

Motorcycle builders receive 'world champion' title



Neil Sefton (chief custom technician) and Steve Willis

IT IS NOT every day you get to hear of world champions living in East Sussex.

But Shaw Harley-Davidson in Holmes Hill near Lewes has been given the title in a global custom motorcycle building competition.

The dealership's 1584CC v-twin 'Strike True II' motorcycle has won the modified Harley class of the AMD Official World Championship of Custom Bike Building at the Sturgis bike rally in the USA.

Steve Willis, Harley-Davidson dealer principal, said winning the award was a 'jewel in our crown' for the Shaw Harley-Davidson Speed and Custom Shop, which launched in January this year.

He added: "I can't believe we're world champions.

"Winning at the Sturgis world custom event is a massive achievement, but especially in the first year that we've ever entered."

All sorts of baffling

mechanics were involved in the bike's creation including a handmade rear fender, fabricated petrol tank and speedster handlebars styled from the 1940s era.

Brass has been used for the handlebar grips and footpegs, and the bike parts came from both Britain and the USA.

The big bike is now displayed at the Holmes Hill shop.

Methods for custom bike building usually involves creating or modifying bikes.

New soil conditioner made at compost facility

TWO GRADES of soil conditioner have been produced by the Woodlands Enclosed Composting Facility in Whitesmith for use by gardeners, horticulturists and organic growers.

The product, made under the PAS100 and Organic Farmers and Growers AfOR scheme, has

been created from green garden waste delivered to the facility via recycling sites and kerbside collections.

Called 'Pro-Grow' the organic soil conditioner can be bought by the tonne on request and will be available at household waste recycling sites.

Construction problems have been found in the composting tunnels at the Whitesmith facility.

Work to solve the problems in the tunnels will begin this month.

To order the soil conditioner phone 0845 35 50 550.