Billy Green Trials Update November 2018

Well another couple of months has whizzed by!

With the World trial season over I haven’t had to travel to Europe since I last wrote but I have covered a few miles in the UK!

I started Sixth form at the beginning of September. After a 12 week break from school, travelling to 3 different countries during the break and winning a World Championship, returning to Sixth form was a slight anti-climax! But life goes on!

I was soon back into the routine of lessons and homework. It was like I’d never been away! Except that wow, how much work?! I thought having only 3 subjects at A-Level would be ok, compared to the 10 you do at GSCE, but it is tough! There is such a change in the quantity of work, but I have settled and I am enjoying studying again.

The last weekend in September was a British championship event in North Wales. We travelled up the day before the event. It was a trial run by Hafren trials club in an absolutely stunning part of Wales. This was the first time this venue had been used for a British trial. The club organised a really good event with tough but good sections which really tested me. All part of the learning on the 250 this year. I managed a 9th place finish which I was happy with as it was still within the top 10 which has been my aim all year in the British events.

The next big event was the last British Championship of 2018, a double header event in Scotland on the weekend of 20/21 October. This was held at the Bob McGregor Trials Academy near Glasgow. Quite a trek to this venue! It took us about 10 hours from Devon.

I have ridden at this venue a few times when I was a Youth rider. It is a really compact venue in a disused quarry. The toughest section is the man-made waterfall section, but obviously being the British adult course that I am riding none of the sections were easy. They were all huge! I had a great weekend and again learnt loads. I had some awesome rides, cleaning some of the sections that the top boys didn’t always manage! I even cleaned the waterfall section! I also messed up a few sections though and had 3 big crashes breaking several parts on my bike. But nothing that couldn’t be fixed and I managed to finish.

It was a two day event. On day one I was 9th which I was quite pleased with, but I made some silly mistakes. On day two I came 7th. I was really pleased with this and this was my best finish this season in the British.

This year I chose to ride the 125cc Beta at the World championships and the 250cc Beta in the British. With riding two different bikes it took me a little while longer to get used to the 250 than if I’d been only riding that all year. But I felt I definitely made progress through the year on it.

Being my first year riding in the adult class at British level, I was pleased to finish the championship in 10th place. Could have been better but could have been worse! Most importantly I was pleased with the progress I have made

I will be riding in the British solo adult championship again next year and I have just registered to ride the FIM World Trial 2 Championship, while continuing to study for my A-Level exams. This will be a massive challenge but one that I am really looking forward to. I will be travelling the world again doing what I love, riding bikes! How lucky am I?

I just want to say a huge thank you to RT Keedwell for their support throughout this year. Their help and support is really appreciated.