



SAM Weekly Newsletter - 13th May 2022

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

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Editorial

Haven't we enjoyed some better weather this week? I've managed to get a few more miles on the Piaggio and aim to get to 600 miles by the end of next week. This will take the bike to its first service, then Janis and I are looking at places to ride.

Did you know that the SAM Club has its own [merchandise page](#) on the website? No, well you can find out all about the arrangement to produce SAM Club logoed gear in this week's newsletter. You can show your support for YOUR club and also a local small business, by buying your caps and clothing from APrint Ltd in Rotherham.

My pet hobby horse, e-scooters, is back in the news again, with a petition for more UK Regulations, from Guide Dogs for the Blind. You see, unregulated e-scooters are causing blind and partially sighted people a lot of problems. Read the petition for yourself and decide if you want to support people with a disability in our communities.

The bike thieves have been active again. South Yorkshire Police are asking for your help in catching a couple of local scroats. When you are out and about, keep your eyes peeled for those often helmetless riders. If they are taking our bikes they are probably involved in more law breaking too.

The heatwave in India is causing an unexpected problem. Electric scooters are suddenly bursting into flames and badly injuring people. Climate change is causing a lot of problems, but setting fire to part of the possible solution isn't going to help at all. Until next week, stay healthy and ride safe.

[Steve Bennett is still taking donations](#) for his 24-hour charity ride from Land's End to John O'Groats on the 21st of June. Finally, as if we haven't endured enough with persistent COVID, there are quite a few SAM Club members who are having a difficult time with some serious health problems. Everyone in your Club sends you the very best wishes at this difficult time in life. Stay in touch to share more stories about bikes, bikers and biking.

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.

A special request to SAM members from Fiona Newton:

I know it was a big ask to send Fiona's, partner of Mike Heaney (deceased), request to ride pillion. Unsurprisingly, we haven't had any volunteers. We've invited Fiona to Meadowhall and the SAM Club night. We are sure that you will make her welcome and she is keen to meet other SAM members that used to ride out with Mike. Thank you.



Mike Heaney & Fiona Newton

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.

Associates: SAM's highly trained, dedicated, self-funding, volunteer Observers, meet all their own expenditure in providing your training. When you go out on observed rides with your Observer, we are asking you to donate £10 to offset a little of their considerable expenditure when helping you to become an advanced motorcycle rider. 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
Volunteer Newsletter & Website Support, Sheffield Advanced
Motorcyclists

SAM Social Media News



Club Merchandise

“YOU can proudly support YOUR Club”



Clothing can be ordered online direct from:

[APRINT LTD](#)

138 Morthern Road

Wickersley

Rotherham

S66 1EA

Telephone: 01709 709977

Fax: 01709 709987

Baseball Cap One size fits all <i>VERY SMART</i>	Polo Shirt Male & Female fittings <i>GREAT VALUE</i>	T-Shirt Male & Female fittings <i>BARGAIN</i>	SAM Badge One size fits all
£ 7 ⁰⁰	£ 15 ⁰⁰	£ 12 ⁰⁰	£ 3 ⁰⁰
✓ order direct from APrint	✓ order direct from APrint	✓ order direct from APrint	✓ Contact Membership Secretary





Sign to help regulate e-scooters →

Keep our pavements safe for everyone If you agree that pavements are for people - not dangerous e-scooters - then please sign our petition today. It asks the Prime Minister to make sure people with sight loss don't have to deal with the dangers of e-scooters if they are introduced. The petition says: [Sign here...](#)

DO YOU RECOGNISE THESE MOTORBIKE THIEVES. Appeal after motorbike stolen from Handsworth. Do you recognise them? Any information please contact South Yorkshire Police on 101. This is the crime ref number:

SYP-20220508-0024



Motorcycles are SO useful.
Livestock transport included!



Exploding e-scooters kill four as heatwave damages batteries. There have been near daily reports of electric scooters catching fire across India amid record-breaking temperatures. At least four Indians have died since



March after their electric scooters caught fire, with record-breaking temperatures caused by climate change now feared to be behind the deadly blazes. [Read more...](#)



SAM Club Saturday Meetings

So much fun meeting up 9am every Saturday



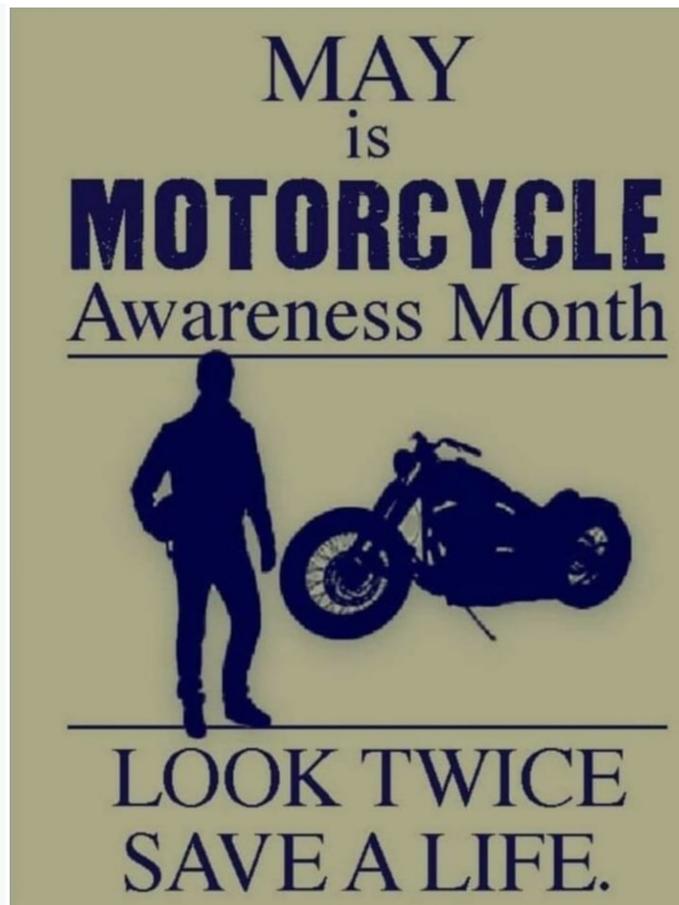
SAM CLUB NIGHT: We warmly invite ALL SAM Club members, their family and friends to our monthly meeting. **6th June 2022 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm (meeting starts at 8pm)** [Treeton Miners Welfare,](#)

[Arundel St, Treeton, Rotherham S60 5PW, UK](#)



Steve's 3 wheel mad 24 hour dash from Lands End to John O'Groats. Well, it's getting closer for this 'mad biker' 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...](#)



South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership



YOUNG DRIVERS: GET AHEAD OF THE GAME... First Car magazine contains a wealth of information and top tips ranging from how to find cheap car insurance, the best new cars for young drivers, buying a used car to telematics and more.

You can download your own on-line version **HERE** 🙌🙌🙌

<https://sysrp.co.uk/young-drivers>

[#LEARNER](#) [#newdriver](#) [#newcar](#) [#firstcar](#) [#wednesdaymood](#) [#barnsley](#) [#doncaster](#) [#rotherham](#) [#drivingtest](#)

Did you know National Highways has road safety videos in British Sign Language? [#DeafAwareness](#)
Doncaster Deaf Trust School BSL - British Sign Language



Good morning - how are you?

Check out our webpage dedicated to learner and new drivers.

Let us help you get towards that all-important milestone:

<https://sysrp.co.uk/Drivers-and-Passengers> [#learner](#) [#theorytest](#) [#firstcar](#) [#barnsleyisbrill](#) [#doncasterisgreat](#) [#sheffieldisuper](#) [#rotherhamiswonderful](#)

Do you want help applying for your provisional licence?

<https://sysrp.co.uk/learner-drivers>

#barnsley #doncaster #rotherham #sheffield



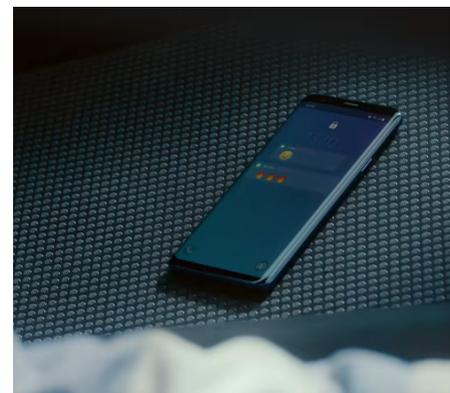
NEWS: SUPPORT FOR NEW AND YOUNG RIDERS. Good morning and happy #friday South Yorkshire. We are proud to be supporting a new one-stop-shop to support new and young riders:

<https://sysrp.co.uk/News/riderhub>

New Rider Hub SYP Operational

Support South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue #FridayFeeling #rider #motorcycle #CBT #training

THINK Road Safety The group chat can wait, keep those #HandsOffThePhone and on the wheel.



Getting ready for your first driving lesson? Before getting behind the wheel become familiar with the highway code. This will help you understand what the rules of the road are. Get a good night's sleep before your lessons. Wear the right footwear - a

comfortable pair of shoes can make all the difference. Avoid heels or heavy boots. Something thin, narrow will help you get the feel for the pedals and the pressure you need to put on them.

[#drivingshoes](#) [#sleep](#) [#HighwayCode](#)

In 2020, 522 17-24-year-olds were injured in a collision on South Yorkshire's roads.

Find out what work we are doing to try and prevent this:

Year	2019	2020
0-16	384 ▼	336
KSI	126 ▼	96
17-24	594 ▼	522
KSI	175 ▼	121
25-59	1,721 ▼	1,429
KSI	481 ▼	347
60+	436 ▼	296
KSI	178 ▼	104

<https://sysrp.co.uk/.../South-Yorkshire-Road-Casualty...>



[#BOLT](#) - With the better riding weather, then you tend to clock-up the miles, so the need to carry out regular checks is even more important. As a new rider do you do your BOLT checks before every ride?

Brakes-Oil-Lights-Tyres 🏍️ 🏏️



#BOLT - Preparing for your CBT, then check out our link to FREE access to the DVSA pre-CBT e-learning modules. Don't just ride, be the best you can be! 🧐🕶️

#RideFreeSY #thinkbike #bethebest

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



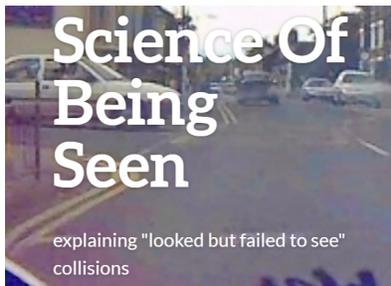
#BOLT - Do you check your bike on a regular basis? Take a look at our YouTube series and learn the basics. No specialist tools, hi-tech garage, or baffling jargon, just no-nonsense advice. 🛵🏍️🕶️👍



Someone needs to tell this egg head that driving tired can be just as bad as driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Take regular breaks on long journeys. Don't drive tired. Let's make South Yorkshire Roads Safer.

Find out more at: sysrp.co.uk #MakingRoadsSafer #SouthYorkshire

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



We need you! 🗣️ We're looking to shine a light on the incredible work that our volunteers carry out in their local communities across the country, and who make a significant contribution towards improving road safety.

If you have a volunteer you'd like to nominate as part of our upcoming campaign then please email us at press.office@iam.org.uk, and don't forget to send a photograph (or two!), along with a description about them and the work they've done to improve road safety. [#VolunteersWeek](#).

"In the last 24 hours I started my IAM RoadSmart Advanced Rider Course and it's surprising to me just how much I've been reflecting in that time. " Paul Oxborough, Founder of [Mental Health Motorbike](#), has written the latest blog on what he's learnt so far on his journey to becoming an IAM RoadSmart Advanced Rider.



Read it here: <https://iamroadsmart.net/37TKRxr>



Airbag technology is often considered as the pinnacle of safety in motorbike clothing. If you're local to Hertfordshire and want to find out more, [Bike Stop](#) in Stevenage will be deploying the Dainese D Air this Saturday. Can't make it

down? Bike Stop are offering IAM Roadsmart Members an exclusive deal on the Fluo Dainese Smart Jacket - for the special price of £550, down from £730.

Did you know motorists who are distracted by cigarette or vape smoke can be prosecuted for driving without due care and attention? 🚫 Read more about IAM RoadSmart's research here: <https://iamroadsmart.net/3kDiu9c>



#RoadSmart We've got something very exciting launching next week! You'll see it here first 👁️ 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...

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: **25th May 2022**
- Next SAM Club Night: **6th June 2022. 7.30pm (Meeting starts at 8pm)** [Treeton Miners Welfare, Arundel St, Treeton, Rotherham S60 5PW, UK](#)
- Autumn Breakfast Meet: **22nd October 2022. 9.30am - 11am** **The Moorlands, Baslow Rd, Owlbar, 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](#).

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.