

## Parental responsibility

If your children are using the motorbikes in public spaces the bikes, will be seized by the police. If we cannot take action against your children, YOU will be prosecuted for allowing them to ride the bikes illegally.

This may still result in you receiving penalty points on **YOUR LICENCE**. If you or your child are caught using a motor vehicle illegally in public spaces, do not expect to be let off with a warning. Expect your vehicle to be seized and your driver's licence to be endorsed with penalty points.

## Responsible riding

It is always illegal to ride a motor bike, quad bike, moped or other off-road vehicle in parks, play areas and on footpaths. Riding in parks, nature reserves and other open spaces also poses a danger to wildlife. The Auto Cycle Union can advise on specialist sites in your area, as well as any local competitions taking place. Visit their website at [www.acu.org.uk](http://www.acu.org.uk) or call 01788 566400 for details.



## Appeal for information

The Tamworth Community Safety Partnership relies on intelligence and can only act upon information provided by members of the public.

If you have any information about motorbikes being ridden illegally or anti-socially, including descriptions of the offenders or motorbikes they are riding, or you think you have CCTV footage of them or a photo on your phone, get in touch. Please include descriptions of the offenders, and motorcycles (size, registration, type, make and colour) they are riding. Please note anything out of the ordinary about them or their bikes.

Tamworth Community Safety Partnership  
Email: [communitysafety@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@tamworth.gov.uk)

Tamworth Borough Council  
Phone: 01827 709709  
Email: [enquiries@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@tamworth.gov.uk)

To report a crime that is not in progress or for any other non-urgent police matters, including information on nuisance motorcycles, call the police non-emergency number on **101**.

For **emergency** police response, dial **999**

To give information anonymously, contact **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111**  
Neighbourhood Watch website [www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk)



[www.safertamworth.org](http://www.safertamworth.org)

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# Operation Motocrush



# Motorbikes, mopeds and quad bikes

Motorbikes are far too often used in an anti-social, illegal and dangerous way. This can result in a police prosecution not only for the rider, but also their parents, who are held accountable for the actions of their children.

**The Tamworth Community Safety Partnership is committed to reducing inappropriate and illegal use of motorbikes in Tamworth**



# Motorbikes and the law

The government regards motorbikes as motor vehicles, so they must be constructed to a specific standard in order to be ridden on a public highway.

You can visit the Department for Transport website at [www.dft.gov.uk](http://www.dft.gov.uk) for more information.

In addition, all motorbikes also need the following if they are to be used on the public highway:

- ✓ DVLA registration
- ✓ Road tax
- ✓ A valid MOT
- ✓ Fitted with number plates with lights

The rider must also:

- ✓ Be aged 17 or over (or 16 if the vehicle meets the definition of a moped)
- ✓ Hold a valid driving licence
- ✓ Have valid motor insurance
- ✓ Wear suitable safety equipment (eg motorcycle helmet)

If the above conditions are not met, it is illegal to ride a motor vehicle on the road. They should only be used on privately-owned land with the permission of the land owner or at a specialist site.

# Penalties for riding a motorbike illegally

Riding a motorcycle illegally could result in:

- ✗ A fixed penalty of £100
- ✗ Court proceedings resulting in a criminal record and a fine not exceeding £2,500 on conviction
- ✗ Recovery of costs involved in prosecution
- ✗ Civil court injunction
- ✗ Criminal Behaviour Order
- ✗ Immediate seizure of vehicle with a £150 recovery fee plus storage charge
- ✗ Crushing of the vehicle (no return)
- ✗ No insurance – fine of £5,000 on conviction
- ✗ No licence – fine of £1,000 on conviction
- ✗ Three to eight points on your licence (even if too young to hold a licence)

