

Cracking One-Off

Mike Smith, the owner of this GSX-R, has been riding bikes for years, starting out on a Puch moped with pedals and just two gears. He then progressed through a DT50, and various 125s and 250s before passing his test, and indulging in a bit of Top Gun style GPZ-R love.

After a spell overseas working in Saudi, Mike returned to the UK, got married and bought a spanky new GSX-R1100, which was quickly traded in for an original FireBlade, which he wrote off 880 miles later.

A string of LCs followed, then a spell of racing motocross, before he returned to road bikes with a ZX-6R, which he club raced until a highside ended his racing career, and resulted in lots of metal holding his leg together.

Now living back in Saudi, Mike's just bought an R1 to do trackdays at Bahrain International Circuit. Mike got this K6 new from B&B in Lincoln for £8,200, then ditched the standard can, ending up with a Racefit. A fender eliminator and some carbon tank infills followed, as did a set of BST wheels with Braking wave discs, before Mike crashed it.

The insurance company wrote it off, but Mike got it back and decided to cloak it in carbon fibre from front to back, with a little help from QB Carbon. The brakes came under fire next, replacing the standard kit with Brembo calipers, matched to oversize Brembo discs.

His favourite mod though is the wheels. "You have to ride some of these to fully appreciate the difference", says Mike.

Still on the 'to do' list are some monoblocs, a quickshifter, digi dash, longer clipons and maybe an Alcantara seat. "I can't imagine ever selling it" says Mike, while admitting that if the offer was big enough, he might consider it. **FB**





MODIFICATIONS

MIKE SMITH'S SUZUKI GSX-R1000 K6

2006 Suzuki GSX-R1000 K6

£8,200

Chassis

BST Carbon Fibre wheels	£1,900
K-tech 20mm fork internals and work	£500
Michelin 2CTs	£200
C2P steering damper	£175
Gilles rearsets	£230
WP 4618 remote preload shock	£800
Other	
QB Carbon: fairing, seat unit, tank, airtubes, F&R guards, frameguards, rear preload adjuster bracket	£2,600
Harris remote reservoir/bracket	£40
Renthal medium grips	£6

Pazzo shorty brake/clutch levers	£130
MRA screen	£65
'08 Suzuki decals	£120
Grills radiator/cooler guards	£60
Lawst Caws frame bungs	£30
R&G frame bungs, front axle bungs	£40
Carbon Fibre tax disc holder	£25
Crescent Carbon Fibre exhaust hanger	£60
R&G fender eliminator	£20
Project R LED rear light (integral indicators)	£25
Carbonplates.com Carbon Fibre number plate	£30
Speedo Healer	£40

Total

£17,061

