Devon & Cornwall POLICE

Micromobility

Micromobility = e-bikes (EAPC), privately owned e-scooters, *Beryl* trial e-scooters, e-motorbikes (SurRon and other off-road-style motorbikes)

Micromobility use is rapidly increasing across Devon and Cornwall. Whilst environmentally desirable to reduce car usage and promote active travel, the police and emergency services are seeing an increasing number of children and adults being injured through collisions involving micromobility as vehicles are travelling at speed and riders/drivers often have poor understanding of being a safe & legal road user. Some communities are also being impacted by anti social and criminal use of micromobility linked to drug dealing, theft and violence.

The current law:

1. **Privately-owned electric scooters** – driving these is illegal on pavements, in public places and on public roads. They are motor vehicles requiring a driving licence, MoT, Tax, Insurance. It does not matter what age the rider, they are illegal if used on paths, public spaces and roads. The only place they can be used legally is on private land with the landowner's permission. The only legal e-scooters are the Beryl Trial Scooters which are only available in some areas & riders must be 18+ & have either a provisional driving licence or full UK Driving Licence. If anyone is driving a private e-scooter please tell us & if someone is illegally riding a trial e-scooter such as being underage, tell Beryl and if being used anti socially or criminally tell us
2. **E-bikes** (EAPC Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles) must be fitted with pedals that are used to propel it, (must NOT be operable on the throttle only – the rider must pedal to get e-assistance), have an electric motor with a **maximum** continuous rated power output not exceeding 250 watts & the electric motor must cut off e-assist when the bike reaches 15.5mph & the rider must be **14 years or older** to ride an EAPC. If anyone is illegally riding e-bikes, please tell us
3. **E-motorbikes** – many types of SurRons, BRZ's, Qlaway are electrically-powered, throttle-operated motorbikes where the pedals are not used to propel the vehicle. To use them on public roads and spaces they require driving licences, MoT, Insurance, type approval, registration plates, helmets to be worn. If anyone is driving, please tell us

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For more information on micromobility law and to report your concerns

Devon and Cornwall Police Report a crime, incident or suspicion

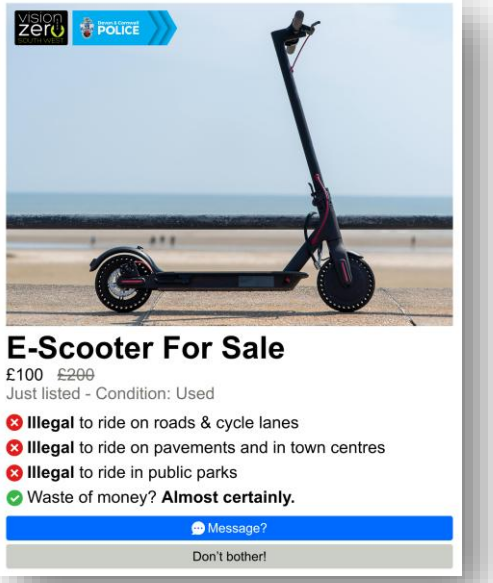
EAPC standards and legal requirements - GOV.UK

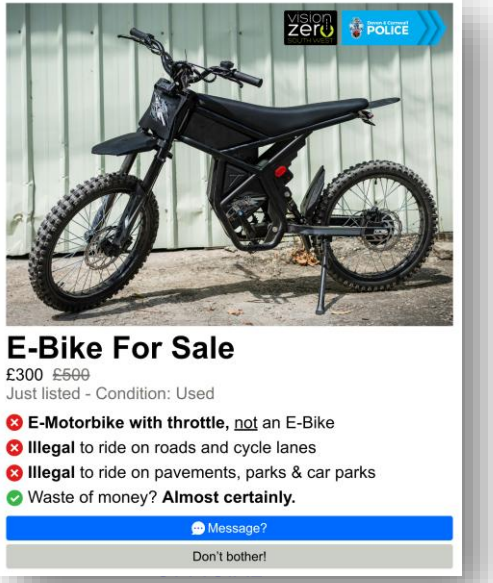
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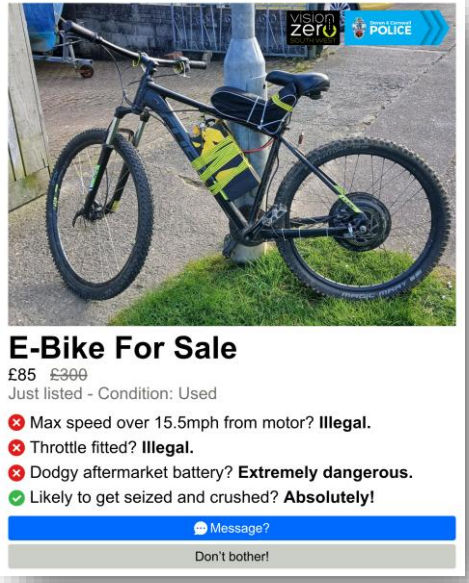
Crimestoppers for anonymous reporting

Life Choices On The Road Booklet | Resources | Vision Zero South West

Dangerous & illegal use of Beryl e-scooters







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Vision Zero | A collaborative road safety community project Road safety focus & resources PLEASE SHARE POSTS FROM THE FACEBOOK PAGE Vision Zero South West | Facebook



Any questions on police approaches to micromobility please email
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If concerning Beryl bikes and e-scooter trials generally this is the responsibility of Cornwall Council Adrian Roper
Cornwall E-Scooter Trial: Falmouth & Penryn, Newquay, Penzance and Truro | Let's Talk Cornwall
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Road Casualty Reduction Officers | Facebook
Existing posts on micromobility
Escooters – what parents need to know pt1
https://www.facebook.com/share/r/19Vr39gsrg/
e-bikes – what's the difference?
https://www.facebook.com/share/v/17ZQJ6fvxX/
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Can You Legally Ride a Sur-Ron on UK Roads? This Sur-Ron was seized by police after being used illegally. Although some people see them as electric bikes, Sgt Owen
https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=448375329520334 7 30 E-Bikes and E-Scooters Seized in Four Nights Sgt Owen and his team seized 30 illegally used e-bikes and e-scooters across just four nights. Owen talks us through.

