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UK drivers are now paying £827 on average for their car insurance, according to Confused.com .

The company's index reveals prices have accelerated by a whopping £60 (+8%) since 2016 (Q4) when premiums were comparatively cheaper at £767 and expects them to exceed £900 by the end of this year.

Suzuki will supply a eight V-Strom 1000 marshal bikes for this year's Welsh Road Race, which takes place from 3-5 August near the Brecon Beacon National Park.

The versatile adventure bikes will be used by marshals and medics at the event, which sees road-racing return to the region after a 55-year hiatus and the three-day meeting will run on the original roads of the Eppynt Motorcycle Road Races staged between 1948 and 1953.

Police in Wales arrested 438 drivers for drunken driving over the Christmas and New Year period.

South Wales Police accounted for half of the offenders being caught an increase on 12 months earlier while a North Wales Police campaign of free breathalysers for drivers saw a decrease.

PSA Group is planning to reenter the US market by 2025.

Using electric car technology know-how from the former GM engineers it acquired with their European operations last year, the French giant will launch a new range of models, and some will be heading to Europe and the UK in all probability.



Ford shares dived after a disappointing outlook for 2018 business.

Raw materials costs and currency changes were blamed by the car maker but analysts said it could take years for the business to be turned around.

Car makers have reported a global 5% fall in sales last month due to extra days off over the holiday period compared to 2016.

PSA and BMW kept ahead of the rest but the biggest drops were taken by Fiat, Nissan, JLR and Skoda while full year sales were up 3.3% to 15.6 million units.

Porsche has successfully launched a multi-model subscription plan for members to swap vehicles across its range during a year.

The trial in Atlanta costs members \$3,000 a month for unlimited choice or a more restricted scheme for \$2,000 monthly payment.

Geneva motor show in March will not include Opel.

The brand has decided not to exhibit to save money under new owners PSA Group, and there are concerns over which manufacturers will display at the Paris show in October after a handful pulled out in 2016.

Over 95,000 visitors attended the Autosport International Show at the NEC this month.

That's 12% more than 2016 and helped by the launch of the WRC 2018 and Ferrari feature brand.