

Advice on dealing with illegal off road motorcycling.

The following is advice on what to do if you suspect someone is illegally using a motor vehicle on the common. **At no time, however, should you endanger yourself or put yourself in a position that would compromise your safety.**

1. If off road motorcycling is occurring then we would encourage you to ring 101 to report the incident to the police. In doing so, obtain as much detail about the bike and the rider as possible, such as registration number, colour of the bike any distinguishing features. For the rider, can you describe him/her? What was the helmet like? Any distinctive clothing? If police attend and find the rider/bike in situ can carry out their powers under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act and issue warnings in the first instance followed by seizure of the vehicle in the event of a repeat offence. The Police Reform Act covers the anti-social use of a motor vehicle.
2. You are also encouraged to report persistent motorcycling on a common to your Community Engagement Forum. This is a platform for you to have local issues accepted as a priority by the agencies who are then required to work on a solution over the coming months. You can attend and present what you see as the issue together with any suggestion of regularity and to have it considered as something the police and partners act upon. If you have access to the internet please see the below link to find more information on our website about your local Community Engagement Forum.

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/community-and-living/stronger-communities/community-engagement-forums/>

3. Incidents of anti-social driving can also be reported to

CrimeStoppers.

0800 555 111.

<http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/>