

Phil Letts the CyclingUK campaigns officer for CTC-Northampton Group would like to draw your attention to recent :

Key changes to the Highway Code

The Department for Transport consulted upon and accepted in March, proposed changes to the Highway Code (HC), Cycling UK were instrumental in contributing to the review, to improve safety for vulnerable road users. Whilst there are many more rule changes outlined in the proposals, the implications of ten changes which are particularly significant for people who cycle are outlined below and can be accessed via:

Rule 1-Hierarchy of responsibility / users
Rules 2,3& 76-Junction priority
Rule 163 -Overtaking rules

https://www.cyclinguk.org/sites/default/files/document/2020/07/highway_code_10_key_changes_0.pdf

Rule 239 -Opening car doors
Rule 66 –Group riding
Rules 72&213 –Road positioning
Rule 140 –Cycle lanes and cycle tracks
Rule 151 –Allowing pedestrians and cyclists to cross in front in slow moving traffic.
Rule 178 –Advanced stop lines
Rule 186 –Drivers to give priority to cyclists at roundabouts.

Operation Snap: Members may recall the initiation in 2018 by all Police forces in Wales of what became a common National approach to using video cam footage (via dashboard or helmet cam) to record, submit and report dangerous and illegal road behaviour towards vulnerable users ie. cyclists. Northants was a late and somewhat reluctant participant and only recently re-instituted it's use. But Operation Snap is currently operational. The Police website quotes:

"Operation Snap: Northamptonshire

<https://www.northants.police.uk/police-forces/northamptonshire-police/areas/northamptonshire-force-content/about-us/about-us/operation-snap-northamptonshire/>

Operation Snap has been set up to help keep our county's roads as safe as possible.

It allows members of the public to report driving offences in the Northamptonshire area by filling out a form and uploading video evidence they have captured. Submitted footage and reports are then examined by roads policing officers and can be used to take action against drivers found to be breaking the law. Northamptonshire Police will investigate the following offences through Operation Snap:

- Dangerous driving
- Driving without due care and attention
- Careless driving

- Using a mobile phone while driving
- Not wearing a seatbelt
- Failing to stop at a red traffic light
- Crossing solid white lines
- Offences where a driver is clearly not in proper control of a vehicle

Operation Snap can't be used to report road traffic collisions. You can submit reports of road traffic incidents [here](#).

Please note that if you submit a report through Operation Snap you must be willing to attend court to give evidence, should the case go that far. Any footage submitted through Operation Snap must not be placed on social media as this may affect any subsequent legal proceedings.

Report an offence through Operation Snap. <https://snap.northants.police.uk/>

Please read these frequently asked questions before submitting your footage."