

**Andrew:** My first motorbike was, oh, many, many years ago, um... because, I used to enjoy cycling a lot and three days on the trot I got knocked off my push bike and I'd had enough. So I went to the shop and said, I want an engine, what can I have? And the salesman said, you can have any of these from the middle to the left. So, I bought the big green one on the end, the Kawasaki.

**Jackie:** It was a Kawasaki?

**Andrew:** Yep.

**Jackie:** So what cc was that?

**Andrew:** That was 250, um... in those days that was learner legal. I'd never ridden a bike before.

**Jackie:** So you're saying that you could buy a 250cc without having been on a motorbike before?

**Andrew:** Yes, but the interesting thing was, I went to pick it up from the shop, it was five o'clock in the evening, rush hour, cars everywhere, I'd never ridden a motorbike in my life, and the salesman said, there you go, take it, have fun. And I knew nothing. But within 30 seconds of buying it, I was doing 70 miles an hour along the avenue.

**Jackie:** So, you bought a motorbike without, without having a license and the man just let you buy it and you got on the bike and rode straightaway?

**Andrew:** Yep. Um... in those days, it was accepted.

**Jackie:** Gosh.

**Andrew:** But then, because so many people killed themselves, that's when they then changed law, you have to do CBT (compulsory basic training) before you're even allowed on the road.