



## **SAM Weekly Newsletter - 13th January 2023**

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

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## *Editorial*

Here we are getting settled into the New Year. A new video went up on the SAM Club Facebook page for you to watch and share with your friends. Despite it being a hard year, financially speaking, last year, motorbike sales increased 1.9% over 2021. People are slowly recognising that a motorcycle is a cost-effective, greener alternative to four wheels. This should mean that the demand for motorcycle training may also grow.

If, as a SAM Club member, you want to take your riding skills up a notch, consider the discount offer from Rapid Training. Details and a list of dates is available in your SAM Club Newsletter.

The electric expansion of motorcycles grinds on. Segway e-scooters will be at the MCN London Motorcycle Live Show. The world's longest journey record on an electric motorcycle has been broken. Further electric motorcycle record attempts are also planned. New battery technology is on the horizon promising 'battery charging in minutes'. However, if you can't wait for the new battery charging technology to arrive, you can take a look at swappable batteries. Although they offer only a 'swap station' service at present, there may come a time when swapping batteries from bike to bike will arrive. That will be a game changer for electric bike riding.

Back to our traditional way of biking for the moment. The National Motorcyclists Council (NMC) has produced a free guide to taking your bike to Europe. Recognising that, after Brexit, the UK Government made a complete hash of agreeing cross-border procedures for taking your bike to Europe, the NMC urged the officials to sort the problem and the rules are now much clearer.

Talking about travelling, how would you like an electric bike that folds down to the size of a suitcase? Great for commuting and

using public transport when it's running. Also good practice for your origami skills too.

The weather is still cold so it's advisable to put on the base layer when riding. A new type of base layer has arrived on the market that is claimed to be five times more effective at retaining heat than its competitors. Whilst we are talking about riding comfort, I've always been a fan of cycling shorts underneath the base layer. Now you can get them with 'extra' padding in the seat to make those 'Iron Butt' riding challenges more comfortable. (Steve Bennett take note!). Extra padding in the seat might be helpful if you decide your next adventure ride is the Czech Republic. There is some great advice on how that country is best ridden.

Finally, for our history slot we only go back to 1973. If you have the free Pluto TV (available on an Amazon Fire Stick) film channel, you might want to look up 'Electric Glide in Blue'. A great story line and a soundtrack by the rock band Chicago. Until next week, happy reading.

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PS: Janis (wife) is having a hip replacement operation later this month, so I'm going back to nursing the impossible patient! The SAM Club Newsletter might be a bit different, or even missing from your Inbox, but I'll do my best to keep the press rolling.

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## ***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](mailto: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

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## ***Club Merchandise***

***"YOU can proudly support YOUR Club"***

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Clothing can be ordered online direct from:

**APRINT LTD**

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## **Rapid training - discount for SAM members**

### **Exclusive OFFER to SAM members**

Get a **10% discount** on **RoadMaster** and **BikeMaster** courses.

#### **BikeMaster track session dates:**

12th & 13th April 2023

10th & 11th May 2023

14th & 15th June 2023

**Book your course ONLY with Phil Barley - 07970121210**

*Rapid Training are looking forward to working with the SAM Club in the future too!*

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## **Biking News Online**



Segway, the iconic, self-balancing personal transporter manufacturer, has entered the UK's exploding electric vehicle market by introducing a range of pioneering E-scooters, and will be showing the full range at the Devitt Insurance MCN London Motorcycle Show in

February. [Read more](#)

THE WORLD RECORD FOR THE LONGEST JOURNEY BY ELECTRIC BIKE HAS BEEN BROKEN. The official Guinness World Record for the world's longest journey on an



electric has been broken by an Energica EVA EsseEsse9 rider.

ADVENTURE rider Ali Abdo was the rider who took the [Energica Eva EsseEsse9](#) on the journey that broke the Guinness World Record. He travelled 12,749 kilometres, roughly 7,921.86 miles.

Abdos journey took him across Egypt for his "The Ride to COP27". Abdos journey across Egypt took him 30 days and the trip ran from October the 10th to November the 8th. [Read more](#)



DECEMBER MOTORCYCLE SALES STABLE ENDING 2022 ON 1.9% GROWTH. New motorcycle registrations held on in December, to end 2022 with slight growth in the two-wheeled sector. OVERALL 2022 was a tricky year for the motorcycle industry, as it battled changing

legislation, chip shortages, and uncertainty around events. 2022 also played out against a backdrop of significant growth in the sector, after 2020 and 2021 showed significant growth as people shunned conventional means of commuting in the wake of the pandemic. [Read more](#)

The result of the 2016 Brexit vote was always going to impact freedom of movement for both people and goods, so it wasn't surprising that problems began to emerge

when British riders tried to take their bikes into the European mainland. This has been especially prevalent if they weren't travelling with them and had instead sent the bike ahead with a third party, for example to fly out and meet it in Geneva as we did with the Northants-based Bikeshuttle which has unfortunately



gone under. The decision to leave the EU has effectively returned things to a long-forgotten time of customs regimes and carnets, (which at least means the travel adventure begins on the first border!) but the problem is lack of clarity on exactly what the position is. For the last few years there have been multiple answers to questions about transporting bikes into the EU depending on who you asked. [Read more](#)



### CHARGING TIME FOR ELECTRIC BIKES COULD BE JUST MINUTES WITH NEW BATTERY FINDINGS

A breakthrough in solid state battery technology discovered by a Japanese university could reduce charging times for electric bikes to just minutes. Researchers at a

Japanese university have discovered a breakthrough in solid state battery technology which combats the primary issue with this kind of battery, and could mean the charging time for electric bikes will be significantly reduced. Using lithium in batteries is something quite common, and lithium-ion batteries are the standard for [electric bikes](#) and cars by 2023, and have been for a while. However, there are flaws to lithium batteries, and many of those come from the liquid-state of the electrolytes used. [Read more](#)

THE ICOMA TATAMEL COULD BE A COMMUTERS DREAM MOTORCYCLE. The ICOMA Tatamel is a Motocompo style motorcycle that is capable of folding down to the size of a suitcase for easy transporting



AN interesting new bike has been unveiled at the CES tech show in America, as the ICOMA Tatamel folding electric motorcycle is launched. If the Tatamel looks familiar to you, you are probably thinking back to the quirky [Honda Motocompo](#), a moped that could fit into the boot of a compact car. That bike never quite changed the game as Honda would have hoped, although it has since gained a kind of cult status, pushing up prices of the interesting machine. [Read more](#)

**ZEROFIT  
HEATRUB  
ULTIMATE  
BASELAYER**



Developed in Japan by a team of experienced and passionate bikers, the Zerofit Heatrub Ultimate Baselayer has been proven to be up to five times warmer than leading competitors', and uses technologically enhanced 'Heat

Threads' that're activated by movement and [Read more](#)

Moto-Skiveez Cruiser Skiveez and Compression Socks Review. Moto-Skiveez Cruiser Skiveez underwear works as advertised; they are Redefining Riding Comfort. I make that bold statement because I tested them on what I found to be the most uncomfortable seat I have ever planted my rear on, and they neutralized the discomfort. [Read more](#)





### [Battery sharing is coming...](#)

Wouldn't it be great if you had an electric motorbike that didn't take an hour and a half to recharge? No? Ok not everyone wants an electric bike. In fact plenty of you absolutely detest the idea of it. But for those of you that are a little more open minded, and wouldn't categorically rule out the idea of a 'leccy bike,

this is good news. Motorbike battery sharing is coming.

The idea behind 'battery sharing' is quite simple. When the battery in your bike is running low, you find a 'swap station', pull yours out, and replace it with a charged one, and head on your merry way. Yours goes back into the changing bank at the swap station, to be charged up ready for the next punter to come along. [Read more](#)

### [The Isle of Man have got a new ferry.](#)

The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company are having a brand new ferry built, and it was 'floated out' on the water for the first time last week. The new ferry, the Manxman, will replace the Ben-my-Chree, which is the slow-boat that that you've probably been aboard if you've ever made the four-hour voyage from Heysham to Douglas. 'Ben,' the 24-year-old vessel, will be retained by the Steam Packet Company, but demoted to backup duties.





Motorcycling through the Czech Republic. The [Czech Republic](#) is a beautiful country with plenty to see and do. Motorcycle touring is a great way to see the country, as it allows you to explore and get close to nature. [Motorcycle trips in the Czech](#). If you're looking for an adventure,

consider taking a motorcycle road trip! Here are a few things to keep in mind as you plan your trip. [Read more](#)

He's a 5'4" Cop on a Big Bike in a 6'2" World



John Wintergreen

is a motorcycle cop who patrols the rural Arizona highways with his partner Zipper. Wintergreen is an experienced patrolman looking to be transferred to the Homicide unit. When he is informed by Crazy Willie of an apparent suicide-by-shotgun, Wintergreen believes the case is actually a murder as the victim has shot himself in the chest rather than the head, which is more usual. Detective Harve Poole agrees it is a homicide, after a .22 bullet is found amongst the pellets in the man's chest during the autopsy, as well as hearing about a possible missing \$5,000 (\$30,500 today) from the man's home, and arranges for Wintergreen to be transferred to homicide to help with the case.

[Read more](#)

## SAM Meetings



**SAM Club Saturday Meetings, Meadowhall Retail Park  
9am every Saturday throughout the year.  
Come and join us - you know you want to ride!**



Next SAM Club night: **6th  
February 2023 meet at 7.30pm  
for an 8pm start at [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.*

# ***SAM Club's Advanced Motorcycle Test Passes***



Petr Selfert (First Pass)  
Observer - Fran Thompson

Denny Luke (Pass)  
Observer - Steve Bennett





Sue Purnell (Pass)  
Observer - Andy Frith

Neil Trench (Pass)  
Observer - Steve Harper





John Horsefield (Pass)

Observer - Matt Lee



Our latest Observer - Matt Lee  
Receives his certificate from Chairman Steve Brown

*November's SAM club night saw more green badge passes.*

***16 Green Badge passes in 2022!*** 👍

***Let's give a big hand to our latest  
Observer and advanced rider test passes!!***



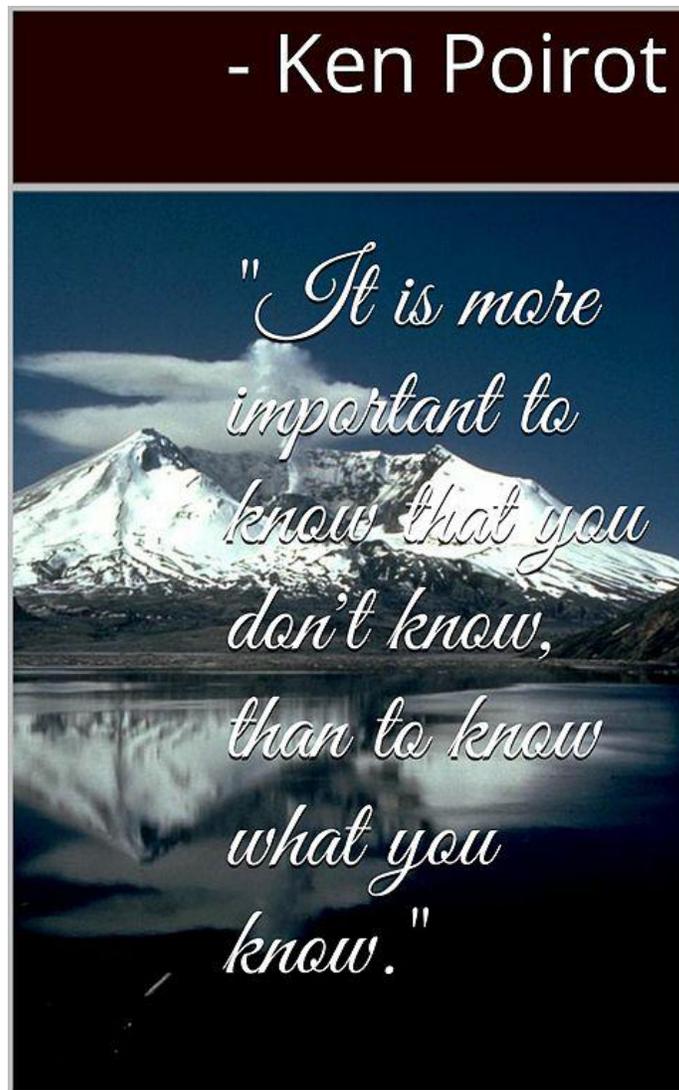
SAM Members FREE Spring Breakfast

**15th April 2023 → 9.00am – 10.15am**

*The Moorlands Baslow Road, Owlbar Sheffield S17 3BQ*

*ALL SAM members, family and friends are welcome to join us.*

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# 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)

Here are our statistics for December 2022. Just over 4000 miles travelled and 500 hours on call. Please continue to support Whiteknights during this year.

[#itswhatwedo](#) [#bloodbikes](#)



208  
Jobs completed





199 Urgent Jobs  
1 Emergency Jobs  
1 Relay Jobs  
7 non-urgent jobs

The time donated is an average saving to the NHS of approx. £3,410.49 over the Month



4254 Miles Ridden/Driven  
504 Hours on call

Just some of the Items we have transported this year

 0 - Breast Milk	 178 - Bloods and Covid Samples	 1 - FMT Samples
 0 - Fluids	 29 - Pharmacy Items and Patient Records	

Vehicles donated by:



We maintain the service 365 nights a year, and weekend and Bank Holiday daytimes.  
This is a 100% volunteer service provided at no cost to the NHS

Registered Charity No. 112451

## South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership

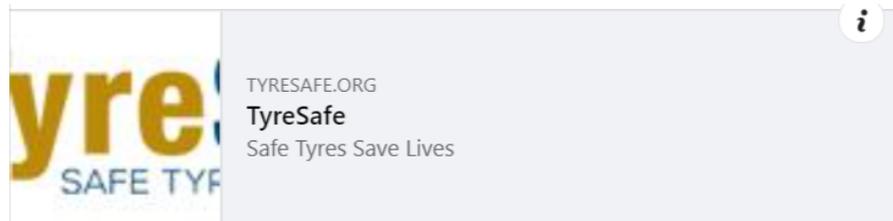


Good morning [#barnsley](#) [#doncaster](#) [#rotherham](#) and [#sheffield](#)- how are you? Did you know that 'failing to look properly' is one of the leading contributory factors for collisions in our area? Please give yourself plenty of time and give the road your full attention. [South Yorkshire Police](#)

### [SYP Operational Support](#)

[#January](#) is a great month to check your tyres.

Have you got a [#spare](#)?



For more information on air, condition and tread visit: <https://tyresafe.org> [#barnsley](#) [#doncaster](#) [#sheffield](#) [#Rotherham](#) [#Spare](#) [SYP Operational Support](#)

[Sheffield City Council](#) [South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue](#)

[South Yorkshire Police](#)



We will be promoting vehicle checks to our. [Sheffield United](#) fans to ensure they travel safely to

[Wrexham AFC](#) for the [#FACup](#) fourth round. No-one will want to miss this fixture due to a flat tyre / breakdown on route!!!

[Vehicle checks](#) [#sheffieldunited](#) [#blades](#) [#hollywood](#) [#underdogs](#)

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.

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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](http://ko-fi.com/survivalskills).

## LAST WEEK'S ROUND-UP



\*\*\* ELEVENSES \*\*\* Elevenes 302 Wed 4 January - motorcycle news, tips & views/ in today's show... Northants police to use unmarked camera van to catch speeders... Australian woman loses thumb in bike crash after bungled car theft attempt... two day ban in Karachi on pillion riding for New Year... ... [Read more](#)

\*\*\* COMMENT \*\*\* Is it immoral to follow and enjoy dangerous sports? If you've followed me for a while, you may know that I'm a big American football fan. I've followed the games in the National Football League for forty years, since the era of Dan Marino, Jim Kelly and John Elway and the 'quarter... [Read more](#)



\*\*\* SKILLS ON SATURDAY \*\*\*  
\*\*\* "You're not as good as your best game..."

...you're only as good as your worst game."

A few days back, I was watching a game from the

NFL. That was a line from one of the commentators as the game entered its final stages. The New York Jets had entered the game with... [Read more](#)

\*\*\* SKILLS ON SATURDAY  
\*\*\* Group Riding Pt4 -  
Marking Systems



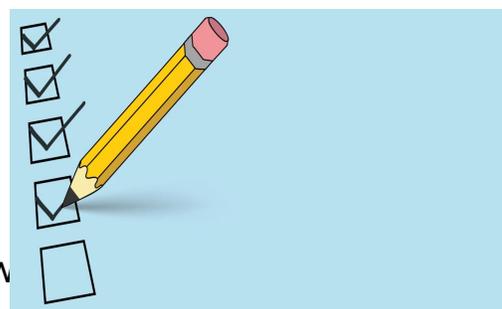
It's the next in the spring series on group riding. As I've explained, although group riding seems simple, it's heavily over-represented in accident statistics, so anything that makes it safer has to be good. Today, I'm going to look at ways of keeping the group together on the road, and looking at marking systems you can use. Why? Well, even two riders can get separated. My buddy Keith was on a red and black CBR600RR and wearing red and black leathers with a red lid, and when I took an unplanned right turn to visit Cheddar Gorge, I checked there was a red and black CBR still behind me. And there was. Unfortunately, when the rider overtook, he was two-up and clearly wasn't...[Read more](#)



\*\*\* ELEVENSES \*\*\* Elevenes 303  
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tips & views

in today's show... holiday season fighting erupts at UK EV charging points... Phuket targets road safety campaign at dangerous foreigners renting bikes... Uganda plans e-bike swap scheme... are Honda developing a retro...[Read more](#)

\*\*\* TRAINING \*\*\* What kind of riding assessment do you want?



From time to time I run short riding assessments. The idea is - as it says on the box - to assess someone's riding. But what should we be assessing? And how should we be performing the assessment? It's really not as simple as meeting up...[Read more](#)



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## ***IAM RoadSmart News***



### [IAM RoadSmart welcomes back Skills Days for 2023](#)

The UK's largest road safety charity, IAM RoadSmart, has today (Monday 9th January) announced the dates for its 2023 programme of Skills Days, which gives drivers and motorcyclists the chance to take their own vehicle on a race circuit to learn valuable handling skills from qualified instructors.

### [Pothole Mayhem](#)

The snow and heavy rain that many of us experienced over the last month have left behind a trail of destruction with potholes filling our roads. Before



the snow had cleared, social media was flooded with pictures and complaints of bathtub-sized holes. All big enough to cause serious damage to motorists. It's estimated that it could cost more than £12 billion to fix the roads with potholes. But who is held responsible for repairing the damage?

Richard Gladman, Chief Examiner at IAM RoadSmart, has given his top tips on what you should do if you were to hit a pothole. As well as who may be responsible for the bill.

Please be aware that we are currently experiencing an unprecedented number of calls which is unfortunately affecting our response times.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and would like to reassure you that we will answer your call as soon as possible.

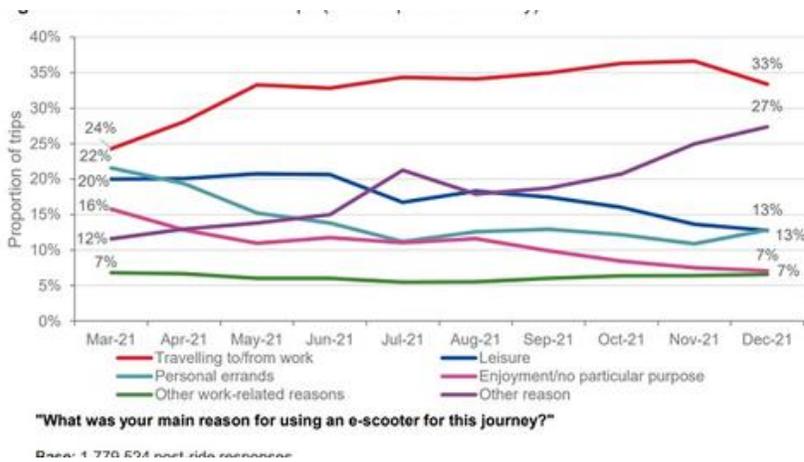
Thank you for your patience.



Resolutions? Life goals? Whatever we call them, as we leave the Christmas Holidays behind, it's time to start thinking about how to make the new year better than the last. Here are five ways you can make your time with your vehicle more rewarding in 2023.

[Read more](#)

If you've passed your Advanced test, why not take that next step and challenge yourself to our [Masters programme](#)? Build on your current skills with a Masters Mentor and you'll achieve the highest standard of civilian driving or riding in the country.

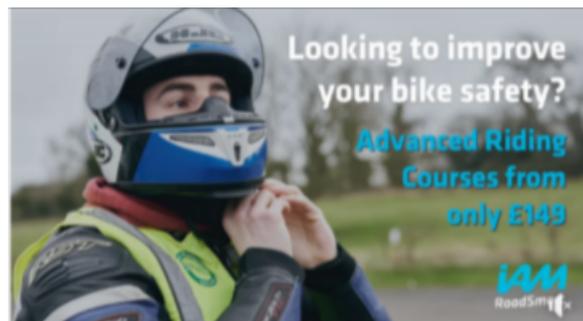


[Rental e-scooters 'can serve as a valuable mode of transport'](#)

The DfT's long-awaited evaluation into the ongoing trials of rental e-scooters

has concluded that they could provide a real alternative to other modes of transport, including cars. Rental e-scooter trials were launched in July 2020 in 32 areas across England. It is estimated that by December 2021, 14.5 million trips had been made by users. The evaluation, carried out by Arup, NatCen and Valtech, examined how and why rental e-scooters are used, and by whom, as well as safety, mode shift, environmental and wider social impacts.

**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](#)

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*SAM members have you got some news to share? Send it to [sam-editor@iam-sheffield.bike](mailto: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.

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## ***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.

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**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: **25th January 2023**
- Next SAM Club Night: **6th February 2023 meet at 7.30pm for an 8pm start [Treeton Miners Welfare, Arundel St, Treeton, Rotherham S60 5PW, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*