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# CEO's MESSAGE



Back in July, at the British Grand Prix, Motorsport UK hosted the Secretary of State for Transport, Mark Harper, and discussed the long-term sustainability of motorsport in this country and how that could be synergistic with the broader transport objectives for the UK. With a Formula 1

race perhaps not offering the most obvious touch points to everyday road transport, we decided to look for something more down to earth, and settled on the Wyedean Rally that is held in November within Mark's own parliamentary constituency in the Forest of Dean. A couple of weeks ago I headed down the M4 on another wet and windy morning, to meet the rally organisers at the HQ and welcomed Mark, who was keen to chat with the organising team and understand more about the operational challenges for an event of this scale within his patch. He has been the local MP since 2005, and is clearly well recognised by the locals, as everywhere we went people shook his hand and had warm words to say. In reciprocation Mark was full of glowing praise for the rally, and volunteered that in his time as an MP he has not had one complaint from any of his constituents, either for the Wyedean or the Three Shires Rally, which also falls within his constituency. That is certainly testament to the meticulous

planning and Public Relations that the organisers conduct, and the way in which the event is run with the least impact possible on local people's everyday lives.

Heading into the stages we climbed aboard the brand-new Land Rover Defender of Tim Jones, who I last saw at the Motorsport Games in France a year ago, where he was driving his Sunbeam Talbot to great effect. Although at the time he was rather frustrated that the open class that they use for the FIA Games allows much more powerful machinery into one category, led by an Audi Quattro that dominated the event. Tim was a fantastic pilot and tour quide for Mark, being able to point out all the key features on the route and in particular the safety measures that are taken to ensure that everything runs smoothly, not only for the competitor but also for all the spectators. I would thank the marshals who give up their time for such an event. There were over 200 on the day, who are kept busy making sure that spectators stand in the right areas and do not begin to wander about once the stage goes live. It was also reassuring to see how well the spectators listened to this advice and had a safe and thrilling day.

One subject we discussed was the use of sustainable fuels in motorsport. One of the entries was powered by 85 per cent sustainable biofuel, giving a good demonstration for Mark of the 'drop-in' useability of this new generation of fuels.

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These new biofuels are not carbon zero at the tailpipe but are 'net carbon zero' in that they use waste products from food and agriculture, that has already captured carbon from the atmosphere through their original photosynthesis. This is then processed into a hydrocarbon fuel that releases carbon dioxide at the point of use, but no more than was originally captured by the organic material when it grew.

This is important, as we discussed with Mark, because while we embrace the advent of electric powered vehicles, they are not going to change the stock of cars on the roads across the UK any time soon. To put that into some numbers, there are some 33 million registered passenger vehicles in the UK in 2023, with roughly the same number of vehicles being scrapped each year as are replaced by new cars. As has been publicised, there is draft government legislation stating that, from 2035, 100 per cent of new vehicle sales are required to be non-internal combustion engine (ICE) powered, which for the majority, means battery electric vehicles. That 100 per cent goal ramps up from 2024, when it will be 22 per cent non-ICE vehicles. So, if you take an average of 55 per cent of sales being EVs, then over the next 12 years something in the region of 4.8 million electric vehicles will be added to the existing 1 million on our roads today. In round terms this leaves approximately 26 million internal combustion engine vehicles on our roads in 2035, and they will only be replaced at a rate of around 1.5 million per year - so it will be a further 15 years before we would have a total nation of electric vehicles in the UK, and that takes us all the way to 2050. I know there may be some generalisations and assumptions in these back-of-the-envelope calculations, but the point is the internal combustion engine is going to be around on UK roads for an extremely long time. The government needs to have a strategy for how we can substitute traditional fossil fuel hydrocarbons for net zero hydrocarbons. That will have a larger and swifter impact on our environmental sustainability than anything else that we can do for transportation. That is not just a UK opportunity but a global one.

Motorsport can play a vital role. Already we are at the forefront of the development of synthetic fuels, and sustainable fuels. Because our industry has relatively small usage volumes it can afford to pay a premium for these products based on its desire to enhance its sustainability credentials, and in so doing gives real world feedback to the scientists and chemists who are calculating the impact that these fuels have on existing ICE-powered vehicles. In addition to that, the role of motorsport is to demonstrate and publicise, in the most dramatic way possible, that a 'drop-in fuel' can not only provide a suitable alternative for everyday vehicles, but also power the most highly tuned and high performing vehicles. Discussing this with Mark Harper was, I hope, helpful in broadening the government's perspective on seeking a

more eclectic solution to our passenger car energy needs, rather than a singular reliance on the adoption of electric vehicles to the exclusion of all else.

Further interesting events in the month included the SRO Global Awards that were held at the Old Billingsgate in Central London. It is a venue that is somewhat unusual for the awards season of British motorsport championships as they typically seem to converge on locations in the Midlands. Although the Stephane Ratel Organisation run the British GT Championship, the reason for this venue choice is that they have an incredible global footprint of customers from GT racing in five continents, with their clientele flying in from South East Asia, Australia, North America, Africa and all over Europe to celebrate the exploits of GT3 and GT2 cars, as well as TCRs - in every imaginable race format from the 24hrs of Spa, to GT races at the Macau Motorsport Weekend. I have known Stephane Ratel for over 25 years since we ran the Prodrive Ferrari 550 Maranello's in the European GT Championships from 2000–2004. There are very few people in the world of motorsport who have his unique blend of charismatic charm and the steely ability to deliver a formidable business operation as well as an outstanding customer focused product. I would say that the growth of Pro-Am racing across the world can largely be attributed to Stephane's 'black book' and his building of vibrant communities, combined with the clever application of balance of performance and the ranking of drivers. This gives close competitive racing with a mix of enthusiastic and talented amateurs and outright pro-drivers of the highest calibre. With amateurs generally providing the budget to express their passion, you then have a strong community and a buoyant GT industry that thrives off the back of this. Sitting on the table with the heads of BMW, Audi and Mercedes AMG Customer Racing, the combined number of GT3 cars that have been sold in recent years is over 1,500 units, when you include marques such as Ferrari, Aston Martin, and Lamborghini, all of which shows how incredibly successful GT racing is worldwide and how good a job Stephane has done to promote it globally.

The following evening the karting community gathered at the Wing at Silverstone for our annual British Karting Awards evening. This included the WERA Tools British Kart Championship (BKC) that Motorsport UK organises and promotes, as well as the Motorsport UK British Indoor Kart Championship (BIKC) that is run in conjunction with TeamSport. The BKC has come a long way in the last few years and now has some 500 registered competitors vying for their spot on the pathway to becoming professional racing drivers. The wealth of talent that we have in the UK among these young drivers is impressive, and as you've heard me reflect on recent trips to the CIK World Karting Championships, there is no doubt we will continue to provide a disproportionate

number of talented youngsters into the FIA Single Seater pathway with realistic opportunities of becoming professional racing drivers. One aspect that underpins our confidence in the future is our success at building the lower base of the karting pyramid to include Arrive and Drive karting, in the form of Club 100 and the Daniel Ricciardo Series, as well as the huge untapped potential of indoor karting through our partnership with TeamSport, and the NKA tracks in general. TeamSport has 35 centres across the UK, and welcome around 1.5 million customers through its doors every year, of which around 300,000 are in the Cadet 8-11 years-old bracket. The BIKC is designed for those who want to take kart racing more seriously and this year we had around 5,500 entries including over 800 in the Cadet category alone. It is no mean feat to beat that level of competition across the whole of the country, and it is of no surprise that those that graduated in the last couple of years have now moved on to shine either in Club 100 or further beyond into the BKC. One standout for me was Sam Slater who completed a hattrick of British titles in the senior category, against hundreds of different competitors each year, and to take the top step of the podium once again is surely the marque of a very talented driver.

Closing out the month I attended the 30th Anniversary celebrations of the British Motor Museum that is based at Gaydon. Built on the former proving ground of Rover Cars, and now the home of Jaquar Land Rover Group (JLR), it is an avantgarde building that houses the full history of British motor industry heritage, and I thoroughly recommend visiting if you are passing along the M40. Prompting childhood memories of Singer, Morris, Austin, Riley, Hillman and many more, it is heartwarming seeing those cars preserved in their original state. There is also a fine representation of British motorsport in

from the 1964 Monte Carlo Rally, one of Jackie Stewart's 1971 March 701 Tyrrells, and the famous Jaguar XK120 from 1950 registration NUB120, that won the Tulip, Alpine Gold Cup and RAC rallies. It was not actually a works car but a privately owned one campaigned by Ian Appleyard and his wife Pat, the daughter of Jaguar founder Sir William Lyons, in the co-driver's seat. This invoked a circular memory for me as when my father left as Competition Director of BMC in 1961, where Appleyard had been one of the Healey's fiercest rivals. He went to work for Ian at his dealerships in Yorkshire, with our family in tow. Although the lure of topflight motorsport was too much for my father, who returned south within two years to head the Rootes Competition department through the glorious days of Imps and Tigers, as well as the victorious Hunter in the '68 London to Sydney, it was nice to touch a bit of history that connected to my own.

As we head swiftly towards the Christmas holidays, and the end of another year of competition, I must thank everyone in our wonderful community for all your contributions to an amazing season, full of so much enjoyment for so many. Wishing everyone a very well-earned rest and a joyful Christmas and New Year.

Best regards,

#### **Hugh Chambers**

CEO, Motorsport UK



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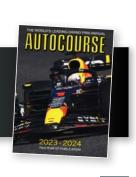








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# 2023 IN PICTURES

Revolution asked its regular photographic contributors to select their Photo of The Year – these are the highlights that caught their eye

This season has seen Motorsport UK's many Championships deliver top-class competition and plenty of dramatic action, from the front-runners in the British Touring Car Championship to the first timers in the Trials Championship; the flying future stars in British F4 to the open-wheel masters in Hill Climbing and Sprint Championships.



#### **British Truck Racing Championship**

In another blockbuster year for the super-sized series, a capacity entry list served up a feast of entertainment across seven race meetings and culminated in the crowning of two deserving champions in Ryan Smith and Paul Rivett – although the route they each took to their respective titles could not have been more contrasting.

As has been the case for the past seven years, Division 1 belonged to Smith as he comfortably powered his Daimler Freightliner to an unprecedented eighth consecutive championship victory. The multiple-champion was a tour-deforce with an incredible 16 race wins, six podiums and six pole positions to finish ahead of David Jenkins and Stuart Oliver.

Photographer: Graham Holborn A pack of 5.5-tonne, 1,000BHP trucks make an imposing sight as they head into the hairpin at the end of Cowles Straight, Pembrey, with nobody wanting to back off.

In Division 2, however, there was nothing to separate Paul Rivett and Adam Bint in the battle for honours. In a campaign that saw the pendulum swing back-and-forth between the pair, each ended the season tied on points. Rivett triumphed on a tie-break, with his superior win tally of 18 to Bint's six, netting the former Renault Clio Cup champion his first truck title. Bradley Smith, Simon Reid, John Powell, Craig Evans, Michael Oliver, and John Bowler also played starring roles over the course of the season.



Photographer: Russ Otway
David Henderson gets sideways at Edrom, on his way to
a haul of points helping to keep his title battle with Jock
Armstrong alive.

#### Scottish Rally Championship

One of the most open and competitive championship battles for years, it saw four different winners across the eight events, and was only decided on the final stage of the final Rally. David Henderson and Chris Lees leaped from third to first to claim the title in their Rally2 Fiesta, narrowly beating the Impreza of two-time Scottish Champion Jock Armstrong and Hannah McKillop.

John Crawford pipped the Rally4 Peugeot of reigning two-wheel-drive champion Peter Stewart to the title in his Mk2, again on the final round of the season, with Harry Marchbank retaining the co-drivers' title. Scott Peacock and Craig Wallace took the Challengers Championship in their Evo 8; Robert Proudlock retained the Junior title in his Vauxhall Adam, and fellow Junior Driver Meghan O'Kane secured the Lady Drivers' title in her Ford Fiesta.

Next season will feature seven events, with registrations opening in the New Year after publication of the Championship regulations.

#### British Touring Car Championship

Ash Sutton secured a record-equalling fourth title with victory in Race One of the season-finale at Brands Hatch in October. The returning champion, who was last year's runner-up, took the crown back from Tom Ingram with six poles, 12 victories and 11 fastest laps across the 30-round championship.

Ingram put up a strong defence and his two outright wins do not tell the whole story. He was Mr Consistent with 15 further podiums, 22 top-five and 28 top-ten finishes staying on Sutton's heels all the way. Jake Hill finished third and showed his future intent with victory in the final race of the season, concluding with six wins and 24 top-ten positions. The top three all graduated through the BTCC support package and next season already looks set to be a thriller.



Photographer: Jakob Ebrey Storm clouds gather at Knockhill, Scotland, as the BTCC grid comes out to play in race three, following a delayed start delayed due to heavy rain.



Photographer: Phil Chapman

Christopher Chapman – the photographer's brother –

demonstrates bout this year low speed sport can still

demonstrates how this very low speed sport can still deliver a high level of dynamic action around a course at Anglesey Trac Mon Circuit.

#### British Autotest Championship

Alastair Moffatt had yet another successful year in his Mini Special, leading from the first round to win a record-breaking ninth title. He had competition for the overall title from Willie Keaning, in his Striker sportscar, and Richard Pinkney, also in the sportscar class, who was a potential contender, but who did not complete the full season.

Moffatt was the clear winner in the Specials class, while Dave Mosey won the Large Saloon class, having been run close by Warren Gillespie. Keaning beat Christopher Chapman to the Sportscars crown, and Cameron Pinkney was the only Junior driver in the field.

Events were held nationwide – from Herefordshire to Scotland, combining a mixture of tight, technical tests and fast sweeping manoeuvres that allowed the competitors to make their own mistakes. A return to the Coventry Motofest in the city centre in June brought action to the people and drew in the crowds. Next season begins at Curborough in March.

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#### **CHAMPIONSHIP REVIEW**

#### The Intelligent Money British GT Championship

Darren Leung and Dan Harper were crowned champions in a dramatic Donington Park finale after overcoming the odds and chasing down a significant points deficit to overhaul seasonlong rival James Cottingham. Erik Evans and Matt Cowley achieved a similar feat, winning the final two races to pinch the GT4 crown from long-time leaders Jack Brown and Charles Clark.

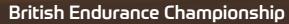
Six crews were still in with a chance of securing the GT4 championship at the finale where Academy's Mustang sensationally overturned its 16.5-point deficit and 46-second pitstop handicap – including maximum Compensation Time – to triumph in a typically topsy-turvy decider.

That performance was still somehow overshadowed by Harper's heroics out front, where two Safety Car periods in the opening stint prevented Leung – who took the lead through Craners on lap one – from fully negating his 20 seconds of impending Compensation Time.

Championship permutations meant Century's crew had to finish fifth at worst to have any hope of bridging Cottingham's 13-point advantage, and that appeared unlikely when Harper re-joined in 13th. However, the BMW factory driver then embarked upon one of the series' greatest-ever drives, to not only overhaul the 2 Seas Mercedes-AMG – which was subsequently hit with a penalty – but eventually fight through to finish second overall.

Five of this year's nine wins were shared between Cottingham and Jonny Adam – who missed the finale due to clashing commitments elsewhere – and Leung and Harper. Shaun Balfe and Sandy Mitchell clinched their second win of the season at Donington's finale, while the other two went to Jules Gounon and defending champion Ian Loggie, and John Ferguson and Raffaele Marciello.





A close-run finish to this year's Championship saw just five points cover the overall top three, after six events and 14 hours of competition. In the end, Brad Thurston, in only his second full season of racing, secured the overall and Class C titles with Team Hard in a Porsche 991, driving alongside Radical champion and rising BTCC star Daryl DeLeon, as well as occasional partners Adam Hatfield and Alex Sedgwick during the year.

A late-season flurry saw Chris Jones, Neville Jones and Matt George finish as overall runners-up, winning class honours in their Venture Innovations Mercedes GT4, while third overall, went to TCR Class victors Jonathan Beeson and George Heler in the Sheard Autosport Audi RS3. Photographer: Jakob Ebrey

The world-famous Silverstone Wing blurs into a dramatic lateafternoon backdrop as a Mercedes GT3 flies in the season opening race.

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Amateur driver Peter Erceg, coupled with peripatetic pro-driver Marcus Clutton and one-race stand-in Andrew Bentley, secured the GT3 crown, taking the most overall race wins through the season in their PB Racing Audi R8, and ended fifth overall.

Owen Hizzey claimed the Class G crown in the SVG Ginetta G55, with a mid-season change of co-driver from Scott Symons to Marc Elman doing little to hinder his fortunes, while Adam and Callum Thompson lifted the Class F Trophy thanks to vastly improved reliability and performance for their Newbarn Racing Jaquar F-Type.

#### Fuchs Lubricants Motorsport UK British Historic Rally Championship

A nail-biting season concluded with a head-to-head race for the crown between Roger Chilman with Patrick Walsh, and Nick Elliott alongside Dave Price. Chilman had a blistering start to the campaign, taking back-to-back victories, but his form faded mid-season. A Woodpecker Rally win put him back in contention and he was effectively handed the crown when Elliott beached his Fiat 131 Abarth for nine minutes on the opening stage of the Carlisle Stages.

Jason Pritchard and Phil Clarke also enjoyed three wins in their Ford Escort MK2, while the Porsche 911 of Richard Tuthill and Stephane Prevot took the Plains Rally victory.

Across the Championship, battles raged on for honours, with Josh Carr taking the drivers' title and Mike Reynolds the co-driver crown in Category Two, for cars registered between 1968-1975. Terry Cree and Richard Shores picked up the title in Category One, for cars registered up to 1968, in their Mini Cooper.

The 2024 calendar sees the roster bolstered to nine events, with the best seven scores to count. It will also see the return to a mixed-surface championship, with several top-class closed-road asphalt events.



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#### English Rally Championship

This class-based Championship took in seven of the best forest Rallies of the season and produced some excellent competition. Elliot Payne took the Championship lead in his Fiesta Rally2 with victory in the opening two events but only a handful of points separated the top few drivers for much of the season and it was Ernie Graham who took the title.

Arron Newby, Robert Proudlock, Nigel Jenkins, Ben Friend, and Rob Wilson all scored maximums along the way, while Ernie Graham, who missed the opening round, took his immaculate Mkl Escort RS1600 to maximum scores on the next four rounds to move into a commanding position as the series

The format of the English Rally Championship sees cars of similar engine capacity (and power) competing against each other, meaning that it is not necessarily the most powerful that rise to the top. This was illustrated by former champions Steve Black, in a 1400cc Suzuki Swift, and 2022 winner Nick Dobson's Escort Mk2. Next year's calendar retains the same seven events and kicks off in the Lake District with the Malcolm Wilson Rally in March.

Photographer: Malcolm Almond Mathew Hirst and Declan Dear explore an unconventional route through a corner on Gale Rigg in their Ford Fiesta R5.





#### British Indoor Karting Championship

The third season of this highly competitive championship saw 35 TeamSport venues across the UK host qualifying in five different categories. Each entrant had to set three flying laps between June and August to create an average time, with the 24 fastest averages in each category (20 in Cadets) going up against each other in a Local Final. The leading runners from those went into nine Regional Finals and the front-runners in those went into the National Finals.

In the under-16 age categories, Preston's Eskild Hewitt completed his first year of karting by being crowned Cadet Champion while Basildon's Bobby McGirr secured the Junior title. The over-16s saw Alfie Hale, from Stockton, win the Lightweight crown; Bristol's Sam Slater take the Middleweight title at the very last second; and Harlow's David Harvey become the Heavyweight Champion after taking pole at all levels of the final and winning every heat, semifinal and final he contested.



#### Northern Ireland Rally Championship

Jonny Greer took his fourth – and third successive – title but it was in the balance right up to the final round. Dominant wins at the first two events put Greer ahead, but his non-finish on the Maiden City Stages allowed winner Derek McGarrity to take the lead. He was still ahead at the season-ending Down Rally, which was won by Cathan McCourt, but Greer's fourth place was enough to take the title and Desi Henry pushed McGarrity down to third with his co-driver Paddy Robinson taking the overall co-driver title. Drew Stewart topped the 2WD table while Conor Wilson took the FIA 2WD category, and the Junior Drivers and Jimmy Mills won the Historic title. Emma McKinstry won the Ladies award and Maiden City Motor Club repeated last year's success in the Club Team competition.

In the Forest Rally Challenge, Ryan Caldwell won the first two rounds but a non-finish on the third proved costly as Darragh Cairns, who switched car during the season, sealed the title by taking maximum points in his new R5 Skoda.

Photographer: Russ Otway Cathan McCourt flies flat-out in top gear over a blind crest at Hamilton's Folly, one of the best Rally locations in Ireland.

Shane Byrne won the co-driver title sitting alongside Caldwell and Owen McMackin. Andy Magee and Ashley Trimble topped the 2WD category, and Fintan McGrady secured historic honours in his RS1800.

#### **British Karting Championship**

Britain's top young motorsport talent battled it out in 13 different karting categories this year, with plenty of close competition throughout.

In IAME, Austin Gibson won the Water Swift Restricted title from Austin Newstead with seven top scores across the fiveround season, while Jesse Phillips secured the crown in the Water Swifts despite a late challenge from Will Green. In the Junior X30s, Macauley Bishop won the title after a close battle with Taylor Orridge, with Gus Lawrence winning the Senior X30s after taking eight top scores, including five in a row.

In KZ2s, Morgan Porter recovered from a tough first round to secure six top scores from the remaining nine and seal the title. Yehan Kallychurn took the Junior TKM crown, 12 points ahead of Aidan Mitchell, while the TKM Extreme championship went to privateer Alfie Garford, who just pipped runner-up Charlie King. In the Honda Cadets, Ryan White won the title ahead of Max Taddei, while in the Bambinos the battle between eventual champion Harry Chapman and runner-up Ronnie Kempson went to the wire, with just four points separating the pair at the end of the year.

Rotax and Honda were the last to finish their season, at PFi in October. Just two points separated three drivers in MiniMax

Photographer: Chris Walker

Lewis Gilbert embraces his father Douglas ahead of the Rotax season finale, knowing he is 15th on the grid at PFI, and up against it to qualify for the World Finals – and in the end he made it. 950 before the final event and Cole Denholm secured the crown with victory in the final. Emerson Macandrew-Uren was crowned MicroMax champion despite a fine last-event effort from Kian Burnard. In Junior Rotax, title winner Macauley Bishop signed off a strong season with a triple victory in the last event, while Kai Hunter won two from three at the last event to confirm his Senior Rotax title.

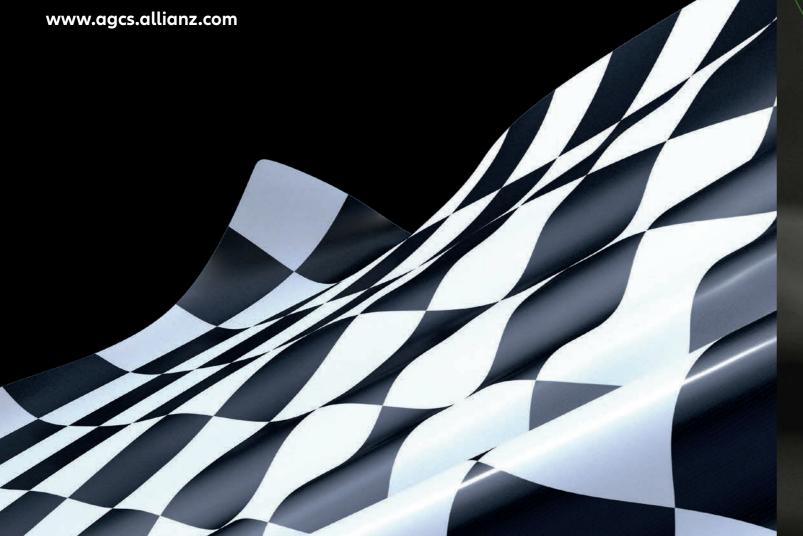
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#### Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship

This was a season to remember as the series celebrated its 40th anniversary, with the title going down to the wire once again. Callum Black and Jack Morton arrived at the Rali Ceredigion double-header finale in fourth place, but a pair of maximum scores saw them rocket up the leader board and clinch their crown in sensational style after an impressive season in their Ford Fiesta Rally2.

Neil Roskell had been billed as the man to beat this year having finished third in 2021 and second in 2022. Sure enough,

**Photographer:** Ben Lawrence Baladoole was the opening stage of the Manx Rally. We had recce'd this one on foot and knew that there was a great angle if we walked a mile or two. The sun, the sea, and a

he and co-driver Andrew Roughead led for most of the season, but the rule requiring competitors to drop two scores meant they finished runners-up for the second consecutive year.

Darren Atkinson put in a remarkable performance in his Escort Mk2 to claim third in the overall drivers' standings, while also winning the class B13 and Escort Challenge titles. Equally impressive was William Hill, who dominated class B14 in his Ford Fiesta Rally3, co-driven by Richard Crozier. An enforced swap to a Fiesta R200 for Rali Ceredigion cost him third overall, but fourth was still an astounding achievement.

Next year will see the same seven rally / eight round format on some of the best closed road stage events, starting with the Legend Fires North West Stages in March.



This was one of the closest and most exciting seasons to date, with 12 different winners and 21 different drivers on the podium during the 30 races. The final round at Brands Hatch saw all three titles come down

Will Macintyre by one point in the final round. The duo has been inseparable throughout the season, and they were closely followed by JHR's Deagen Fairclough in the top three. Chris Dittmann Racing's Gustav Jonsson claimed top Rookie Cup honours over Gabriel Stilp of Hitech Pulse-Eight, while the Teams Cup was won by Rodin Carlin thanks to 15 victories from drivers Louis Sharp, Dion Gowda, Josh Irfan, and Noah Lisle across the year.

**ROKIT British F4** 

The race format included a new complete reverse grid race this season and it proved a big success, providing plenty of overtaking action as well as giving drivers such as Stilp and Gowda and JHR's Sonny Smith their first F4 wins. Next season is already shaping up to be an exciting one, with the championship continuing to support the British Touring Car Championship at most rounds.

**Photographer:** Mike Hoyer Louis Sharp and his championship trophy are silhouetted by an orange sky as the sun sets on the final round of the year at Brands Hatch.





missing several rounds this season as he dovetailed his title defence with a European Rallycross campaign. The London-born driver, who swapped his Ford Fiesta for a Peugeot 208 WRX, won every event he entered in the championship and beat two-time winner Jack Thorne to win with a double victory in a spectacular fireworks finale at Lydden Hill. Slawomir Woloch won the Supernational title ahead of Dave Van Beers and Phil Chicken.

Tyler McAlpin won the season's final event to secure his maiden Junior title on count-back ahead of pre-event series leader Will Ovenden. Max Weatherley became Swift Sport champion and Stephen Jones won his second RX150 crown after a battle with Nick Priddy. Dave Bellerby won the BMW Mini category, with last year's Junior champion Max Langmaid securing the ALL4 title. Lee Wood wrapped up his Super Retro title-winning season with victory in the final round and Tony Lynch topped the table in the Retros.

**Photographer:** Russ Otway Two champions from two disciplines - Autotesting's Alastair Moffatt and Hill Climbing's Scott Moran - combine to try out a different motorsport challenge.



#### British Sporting Car Trials Championship

A competitive season saw eight different winning drivers through 18 events, with the best 10 counting towards the championship. Thomas Bricknell secured the title with a consistent performance that saw him take maximum points in six events and second in five.

Stuart Beare and Richard Sharp started well, winning the first and second trials, but four consecutive wins before the summer break put Bricknell in control and consistent scoring, including wins at the David Ayres and Roy Fedden Trials, kept his points tally out of reach.

Bob Packham topped the Live Axle classes, winning four events to take a clear advantage into the final rounds after Matt Sharp, who finished runner-up, took himself out of the class when he bought an independent car in the summer. >>>>

**Photographer:** Tom Banks

Patrick O'Donovan returned to take the 2023

Championship win.

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#### British Rally Championship

It was a dominant season for M-Sport's factory driver Adrien Fourmaux and co-driver Alexandre Coria, with five wins from five starts, handing them the title with a round to spare. The pair dovetailed their campaign with a WRC2 programme, gaining seat time and car upgrades that ultimately led to a Rally1 outing at WRC Japan.

Just two other contenders were able to stand on the top step of the podium, with James Williams and Dai Roberts claiming the Rali Ceredigion victory, and Garry Pearson and Hannah McKillop winning the Cambrian Rally, a victory that also secured Pearson second overall in the championship.

In contrast, the battle for the Junior honours went down to the wire, with both Kyle White and Kyle McBride in with a shout at the final round of the season in Wales. In the end, White's four wins against McBride's one put him in the box seat and a Cambrian finish was enough to secure him the crown he had been longing for since 2021.

Alan Carmicheal took back-to-back National Rally Titles and was joined by Claire Williams in the co-driver's seat. A revitalised championship follows in 2024, bolstered by a brand-new calendar with six gravel and asphalt rounds and plenty of newcomers set to join the regular competitors.

#### British Car Trial Championship

There was a new name at the top this year as father and son pairing Tim and Charlie Dovey stepped up from regional racing to take on the national challenge. Tim ended the season as the outright winner, while Charlie secured top Junior spot.

The season started in North Wales in April with past Champion Rupert North driving his Suzuki Alto to a double victory on a rocky and deeply muddy course. The next event at Ivinghoe, however, was smoother and drier, and on the narrow, tight hills Tim Dovey used the nimbleness of his two-litre Clio Sport to claim his first win of the season.

A double-header in Somerset saw Tim Dovey and past Champion Barrie Parker share the spoils, setting a pattern that would continue through the remaining rounds in

Telford, Ross on Wye, Yorkshire, and Wales. At the final round in Bridgnorth, the WSSCC Gaby Mohr Trial, Tim Dovey consolidated his championship lead with an outright win ahead of Parker in second.



Photographer: Geoffrey Pickett
The climbing ability of the Renault Clio makes trialling
look easy but I found one section where Tim was obliged
to work it bit harder...

The 2024 championship is likely to follow a similar format, but with a modified class structure to include a wider range of cars and stages of modification.

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#### **CHAMPIONSHIP REVIEW**

#### Pirelli Welsh Rally Championship

Matthew Hirst and Declan Dear secured a recordequalling third title after another bumper season saw 165 competitors register for the championship. The pair sealed their success with victory in the Wyedean Stages Rally in November, mastering the wet, muddy conditions in their Ford Fiesta R5. Simon Rogers secured the runner-up spot after one of his best seasons in his Mitsubishi Evo 6.

Callum Griffiths became the Junior champion, in a Fiesta ST with co-driver William Lewis, after a very close and exciting battle with Sam Mason, who only passed his driving test earlier this year but claimed the runner-up spot and class W4 title with co-driver James Seymour in their SM Autocare Ford Fiesta.

Iwan Roberts Jnr and Daniel Jones won the 2WD title in their Ford Escort G3. Callum Griffiths (first FWD) and Boyd Kershaw (first RWD) were second and third. The opening round of the 2024 Championship is the Get Jerky Rally North Wales on Saturday 16 March.



The Monument stage of the Nicky Grist Stages. Finding a safe location for such a big jump meant getting out the longest lens available. Hirst and co-driver Dear jumping their Fiesta R5 so high was truly memorable.

#### British Drag Racing Championship

Bobby Wallace became the youngest champion since the Pro Modified class began in 2007, driving his US-built Chevrolet Camaro. The 30-year-old's astonishing title-winning car is powered by a naturally aspirated, petrol-burning, 14.8-litre V8, boosted by nitrous oxide. It is Britain's quickest Pro Mod at 5.837sec over the quarter mile.

Wallace enjoyed a rare streak of success that started back in 2022 at the FIA European Finals and saw him reach the final in six consecutive rounds, winning four. His only defeats came in the FIA/Motorsport UK finals to Sweden's all-conquering FIA champion Jan Ericsson. The streak ended abruptly in September, however, with first-round exits at both the European and National Finals – but by then, Wallace had the British

Two racers with little previous success also provided standout performances, with Wayne Nicholson making the final in four of the six events, and France's Jean Dulamon scoring his maiden Pro Mod victory at the National Finals.

Next year there is a vacancy at the top of the European scene, with Jan Ericsson retiring after three consecutive FIA championships. At home, eight-time champion Andy Robinson will aim to rebound from a dismal 2023, and perennial contender Nick Davies is set to return in his Pontiac Firebird - Britain's fastest Pro Mod at 249.05mph - after a 2023 sabbatical.

Photographer: Callum Pudge





classic season, becoming a member of a very exclusive club and joining Ken Wharton (1951-54) as the winner of four consecutive Championship victories. Twelve run-off wins, with new outright records at both Val des Terres in Guernsey, and Wiscombe Park, showed Wallace's class.

It was a fantastic result for Wallace and his team, ably led by Crew Chief Tom New, considering a car-damaging accident at Shelsley Walsh in August. The team pulled together to deliver a huge repair job and enabled him to finish the season and secure the title.

flourish, taking two hard-earned victories at Prescott at the start of September and ending up with eight run-off victories in total in his Judd-engined Gould GR59J. Matt Ryder had an excellent second full season in big single seaters, driving the Gould GR59J he shares with constructor Sean Gould, to secure five run-off victories and third place overall, ahead perhaps, of a title challenge in 2024.

**Photographer:** Stuart Wing Wallace Menzies on his way to a new hill record – at this superb venue situated in a steep wooded valley.

#### SBD HSA British Sprint Championship

After a season that comprised 41 run offs on nine different racing circuits, with the best 18 scores counting towards the title, the championship battle came down to the final days of competition at Castle Combe.

Pete Goulding and Graham Blackwell, both driving 1.6T modified Mygale Ecoboosts, were kept on their toes by Steve Miles in a 2.0 Van Diemen all season, and heading into the final run, Goulding had 443 points with Blackwell just a single point behind. The pressure may have got to Goulding, as he forgot to correctly fuel for the 3.3 miles of the Wiltshire circuit when it counted, but despite a splutter out of the last chicane, he took the win by 0.18 seconds to secure the title.

Outside of the top three, the season also saw run-off wins from a wide range of drivers and cars. Simon Bainbridge kicked off at Cadwell in March winning in the wet in his 750bhp Sports Libre, and then won again at Kirkistown and Pembrey. Last year's champion Matt Hillam was now in a 1.4 DJ shared with Steve Broughton, and the two took several run-offs between them. Chris Jones notched up wins at Pembrey and Lydden, in

a 1.0 Force TA, while John Loudon joined the club at Blyton, putting his 1.1 Force ahead of the rest. A one-off appearance by Stewart Robb in a 5.0 Pilbeam showed he had not lost his touch, while Alex Summers secured an impressive four wins at Anglesey in his self-built 2.5 P4t.



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# Roger Albert Clark Rally 2023

#### Britain's most challenging special stage rally praised

Huge crowds gathered in Carmarthen for the start of the biennial Roger Albert Clark (R. A. C.) historic rally which would be won or lost on 350-miles of competitive stages set in the legendary forests of Wales, Scotland, and England. With an entry list including top international stars such as Kris Meeke, Osian Pryce, and Oliver Solberg – all armed with feisty Ford Escorts – the competition was fiercer than ever.

It was Irish driver Marty McCormack who won the five-day event, which finished in Carlisle. Speaking at the finish, McCormack said," "Nothing is ever certain on this rally and when I ended up in a ditch on Saturday, I would not have thought that I would have been standing here today, but that's what a rally like the R.A.C. is all about."

Even though none of the top international rally drivers made it to the finish, the Roger Albert Clark is being widely hailed as a great success – with the organisers and volunteers receiving huge praise from crews, fans and all involved.

"We have a senior management team of about 12, a team of about 50 travelling officials and 1,600 volunteer marshals to

manage the five days of the sport," confirmed rally manager Colin Heppenstall. "We've had a record entry and record numbers of spectators, so there is clearly still a big appetite for forest rallying in the UK. All the forestry areas we have visited have been very supportive of the event.

"Roger Clark was synonymous in the golden era of Rallying in the 1970s and '80s, and this is what the event is trying to recreate

"Roger passed away in 1998, [and] we were looking at resurrecting an old-style rally in the early 2000s, so we approached the Clark family, who were more than happy for us to his name. His middle name was Albert and that just fitted nicely into 'RAC Rally', which is what a lot of spectators call it!

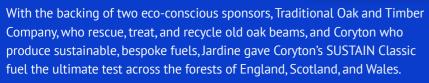
"I look at it as a legacy for the sport, getting the next generation of spectators, competitors, and volunteers into our sport by giving them the opportunity to see rallying as it used to be."

*Revolution* sends its congratulations to everyone involved in this magnificent classic rally.



#### Sustaining a Classic

Tony Jardine and Allan Harryman battled to the end, finishing 66th overall in their 1973 Chrysler Avenger.





#### Tribute



#### **Rosemary Smith**

Rosemary Smith, an Irish motorsport icon who became synonymous in the UK rally scene and drove for UK manufacturer Rootes, has sadly passed aged 86.

Smith's incredible motorsport career commenced in the 1950s and 1960s, initially as a rally co-driver. A love for the driver's seat saw a role change and that caught the eye of the Rootes Group's Competition Department who offered her a works drive.

In 1964 she clinched the ladies prize at the Circuit of Ireland Rally and one year later, in 1965, she claimed the outright victory in the Dutch Tulip Rally, competing alongside Britain's Valerie Domleo in a factory-entered Hillman Imp.

She competed in eight Monte Carlo rallies, took multiple victories at renowned stages at the Scottish Rally and finished some of the most arduous long-distance events – the London to Sydney rally in 1968 followed by the 1970 London to Mexico rally.

Alongside her rallying, she was a well-regarded circuit racer, competing at events such as the 12 Hours of Sebring and Goodwood Revival.

Generous with her time and sharing of knowledge, she set up a driving school in the 1990s to support the aspirations of young drivers.

In 2017, at the age of 79, Smith became the oldest person to drive a current specification Formula 1 car, testing the 800bhp Renault Sport F1 at Circuit Paul Ricard in France.

On her passing, Hugh Chambers, Motorsport UK Chief Executive Officer, commented, "Rosemary was a legend of the UK and International rally world, and along with Pat Moss paved the way for women winning world class rallies outright, such as the 1965 Tulip Rally. She was an

effervescent character who will be missed by all in the community."



With her victory at the 1965 Tulip Rally, Rosemary Smith became the first woman to win a major international rally

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A tour of the NEOM McLaren Electric Racing's race bays

# McLaren Racing welcomes Girls on Track UK to its flagship DE&I programme

Girls on Track UK has announced a new partnership with McLaren Racing. We are really excited about this partnership and the incredible opportunities it will create for our Girls on Track UK Community members.

McLaren Racing Engage, the team's flagship Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DE&I) programme, is adding Girls on Track UK in its roster of strategic partners to foster a more diverse and inclusive culture in motorsport. Girls on Track UK will join McLaren Racing Engage's other strategic partners to drive meaningful and sustained change in the in industry, including Creative Access, Path to the Pits, Smallpiece Trust, and Women's Engineering Society.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion is a key pillar of McLaren's Sustainability Strategy, and the team wants to be the most diverse and inclusive team in sport, setting a target of 40 per cent of its people to come from underrepresented groups by 2030. McLaren has already made some great progress towards this, with 36 per cent of new starters hailing from underrepresented backgrounds in 2023 alone.

Kate O'Hara-Hatchley, Head of Diversity, Early Careers & Development, McLaren Racing, said: "We're extremely proud of our McLaren Racing Engage programme, the first of its kind in F1 when we launched it. Driving an inclusive and diverse team is an ongoing process, but something we are

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Mary Aldersley discusses race logistics

committed to for the long-term together with brilliant partners such Girls on Track UK."

Just last month 48 Girls on Track UK Community members (aged 18-24) visited the NEOM McLaren Electric Racing HQ at Bicester Heritage for a behind-the-scenes tour. Around 150 members applied for the opportunity, and from this 48 were selected. This group of 48 community members were all either studying in further education, or had plans to, and between them had a real mixture of areas of interest. Many were studying on Engineering and STEM-based courses, while a large number were also interested in media, communications, and marketing within the motorsport profession.

The aim of the day was for the Girls on Track UK visitors was to:

- Learn more about electric racing,
- Meet staff from a range of roles within the McLaren team,
- Connect and network with similar age groups and interests from the community,
- Find out more about the McLaren early careers opportunities

It is hoped that this group of aspiring students will be able to visit to the McLaren Technology Centre in Woking next year, to learn more about the career opportunities at McLaren, such as its Graduate Programmes and Internships.



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# McKeown pips Mutch in nail-biting finale

The final round of the 2023 British F4 Esports Championship was set to be a barnstormer, with the top two competitors level on points ahead of the Brands Hatch GP finale (after post-race penalties had been applied).

In Round 7, Luke McKeown and Gordie Mutch had moved clear of mid-season leader Peter Berryman, with the Northern Irishman requiring a big slice of luck at Brands to seal the title. Although McKeown held a slight points advantage going into the event, it meant nothing considering the pace and strength-in-depth of the British F4 Esports field, complimented with a partially reversed grid for Race 2.

As a result, the points battle featured several twists and turns throughout Round 8 – matching the sweeping nature of Brands Hatch's GP loop – and setting up for a dramatic conclusion to the championship battle.

#### Race One

In qualifying Stanley Deslandes headed team-mate Mutch on the front row of the grid. They were closely followed by the Stormforce Racing ART pair of Berryman and McKeown, with the in-form Moreno Sirica of Williams Esports just behind in fifth.

The first four remained fixed in the opening stages before Mutch made a move down the inside of Deslandes at Westfield Bend. Berryman, ever the opportunist, followed the Scotsman through into second, desperate to claw back some ground on his championship rivals.

While fighting back, Deslandes was unfortunate to tap the rear left wheel of Berryman at Paddock Hill Bend, delaying

both and allowing McKeown into second. The chasing Sirica subsequently dove down the inside of Deslandes at Druids, sending him off.

McKeown seized the lead of the race and was followed by his team-mate as Mutch dropped to third. On the final lap, Berryman launched a decisive attack on McKeown for the lead, eventually making the move at Sheene's. Mutch tried to capitalise, but McKeown held him off at the line.

With victory in Race One, Berryman had kept his slim championship hopes alive, and with the reversed grid draw putting him sixth for Race 2, it was very much game on. Just four points separated McKeown and Mutch in the crucial battle for top spot.

#### **Race Two**

Stanley Deslandes started from pole position, eager to take his first win of the campaign. For Berryman, however, his championship hopes were dashed on lap one after an off at Hawthorn Bend.

Mutch and McKeown were third and fourth respectively, until Mutch made a bold move around the outside of Josh Lad at Hawthorn. The pair ran side-by-side through Westfield Bend and Dingle Dell before Mutch eased through at Sheene's – impressively brave given this now moved the Lockerbie-based driver into a championship-winning position.

Even better for the Scotsman was that his team-mate Deslandes was the only other driver ahead of him, potentially offering more points if he moved aside.



Things looked worse for McKeown as Ted Bradbury overtook at Druids after an aggressive dive into Paddock Hill Bend. McKeown now had the recovering Berryman for company just behind.

Bradbury tapped third-place Lad on the exit of Clark Curve, which allowed McKeown back ahead, but another Bradbury lunge soon reversed the positions again. After a thrilling battle between all four protagonists, McKeown was able to squeeze ahead of Lad before making a firm move stick on Bradbury.

Bradbury re-passed McKeown quickly, but a poor run out of Stirling's allowed both McKeown and Berryman through as the race concluded. With Mutch gaining a point for fastest lap both he and McKeown were dead level in the standings. McKeown would clinch the title on countback thanks to more fifth-place finishes.

#### **Final Driver Standings**

	1st	Luke McKeown	Stormforce Racing ART	244 points
	2nd	Gordie Mutch	JHR by 29 eSport	244 points
	3rd	Peter Berryman	Stormforce Racing ART	222 points

#### Final team standings

	1st	Stormforce Racing ART	466 points
	2nd	JHR by 29 eSport	340 points
	3rd	Williams Esports	215 points

At this point if Deslandes allowed team-mate Mutch to take the win, then Mutch would be champion. However, this did not happen, and McKeown was confirmed as champion as he crossed the line in third.

JHR by 29 eSports could console themselves with a dominant one-two finish in the final race of the season. It certainly bodes well for 2024, but it will take some effort to wrest the crown from 2023's dominant team, the Stormforce Racing ART outfit of McKeown and Berryman.

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Moore and Amor on top of the FF1600 table
Henry Moore stamped his authority all over the
championship by claiming pole position for the final
round. The race quickly settled into a dramatic seven-way
fight for the lead, with Moore, Cooper and Amor joined
by Isaac Phelps, Connor Skudal, Simon Ball and Ronnie
Smith, with Brands Hatch's Grand Prix loop lending itself
well to close slipstreaming battles.

However, the race win came down to a head-to-head fight between Amor and Moore on the final straight, with Moore edging ahead by just 0.005s at the line after a scintillating battle, cementing his position as the inaugural UK FF1600 Esports Cup champion.

For the reverse grid second race, Amor and Moore started seventh and eighth respectively with Leigh Britten in pole position. Within four corners Ronnie Smith had made his way to the front with both Moore and Amor hitting trouble on lap one. Smith and Jack Badger made a significant break at the front of the field, with Moore collecting a wayward car on the racing line. He pitted for repairs, but his race was effectively over. Smith managed to hold on out front, though, securing third in the championship.

As champion and vice-champion, Moore and Amor are guaranteed to be on the British F4 Esports Championship grid in 2024. And with Moore's incredible 2023 form catching the eyes of several top teams, a championship push cannot be ruled out.



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## Formula E wins Net Zero Strategy Award

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Formula E's net zero carbon strategy was commended for its ambition in reducing overall emissions in the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship by 45 per cent by 2030. Formula E remains the only sport in the world to be net zero carbon from inception in 2014.

Since making the commitment in 2020, when Formula E became the first sport to have its emissions reduction targets validated by the Science Based Target Initiative (SBTi), it is more than halfway to achieving the 2030 target across Scopes 1, 2 and 3, having reduced championship emissions by 28 per cent in just three years.

The first race of Season 10 of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship takes place in January, in Mexico City, marking a decade of world lead sustainability initiatives.

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Julia Palle, Vice President, Sustainability, at Formula E

#### **Double success at BASIS Awards**

Extreme E won two prestigious accolades at the third Annual British Association for Sustainable Sport (BASIS) Awards last month. Extreme E received the Strategic Leadership Award, while the championship's Social Impact

and Fan Engagement Strategist, Naganethra Reddy, won the highly coveted Rising Star Award. Extreme E's double success at this year's celebration of sustainability in sport reinforces the series' strong environmental performance.



Extreme E received the Strategic Leadership Award, and Naganethra Reddy, the championship's Social Impact and Fan Engagement Strategist, won the Rising Star Award



#### DPR wins Sustainable Business Award

Caterham Motorsport team DPR were delighted to be unexpectedly awarded 'Sustainable Business of the Year' at the Reigate & Banstead Business Awards 2023 ceremony held at Reigate Manor. "Engineering excellence is front and centre of everything we do," says Derek Rowe, owner at DPR. "The judges recognised the self-same engineering analysis that we apply to Caterham sports cars for road, track or race underpinned our approach to reduce our carbon impact through our green investment in solar PV and building improvements in insulation, LED lighting and rainwater harvesting."



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Masterbuilt's range of BBQs are the perfect way to get convenience and versatility nailed in one product. With the right tools, mastering the art of charcoal smoking is effortless.

## 2024 Organising Permits now available

Motorsport UK Registered Clubs who have completed their registration for 2024 can now apply for Organising Permits in support of their 2024 events. A guide on how to create a Permit can be downloaded from the Motorsport UK Resource Centre.

An Organising Permit is written authority to organise and hold an event, issued by Motorsport UK to Registered Clubs. The Permit includes Public Liability Insurance (PLI) which protects the Club, Competitors, Officials and Landowners. The Motorsport UK master insurance PLI policy provides third-party cover to a maximum of £100m for any motoring event run under a Motorsport UK Permit. Motorsport UK receives around 5,000 Permit applications each year, which are added to the Fixtures and Permits National Calendar, and are issued for around 2,000 venues including 200 licenced venues. This includes Authorisation under the Motor Vehicles (Off Road Events) Regulations 1995 (as amended). The British Automobile Racing Club (BARC) is one of the most active clubs, with around 90 Permitted Events each year.

Motorsport UK also issues Permits for practical and classroom marshal and official training, as well as Demonstration Events, such as the Stage Rallies at Brunton and Weston Park. In 2023 Motorsport UK issued 101 training Permits and has seen an increase in Demonstration Events.

Online Permit applications are available through the Motorsport UK members area, login details are usually held by each Club Secretary. Permit applications are reviewed by the Competitions and Clubs team and are issued within 72 hours of submission. Copies are also available to download from the

Fixtures and Permits area of the members site. After each event Clubs must declare the number of competitors who signed-on and were in attendance, and return the Permit, however this can also be done digitally by logging into the members site and using the online payment facility.

Clubs can also apply for Certificates of Exemption. Certificates and events including 12 Car Rallies and Navigational Scatters are pre-pay, and paid during the application stage.

From 2024 all online applications for Clubman events will

require Supplementary Regulations to be uploaded in PDF format (5MB limit).

For further advice, or more details on Permits and Certificates of Exemption, please email competitionsandclubs@motorsportuk.org



# Marshals' Acquired Rights scheme extended

Motorsport UK is pleased to announce that the closing date for applications under the Acquired Rights Scheme has been extended. This is to allow Marshals to obtain any missing modules during the forthcoming training season. Please note that all paperwork must now be submitted to Motorsport UK by 31st March 2024.

Full details on the process can be found **HERE** 



There has been a fantastic response to the Acquired Rights Scheme and, since it was launched in September 2022, 290 Marshals have been recognised by a more suitable grade of registration.

After March 2024, there will be no future extensions to the Acquired Rights Scheme and the standard Marshals Pathway must be followed for upgrades. Please remember that the Acquired Rights Scheme should not be used as an attempt to avoid assessments to upgrade. Every upgrade submitted under the Acquired Rights Scheme will be looked at individually. For further questions on this, and any other Marshal related question, please email marshals@motorsportuk.org

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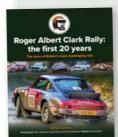
This the first of six planned books documenting the history of Scotland's premier national motor sporting competition, the 'Scottish Rally Championship'.

John Fife has been writing and reporting on motorsport for over fifty years. The principal idea behind the books is to provide a permanent record of the impact that Scottish rallying and its star drivers and co-drivers have had on the sport, not just UK-wide, but world-wide.

Scotland's four world rally champions, Louise Aitken-Walker, Colin McRae, Derek Ringer, and Robert Reid all started their careers through this national competition. The first book covers the decade 1980-1989 and includes previously unpublished information and photographs from Colin McRae's early years in the sport. As such this book will appeal to a wide rally-fanbase.

Work has already commenced on the next book, covering 1990-1999, and will include more previously unpublished material.

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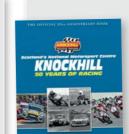
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This is the story of Britain's most challenging special stage rally for a generation.

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Show organisers have announced the presence of the Le Mans winner James Calado, and his race-winning Ferrari 499P at Autsoport International 2024. The British racing champion joins Guenther Steiner, Team Principal of F1 Team Haas who will be opening the event to the wider public on Saturday 13th January, and appearing on the main Motorsport Stage for a special interview and Q&A session.

The news comes as part of a big refocus on all things motorsport for 2024, with an emphasis on competitive racing series and championships. The refresh for 2024 sees the creation of a dedicated pavilion area for karting, taking the motorsport focus from the grass roots right up to the elite competition of Formula 1. Racing fans were excited to hear the confirmation of the presence of the British Touring Cars Championship, with star drivers and cars to be announced soon.

Everyone here at Motorsport UK will be looking forward to meeting you at their show stand in Hall 3, where you will be able to renew your licence for 2024, meet British

champions, and learn more about starting or progressing your own journey into motorsport. We look forward to seeing you in January.

Autosport International is known as 'the meeting place for motorsport', and you are invited to join like-minded industry professionals and motorsport enthusiasts to see an unmissable combination of cars, stars, and live action.

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Tickets are now on sale at autosportinternational.com, and we invite Motorsport UK Members to make the most of our £15 off ticket discount offer.

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# Racer Neil Glover is rowing the Atlantic

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Historic Sports Car Club racer Neil Glover and mountaineer and explorer Jason Black will row 5000km completely unsupported across the Atlantic Ocean from Marina Rubicon in Lanzarote, Canary Islands to the Jolly Harbour in Antigua, raising money for Race Against Dementia.

The team has partnered with Race Against Dementia founder, and three-times Formula One World Champion Jackie Stewart, OBE, to help win the race against dementia. A target has been set to raise £1 Million on the transatlantic row, and the team needs your help.

Join them and Race Against Dementia to collectively help talented research scientists continue to seek preventative treatments and cures for dementia.

The team will also carry out important environmental studies, collecting daily Marine research data for the Michigan state University to help better understand the micro plastic pollution problem in the Atlantic Ocean. They will broadcast daily reports and are hoping to connect with schools and classrooms from either side of the Atlantic Ocean, explaining how they are dealing with the daily challenges,

what marine life they are engaging with, and what life is like at sea for 50 days.

To support the team and win the Race Against Dementia, go to www.justgiving.com/page/destinys-tide – and donate today.



Neil Glover racing with the HSCC



## 2024 - NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE!

#### Get your finance sorted for next season

As the 2023 season draws to a close after what seems to have been a very fast and turbulent year, now is the time to reflect on the season's expenditure and what you may need for next year. The capital outlay for any team, can be and often is expensive and a juggle even for the best funded organisations. If you have a well-established business with a strong financial backing, you will no doubt be aware of how your capital can be easily absorbed, putting strain on your cashflow. Unexpected events such as serious car damage can obviously impact your projected budgets.

Motorsport at all levels is inherently expensive and any unforeseen circumstances can and often knock a team off course. Being well funded and well prepared is the key to ensuring a season with minimal disruption. At this time of year, your focus will be in finding a paying seat for 2024 which will generate the needed income to go racing. Before any contract is signed, this can be a drawn out and volatile

time as teams attempt to encourage the drivers who bring in the most money. To do this means you have to have an attractive and well set up team and modern facilities to support your drivers into podium positions.

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## Invitation to Young Officials Sub-Committee

Motorsport UK is pleased to announce a new Young Officials Sub-Committee – launching in 2024. The new sub-committee will advise Motorsport UK on important issues relating to a part of the community that has previously been underrepresented. This sub-committee will be instrumental in the development and implementation of training and recruitment initiatives for both Cadet Marshals and Young Officials, and consequently, this Sub-Committee will play a key part in Motorsport UK's future strategy for Officials and Volunteers.



Young and enthusiastic members of the motorsport community are invited to apply for a place on this new sub-committee. This exciting opportunity is open to any individual, between the age of 18 to 35 years old, that carries out marshalling, officiating or event-organisational roles within UK motorsport.

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The Sub-Committee will meet on three occasions in 2024:

- Wednesday 27th March
- Thursday 27th June
- Wednesday 23rd October

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- A Motorsport CV, outlining your relevant experience in motorsport and any other relevant information/ qualifications
- A covering letter, explaining why you should be a part of the Sub-Committee, including your meeting date availability in 2024.

Please ensure that you submit your application by no later than 5pm, 31st December 2023.

# Safety on the Ranges

Throughout each year, Motorsport UK clubs visit around 150 Ministry of Defence (MOD) owned venues to run their club motorsport events. For 2023, and in to 2024, the MOD has increased the training exercises it is running for our troops and military personnel, and this is reducing the availability of some MOD sites for motorsport use.

In response to this, Motorsport UK is already working with many Military Liaison Officers (MLOs) to explore alternative sites and other forms of access for motorsport on MOD land.

The MOD encourages public access but only when and where it is safe to do so, and would ask that activities are appropriate and respect the ongoing preservation and sustainability of the training estate. For any member of the public accessing MOD land, it is essential that they observe the signs. Don't enter an area where there's a red flag flying and respect the training area for what it is. There are online timetables that you can check before you head out – see www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence/series/firing-notice for more information.

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# Motorsport UK Academy Round-up

The Motorsport UK Academy has continued to build some of Britain's brightest future stars this season, with its success celebrated through the crowning of 11 Champions and two Vice-Champions.

The four different programmes provide drivers and co-drivers with a range of motorsport skills, ranging from fitness and nutrition to PR and marketing, and its 2023 champions cover a wide range of disciplines including Rallying, Sportscars, Single-seaters and Rallycross.

*Revolution* caught up with many of the title winners to find out more about their success.

#### **Jon Armstrong**

**Academy Programme: Team UK** 

Champion: ERC3 European Rally Driver's Championship



I had a strong relationship with M-Sport Poland from competing in Junior WRC and had also been involved in development of the Ford Fiesta Rally3, so I was asked to debut the Rally3 Evo in the ERC3 Championship. I partnered with Cameron for most of the season, we netted some solid points in the opening rounds and it just got better and better.

The Academy helped me to prepare well and not overthink things and the support on fitness and diet improved my performance over long rally weeks. We won the title at Rally Di Roma Capitale, but it felt strange because I was declared Champion before the event started as my closest rival did not enter – so I was actually spraying champagne before the start ramp!





Ella Lloyd Programme:

Team UK Futures
Vice-Champion: Ginetta GT5

Having competed in Ginetta Juniors last year in what was my first season of racing, it made sense to make GT5 Pro my next step. I joined Xentek Motorsport because they are a Championship winning team and the first weekend went particularly well – I won the first two races from pole and set the fastest lap!

I worked hard with the team and my coach, going through data after every session and race and also worked on my endurance to help my concentration. The Academy also gave me a lot of tools and knowledge to use, including fitness, nutrition, sleep training and sport psychology. Through the season I managed to win races in six of the eight rounds.



#### **Tom Mills**

Programme: Team UK Futures Champion: GB4



I made my GB4 debut last year and having won some races I decided to continue. I was not expecting to do the full season, but when I took double pole, a win and a second place in round one, I was leading the championship and we decided to continue and try to keep the momentum throughout the season.

The Academy training really motivated me to work harder off track and I won the title at Brands Hatch with one round to go. In that race, I did not know whether I was in a title-winning position, so I just kept trying to move forward while minimising any risks. It was only when I came around the final corner and saw all the team cheering that I knew I had done it.





#### Tom Ovenden

Programme: Team UK Futures Champion: Mini Challenge

When my family and I decided to take on the challenge of circuit racing three years ago, I never thought I would get to this position. To win this year felt absolutely unreal. We had a rollercoaster of a year, but we managed to keep the results ticking over to claim the title come the finale at Brands.

It was amazing to win, not only for myself but for the incredible EXCELER8 motorsport team, who have worked so hard to get this position. The team is amazing to be a part of and it has definitely been a year to remember, something I will cherish forever.



The Academy helped me to learn where to stay calm, pick my opportunities and remain positive, and that really helped me on the last weekend. I was leading the points, but there were five drivers who could win the title and it was a reverse-grid, so I was starting 24th. I needed to finish 12th – and I did. It was my first championship and it was the best feeling!

we did a lot of work looking at data, using the sim and

trying to improve my technique and the car set-up.







#### **Keaton Williams**

**Programme: Team UK Co-Driver** 

Champion: American Rally Association Co-Driver

I won the title last year with Subaru Motorsports USA and with their new 23R car in the pipeline I decided to defend the title and be part of that development process. The aim was to become back-to-back champions and our season went in the best way possible – winning every rally!

The second round was our closest battle – we only won that by 6.8 seconds! We did a lot of homework and the Academy really helped with my preparation, communication and ability to multitask. We took the crown at round six – which was quite a contrast from 2022, when it went to the final Rally of the year.



This was my final season in the Junior category, so we put a lot into it this year. I was in a team with my dad and we spent a lot of time in the workshop. I used a lot of skills from my Academy course to help me win the title – particularly the eSports, motor vehicle and sport lessons. It really helped me prepare mentally and physically, which I found hard in the past.

It all came down to the very last round and in the end, I finished just ahead of second-placed runner Tyler Mcalpin. That made the feeling of victory even better when I crossed the line! It was a surreal moment and I came through punching the air with joy. There is nothing guite like that feeling!



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#### **Cameron Fair**

Programme: Co-Driver Graduate Champion: ERC3 European Rally Co-Driver's Championship

I had decided to make this season a quiet one after the birth of my son, but Craig Breen's death made me realise life can be short, so when Jon Armstrong called about doing Rally Canaries, I went for it – and that led to a season in the ERC! We won our class in the first few events and worked hard to fine-tune the car to the local conditions and terrains.

Jon was already champion going into Rally di Roma but we had to finish first for me to win the co-drivers' title. Starting the final stage, I was pretty nervous, the mind playing games with you, so the relief when we went over the line was huge. We got on top of the car and celebrated – a special moment I will not forget!



#### **Theo Micouris**

Programme: Team UK Futures Champion: Radical Cup (SR1 and Overall)



Initially, we did not plan on racing as we did not have the budget but I tried out the Radical and immediately showed great pace so we decided to take part. I managed to win my first race, which was also my car racing debut, and I just continued to keep picking up wins at every track I went to!

The Academy has really helped me improve my performance in all aspects, from fitness to business and media, and in the 18 races we had 9 wins, 17 podiums, 15 fastest laps and three SR1 lap records. I won the title a few races early, so I spent the final race weekend celebrating – but on the way home, I had to revise for a school exam the next day!





#### Will Tregurtha

Programme: Team UK

Champion: British GT Silver-Am GT3

My team-mate Mark and I competed in British GT last year and switched to the Lamborghini Huracan GT3 with Barwell Motorsport this year. The first races were great, albeit a little eventful – we almost had a wheel come off in the initial race – and we worked together really well on debriefs, planning and execution, which gave me great confidence in the team.

To pull off a professional result, you need a professional mindset, and the Academy provided me with maturity, confidence, and good coaching. We won the title on the second to last lap of the season, with a big move down the inside to win the final race! It felt incredible. We had fought all race for it, so there was a lot of relief and a bucket load of pride!





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#### Max Langmaid

**Programme: Team UK Futures** 

Champion: BTRDA All4 and British Rallycross All4



I had won the Junior Rallycross title two years in a row and when a chance came up to drive the Mini All4 I could not refuse! It was more than twice the horsepower I was used to, so it was a steep learning curve but I won my first race in the BTRDA. The car failed on the first British Rallycross round, though, and it took some time to understand and fix all the issues.

Both titles went down to the wire. I won the BTRDA at Knockhill with a good weekend but winning the BRX 5 Nations at Lydden Hill was more fraught. I had clutch issues that were fixed just before the final and I was leading two laps from the end when the car started to lose power. Fortunately, my Academy training helped me stay calm and defend to the finish!



#### **Callum Davies**

Programme: Enhanced DiSE Vice-Champion: Ginetta GT Pro



I wanted to make the step up from karting this year so I had some test days in a Ginetta and when they launched GT Pro as a brand-new championship for 2023, we signed up. I was the youngest driver in the field and had never driven any of the tracks, but I was on the pace in testing and I took a pole, fastest lap and three podiums from the first three races.

I started at the Academy in September, and it is proving to be the best choice because of the access to experienced coaches and facilities and the camaraderie with other drivers. The vice championship went down to the wire at Donington, but I won the first race to stretch my advantage then got the finish I needed in the second to make it certain.



The National Court is the UK Disciplinary, Investigatory and Appeal Court as required by the Statutes of the FIA and the International Sporting Code. The Court is independent of Motorsport UK and administered by an external lawyer and the judges are drawn from a panel of experienced motorsport lawyers and suitably qualified motorsport professionals

Sitting 15th November 2023 Case No: J2023-30

Guy Spollon (Chairman), Kelvin Nicholls, Nigel Thorne

#### **Disciplinary Panel**

Motorsport UK versus Marcin Popakul, Licence Number 382133

The essential facts in this matter are:

- Marcin Popakul is the father of Wiktor Popakul, a minor.
   Marcin Popakul at all material times held a genuine PG licence holder's licence.
- 2. In September 2023 Rachel Gascoigne, a Motorsport UK Steward's Officer, came across a penalty for Wiktor Popakul from Round 8 of the FASTR WMKC Championship that needed adding to Wiktor Popakul's IMIS record. It was noted at this stage that Wiktor Popakul did not appear to have a 2023 Motorsport UK Licence. Various enquiries were then put in hand. In October 2023 Ms Gascoigne was reviewing paperwork after Round 9 of the FASTR WMKC Championship and noticed Wiktor Popakul's name again. A further check of records indicated that Wiktor Popakul did not have a 2023 Motorsport UK Licence. Accordingly, Paul Siret at the Whilton Mill Car Club was asked to provide a copy of the entry declaration and licence summited for Round 9 of the FASTR WMKC Championship by Marcin Popakul.
- 3. The court heard the oral evidence of Mr Michael Wentworth, a Motorsport UK Membership Manager, who gave evidence that:
  - a) He has been the Membership Manager at Motorsport UK for 11 years.
  - b) From reviewing Wiktor Popakul's licence IMIS record and comparing this with the photo of the licence card supplied by those at Whilton Mill Car Club, it confirms that the licence submitted by Marcin Popakul on behalf of his son Wiktor Popakul at Whilton Mill was not issued nor supplied by Motorsport UK as the licence data did not match records held on the Motorsport UK licence system database.
  - c) In order for a licence payment to be taken from a competitor or parent, a licence product must be added to the licence record within the IMIS licence database. The action of adding or removing a licence product to / from the IMIS licence system is recorded within the change log on the competitor's record.
  - d) After reviewing the change log within ID388551, Wiktor's Popakul's unique licence record, there is no evidence to support any attempt for a licence to be issued or removed, which also supports and confirms that no payment was attempted.

- 4. Mr Marcin Popakul did not attend the court hearing due to work obligations. In an email dated 5th November 2023 Mr Popakul indicated that:
  - a) He did not know how or why his son's licence was considered to be fraudulent.
  - b) He could not physically produce his son's licence as it had been stolen during the burglary of his motorhome.
  - c) The licence renewal department at Motorsport UK should be consulted as they are the only body which can confirm the authenticity of his son's licence.
- 5. The court concludes that on the available evidence:
  - a) Mr Marcin Popakul did submit a fraudulent competition licence and sign on declaration on behalf of his son on 21st October 2023 at the Whilton Mill Car Club event.
  - b) As a consequence of (a) above Wiktor Popakul ineligibly competed on 21st and 22nd October 2023 at Whilton Mill.
  - c) There have been breaches by Mr Marcin Popakul of National Competition Rules C.1.1.2, C.1.1.3 and C.1.1.4.
- 6. The court considers that the appropriate penalties in this matter are:
- a) Marcin Popakul's 2023 PG Licence is suspended with immediate effect.
- b) Marcin Popakul is excluded from holding a PG licence for a period of four years from today's date.
- c) Marcin Popakul is also suspended from acting as an Entrant's Representative under General Regulation H.26.1.9(c).
- d) Marcin Popakul is fined £1000.
- e) A contribution to the costs of this hearing in the sum of £500.
- The court notes that there has been an increase in the instances of document fraud, in particular with licences and, accordingly, the court will be providing recommendations as to how this problem may be addressed.

Guy Spollon, Chairman 15th November 2023

# Sitting On 15th November 2023 Case No: J2023-31 Guy Spollon (Chairman, Kelvin Nicholls, Nigel Thorne Motorsport UK versus (X) (A minor)

- 1. On 22nd October 2023 The Whilton Mill Kart Club organised an Interclub kart meeting at Whilton Mill.
- 2. During race 29, the Senior x30 Final, there was an incident at The Boot section of the circuit involving a number of karts including (Y) (a minor) and (X). It appears that (Y) became airborne and 'rode' over the kart of (X), striking him a glancing blow to his upper body in the process. Both karts were extensively damaged. (X) was a victim of this incident and was not responsible for the accident.
- 3. Immediately following the collision (X) abandoned his kart and went over to (Y) who was still seated in his kart and slapped (Y)'s helmet. (X) thereafter jumped over the nearby fencing whereupon he was confronted by persons allegedly associated with and / or involved with (Y)'s race team who proceeded to abuse him verbally and to intimidate him.
- 4. Fortunately, (X) was not seriously injured but was shocked and bruised. It is very much to the credit of both (Y) and (X) that (Y) apologised to (X) for crashing into him and (X) apologised to (Y) for his subsequent assault.
- (X) duly appeared before the Stewards of the meeting and accepted responsibility for his actions and being in breach of National Competitor Rule C.11.9. He was disqualified from the meeting and given six penalty points.
- 6. This case has now been referred to the National Court for consideration of any further breaches of the National Competition Rules, in particular A.10.1.3, A.10.1.5 and C.1.1.4.
- 7. (X) appeared before this court with his parents who indicated that:

- a) (X)'s behaviour on the occasion of the incident was totally out of character and unacceptable.
- b) (X)'s parents indicated that he had been "punished" at home.

The court was impressed by:

- a) (X)'s contrition and immediate acceptance of his wrongdoing.
- b) The glowing testimonial from the Pastoral Head of Silverstone UTC in which he had described (X) as a model student, hardworking, conscientious, and never quarrelsome nor 'hot-blooded'.
- 8. This court does not tolerate violence of any kind. In the circumstances of this particular case however it considers that:
  - a) The penalties imposed by the Stewards were justified and entirely appropriate.
  - b) No further findings or penalties are necessary.
- c) That a contribution to the costs of this hearing in the sum of £100 must be made.
- 9. The court also recommends that Motorsport UK should consider the appointment of an observer to attend select kart meetings to investigate fully intimidation, bullying and unacceptable behaviour generally which have been mentioned in the course of these proceedings, and thereafter report back to Motorsport UK for consideration of both any findings and also any recommendations.

Guy Spollon, Chairman 15th November 2023

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#### **NATIONAL COURT**

#### Sitting On 15th November 2023 Case No J2023-32 Guy Spollon (Chairman), Kelvin Nicholls, Nigel Thorne Motorsport UK versus Dylan Roberts, Licence Number 362717

The essential facts in this case are:

- On 20th September 2023 Dylan Roberts applied for a rally media accreditation. As part of that application applicants must provide proof of £5,000 Public Liability insurance.
   Mr Roberts sent to Motorsport UK an insurance certificate as part of his application. This certification immediately raised concerns as to its authenticity because the insurance certificate appeared to have been altered.
- 2. Mr Roberts was therefore summoned to appear before this court for submitting a fraudulent insurance certificate as part of his rally media accreditation application in breach of National Competition Rules C.1.1.3 and C.1.1.4.
- 3. On 9th November Ms Sophie Brown, Motorsport UK Assistant Legal Counsel, contacted Mr Dylan Roberts by telephone to ensure that he had received the summons sent to him on 2nd November 2023 and to ascertain that he understood why he was being summoned to attend the National Court. Mr Roberts was specifically asked whether the submitted insurance certificate was genuine as it appeared to have been taken from someone else's policy and altered to include his details. Mr Roberts maintained that:
  - a) He "did not know where the certificate came from".
  - b) He did not want Ms Brown to provide details of the certificate so that he might clarify the position with his insurance provider.
  - c) He was unable to attend court and declined an offer remotely to attend court.
  - d) No paperwork should be sent to his address as it was too stressful for him.
- 4. During a subsequent telephone conversation between Ms Brown and Mr Roberts, Mr Roberts stated that:
  - a) He had sent Motorsport UK the wrong certificate.
  - b) He could not send the correct certificate to Motorsport UK as he no longer had a laptop.

- c) He was not interested in calling his insurers to clarify whether the certificate submitted was legitimate.
- d) He had ill-health, including having suffered three strokes which had left him with memory problems.
- e) He did not want any help from Ms Brown.
- f) He wanted Ms Brown to explain to the court that he has never done anything wrong to anyone in his life and he tries to help with marshalling as much as he can and that he would not be attending court.
- 5. The court concluded that:
  - a) The insurance certificate submitted by Mr Roberts was a forgery.
  - b) Despite repeated offers from Ms Brown to help him, Mr Roberts had been deliberately evasive, obstructive, and unhelpful.
  - c) Mr Roberts had deliberately pursued a course of contact that was dishonest.
  - d) Mr Roberts had breached Regulations C.1.1.3 and C.1.1.4.
- 6. The court considers any form of fraudulent application to Motorsport UK to be very serious and accordingly:
  - a) Mr Roberts' marshal's licence is suspended forthwith.
  - b) Mr Roberts is prohibited from holding or applying for any Motorsport UK licence for a period of four years.
  - c) Any future application by Mr Roberts for any licence should be most carefully scrutinised by those responsible at Motorsport UK for issuing Motorsport UK licences.
  - d) There is to be a fine of £1,000.
  - e) Mr Roberts additionally must pay a contribution to the costs of these proceedings in the sum of £500.

Guy Spollon, Chairman 15th November 2023

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# Stockport 061 Motor Club

One of the oldest Motor Clubs in the country, Stockport 061 is going from strength to strength thanks to its involvement with Regional Associations

Not every Club runs an annual marshalling competition, but Stockport 061 has been doing so for longer than President Nancy Russell can remember. Many members enjoy standing by a Rally stage almost as much as driving through one, so that prize is highly sought after..

"Marshalling is almost as big as competing," says Russell. "We have a lot of people who want to come marshalling with us, and I never considered that having the championship was a bit unusual, because we have always had it. My niece, Adele, only came into it in the last 12 months or so, but she won the novice championship last year.

"She runs her own business, but you should have seen the look on her face when it was announced she had won at our annual dinner! It really does mean a lot to people. We also have an organisers championship, as we are proud of the number of members who help organise events too."

The club was founded in 1903 as the New Stockport and District Motor Cycle and Light Car Club and is credited with being the third oldest motorsport Club in the UK. In 2007, it merged with close neighbour High Peak and 061 Motor Club, after the respective chairmen recognised the benefit of combining the two vast pools of knowledge.

The 061 Targa Rally



One of the reasons is that the Club has made the most of getting involved with Regional Associations. Set up by around fifty years ago, by the forerunner of Motorsport UK, these help Clubs to collaborate with each other, giving strength in numbers, and Stockport 061 is now a member of five – the Northern, North Western, West Midland, East Midlands, and Welsh Associations.

The Club also supports and collaborates with Motor Sport (North West) Ltd., which brings together the resources of several motor clubs to promote a closed road Rally in the North West of England, the proceeds of which go to charitable causes. All these collaborations have worked extremely well to get members engaged at a wider level.

"We are really good at pooling knowledge and resources," says Russell. "It is not about 'we are better than you' which I think it used to be a bit in motorsport. Everybody needs each other and it is good to support and take the workload together. The North West stages, for example, was an amalgamation of North West clubs all working very closely."

The Club runs two flagship events of its own – the O61 Targa Rally and the SMC Stages Rally at Anglesey – along with occasional StreetCar AutoSOLOs and monthly navigational scatters. It also has a weekly pub night, pub quizzes and video nights that attract a wider group, and an active monthly committee meeting.

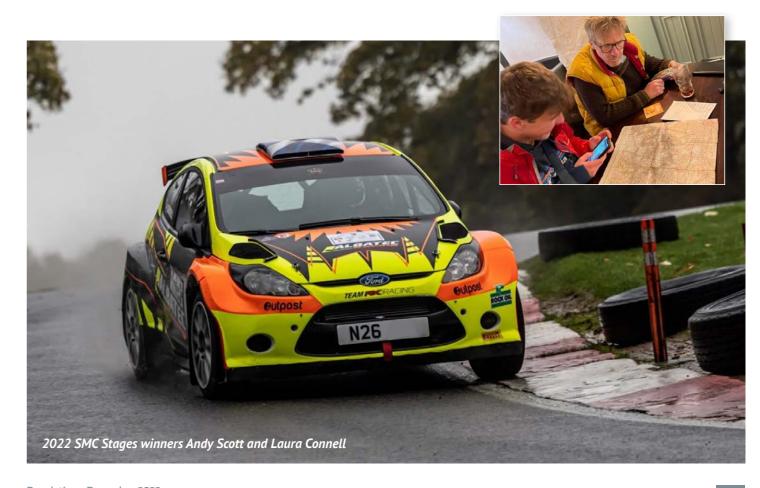
Russell, whose husband was an important and long-serving member of the Club until he sadly passed away last year, says: "It is a real family atmosphere. Most members bring along their children, aged from 40s to 10, and having the generations coming through is encouraging other young members to have a go at club night events, which is great.

"Hopefully we will be able to keep that going, because a lot of the time in motorsport you do not get many young people joining, particularly when it comes to the marshalling side of things. We do Targa rallies and Historic marshalling, so the children can come to those and 13- or 14-year-olds can have a go as Cadet Marshals.

"It worries me that the average age of marshals is going up and up and up and every Rally is calling out for marshals. That is why I am proud that we get the younger people out doing it with us. We also have wheelchair users marshalling, competing, and organising club events.

"We thrive on training up new interested members and enjoy when questions are asked, and they want to learn. Most of us are, or have been, navigators and that helps make good marshals because it is so different when you know what is happening in the car. I think that is why we have so many great Clerks of the Courses and Stage Commanders.

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"We do so much marshalling on every level, but running whole stages in closed road stage rallies is what we seem to have become known for. Organisers come to us, and we go from one big event to another. Sometimes I look at the team and realise what great experience we have. That makes me so proud."

The Club's annual dinner is always well attended and works as a celebratory get-together as well as a good basis to review the year and move forward to the next. It also attracts old members, joining the event for a reunion, sitting alongside current competitors and marshals.



Targa Road rallies help the club attract new and younger members, and encourages Marshalling experience

The Club held a special event to celebrate its 120th anniversary earlier this year, where the guest of honour was European Rally Champion Chris Ingram, who started his motorsport journey with the Club, and whose family is still well connected to it.

"I went around with a wandering microphone and was pulling people out of the audience to talk with them," she recalls. "We had stories from an eclectic mix of members, old and new, including father and daughter AutoSOLO competitors, road rally competitors, as well as Chris and his dad.

"One thing that is important for me is that we are not all out in big R5s, we also have members doing low-key Road Rallying. We aim to support with any form of motorsport - a lad came a few weeks ago, for example, wanting to do our Targa Rally and we helped him understand what happens and what he needed to do.

"We have supported Chris Ingram when he has fundraised in pursuit of his rallying goal. His father Jonathan joined the Club in the 70s, around the same time as I did, and we are still encouraging Chris to come and marshal in our stage in the Cambrian this year - because we think anyone can learn a huge amount from marshalling!"



For more details on how to join Stockport 61 MC see https://www.stockport061.com/about



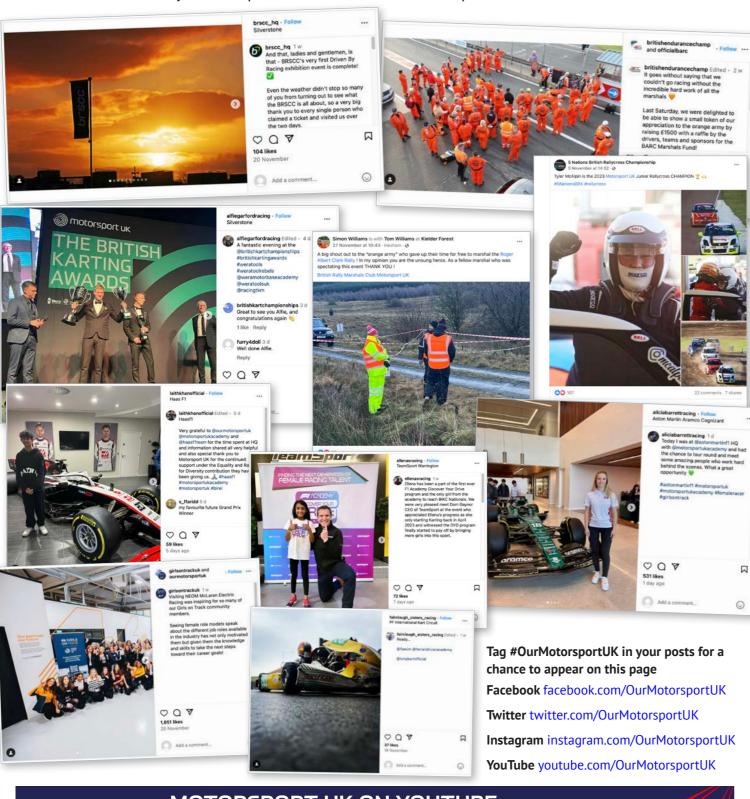
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#### **ANDY PRIAULX**

We were all in shock, but I was fighting for the World Championship as a factory driver for BMW UK and we just had to get on with it. It is horrible, but it has been like that for my whole career - so you have just got to take the moment and I think that gave me a lot of determination, to get the chance to remember him on the podium.

At the time, World Touring Cars was a really big thing and it was super competitive. Gabriele Tarquini was one of my biggest rivals - I liked him and respected him a lot, but he would drive over you to win! Rickard Rydell and Alain Menu were also in their prime, and BMW had six world-class factory drivers, including Alex Zanardi, who was a great team-mate.

The series was run with ballast and reverse grids, so if you were winning and fighting for the title you were always on the back foot. I had been dominant in that period, so it was quite tricky. I would end up down the grid and must get into the top eight in the first race to benefit from the reverse the grid and make the car as wide as possible in the second race!

Everyone used to say oh, you used the reverse grid, it's a bit like cheating but, hang on, with 70kg, the tyre degradation and everything else, winning was titanic, it was one of the hardest things to do. Our car was almost too old, the technology had moved on, so for me, that season was probably the one against all odds.

At Brands Hatch the year before, I had been leading in the rain but I locked up after the safety car and went off, so I was super determined to win this time. We prepared well for the track, set-up wise, and I finished seventh in the first race then, with the reverse grid, I managed to win the second. That was a very emotional moment.

There is a photo of me on the podium with the England flag in one hand, the Guernsey flag in the other, and the black armband for Colin. Seeing the photos still always reminds me of him. I have actually had a really nice leather bag made up with photos of that race weekend sewn inside it, and I use that in Historics now.

It meant a lot to have recognition from my peers. Michael Schumacher followed my races and Colin respected what I achieved. He was an absolute role model and it meant a lot to me. The sad thing was a few weeks earlier we met up and he suggested going for a night out, but I had to fly home. We planned to do it later that year, but sadly it never happened.

The win at Brands Hatch moved me to the top of the championship with two rounds of the season left and it ended up going right down to the final race in Macau. There were seven or eight drivers who could still have won and I had kept myself in it all year. I came eighth in the first race then won from pole in the second to take the title.



An emotional podium for Andy Priaulx, honouring the loss of his friend Colin McRae

When I look back on it, I am quite blown away by how popular WTCC was at that time. I would arrive at the garage and hundreds of people would be waiting for me. It made me feel quite emotional, really, because when you reach the top in professional Touring Cars or Sports Cars, you are world class but you are usually pretty much unrecognized.

That was probably the peak of my fame. It was the first time that I would jump in a black cab and they would recognise me. Autosport did a front cover that year – I have had four front covers, which was special - and with the recognition I had from the previous titles, it was just a wonderful feeling of pride. It was the pinnacle of my career, but I still remember having to fight hard for my contract the year after! That's racing for you! I was very fortunate the BMW Motorsport carried me on, and I switched to become a factory German driver for the following year, which was another step up in my career.

I spent 10 years with BMW and was able to maintain a really high level. I ended up being a test driver in Formula One, based on my approach to World Touring Cars, and that win and title was the trigger for it all. In the end, when you are at that level of performance you make it impossible for people not to keep you.

My son, Seb, is going through that same thing now. He is one of the top sports car racers of his generation and I am always saying 'you are as good as your next race now, not your last race.' There is so much choice nowadays, and so many drivers, that you have got to make it impossible for people not to want you in

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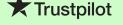
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## StreetCar

#### Stuff the Turkey, Ron Aiken Memorial StreetCar AutoSOLO

28th December, Curborough Sprint Course, Lichfield, Staffordshire

This is a StreetCar event, and the fifth round of the CDCC Wheelspin Series, run by Cannock and District Car Club (CDCC). This is an AutoSOLO designed to be simple and fun for everyone including newcomers. AutoSOLOs normally comprise of the competitor marshalling part of the day – but all we ask is you help find marshals for the day, so please bring a marshal along with you. It is open to any Motorsport UK affiliated car clubs, not just the organising car club. Entry is £40 per driver, which will include two or three tests, with four-six runs per test, with all times counting. Cars can be shared, with up to two drivers per car. You can also drive solo. https://linktr.ee/cdcc



#### The Plum Pudding Trial

30th December, Head Down, nr Petersfield, Hampshire

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#### Motorsport UK English Rally Championship, in association with SEACON UK



Following the Wyedean Forest Rally, the penultimate round of the Motorsport UK English Rally Championship, Ernie Graham is confirmed as the 2023 Champion. Co-driven by his wife Karen, they missed the opening event in the calendar, the Malcolm Wilson Rally, but then proceeded to take maximum scores on each of the next five rounds in their immaculate Mk1 Ford Escort RS1600. 11th overall in the Forest of Dean, just four seconds off a Top Ten finish, was enough for the Walton-on-Thames couple to take another English Championship class win, nudging Championship leader Elliot Payne off the top spot.



The Grizedale Stages, the final round of the Motorsport UK English Rally Championship in association with Seacon UK, suffered during the heavy snowfall that covered the Lake District over the first weekend of December and had to be abandoned with only three of the proposed seven stages complete. The results were declared at that point and second overall was sufficient to confirm Elliot Payne as the 2023 Championship runner-up, behind an absent Ernie Graham who had clinched the title on the previous round. Russ Thompson's retirement allowed Robert Proudlock to take the final podium spot.

#### **Final Championship Standings**

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