

SAM Weekly Newsletter - 16th June 2023

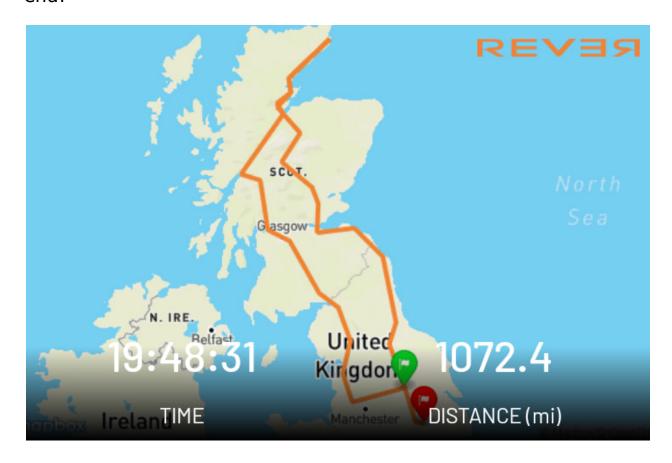
Biking news for ALL our advanced riders, their family and friends

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Editorial

I'll be on a biking holiday next week, so you won't be getting your dose of news, views and biking adventures. Unless someone wants to volunteer to give it a go!.

We all know that Observer Steve Bennett is a hero. Last year he rode a 2014 Piaggio MP3 from Land's End to John O'Groats. He was raising money for Cancer UK. Well, he's done it again. This time it was to raise money for the Royal British Legion. Steve took on the 'Iron Butt' challenge of riding 1,000+ miles in 24-hours. Bikes have to cost less than £600 and be fully road worthy. This time he got a certificate and another very sore rear end!



We had another success, but he didn't have to ride up to Scotland and back. Congratulations to Charles Elwood, Observer Richard McAndrew, for passing his advanced riding test.

There is a new instructional video on how to use the SAM Digital Business Card. Now every SAM member with a mobile phone can help to spread the word about the SAM Club and its advanced riding services. The **SAM Summer Picnic** is now booked, so everyone can have a really great time. The Exclusive Track Day still has places for you to go and learn/refresh your track-based riding skills. You can still get a discounted CBT course from Training-to-Travel. Thanks to all those members who have supported this offer. We have a new offer for SAM members, FAB Workshops (First Aid for Bikers). The first aid training is more extensive than that given on the Biker Down course. It provides you with an essential first aid skills set to use if you stop to assist at an accident. If you are interested in this event, complete the form and we'll arrange to make it happen. The Braithwell Car and Bike show takes place on Saturday, so try to show your support, either by helping at the stall or visiting to support members who are helping out. Thank you.

In the rest of your newsletter this week. Due to a shortage of components, particularly electronic ones, Harley-Davidson has halted US production this week. This problem is also affecting many other motorcycle and component manufacturers.

The IPCC (Intergovermental Panel on Climate Change) have been accused of making very serious errors in their predictions of the impact of climate change. In a report into the modelling and research used, the IPCC is accused of cherry-picking evidence, ignoring crucial peer-reviewed, well-conducted research that doesn't agree with its conclusions, re-writing climate history, biassing their reports toward 'bad news' and discounting 'good news'. Errors were found in every chapter of the IPCC's latest report and there are calls for the IPCC to be disbanded and replaced with a more balanced range of climate expert views.

No matter where you go on the planet you won't escape the climate, but travelling to Nepal might give you a different

perspective. We've got advice on looking after your tyres and riding tips that could save your life. The guide to trail riding might come in handy too. Although you can always get a few tips from SAM Committee member, Steve Harper. You might also be interested in why motorcycle couples are so happy. Finally, the history slot tells the story of a 1942 Harley TT engine. Happy reading.

Helping the Whiteknights Blood Bikes

We are stepping up our partnership with the Whiteknights Blood Bikes. When attending promotional events, the Whiteknights often get people wanting to volunteer to be a Blood Biker. Of course, they always steer them to the SAM Group to complete advanced rider training. The Whiteknights need help from SAM members to explain, encourage and support potential Associates to take up advanced rider training. SAM Members can you help out? We need volunteers to help out at the following events.

Date	Event
17th June 2023	Braithwell Classic Car & Bike
1st July 2023	Bike Fest - Outwood Academy

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

Biking News Online



Nepal: A Venture to the Top of the World. Love, Peace & Namaste. Nepal was always a dream, a bucket list item. I fell in love with the exotic

ideal of it: the people, the landscape, the culture. So, when my partner Ray and I pulled Nepal from a list of 20 desired destinations we'd collectively chosen, I couldn't have been more thrilled. It was Kismet, I reckon. Read more

SUPPLIER ISSUES CAUSE
HARLEY-DAVIDSON US
PRODUCTION PAUSE. The
Harley-Davidson plant in York
Pennsylvania has had to pause
production due to a 'potential
quality issue' relating to one of
its suppliers. <u>HARLEY-DAVIDSON</u>



has confirmed that its York, Pennsylvania manufacturing facility will temporarily pause production. The production pause is being linked to a 'potential quality issue' relating to one of Harley's tier-2 suppliers. Harley is stating that the York manufacturing plant, which is reported to employ around 1,000 employees, is anticipated to be reopened and back to producing bikes on June 26th 2023. Read more



Take A Look Inside A Rare 1942 Harley TT Engine With Wheels Through Time. Racing features take center stage, both inside and outside the engine.

What's better than new bike day? Not much, if we're

honest—but one thing that comes close is watching Matt Walksler over at Dale's Wheels Through Time Museum get his hands on some new-to-him piece of ultra-rare American motorcycle history. They're probably some of the best unboxing videos you could ever hope to see because of two things: The excitement is genuine (and palpable), and the man's vast realm of knowledge in his area of expertise is pretty much unbeatable. Read more

Thorough analysis by Clintel shows serious errors in latest IPCC report

The IPCC ignored crucial peer-reviewed literature showing that normalised disaster losses have decreased since 1990 and that human mortality due to extreme weather has decreased by more than 95% since 1920. The IPCC,



by cherry picking from the literature, drew the opposite conclusions, claiming increases in damage and mortality due to anthropogenic climate change. These are two important conclusions of the report The Frozen Climate Views of the IPCC, published by the Clintel Foundation. Read more



Beginner's Guide To Trail Riding

There are around 2000 miles of motorway in the UK – but believe it or not, there're actually three times as many miles of green lanes that you can legally ride on two wheels. So to help

you hit the trails with confidence, here are some of our top tips to help keep you smiling on the rough stuff. Read more

Why Motorcycle Couples Are So Happy (10 Great Reasons!)

Motorcycle couples spend a lot of their time grinning. They know the secret to a strong relationship. It's all about a shared passion, and quality time spent together.



If there's a motorcycle in the family, you have season tickets to a shared adventure. Riding a motorcycle with your better half can really strengthen your relationship. It works on so many levels. Read more



Motorcycle Tire Pressure: How To Optimize Performance & Save Your Life. Maintaining proper tire pressure is essential for every motorcycle rider. Often neglected, motorcycle tire pressure directly impacts both

your motorcycle's performance, and your safety. In this article, we will delve into the significance of motorcycle tire pressure, the effects of incorrect pressure, how to determine the correct tire inflation, and essential tire pressure maintenance practices. Read more

5 Motorcycle Safety Tips
That Can Save Your Life.
Experienced bikers know
how to protect themselves,
and they also know that not
everything is always in their
hands. You can be the most
careful rider in the world,
and you still wouldn't stand
a chance if you happened to



run into a drunken truck driver, which is why <u>promoting</u> <u>motorcycle safety</u> is essential. <u>Read more</u>

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: 3rd July
2023 meet at 7.30pm for an
8pm start at Treeton Miners
Welfare, Arundel St, Treeton,
Rotherham S60 5PW, UK



Always carry your <u>FREE Biker I.C.E.</u>
<u>Card</u>. 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.

ANY MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THE SAM CLUB FEE - PLEASE PAY NOW!! Thank you.

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

Time Critical Volunteering: for Blood Bike Day 2022. Blood Bike Day 2022 is now drawing to a close on the Whiteknights' Facebook page. Thank you for all your comments and messages. We end today with the voices of some of



our remarkable volunteers. In this short video, Tony and Andy speak about their experiences of <u>#timecritical</u> Blood Bike Volunteering. Please continue to support Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes and your local independent Blood Bike Charities. Everything we do is totally free-of-charge to the NHS, 365 days a year. <u>#BloodBikeDay</u> <u>#bloodbikes</u> <u>#timecritical</u> <u>#NHS</u> #yorkhospital



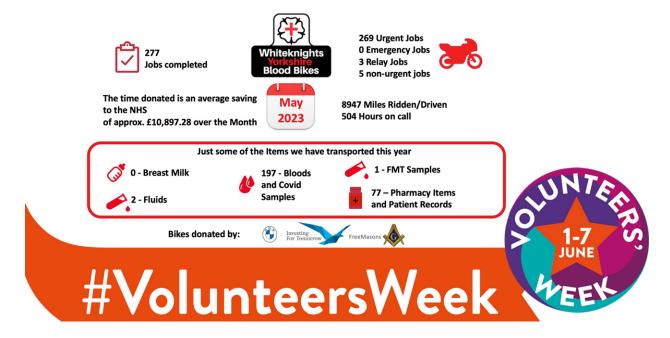
Thank you to our Bloodbike colleagues at Midland Freewheelers Blood Bikes for completing the national relay today.

Pictured is
Advanced-Qualified
Volunteer Rider and
Trainer, Neil, with a special
consignment of 400 x
50ml bottles of donated

Breast Milk to be conveyed in a national relay. Meanwhile, Advanced-Qualified Volunteer Rider, Tony, is pictured alongside Simon from Greater Manchester Blood Bikes at another relay

#VolunteersWeek

handover. Thank you to everyone involved in making these national relays such a success story. #bloodbikes #nhs



It's our pleasure to share with you our latest statistics for May 2023. Nearly Nine thousand Miles ridden and over 500 hours on-call, <u>#bloodbikes #VolunteersWeek</u> Thank you to the Whiteknights' team of 50 volunteer riders. We're very proud to think we make a real difference to the care of Patients in Yorkshire Hospitals and Hospices - and nationally too!



Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes Recruitment 2023. At the culmination of Volunteers Week 2023, we would like to thank our Facebook friends and supporters who have contacted us about volunteering opportunities. We would still like to hear from people interested in attending events and being fundraising volunteers with us. But to ensure the on-going stability of our service, we release today a short recruitment video. Please share with your friends and contacts. Thank you once again for your support of Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes. #bloodbikes



Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes are today displaying at Bradford Bulls' Odsal Stadium. Come and try a Blood Bike for size
#bradfordbulls

South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership

WHAT WE DO:



- **Crucial Crew** year 6 pupils visit the interactive Lifewise Centre to learn about road safety ahead of moving up to secondary school.
- Road Safety Officers across the four districts work with high-priority primary schools to educate children around pedestrian safety.
- Junior Road Safety Officer scheme teams of primary school pupils organise events / campaigns in school to raise awareness about road safety.
- Mini Police scheme pupils educate parents about dangerous parking and speeding outside school.

WHAT WE DO:



- Active Travel Commissioner Olympian Ed Clancy working to encourage communities to choose active travel options to benefit health, environment and well-being.
- Local authorities planning and implementing casualty reduction routes in priority areas.
- Mayoral Combined Authority investing in active travel routes and road improvement schemes as well as electric vehicle charging points.
- A member of the **National Young Rider Forum** delivering webinars / resources to educate and help to protect young

WHAT WE DO:



- •Operation Illuminate dedicated team of proactive traffic officers focusing on fatal 4 offences across the county as well as conducting days of action.
- Community SpeedWatch volunteer residents, working with the Safety Camera team and local police officers, are trained to use the speed calibration kit in their neighbourhoods.
- Active Travel / Modeshift Star teams working with local schools to create traffic free zones and promote walking / cycling / scooting to school.

WHAT WE DO:



- 'Wise Up' workshops for older drivers organised by SYP Community Safety Team.
- Deliver 16 road safety campaigns throughout the year.
- Dedicated **road safety social media channels** including 'how to' videos on YouTube.
- **Bike Safe** South Yorkshire Police-run motorcycle safety courses.
- **BikerDown!** free first aid and collision scene management workshop for motorcycle riders.



JUST ONE CLICK...Drivers & passengers who fail to wear seatbelts in the front and back of vehicles are breaking the law. As a driver you are responsible for making sure that anyone under the age of

14 wears a seatbelt or uses the right child restraint as required by

law. Drivers caught without a seatbelt, face on-the-spot fines of £100. If prosecuted, the maximum fine is £500. <u>Just one click is all it takes #RoadSafety #standingupforbeltingup</u>



NONE FOR THE ROAD: Enjoy the sunshine this weekend #barnsley #doncaster #rotherham and #sheffield Please don't be tempted to drive home if you're enjoying a drink. That puts you and others at risk of a collision #FridayFeeling#heatwave #sunshine

#weekendvibes

This week Brake, the road safety charity Kids Walk will see thousands of primary schoolchildren walking at the same time to promote the health & planet-saving benefits of walking & shout out for their right to make safe & healthy journeys:



https://brake.org.uk

We all deserve safe roads. <u>South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined</u> <u>Authority</u>



In 2021, 138 17-24-year-olds were killed or seriously injured in a collision in S Yorks. 30 of those young people were P2W riders. We're sharing our #BOLT campaign at a national webinar to help reduce casualties in this road user group. https://sysrp.co.uk/News/bolt

SYP Operational Support

On average, 6 children are killed or seriously injured on roads in Britain every day – that's equivalent to a whole class of children every single week.

Let's all do our bit to protect young people.





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 (<u>available at SAM</u> <u>Club Nights</u>). 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



Elevenses 339 Sun 4 June - motorcycle news, tips & views. in today's news... big changes for the 2023 TT races... sidecar passenger fails substance test... a rather special speed record... a high-speed visit to 15 different

European countries... thieves take just 40 seconds to steel a BMW... Grom arrives in new colours... Honda's 500 twin gets new street scrambler clothes... in today's discussion point - are manufacturers playing us for fools over built-in security? Watch here

Gone in 40 seconds - are bike manufacturers playing us for fools? (Adapted from yesterday's Elevenses LIVE WEBCAST - find the whole podcast here: https://youtube.com/live/Lp5XoeOii40) Forty seconds. That's the time it took a gang of four bike thieves to spot, defeat the steering lock, and finally wheel a way a locked BMW motorbike on last Sunday afternoon. Read more





Getting into biking - Compulsory Basic Training

Compulsory basic training - more commonly known as CBT - is an official government-mandated motorcycle training course managed by the Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) that novice riders have to take before taking to the roads on a moped or motorcycle. When you've successfully completed CBT you'll be issued with a Certificate of Completion of training (DL196). Read more

Elevenses 340 Wed 7 June - motorcycle news, tips & views. in today's show... motorcycle camera bike pilot dies after colliding with triathlete... tamper-proof aftermarket exhausts on the way... new speed camera technology allows for



easier capture of motorcycle plates... police in Kent seek rider who may have been carrying a handgun... Bromsgrove rider reunited with his 1961 BSA Rocket 650... the Jonway V400 is

another Chinese bike destined for Europe... Acerbis seek long-range record with a 108 litre fuel tank for a Honda Monkey... in today's discussion point - are classic bike replica body kits a new fad? Watch here



60 Second Science is a BRAND NEW series of short videos from Survival Skills Rider Training explaining why science matters to motorcyclists. Welcome to the latest in my new series of short videos that look at the

crucial role that science and scientific principles play as we ride motorcycles. I'm Kevin Williams, from Survival Skills Rider Training and I've been looking at a crucial question; "is motorcycling dangerous?" Read more

Are you competent? Or only skilled?
Part 1. In motorcycle training, we hear a lot about 'skills'. The IAM course was until recently called 'Skills for Life', RoSPA say their courses will "improve your riding standards, knowledge and skills", Circuit Based Training say "no other advanced



motorcycle training course will give you this vital skill"... ...and my own training school is called Survival Skills. Read more



Don't react, don't respond.
Pre-act instead. I was reading some advanced riding tips on a page online which was supposed to be helpful to road riders. In between the trackday advice

(which has little to do with riding on the road) and the 'vanity projects' (learning to 'back the bike into a corner' and how to get a knee down), I came across a genuinely useful article entitled 'Don't react, respond'. The author said it originated with RAF pilots, and went on to talk about "a famous story about two RAF Tornado fighter pilots who impact a seagull at 500mph... it's a well-known phrase used by people who must make split second, life and death decisions every couple of seconds – fighter pilots". Read more

Elevenses 341 Sun 11 June - motorcycle news, tips & views. in today's news... sticky trouble for Auckland drivers & riders... long distance record for Triumph... bag-on-bike airbag to arrive in 2025...



KTM not taking over MV Agusta says CEO... relaunch of the supersport class as ZX6-R returns... ZX10RR gets 'variable' airbox but only with race ECU... new minibike from CFMoto resembles 80s FZ750 endurance racer... in today's riding tip - read the road better - three simple but useful exercises...Read more

IAM RoadSmart News



Pot luck... pothole postcode lottery for Britain's cyclists The pothole plagued regions where cyclists are most likely to encounter cavities in the road have been outed by the UK's leading road safety charity, IAM

RoadSmart. More information

Sharing the road with cyclists

As temperatures rise across the UK, many of us will start to see more people opting for the two-wheeled alternative to make their journeys. More information





We have three distinct levels of recognition for Advanced courses, starting with a F1RST. A F1RST is attained by taking the Advanced test and scoring 1 in nearly every category, whether you're an existing member or a new one.

Find out how to gain a F1RST - https://iamroadsmart.net/42nxdIQ

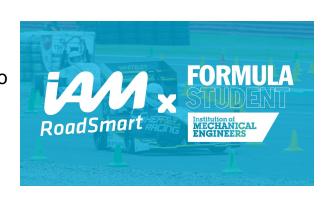
Summer is upon us, and our Skills Days are well underway. With many dates sold out, we wanted to let you know that we have a few outstanding spaces at the Thruxton circuit for dates throughout June and September. Find out more and book your space today #SkillsDays23





At this year's <u>Adventure Bike Rider</u>
Festival, we are offering free and informal 30-minute ride-outs. These sessions will be led by a qualified IAM RoadSmart Observer, providing an opportunity for participants to learn more about Advanced riding.Limited spaces are available, <u>so be sure to reserve your place here</u>

For 2023, IAM RoadSmart has partnered with the <u>Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE)</u> to open up this opportunity to preand post-graduates of the <u>IMechE Formula Student</u> competition, giving them the chance to test their driving



abilities in the UK final, competing for the honour of representing the UK in the FIA's international final. Formula Student (FS) is Europe's most established educational engineering competition. Backed by industry and high-profile engineers, including patron Ross Brawn OBE, the competition aims to develop enterprising and innovative young engineers and encourage more young people to take up a career in engineering, with over 100 university teams participating every year.



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. <u>Find out more</u>

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: 28th June 2023
- Next SAM Club Night: 3rd July 2023 meet at 7.30pm for an 8pm start <u>Treeton Miners Welfare</u>, <u>Arundel St</u>, <u>Treeton</u>, <u>Rotherham S60 5PW</u>, <u>UK</u>
- **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 <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> & <u>Instagram</u>.

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.

Club Merchandise

"YOU can proudly support YOUR Club"



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