

Sherco Test Ride – Baskerville Hall, Herefordshire 8<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Paul Morgan and Paul Martin attended the Sherco test ride day at Baskerville Hall in Herefordshire, which was arranged by the UK importer, Malcolm Rathmell Sport. All of our invites were given to us by Stuart Arnold at SS Racing in Shrewsbury, which was organised by Paul Morgan.

On arrival at this great venue we were greeted with the full range of bikes both in the two stroke and four stroke disguises. All were lined up under the gazebos ready for signing on and ready to use. Lee Walters had marked out a track for everyone to follow which enabled all riders to gain a direct comparison of all the bikes lined up.

Having signed on we opted to take the 250 2 stroke machine out for our first ride. Although we admitted it was a nice bike neither of us were convinced that we'd rush out to buy and both said that the course was very tight, rutted and muddy to really see what it was really capable of. Next bike was the 300 2 stroke which as soon as jumping on was a mile better than the 250 that we had just hopped off! Power was smoother and generally felt nicer to ride and had to work it less to gain more. Although both bikes handled well the 300 was most defiantly a better clubman rider bike to own and ride.

Both the 4 stroke models were on the menu next with the 250 being the first to be experienced. When due to take the bike it was still out on the course so Stuart Arnold offered us his own 300 bike which was still gleaming and hadn't been ridden by anyone that day. Paul Morgan went first and put a few laps in before returning to the paddock with a big smile on his face and just stated, "you need to ride that"! I then jumped on and immediately fell in love with it! The power, handling, lack of weight and the riding position were the best that I had ever sat on!

The bike itself is lighter than their 2 stroke models and the way in which it put power down to the ground in the muddy and rutty conditions was incredible. It powered through the conditions in either mapping setting and never once felt that it was out of control and putting the rider in difficulty. Having arrived back in the paddocks Stuart changed the handle bar positions for us and we both then repeated a number of laps once again which resulted in putting a smile on both of our faces!!

We had a great couple our hours riding around and never got to test the 250 4 stroke as the 300 was exactly what you needed. Many thanks to MRS for putting on the day and Stuart Arnold for loaning us his 300 4 stroke which we are convinced everyone should try. There are pictures on Bob Mullins Facebook page.

Report Paul Martin