

Drool Britannia

There's more to the British bike revival than a pretty face (acceptable though Kate Moss' might be). This is the scope of the current upturn

Brough Superior

Better known for building extravagantly engineered machines nearly 100 years ago, the Brough Superior name is now owned by Austrian-based Brit Mark Upham. If you want an SS100, you can have a new reproduction of the machines Brough made around 1926-30. Every new bike is individually built, each the result of a private commission. A spokesman for Brough tells us they're being made at the rate of 'around three and a half a year', at a cost 'well into six figures.'

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First founded in the early 1970s, CCM is now run by the Clews family, in the hands of director Austin. After a quiet couple of years they've announced a new Dakar-inspired adventure bike called the GP450. Due to go into production in May at the firm's home in Bolton, it uses CCM's own aluminium chassis, a practical 17-litre petrol tank, and a 46bhp, 450cc single of mysterious origin. We reckon it's BMW's now-defunct G450 unit. It'll cost £7995 and surely be one of the most genuinely capable adventure bikes on sale.

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