



SAM Weekly Newsletter - 24th June 2022

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

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Editorial

The [Long Distance Up Challenge](#) is now over. Leaving Land's End at sunrise, 5.13am, Steve Bennett and 35 other riders set off on the 1000+ mile ride to John O'Groats. Due to an electrical fault, one bike failed to start the journey. One rider had a SMIDSY. All other riders made it to John O'Groats. Steve arrived with 8 minutes to spare before the sunrise deadline. Steve provided a live feed of his progress throughout the event. It just shows that a big bike with a big engine isn't needed to ride further than you thought possible. The 10-year-old Piaggio MP3 400 had 'rested' in a shed and wouldn't start. Its brakes were seized and the forks needed new seals. By the time that engineer Steve had finished it was very roadworthy and rideable. So the epic challenge was on and the rest as they say is history. By the time that Steve gets home he will have ridden an estimated 2,079 miles. You can still donate, just [click here](#).

In other news this week you can read 'Riding the Motorcycle Century', a look back at how motorcycles have developed over the past 100 years. This is a timely article as we may soon have to remind ourselves of what we once had. Why? Because the UK Government, having removed the very generous subsidy from electric cars, is switching the focus to electric motorcycles. Well, it is cheaper, quicker to develop and manufacturing can be scaled up much more rapidly. They will be cheaper to run and easier to maintain with swappable battery technology. With most motorcycle manufacturers now developing their own models and new start-ups finding a ready market, this might be a rare winner for a government not known for its success in helping personal transport policies. The rise in electric bike sales will also help to swell the Chancellor's coffers a little more.

Whilst most SAM members will stick with their fossil-fuelled machines for several decades yet, it might be worth watching

'Secrets of a road tester' on YouTube. It might help when looking at your next bike. There is also a good article on 'Riding within your limits'. As several SAM members have pointed out, it would have been nice if the rider (perhaps a model) had worn full protective riding gear, rather than having no gloves and wearing trainers. These may have enhanced the attractiveness of the rider, but the NHS bill for a spill might be eye-watering.

It's been 'Ride to Work' day this week and there have been lots of road safety groups/charities, including SAM, promoting P2Ws. After Steve's epic adventure, I think we could also help to promote P3Ws too. A further development to support P2Ws/P3Ws is the signing of a memorandum of understanding between FEMA, FIM Europe and the UK's NMC. These are bodies that advise governments of roles of motorcycles, motorcycling and motorcyclists in the UK and Europe. I just hope they talk to motorcyclists and local motorcycling groups before they talk to any of the regulatory authorities.

There is a very interesting YouTube video review of motorcycling airbags. It's really worth taking a few minutes out of your busy day to watch it.

South York Police Off-Road Team have put out a remainder of the law and rules governing e-scooters. A recent survey of motorists found that many did not know common road signs and rules. I'm sure that Sam members can do a lot better.

Blood Bikes Manchester are looking for someone, or a business, to sponsor a change of livery on a donated BMW bike. You will notice that the 'What's On?' section of the SAM Newsletter is missing. This has now been set up on the front page of the SAM |website. This keeps all information about activities/events, in both the Club and across our local community, in one place.

A VERY BIG thank you to all those SAM members who helped us by filling in the SAM Club's members survey. Your ideas, criticisms and suggestions are all very welcomed. Debbie Fulton (SAM Committee) is collating the responses from the last SAM Club Night and email survey, so we'll feed back the results soon. Being thinking bikers, you may have an idea or suggestion that has just popped into your head. You can still send any suggestions by contacting Debbie via the SAM Committee form on the [Contact Page](#) of the SAM website. Until next week...

[Send your suggestions on what you would like to see more of, or less of, in your Club using the SAM website Contact form.](#)
[Thank you.](#)

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.

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 & Website Support, Sheffield Advanced Motorcyclists



Once the love for a motorcycle is discovered,
there is no putting out the fire.

Your world can fall down around you,
but as long as you're in the wind it won't make
any difference.

Riding motorcycles is like taking drugs...
bikes should come with a warning label that reads...

WARNING:

"Riding a Motorcycle Is Addictive"

"It Will Change Your Life Forever!"

Club Merchandise

“YOU can proudly support YOUR Club”



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SAM Social Media News



Now this was interesting to see... a biker was pulled over and noise tested by the Polizia in Italy as we were finishing our Dolomiti ride. He passed the test, and didn't get a €220 fine - luckily!

UK GOVERNMENT TURNS FOCUS TO ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES AFTER CAR GRANT SCHEME AXED. The UK

Government extends its grant scheme towards the purchase of an electric motorcycle/scooter despite a

similar incentive for electric cars being axed. The UK Government has announced an extension to its grant scheme towards the purchase of an electric motorcycle or scooter despite axing a similar incentive for electric car buyers. [Read more...](#)



[Watch here...](#)

Little reminder about e-scooter's. Hats off to this pro e-scooterer, he certainly has all the gear for the job. If you're going to do something then might as well go all in. Unfortunately he chose to ride down the Trans Pennine Trail. These are not mobility scooters, they are not electrically assisted pedal bikes. They shouldn't be on the road (unless specific council legislation in place allowing) or on Bridle path, pavements or foot paths. They can be ridden on private property with land owners permission. E-scooters are considered to be powered transporters for which it is not possible to get insurance, meaning it is an offence to ride them on the road or any other public place— and riding on the pavement is illegal under the 1835 Highway Act. (Yes the law hasn't changed for nearly 200 years.) We don't make the laws, but want to use this platform and interesting picture to educate people on the e-scooters to ensure you don't purchase one and have it seized for incorrect use. This photo was taken in the Penistone Area. Thanks for all the private messages we are receiving and emails to our inbox. Keep reporting criminal use of bikes and quads and anti-social behaviour.



Can you help us turn the bike on the top into an operational Blood Bike as pictured at the bottom? We are looking for a company or individual to support us in the purchase of the hi vis Blood Bike livery which we can fit ourselves to reduce cost to a

minimum. We need around £600 pounds to ensure that we can get this vehicle on the road as every penny we raise at present is going to fuel and insurance costs etc to keep our fleet active in delivering the desperately needed products we carry to people ,hospitals and hospices. The bike itself has been gifted to us by Darren Shaw of Mailbox Express and the rack to carry our Milk and Blood boxes has already been sponsored by a local business. The rack is being supplied by local business MailBoxesEtc Wilmslow. So now we are now looking for your help in getting the final piece of the jigsaw in place to help get this vehicle operational. One of our bikes can typically make in excess of 400 deliveries per year each helping someone in their hour of need. Do you want to be a part of this project and attend the handover to our fleet with the publicity that can generate for your business? We will also send out both Facebook and LinkedIn updates on a quarterly basis reporting on how many jobs the bike has done publicising your involvement to our 5k plus connections on Facebook and almost 4K on LinkedIn giving you some impactful advertising for your company. [Can you help us please](#)

MAG warns drivers to look out for record numbers of motorcycles. The [Motorcycle Action Group](#) (MAG) is warning drivers to look out for record numbers of motorcycles on Monday 20th June, which sees us celebrate the 31st International Ride to Work Day. Motorcycling is booming and filter-friendly drivers will gain from this growth in motorcycle commuters. [Read more...](#)





International collaboration is key when it comes to addressing modern-day issues that affect motorcyclists.

Motorcyclists' organisations FEMA, FIM Europe and NMC have

therefore signed a memorandum of understanding to formalise and strengthen the bond between them. FEMA, FIM Europe and the British National Motorcyclists Council (NMC) agree that it is most important that the interests of motorcyclists are recognised and appreciated by the institutions of the European Union and other regulatory and policy forming bodies, on a national and international level. [Read more...](#)

Riding the Motorcycle Century. Looking through a file folder named "Cars & Bikes" on my computer the other day, I noticed that in 50 years of riding, I've experienced nearly the entirety of motorcycle



history. From 1915 Indian board-track racers to a 2022 KTM 1290 Super Duke R Evo, that's 108 model years' worth. And in between were tests, rides, or races on more machines from every decade. Hardly planned, this all resulted from simply loving to ride, being curious, and, most of all, saying yes at every chance. Here are some of my favourite moto memories, one piece each covering 12 decades. [Read more...](#)



Everybody Has A Plan Until They Get Punched In The Mouth: Ride Within Your Limits. There are many different reasons why people ride motorcycles.

- For some, it's all about the mechanics of owning a bike—literally the mechanics. It's a joy to spend hours in the garage performing maintenance like changing the oil, brake pads, clutch, and the chain (or shaft) drive. Kind of a peaceful ritual that dials down the stress of that 40+ hour work week and culminates in a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction.
- For others, it's simply the exhilaration and challenge of taking a high performance, agile machine out on the road.
- And then there's the notion of belonging...camaraderie...because "Hey, motorcycle riders like us? Yeah, we do things like this. We simply get it. If you don't ride, you won't understand." There's pride in association, which creates an image, and maintaining an image is valuable, important, and fun. It's why we have hobbies and passions in the first place. [Read more...](#)

[Are they just biker bling for decoration?](#) Here is an interesting video. Airbags are a no-brainer in cars. But the case is not so cut-and-dry on motorcycles. Here's why airbags haven't reached mainstream adoption on motorcycles.



GEAR BREAKDOWN

Helite Turtle 2 Airbag Vest : <https://ftr9.co/0z7fi6>

Dainese D-Air Smart Jacket : <https://ftr9.co/jg9vky>

Alpinestars Tech-Air 5 Airbag : <https://ftr9.co/ix2yoa>

Alpinestars Tech-Air Street Airbag : <https://ftr9.co/fai0q8>

Klim AI-1 Airbag Vest : <https://ftr9.co/z7dru6>

Other Airbag Vest Options : <https://ftr9.co/4690fz>



The **common road rules and signs** most drivers 'don't understand' and the new ones many haven't heard of. Driving in Manchester can be stressful at the best of times. And just to make matters all the more confusing, earlier this year the Highway Code underwent changes aimed at making our roads more pedestrian and cyclist friendly. [Read more...](#)



ELECTRIC BIKES STILL ON THE RISE. The Motor Cycle Industry Association has published its figures for May 2022, with continued year-on-year growth for electrics. The MCIA has published the [industry](#) figures for May 2022, which show an increase in sales [Read more...](#)

SAM Meetings



A badge for ALL advanced motorcyclists

SAM Club Saturday Meetings 9am every Saturday

Steve Harper will be providing slow riding training with cone layouts that give you the chance to practise your slow riding skills.



SAM CLUB NIGHT: We warmly invite ALL SAM Club members, their family and friends to our monthly meeting. **4th July 2022 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm (meeting starts at 8pm)** [Treeton Miners Welfare,](#)

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



Always carry your ***FREE 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. Don't forget to update it if your health and/or social circumstances change. *SAM Club - dedicated to helping YOU to be a safer rider.*



Our newest Observer

*Pete Lenthall (left) receives a well-earned certificate from
Chairman_ Steve Brown*

Steve Bennett's Mad Ride



It happened TUESDAY! Steve's epic ride on a 10-year-old rebuilt Piaggio 400. We all wish Steve the very best of luck. Give him a wave if he's riding

by and why not support his amazing effort to help others. Thank you to all those SAM members who sent Steve best wishes, supported him with your hard-cash in these hard times and followed him on his live feed; or the other participants on their 1000+ mile epic ride. All done on bikes costing less than £600 and many, like Steve's MP3, pulled from the back of the shed and fettled back into existence.

<https://iam-sheffield.bike/steve-bennetts-mad-ride-for.../>

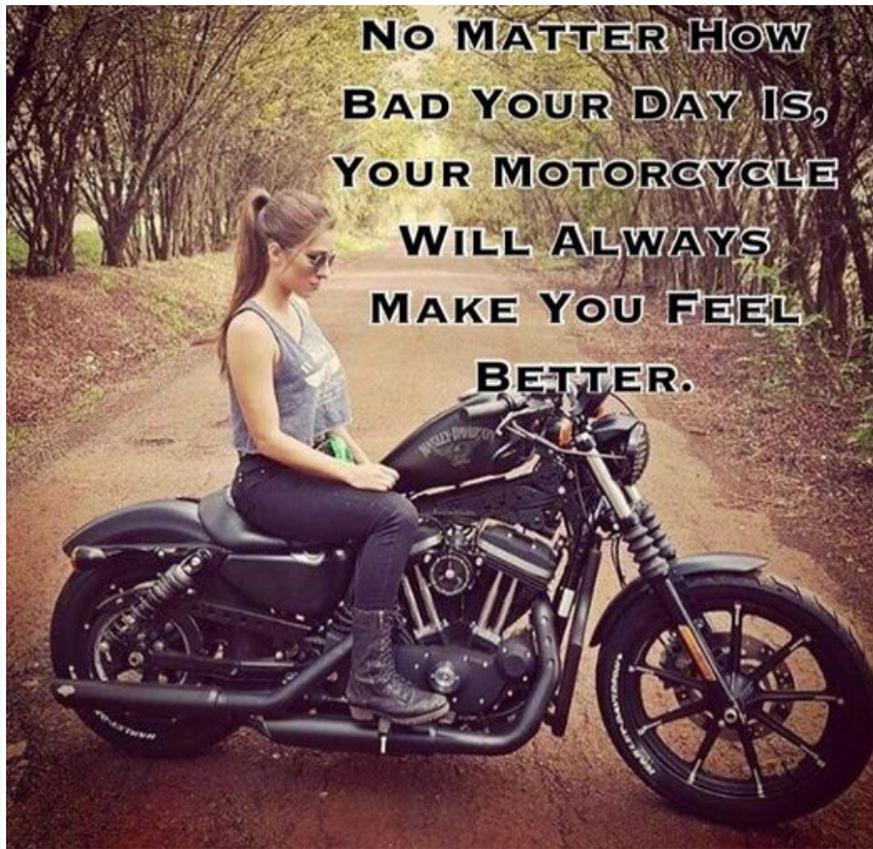
Support **Roy Clark's** (SAM Membership Secretary) [walk for the Alzheimer's Society](#).

Trek26 Peak District 2022 - 13 miles run by Alzheimer's Society

Immerse yourself in exploring the Peak Districts famous hills,

dramatic rocky outcrops, wild moorlands and tranquil dales all in one day. Trek for loved ones, and raise money so together we can find a cure. Charity Registration No. 296645





Whiteknights Blood Bikers



Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes would like to hear from people who are able to become volunteer fundraisers for this vital charity that benefits patients in Yorkshire.

Please get In touch. Even if you can only spare an hour to volunteer for us - we really need people to help us. Hope to hear from you soon.

Message us through Facebook or email:

[fundraising@whiteknights.org.Uk](mailto:fundraising@whiteknights.org.uk)

Ladies of the Sheffield branch of Soroptimists International, have made a major donation to Sheffield's voluntary Blood Bikers. The visiting President of Soroptimists International, Yorkshire region, Madame President, Lindsay Green



presented Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes Deputy South Yorkshire Manager, Andrew Wragg with a donation of £500 at a recent event at Tipton Hall. Lindsay commented: "This evening we have learnt in more detail the marvellous voluntary service provided in Sheffield and across Yorkshire by Whiteknights's Blood Bikers. The urgent transportation service they provide free of charge to the NHS during the night and at weekends is an inspiration and we thoroughly commend the commitment to patient care they demonstrated during the Pandemic."

[#soroptimistinternational](#) [#bloodbikes](#) [#soroptimistsheffield](#)



Hope you all had a wonderful day! We're super proud we were able to present our donation to Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes today at Penistone Gala. Not only had we raised £155 through Penistone Boundary Walk donations but we were also able to match that funding from our Penistone Ladies Circle

charity pot, bringing the total to £500!! Here's our chair Lucy presenting the cheque to Whiteknights. If you have a cause or special project you would like to be considered for a donation, please send us a message on Facebook. You don't have to be a registered charity, we're keen support the local community,

making a difference to people's lives ❤️ [Penistone Round Table \(1094\)](#) [Neville Shiggins](#) [Cllr Hannah Kitching](#)

What's On?

The 'What's On?' section has migrated to the [SAM website](#)'s front page. For all the latest events, in one place, you can find whatever piques your interest.

South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership



There's been a lot of hype about single-layer jeans recently. They're lighter and cooler than motorbike pants lined with Kevlar or other aramids, but are they really as safe? Is it true that some single-layer jeans are more abrasion-resistant than leather? Who should you trust? We speak to a leading scientist and carry out extensive real-world and lab tests to find out the truth: are single layer motorcycle jeans good, or is a pair of Kevlar-lined jeans the safest? We also find out if normal jeans are okay for a motorcycle.. [Watch here...](#)

Gavin Grewal is a Solicitor and Partner at White Dalton Motorcycle Solicitors. He currently rides a Kawasaki ZZR1400 and a BMW R1250GSA. All the Solicitors at White Dalton are bikers and qualified Solicitors. They are experts in everything two wheels



related. If you have a question, head over to their [website](#) and contact the team for free initial advice. [Watch here...](#)



[#rtwday22](#) - It's Ride to Work Day tomorrow! Remember to go on and on and on.....to your work mates with your frugal mpg, free parking, ease of commute AND more importantly how much more fun your ride to work is on two-wheels. 🏍️🏍️👍👍

[#ATGATT](#) - Been out riding this weekend and had a few 'moments'? 😊 Check out



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BikeSafe - BikeSafe
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BRIDGING THE GAP TO A SKILLFUL RIDE BOOK BIKESAFE
AVAILABILITY 34 Police Forces | 75 workshop venues UK's #...

TeapotOne on his BikeSafe, you will be amazed how much you have to put into your riding to keep safe AND enjoy your ride. So time for a refresher? 😊😊🏍️🏍️👍👍 [IAM RoadSmart ERS](#)

Does your boss get it?
Try our Employer's Guide



Our mission:
To encourage record-setting numbers of riders to participate in the
31st International Ride To Work Day
20th June 2022



[#ridetoworkday2022](#) - Is your boss aware of the many benefits of riding to work? Check out the MAG info sheet for more info: [Ride to work](#) 🏍️🏍️👍👍

#ridetowork2022 - Not sure where to start on two-wheels? Then check out the link, with an easy to use calculator which tells you all you need to know depending on your age and type of licence. 🏍️👍
[unlockyourfreedom](#)



Gear Up 4 Charity – we told you last time about a project we were developing as a joint venture with a local charity, where riders donate their old or unwanted riding gear to the charity and items can then be sold at a reduced cost to young riders via the charity’s online site. It’s a win-win-win; helping riders to offload their unwanted gear, providing much needed funds for good causes and enabling young riders to get gear at an affordable price. Unfortunately as the project was nearing final completion, the charity we had been working with - Bluebell Wood - took the reluctant decision to close their retail outlets, which unfortunately led to the project falling at the final hurdle. Other charities have since been considered, but as yet none have the right fit. *We’re continuing to look for a suitable charity to work with on this project.*

BetheBest – we have created a generic logo to encourage all riders to take additional training in one format or another; such as IAM, BikeSafe or ERS. The new logo and #BetheBest tagline has been printed on promotional snoods to promote the campaign ([available at SAM Club Nights](#)). The snoods have been produced in a series of different motorbike brand colours, (Red, Orange, Green and Blue), to test if this approach is more appealing to riders.



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.

LAST WEEK'S ROUND-UP

MOTIVATING MONDAY June 20 2022 25 years of Survival Skills

[READ NOW...](#)

Elevenses 247 Sun 19 Jun

[WATCH NOW...](#)

SoS June 18 2022 Maintaining focus - avoid distraction

[READ MORE...](#)

VIDEO NASTY Jun 16 2022 When 'offsiding for view'...

[READ MORE](#)

ToT Jun 14 2022 Extending skills post-test Pt 8 - Europe

[READ MORE](#)

And from the [60 Second Safety series](#) on YouTube...

IAM RoadSmart News



Looking for something to read this lunchtime? Roy Craig tells us about his long-time love of cars and how being an IAM RoadSmart has helped him to improve his driving. [Find out more.](#)

Calling all members – did you know you can save up to 15% on airport parking with Airport Parking & Hotels? Whether it be an upcoming holiday or business trip, choose the type of parking that suits you. As an IAM RoadSmart member you'll also receive exclusive deals inside airport hotels and lounges. To find out more visit the member benefits section in the member dashboard 😊



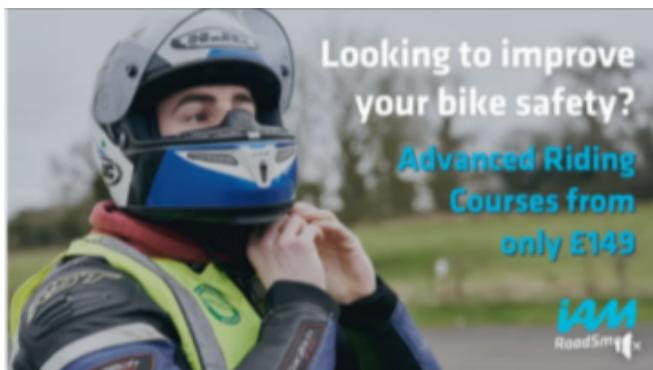
Avoid the fine in flip flops

It's that time of year again when we say goodbye to our winter coats and start digging out our summer wardrobe – many of us might start wearing our comfy flip

flops once again.

Evolving road laws Road law continues to evolve, and this year we're seeing some significant changes that will affect millions of Brits. Let's look at the recent and imminent changes and how they could affect us.





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 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.

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 running costs in helping you to become an advanced motorcycle rider. Thank you.

Extra bits

- Next SAM Committee Meeting: **29th June 2022**
- Next SAM Club Night: **4th July 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](#).
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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.