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This bike hides its speed well, and many times I found myself traveling at least 20mph faster than I had estimated. The almost lazy nature of the engine and the sensible gearing combine with the plush suspension to make the bike a joy to ride, yet allow a surprisingly rapid pace to be maintained over most road conditions, including twisting country lanes where its weight ought to count against it, but in reality just makes the whole experience all the more satisfying.

As we headed back towards London it was a good job that Cheshire cat auditions weren't taking place, as I wore a grin a mile wide, reveling in the effortless climb out of the beautiful valley that is Sevenoaks Weald.

Sure there are other bikes of similar age that are either more powerful, faster on the motorway, sharper in the bends or better in traffic, but with an overall package of jaw-dropping good looks, a punchy, characterful motor, and sheer rider enjoyment the Speed Triple stands out, not only from the crowd, but from its peers in the Triumph stable.

Here's to the next ten years. Make mine a triple... cheers! ■



*Speedy Triples older and newer; something to be happy about, plainly!*

