

People who don't indicate increase carbon emissions

Unlike millions of other commuters I am lucky because I only have to drive for five minutes before I get to work (unless I get stuck behind a tractor). I pull out of my drive and roll down my street to go over a crossroad then turn off right at another. I follow windy lanes with a hairpin bend then go over two mini roundabouts.

Easy, except for one thing. No one indicates! Not only does no one indicate but they also forget to slow down for either of the mini roundabouts. It's almost as if no one has ever taken a driving lesson before.

Five minutes I know you think why don't you walk? Well, before I get a lecture on polluting etc let me inform you that the windy country roads where I live are no place for a pedestrian. Anyone that chooses to walk is putting their own life in their hands due to lack of pavement, careless drivers who don't indicate and unflinching, imprisoning Cornish stone walls. Unlike those thoughtful folk in Yorkshire who pile up stones with no aiding cement providing a nice crumbly low escape route for those in the path of an oncoming vehicle, southern walls are thick and steadfast. Cornishmen didn't think about escape routes, hence the foot thick cemented rocks disguised as hedges.

So there I am cautiously slowing down at the first roundabout. All looks clear and safe to proceed so I begin the first steps of edging in second gear out onto the smallish circle. Before I can blink, a red Ford Fiesta sails out in front of me like an eagle diving for a mouse in one smooth and gear changing-less motion.

What must have been going through the driver's head at that very moment: did he think he was the only car in Poole and that this roundabout was his for the taking? This type of thing drives me insane (sorry for the pun) and it must be put to a stop. I am thinking of buying a horn that shouts "indicate you menace to society, indicate!"

I admit that I am guilty of driving quirks but overtaking more expensive cars on the motorway just adds a certain something to my day. There they are in their new Mini Cooper (the one that lost £300 as it drove off the forecourt) and there I am in my 1995 banger, whizzing past them 5mph faster than they are going. Of course, newer cars are usually safer so if I have an accident from going too fast, my lack of airbags is not going to help me.

So to everyone who is guilty of mini roundabout crimes then I admit we drivers are not perfect. Instead of moaning I would probably be better taking out a comprehensive [car insurance](#) policy. I just hope that if someone does hit me then they do it on the left hand side as there is a nasty scratch I wouldn't mind getting repainted.

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