



Two-wheel action at Thruxton

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Tens of thousands of motoring fans packed into Thruxton Circuit on Sunday 3 August for round six of the MCE Insurance British Superbike Championship.

Despite having gone six races without a win (and five without a podium), Australian Josh Brookes achieved double victory ahead of Shane Byrne and Ryuichi Kiyonari.

In race one Dan Linfoot (riding a Quattro Plant Kawasaki) and Josh



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Brookes (Milwaukee Yamaha) led from the start. Shane Byrne (Rapid Solicitors Kawasaki) joined the front pair, but Brookes maintained the gap to take the win. The battle for second place went down to the last lap, with Byrne triumphant.

Linfoot was at the head of race two, but oil on the circuit meant a restart. Though closely fought, Brookes charged ahead and took his second victory.

The captivated crowd also saw some stunning racing from the National Superstock 1000 showdown, where six riders

fought for the lead for 14 laps, and the British Supersport Championship.

Thruxton Group Managing Director Bill Coombs said: "2014 has been an incredible season for Thruxton, and to see so many racing fans here once again is a great reward for all the people that work amazingly hard to make these events happen. British Superbikes always put on a show, and both of the races today were superb – not to mention all the breath-taking support races which kept everyone transfixed on the track!"

20MPH

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INCREASE ACCIDENTS

The number of serious accidents on 20mph roads increased by over a quarter (26%) last year, according to analysis of government data by road safety charity Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM). Slight accidents on 20mph roads increased by 17%.

In the same year, there was a decrease in the number of serious and slight accidents on 30mph roads and 40mph roads. Serious accidents went down by nine per cent on 30mph roads and by seven per cent on 40mph roads. There was a five per cent reduction in slight accidents on 30mph roads and a three per cent decrease on 40mph roads.

Casualties in 20mph zones also saw a rise. Serious casualties increased by 29% while slight casualties went up by 19%.

IAM Chief Executive Simon Best said: "More and more roads are being given a 20mph limit but they do not seem to be delivering fewer casualties. The IAM are concerned that this is because simply putting a sign on a road that still looks like a 30mph zone does not change driver behaviour. In locations with a proven accident problem, authorities need to spend more on changing the character of our roads so that 20mph is obvious, self-enforcing and above all contributes to fewer injuries."