

# Incredible Kettle – The Next Chapter

After 8000 miles and three years of active service I decided to give 'Incredible' a makeover but with other projects it's taken a lot longer than necessary. This will not be surprising to most of you that have spent countless hours restoring or building a Special so I'm not going to dwell or quote dates!

As with most projects improvements can be found and you get to understand how things are working and what restrictions need to be addressed. Long distance runs across to Holland, up to Northern Scotland and down to Cornwall. Motorway miles, back road scratching and Track Days and a crash gave me some good information to make a number of modifications.

A comprehensive change to all of the major chassis parts with a much needed engine inspection and revised exhaust system were on the 'must do' list. The 'nice to do' list had grown alongside the 'if only I could' lists.



The frame is good, even after my stupid fall outside Crooks! The repairs to it after the crash included a pair of nice large Frame protectors. The exhaust system had always been 'compromised' because of the large side plates which also had sections for the lower rear engine mounting. With the knowledge of my Rizla single sider swing arm the inevitable action was to throw the Shiny GSXR swing arm away along with its BST wheel (ouch ££!) and replace it with an MV unit including the shock absorber. A quick call to HPS left my bank balance down still further with an MV carbon wheel.

Gary Gratton, my 'frame surgeon' took pleasure in removing the sections of the frame to create space for the new Exhaust system and mount the MV swingarm. He said he would