

Stop
Off
Road
Nuisance

Road Registered Bikes



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ARE YOU RIDING LEGALLY?

As you know, in order to use a motorbike or quad bike on the road it must be especially built for road use. You will need to have: a licence, registration documents, MOT, road tax, and protective riding gear.

What people don't realise is that just because you can ride your bike on public roads does not mean you can also ride it off-road in local parks, wasteland or pathways. As well as being dangerous to yourself and others it is illegal and you will be punished when caught by the police. Although you may think you are just enjoying your hobby by riding in a local park on a weekend morning, you may not be aware of how your riding affects others. You will be breaking the law and are likely to be causing distress to residents by riding on roads, pavements and public land.

As you may be aware there are currently no official off-road bike tracks in Greater Manchester. If you are going to use tracks outside Greater Manchester ensure that your licence and bike are suited to motorway use.

Thinking of buying a second hand bike?

Always check when buying a bike that there is a visible identification number on the frame and an engine number. The seller will be able to point these out and provide a proof of purchase. The bike manufacturer will be able to describe what the number should look like on their product. Contact them for more details. The number may have been defaced on a stolen bike, so always check!

Never buy a bike which has had the identification number defaced. The police will seize all bikes without a number and you will be held responsible for this.

Help us to clean up the sport!



Police Powers

If you do not follow the guidelines you will be breaking the law. When the police catch up with you, you run the risk of:

- Your bike being seized
- Receipt of a heavy fine
- If you are able to reclaim your bike after seizure, expect a charge of more than £100
- Points on your driving licence
- Disqualification
- Imprisonment
- An Anti-Social Behaviour Order
- An unlimited civil claim
- Serious injury to yourself and others

If you would like more information on how to ride legally please contact the Auto-cycle Union who are the governing body for the sport. They will be able to provide you with details of regional venues and latest news:

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