

SAMMY MILLERS MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM, NEW MILTON UK

Recently on a trip to the UK visiting family for Christmas 2024, Julie and I took some time out to do a roving tour of various car and motorcycle museums in the south of England.

Some of these including The Bugatti Trust at Prescott, the British Motor Museum at Gaydon, the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu and best of all, only 22 km away, the Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum at New Milton. This was my second visit to Sammy Millers Museum, having been here once before in July 2022.

This Museum is world renowned for having the biggest collection of retired racing motor cycles plus very rare brands and Prototypes.



Sammy Miller born in Northern Ireland in 1933 was a road racer and heavily into dirt/grass track racing and trials. His first race was in 1951 as a 16-year-old. Although his favourite racing bike was an Ariel he moved onto Bultacos but also raced a variety of others including AJS 7R, Mondial and NSU, Honda and many others. In his career he has won over 1300 trials races including British, European and International races.

He started collecting bikes in 1964 when he set up his motorcycle parts business and this evolved into the Sammy Miller Museum of today.

Whilst spending several hours at Sammy's Museum we were fortunate enough to meet Sammy when he came around looking for his assistants to help him in his workshop. Sammy is now 91 years of age, still amazingly fit, and still does demonstration rides several times a year. He still collects rare and unusual motorcycles to add to his vast collection. Every day, Sammy potters in his workshop restoring and reconditioning his

finds and is currently planning to extend the museum building so he can display his ever increasing collection.

If you ever get the chance to visit the UK it is well worth the visit. The museum is south west of London and Southampton and is about 2-3 hours drive depending on the traffic.

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