

**Tonbridge and Malling
Community Safety
Partnership:**

**'A safe community free
from the fear of crime'**

TOGETHER
TACKLING
ANTI-SOCIAL
BEHAVIOUR

**Useful telephone
numbers:**

**Tonbridge & Malling
Borough Council**

Anti-social Behaviour Officer
01732 876149

Environmental Health Team
01732 876060

To contact your local
Police Officer:

West Kent Policing area:
01732 771055

For Emergency Police Response
999



**Off road bikes, gopeds,
mini-motos, quad bikes
and electric scooters**

The last year has seen an increase in the number of mini-motorcycles, quad bikes and scooters seen around the borough. Reports of anti-social behaviour linked to such vehicles have increased tenfold. This leaflet offers guidance on the legal position if you own one of these vehicles or are thinking of buying one.

These vehicles can **only** be used legally on private land and with the explicit permission of the landowner.

Electric or petrol-powered scooters, mini-motorcycles and quad bikes must not be used on public roads unless they are taxed, insured, registered and comply fully with Road Traffic Act and Vehicle Excise legislation. None of these vehicles may be ridden on a footpath, which is in itself a separate offence. Nor may they be ridden on cycle route paths.

Riding these vehicles in a manner, or place, that causes harassment, alarm or distress may contravene the Road Traffic Act and could lead to a formal warning about its use. A further breach may result in the vehicle being seized and retained under the Police Reform Act 2002. Prosecution for any number of related offences may also follow.

You may even be banned from driving before you ever own a driving licence.

Inappropriate use of these vehicles puts public safety at risk, and may damage the environment. Furthermore, the noise from the machines frequently disturbs local residents. In such instances Environmental Health Officers may be asked to investigate and could serve a Noise Abatement Notice on the owner. Further contravention may lead to prosecution and seizure of the vehicle.

At 16 years of age you can legally ride a moped on a public highway providing you have the following:

Provisional Licence

Compulsory Basic Training Certificate

Insurance

Road Tax

MOT

(if vehicle is over 3 years old)

Vehicle Registration

The bottom line

If you want to ride one of these machines, do so on private land and with the permission of the landowner; and please be thoughtful of others with regard to noise.