



HONDA Z50R

Me on my Honda Z50R. Thirty years later I'm still riding, but not tearing around the local fields quite as much. **Russ Gillespie**



HONDA SH125i

My daughter Jasmine picking up her first bike, a brand-new Honda SH125i. A very proud moment for everyone. **Andy Cobby**



FRANCES BARNETT

My first bike was a Frances Barnett 197. It was stolen from my barracks in Hampshire and ended up in Kent written off. **John Bennett**

My dad found this shot of my old Suzuki and Triumph Herald in Edinburgh when he was having a bit of a clear out. **Crawford Henty**



SUZUKI AP50



MINI GS

My son Thomas (aged four) with his 12v BMW R1200GS. He'll want the real thing soon! **Oily French**



SUZUKI T250J

It was £330 from Comerfords on three years' HP and I did 15,000 miles in 18 months. Great bike. **Stuart Baker**



HONDA CB50J

Here I am on my 16th birthday. I really wish that I still had that little Honda. **David Powell**

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**Q 'Dealer left me out of pocket'**

I recently viewed and agreed to buy a bike from a dealer who was selling it on behalf of a customer. When I viewed the bike the V5 and service records were not present. I was told this was because the bike was only dropped off at the dealers the day before I viewed it. I paid a deposit and agreed to collect the bike the following day. The dealer knew I was travelling 120 miles by public transport to finalise the sale and ride the bike back home. On arriving at the dealers he advised me they could not locate the V5. I am out of pocket for my travel costs and an insurance admin fee. I do not want to deal with someone who treats customers this way, so I have pulled out of the purchase. I am out of pocket by £90 plus the whole day I was inconvenienced by travelling. Do I have any rights other than moral decency to recover the financial costs?  
**John Maclean, email**

**'When I got there they couldn't find the bike's V5'**

I don't know what terms and conditions you agreed to when you paid the deposit, but you may have been given a receipt and a document with the purchase terms. I very much doubt the terms and conditions will cover the situation you describe in terms of getting your travel costs back and compensation for your inconvenience. I think you will have to rely on their goodwill. You should also look into what any T&Cs say in relation to the deposit but I am confident they will refund it in the circumstances.

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**'Massive respect to Johnny Rea...'**

What an unbelievable achievement – six time WSB champion!

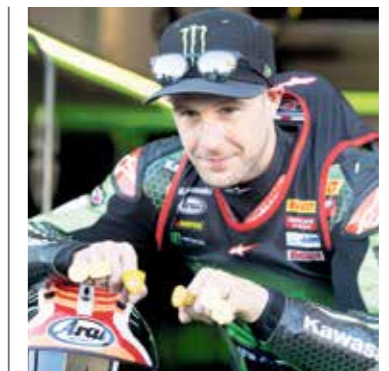
**M**assive respect to him because he's had some great rivals over the years, they've all had a go. They end up a couple of tenths of a second off Johnny and over 10 laps that's two seconds. He's made world-class riders look like dicks. He's going to go down in history – records generally do get broken but it's going to take a long time. Foggy won four titles but he never back-to-backed them like Johnny. He's earned it this year. Honda have thrown the kitchen sink at



Another amazing season for the ex-Red Bull Rookie

**'I still think of him as that kid coming from Red Bull Rookies'**

it, Ducati have pushed him all the way and BMW aren't messing about, but no-one could stop him. Whatever goes on, Johnny doesn't panic. I remember texting him last year when he was miles behind Bautista and he came straight back saying he was embarrassed by his results. I said he should go back to the drawing board and that he'd figure it out, which is exactly what he did. I still think of him as the young kid coming through the Red Bull Rookies, I forget he's a dad with two nippers! I like him, there nothing not to like about him. His legacy is undisputable, he's come up through BSS, BSB then WSS and WSB where he was beating his head against a brick wall with that Honda. But he kept at it and always did his best. Kawasaki obviously put all their efforts in to WSB, he has a fantastic relationship with Pere Riba and the rest of his crew, plus he's got Fabien Foret in his corner. Even his motorhome driver Kev has been with him for over 10 years. He's out on his motocross bike having fun and you just can't buy that – being happy is so important.



It'd be a brave man that would bet against him taking more titles

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**What was your Kawasaki Superbike like on track?**

**Craig Peters**  
Riding a full-blown superbike around Donington is a dream. The thing is a weapon and I can't wait to race it... whenever that might be...

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