



SAM Weekly Newsletter - 9th June 2023

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

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Editorial

There is a lot happening in the SAM Club now. Have you booked your place(s) on the SAM Summer Picnic? Have you booked your place on the EXCLUSIVE British Superbike School track day offer? Have you passed on the 'Trainee to Traveller' discounted CBT offer for SAM member's friends, family and Club followers? Supporting your Club is a great way to show your appreciation for all the hard work that goes into sourcing and organising these events on your behalf. Oh, while I remember, the Autumn Breakfast is booked and details will be shared later.

There is more good news from your SAM Club. We had 3 FIRST passes and Associates received their certificates at the last SAM Club night. Parking is getting much more problematic at the Treeton Miners Welfare Club, so we are actively exploring suitable alternatives. If you have any ideas, just let a member of the SAM Committee know. We very much appreciate your help.

The SAM Committee has been exploring other ways to make the SAM Club night even more enjoyable. One suggestion is to have a film session. Whilst the Chief National Observer and Editor are discussing what might be suitable, perhaps you have some ideas that you can share with us.

In other news, Andy Frith (Chief National Observer) is progressing the transition training of Local Observers to National Observers. It's quite a task and I'm sure that all SAM members appreciate Andy's efforts on behalf of us all. The design for the [SAM digital business card](#) has been updated and is easily accessible and shareable from your phone. New posters, based on the same design as our business card, are being ordered. These will be used at events to promote the SAM Club. They also mean that any SAM volunteer, discussing our services at an event, will be able to direct the enquirer to the right information. This includes, getting a copy of the digital business card to share with

others, an information pamphlet, requesting a First Ride Assessment and signing up for an advanced rider course.

In the rest of your newsletter this week, there is a lot of anger at the epidemic of motorcycle thefts. This is mainly aimed at motorcycle manufacturers for not doing more to make it really difficult/impossible to steal a motorcycle. Police forces are criticised for treating motorcycle theft as an event that doesn't warrant any effective response. As motorcycle riders and especially advanced motorcycle riders, we each have a personal responsibility to ensure that our bikes are as safe as they can be. There's a lot more for you to enjoy, so 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 on the [SAM website](#). Paul Conway
Editor & Webmaster, Sheffield Advanced Motorcyclists



Riding a motorcycle is an adventure that sparks creativity and ignites a passion for exploration.

Biking News Online



1914 H-D Twin Engine Rebuild and the 1912 Single Venture

It's Memorial Day 2023. There's a jammin' bike show happening in Deadwood. Dan's hands are full with Sturgis Museum projects. I'm trying

like hell to understand Outlaw Justice, my second book and proof reading each page for reprinting. I'm also building a Knucklehead chop and searching for a 1913 twin engine. [Read more](#)

Sure, you can store your bike over winter and suffer through bouts of riding-itch. Or you could follow our guide and keep riding in the cold like an absolute pro!



One need not cross the Caucasus Mountains in far-eastern Europe at the height of winter to suffer the hellish pits of motorcycle riding in cold weather. Staying warm and toasty whilst riding is just as important on a daylong stint near home as it is when tackling a cross-continental journey. If you don't have the right cold weather motorcycle riding gear on, you'll freeze just the same. [Read more](#)



It goes without saying that most of us replace the stock exhaust systems of our motorcycles in order to enhance the engine sound our bikes produce. Of course, along with this improved sound comes marginal power gains, especially

if the engine is tuned to accommodate the exhaust, as well as quite a lot of weight reduction.

As with most things related to modifying motorcycles, there are two routes to take when it comes to "upgrading" your exhaust. On the one hand, you can do a hack job by cutting off the muffler and cat, as well as any emissions regulations conformity in the process. The same goes for purchasing a knock-off exhaust system online. On the other hand, you can go for the legal approach and purchase a certified exhaust system from a reputable manufacturer – something that's pretty much your only choice if you live in Europe, as rules surrounding [aftermarket exhausts](#) are much stricter over there. [Read more](#)

In the village of Stockton-on-the-Forest, just outside the city of York in North Yorkshire, England, is a little slice of motorcycling heaven—The Craven Collection of Classic Bikes. Opened in 1994 by racer, wrencher, and known Yorkshireman Dick Craven, the collection is a love letter to more than a century of British motorcycling and motorcycle culture. Our man Tom visited the collection this past weekend and was kind enough to send over a slew of pics from his trip. Let's check 'em out. [Read more](#)



Landspeed Women of History What is the pursuit of speed but the unparalleled thrust of girth into the void where noise is last and fear is first – where you don't come to meet your demons but to run with them. Those who willingly throw themselves into this void, we salute them and remember them.

They are legends made from the salt dust that trailed their streak into oblivion—speed, the record holder of history, and the women that broke them. [Read more](#)

In Rider's February issue, we [shared the results of a survey](#) that offered a fascinating deep dive into our readers' habits and preferences. One telling statistic was that three-quarters of our readers – yep, we're looking at you – ride their motorcycles at least 3,000 miles per year, with nearly half of those polled saying they travel at least double that. Along these lines, the top three most popular types of motorcycles our readers own are touring, sport-touring, and adventure bikes. Ergo, we created this motorcycle luggage buyers guide. [Read more](#)



MAG ANTI-THEFT EVENT LETS BIKERS SPEAK DIRECTLY TO POLICE

The anti-theft event will be taking place later this month at the Ace Cafe in London. LATER this month, the Motorcycle Action Group (MAG) will be holding an event at the Ace Cafe, bringing bikers and the police together, to discuss the topic of

motorcycle theft.

The event, taking place on Wednesday 14th June at 6 pm, is an open forum and provides bikers with a unique opportunity to hold the police to account on the subject of bike theft. [Read more](#)

SAM Meetings

SUPPORTING NEW RIDERS

At Trainee To Traveller our aim is to create safe competent riders from the beginning of their motorcycle training.

Providing them with a good solid base for their future motorcycle adventures.

With this in mind we'd like to offer a SAM Members Friends & Family discount for CBT Training.

Simply quote your membership number at the time of booking and your CBT will be upgraded to our 1-1 training package.

All we ask is that trainees have completed the FREE Ride-Free Online training before attending.



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**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 [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.

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

In a world full of distractions, motorcycling allows us to focus on the present moment and truly live in it.



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

Whiteknights are participating in another national relay today. Bloodrun Evs have a consignment from James Cook Hospital. Pictured is Whiteknights's North Yorkshire Manager, Andy with Bob from Greater Manchester Blood Bikes. [#bloodbikes](#)



Massive thank you to all the Blood Bike Volunteers in every single role, without you we wouldn't be in the position to help thousands of people in our respective communities and beyond. Without you it wouldn't happen so THANK YOU ❤️



It's human nature to feel good after helping someone out. Volunteering can also help you gain valuable new skills and experiences, and boost your confidence.

This Volunteers Week, Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes are ready to hear from you! You could be a potential life-saver and provide much needed urgent transportation support for the NHS.

We are recruiting for Summer 2023 from this weekend onwards!

For further information message us through Facebook or email: info@whiteknights.org.uk providing your location details.

We are recruiting right across Yorkshire and would especially like to hear from bikers over 30 years of age in North, South and West Yorkshire.

Previous applicants can be considered. Find out more about our modified service areas. Message us now!!!... [#Bloodbikes](#)
[#VolunteersWeek](#)

South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership



FILTER WITH CARE:

Riding down the side of a queue?

Then this important message is for you!
Filter with care!

Drivers - be aware that motorcyclists may filter! [More information can be found here](#) [#barnsley](#) [#doncaster](#) [#sheffield](#) [#Rotherham](#)

WE ALL HAVE A PART TO PLAY: HELLO! It's a beautiful day out there. Please take extra time to look for pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists, horse riders and disabled road users - if you use the road, you have a responsibility to yourself and others. Thank you. [#fridaymorning](#) [#RoadSafety](#) [#FridayFeeling](#)



We're ALL road users



[National Highways: North-East](#) is creating 12 new emergency stopping areas on the M1 between junction 32 at Thurcroft & junction 35A at Stocksbridge.

To help engineers carry out the upgrade safely, the left-hand lane will be closed throughout construction. Lanes two, three and four will remain open with a 50mph speed limit in place. All existing emergency areas on the

M1 will remain open wherever possible throughout construction. At limited locations where it is necessary to temporarily close an emergency area, a new temporary emergency area will be provided nearby and clearly signed. Work starts Monday 5 June. [Find out more #rotherhamiswonderful #sheffieldissuper #barnsleyisbrill #doncasterisgreat](#)

Good morning - how are you?

We all like to listen to music, chat with our friends and use our mobile phones when out and about. However, if you are cycling, driving or crossing the road these can be a distraction.

[Getting distracted can be fatal](#)



10–20%
of all crashes are estimated to be caused by driver fatigue

6am
drivers are 20 times more likely to fall asleep at the wheel at 6am than at 10pm

1 in 8
drivers admit falling asleep at the wheel

How are you this morning?

Fatigue is a major cause of road crashes and could be as dangerous as drink-driving.

Tired drivers have slower reaction times, suffer from reduced attention, awareness, and ability to control their vehicles. [This article will tell you more](#)

THE HERBERT PROTOCOL
Safe & Found

SPECIAL FREE OPEN DAY FOR 50+
10.30AM TO 2PM

WiseUp

Featuring a range of specialist sessions:-
Doorstep Crime, Home Fire Safety, Herbert
Protocol, Cyber/Fraud Scams,
& DriveSafe for older drivers

22nd August 2023
Lifewise Centre, Hellaby, J1 M18

Limited spaces per date, so please book your
space at:-
lifewise.booking@southyorks.pnn.police.uk
www.lifewise999.co.uk

Lifewise
Training for communities 1978

Information for those considering
and new to riding 125CC or under

27th June
6:30pm

FREE ON-LINE WORKSHOP:

Do you know a young moped or motorcycle rider or someone thinking about getting started? We are inviting South Yorkshire families to a FREE webinar featuring advice & info on topics from bike maintenance & PPE to training opportunities. It's all part of

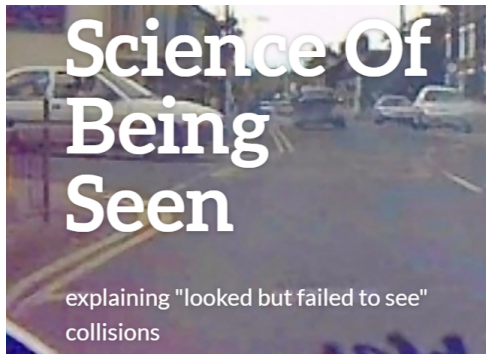
our work to reduce casualties on South Yorkshire roads.

[To find out more or register visit](#)



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

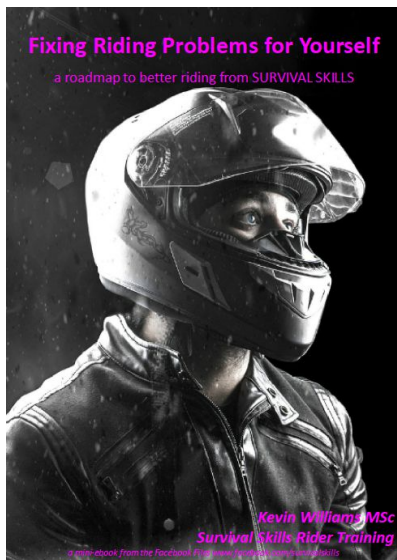


For many years road safety experts, police and motorcyclists have known that the most common collision between a motorcycle and another vehicle happens when the motorcyclist has right-of-way and another driver turns into the rider's path. All the way back in 1977, US researcher Harry

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



Fixing Your Riding for Yourself- a small 'thank you' for subscribers. An awful lot of what's written about 'better riding' gives you the equivalent of what the outcome of following a recipe would be, but often without actually giving you the recipe in the first place. We're told how to recognise 'advanced' riding but trying to follow the recipe to achieve it, all too often the recipe is incomplete and missing vital steps, usually because it's assumed that we already know certain techniques or possess the equipment necessary to follow it. [Read more](#)

Eleven 338 Wed 31 May - motorcycle news, tips & views.

in today's show... rival gang shootout in New Mexico leaves three dead... governor takes next steps towards total foreigner driving ban in Bali... street cruise ban extended in Birmingham and Wolverhampton... eye experts reveal flaws in DVSA vision guidance... police in Cheshire now able to check illegal tinted visors on the road... is QJ Motors new 700 adventure bike the answer for bikers on a budget... in today's discussion point - what is a street cruise and what are the police powers?
[Watch here](#)



60 Second Science 1 June Is motorcycling dangerous? Pt 2

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 a new series of short videos from Survival Skills Rider Training that look at the crucial role that science and scientific principles play as we ride motorcycles.
[Watch here](#)

Suzuki's GN400. If there's one motorcycle that proves that taking an engine from one bike and plonking it into another to fill a hole in a range of models isn't always a great idea, Suzuki's GN400 is an admirable



example. I found one retrospective review referring to it as a charming retro-style machine, but truth be told, it's one of the least-appealing bikes I've ever ridden. [Read more](#)



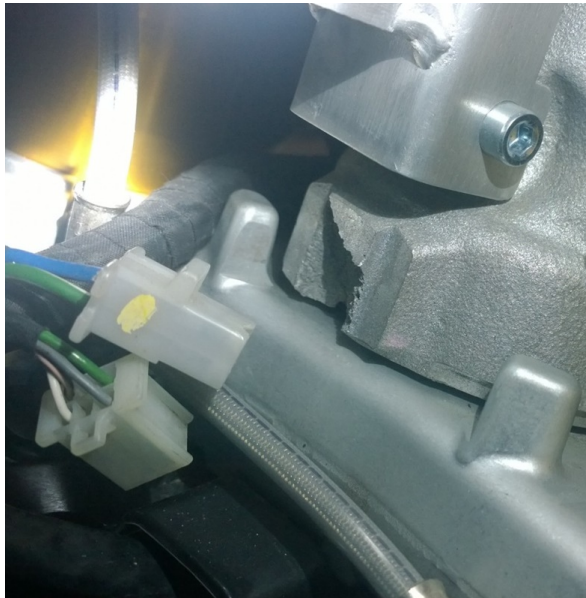
Watching your six. [KoFi Subscribers - have you grabbed your FREE GIFT yet? Get a GUIDE TO FIXING RIDING PROBLEMS [here!](#) Did I mention IT'S FREE?] The car ahead of me stopped unexpectedly as the driver clocked a motorcycle approaching from a road to her right and stopped unexpectedly, confused by the junction priorities. I hit the brakes myself and stopped, then heard the tell-tale squeal of skidding tyres a moment

before my bike was hit from behind. Fortunately, the impact wasn't hard and hit the tyre rather than the bodywork at the rear, but I wasn't able to catch the bike before it toppled left, landing on the brand-new stainless steel can and catching and smashing the headlight on the leading car's bumper on the way down. [Read more](#)

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:

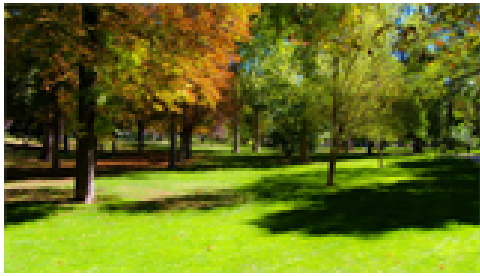
<https://youtube.com/live/Lp5XoeOii40>)

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](#)

IAM RoadSmart News

Father's Day
10% off Advanced Courses
[Buy an Advanced course >](#)



[Learning how to stay well](#)

As someone who considers themselves resilient to life's challenges, I never thought that I would be at risk of anxiety or depression, but life can throw grenades at you, and sometimes you're just not able to cope and need a little bit of expert support. [More information](#)

[Travelling with kids, a survival guide](#)

With half term on the horizon, many families will take advantage of the break and head off for a change of scenery. However, taking a long road trip with children can be a daunting prospect.



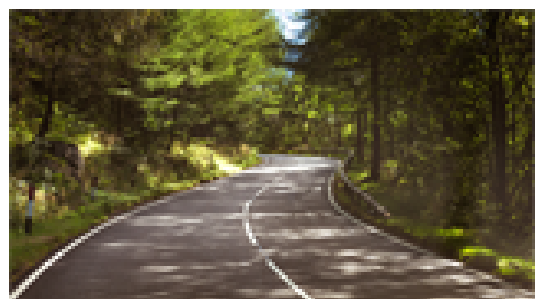
[More information](#)



[My Weekend Road Trips](#)

As any of you who have met me will probably know, as well as the Chief Examiner of IAM RoadSmart I identify as a kart racing petrol head (notice the distinction of no "Go", we do get sensitive about that). [More information](#)

[What a year](#) Over the last year, I've had an amazing journey. I have completed my IAM RoadSmart Advanced Driver course with a F1RST, which led to me becoming a National Observer. [More information](#)





On 9th January 2020 I was driving to work, it was no different from any journey until I was hit head on by a driver who had fallen asleep. In that split second

my entire driving career would change forever. I was 22 at the time and took pride in my driving but had never considered just how at the mercy of other drivers we are. At the time I was serving as a special constable and was attending road traffic collisions on a regular basis but never thought for a second I would be involved in one myself. [Read more](#)

Maintaining good vision is vital when on the road to help ensure the safety of all road users. Failing to meet eyesight requirements could result in a fine of up to £1,000, penalty points and a ban. We've put together some tips and advice on how to keep your vision roadworthy.

[Read more #IsYourVisionRoadworthy](#)

Is Your Vision Roadworthy?



[IAM RoadSmart](#)

IAM RoadSmart is a diverse and inclusive community and welcomes all; we do not discriminate, and we ask our community to be polite and respectful, always.

Our purpose is to educate, coach and upskill drivers and riders to deliver better and safer on-road experiences for all.

This week is Volunteers' Week, so we will be showcasing our brilliant volunteers throughout the IAM RoadSmart community to show gratitude for all the time and effort they dedicate to keep the charity thriving.

We appreciate the help of every single volunteer and believe it is important to acknowledge their hard work. We want to know if you know of any members who you think deserve a shoutout for their hard work. [Nominate someone for the IAM RoadSmart volunteer hall of fame](#)



“IAM RoadSmart has always said that real-world trials are needed to ensure the safe development of driverless cars, but it is vital that they meet the highest possible standards of safety to ensure the resistance of many sceptical road users out there is overcome. Remote control of a vehicle means that the operator has full responsibility for the safe and legal return and delivery of the hire car, but also any insurance or other costs that might arise. We will be watching with interest to see if this is actually financially viable and delivers better customer service on the busy streets of Milton Keynes.”

Neil Greig, Policy and Research Director



A remote driver car rental service has been launched in Milton Keynes and is now available to customers. Neil Greig, Policy & Research Director at IAM RoadSmart, shares his views.

[Read the full story here](#)



Adventure Bike Rider Festival will be taking place this year, from 23-25 June in Warwickshire.

We'll be there to offer free ride outs and to share the benefits of Advanced Riding with thousands of like-minded riders. We hope to see you there!

[Book your free ride out here](#)

We know that without our volunteers, we would not be able to achieve our goals of better road safety for everyone. Therefore earlier this year we launched 'People Power', a campaign which shines a light on all our amazing volunteers, showcasing their brilliant work and their importance to IAM RoadSmart. [Explore what it's like to be a volunteer](#)



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](#)

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** [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.

- **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.

Club Merchandise

"YOU can proudly support YOUR Club"



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