Crackdown on Nuisance Motorbikes

If you break the law your motorcycle could be seized and destroyed

• Riding an off-road vehicle in a park, public place or on common land is an offence and can be dangerous.
• You can only ride off-road vehicles on private land with the landowner’s permission.

THINK CAREFULLY!
CONSIDER YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES
YOU CAN BE PROSECUTED IF YOU ARE IRRESPONSIBLE
Advice to riders

Mini motos include motorised scooters, go-peds, and scrambler bikes and quads. When they are used wrongly, mini motos can disturb a community, damage the environment and put people’s safety at risk.

What the laws says

It is against the law to use a mini moto in public parks, open spaces, or on footpaths, pavements, cycle routes and bridleways. It is an offence to use a mini moto on a footpath to pass from one piece of private land to another.

Under 16

The only place that you can ride a mini moto is on private land but you must have the permission of the land owner.

Over 16

You can use a mini moto on private land with the land owner’s permission. You can also use the mini moto on the roads only if:

• The mini moto is registered with the DVLA, Taxed and insured.
• You have the correct driving licence for the mini moto. If the driving licence is a provisional one, then ‘L’ plates must be displayed both at the front and rear of the bike.
• You wear an approved protective helmet.
• The bike has an official number plate, brake lights, and indicators. If you use it at night, you must have working lights fitted.
• The bike’s exhaust is not too loud or altered in any way.

What the police can do

If a mini moto is being used against the law, irresponsibly or anti-socially, police officers and police community support officers (PCSOs) can:

• Seize any vehicle which is ridden illegally or which is repeatedly used in a way that could cause alarm, distress or annoyance.
• Issue a fixed penalty notice, for disorder which is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress

Report Nuisance vehicles in the area to Bedfordshire Police by calling 101