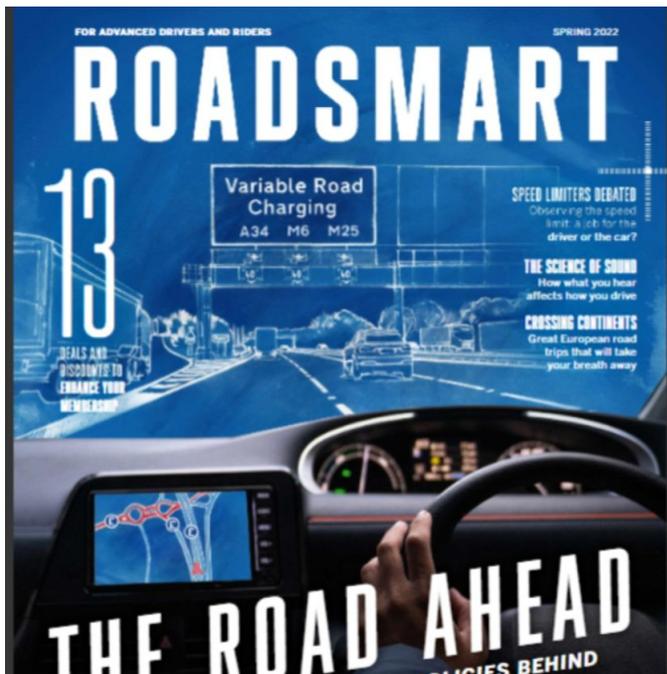


For many years road safety experts, police and motorcyclists have known that the most common collision between a motorcycle and another vehicle happens when the motorcyclist has right-of-way and another driver turns into the rider's path. All the way back in 1977, US researcher

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...](#) Also, see all Kevin's posts at ko-fi.com/survivalskills.

IAM RoadSmart News



Have you received the latest issue of IAM RoadSmart's magazine? Inside you'll find an exclusive interview with Mental Health Motorbike, a chance to understand the impact noise can have on your concentration and awareness of the road, and much more.

Share your favourite article below!

Ten days to go until Scotland's biggest and best motorcycle show opens its doors for 2022. You can find us on stand H326, where you can get 20% off our Advanced Rider Course for the duration of the show only! If you are already an Advanced Rider, come and chat with the team, share stories and meet other like-minded riders! 🏍️

Get your ticket for the Scottish motorcycle show today by visiting

<https://thescottishmotorcycleshow.com/>



Got a story to tell?

We'd love to hear it.

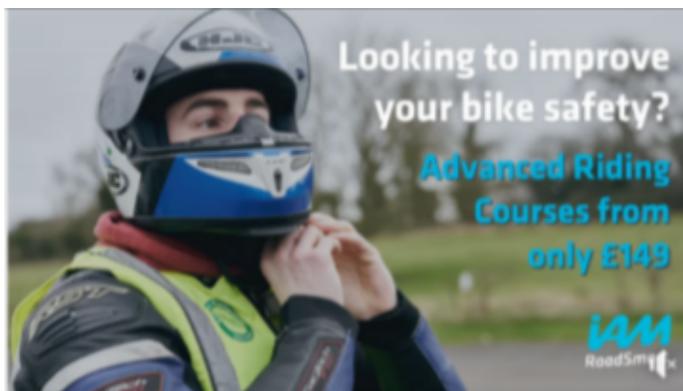
We want to hear from you! 🗣️ Are you an IAM RoadSmart member who would like to share your story with us? It might be about an incredible adventure you've taken to how you've used your advanced driving or riding skills to enhance your life; the list is endless.

Get in touch by emailing press.office@iam.org.uk with your story and photographs, and we'll do our best to share them all on our website and on social media 📷 You can read more member stories here:

<https://www.iamroadsmart.com/media-policy/news-and-insights>

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



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 March 2022**
- Next SAM Club Night: **4th April 2022 - Annual General Meeting - there's FOOD!**
- 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.