

Enjoy the (being taken for a) Ride?

Glancing back through old magazines, have you ever thought about how much the bikes being reviewed would be today? Southern Section member Robert Anthony very kindly sent me a copy of a BMW Motorrad price list from 2006. It makes fascinating reading but begs that question - what is the current equivalent price and are we being taken for a ride?

Using the Bank of England's inflation calculator, I have produced a table comparing some of the best-selling models. The results are interesting and, considering the developments in the tech offerings, in my opinion, the price differences on the GS are not as significant as expected whilst the touring models are even more surprising.

New BMWs are go

BMW Motorrad UK has announced launch dates and pricing details of the five new machines showcased towards the end of last year, alongside pricing details for existing models.

Following the world premiere of the R1200 GS Adventure at last year's International Motorcycle Show at Birmingham's NEC, BMW has said the flagship dual sport model will be available in dealerships from 25 March, priced at £9755 on the road.

It will be joined by the K1200 GT touring priced at £11,955 and following closely behind will be the R1200 S sports boxer (£8955), the new F800 S (£5995) and half-faired F800 ST sports tourer (£6495), all due to be launched to the public in the spring.

BMW Motorrad UK's general manager, Adrian Roderick, said: "The 2006 BMW Motorrad model line-up is the most exciting yet. Such a new and varied model choice enables us to offer customers a range that is not only competitively priced but also offers high residual values and other benefits of ownership that our competitors will find hard to match."



THE FULL LINE UP...
BMW motorcycles 2006 on the road retail price list, including road fund licence, 24-months* warranty and BMW Emergency Service.

F650 GS	£5355
F650 GS Dakar	£5695
F800 S	£5995
F800 ST	£6495
R850 R Classic	£6995
R1150 R	£7595
R1200 GS	£8955
R1200 GS Adventure	£9755
HP2 Enduro	£11,595
R1200 S	£8955
R1200 ST	£9095
R1200 RT	£10,895
R1200 RT SE	£11,595
K1200 R	£9375
K1200 S	£10,100
K1200 GT	£11,955
K1200 GT SE	£13,195
K1200 LT	£13,735
K1200 LT SE	£14,595
K1200 LT Lux	£15,215

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Model	2006 Price	2020 Adjusted	2020 BMW Entry Price
R1200 GS	£8,955	£13,113	£13,845
R1200 GSA	£9,755	£14,221	£14,870
R1200 RT	£10,895	£15,883	£14,870
K1200 LUX*	£15,215	£22,181	
*K1600 GTL			£20,270