

JLT MSA CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD PREVIOUS WINNERS

2017 – Southsea Motor Club, 1st Overall



Southsea MC receiving their award from Richard Rainbow of JLT.

Established in 1931 Southsea Motor Club continues to promote, organise and help encourage motor sport across a range of disciplines. Southsea Motor Club's membership has increased by 54 per cent in the last five years and the membership is active in events ranging from 12 Cars and autotests to stage rallies, and in 2017 it co-promoted a new autocross event on the Isle of Wight.

Southsea MC also run social events for members alongside its motor sport activities as well as navigational training. Southsea MC works with and supports other clubs, as well as running events to encourage youngsters into motor sport, including events run in conjunction with East Hants District Council.

2017 – Ballynahinch & District Motor Club, 2nd Overall

Ballynahinch & District Motor Club are committed to bringing multi discipline motor sport at all levels to as many people as possible. The club has recently celebrated its 25th anniversary and continues to work to grow its membership.

The club encourages its members to develop their skills as volunteers and officials and works with other clubs to co-promote events. They have two Rescue Units which provide support to motor sport events. They also run social activities for the club and future plans include creating a junior section within the motor club, fundraising for charities and to increase their involvement in other motor sport disciplines.

2017 – East Ayrshire Car Club, 3rd Overall

East Ayrshire Car Club is an active club and runs a number of events, as well as maintaining and developing the Kames Motorsport Complex. In recent years, the club has focused on their digital presence to highlight club activities and opportunities to both existing and potential new members and the general public.

During 2017, the club created “Women in Motorsport” in conjunction with East Ayrshire Council, Scottish Motor Sports and the Scottish Association of Car Clubs which invited students from two local secondary schools to attend Kames for motor sport taster sessions. East Ayrshire Car Club works with other clubs to co-promote events as well as arranging training for its members.

2016 – Farnborough District MC, 1st overall



Farnborough District MC receiving their award from Richard Rainbow of JLT.

The Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs (ASCMC) supported Farnborough DMC's winning entry for the clubs' accolade. Farnborough DMC work with three other clubs (Sutton & Cheam, Dolphin and Craven) to organise the annual Abingdon CAR- nival, which has raised more than £275,000 for charity over the last 20 years.

FDMC attend a number of community events in their area to take motor sport to new people as well as running taster events, and have seen a significant number of new members as a result. They have a clear plan to help new members become involved and learn about motor sport and to ensure they feel supported. FDMC have also adapted their existing events, to encourage new and younger members, for example by running several Production Car Autotests during the year.

2016 – Larne Motor Club, 2nd Overall

Larne Motor Club's nomination was supported by the ANICC. Larne Motor Club have worked to introduce new people to motor sport via several different events within the local community, for example by supporting "Larne Alive," an event organised by the local council.

Larne Motor Club have worked with the local Go Motorsport Regional Development Officer, Jonathan MacDonald, to take motor sport to local education establishments including visits to Newtownabbey's North Regional College and Belfast Met College, and have encouraged students to get involved in motor sport. Larne Motor Club also use their events as an opportunity to raise money for local charities.

2016 – Ulster Automobile Club, 3rd Overall

Ulster Automobile Club have worked to promote their club through a variety of methods, including social media and attendance at community events. They have run autosolos in conjunction with the local Go Motorsport Regional Development Officer, Jonathan MacDonald, including at the Donaghadee Festival to entice people into motor sport and to bring new members into their club.

Ulster Automobile Club also work to support a number of charities, and have a clear plan to support and grow their club in future years.

2016 Highly Commended; Devizes and District MC, Enniskillen MC and Clitheroe and District MC.

2015 – South Hams Motor Club, 1st Overall



South Hams receiving their award from Richard Rainbow of JLT.

South Hams Motor Club celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2015, led by a new young Chairman. They were active in growing their membership of younger people and worked to engage with them. South Hams MC see their primary role as making sure they organise types of events that their members want to compete and volunteer on, and that they deliver those events well.

In September 2015, the club ran their first classic rally event (the Devon Classic Rally) which was a resounding success with numbers far exceeding expectations. They also created a grassroots championship during the year, which was wholly organised by members in their 20s. This has helped lead to succession planning within the club with excellent support and guidance being shared from the more experienced members to those who currently have less experience.

South Hams Motor Club worked closely with the MSA Regional Development Officer for the South West and took steps to engage with the local community and public at local shows. The Club's major event, the TSH Stages Rally, celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2015.

South Hams Motor Club worked to develop a strong relationship with the Devon and Cornwall police, with a specific Route Liaison Officer on their committee to help with navigation and road rally events. They also invite police representatives to attend which had a positive impact on members of the public and competitors alike, which the club sees as an example of best practice to ensure the viability of road events in the future.

The club has a number of experienced Clerks, Scrutineers and Stewards within their membership who work openly with the younger members of the club including via a mentoring scheme, to ensure the club has new organisers coming through their ranks for the future.

2015 – 63 Car Club (Elgin) Ltd, 2nd Overall

63 Car Club (Elgin) Ltd is an active club who have worked to increase their membership and bring new people into the sport. The club increased their membership by 20% from 2014 to 2015 and run several different motor sport events, including a fun (non- championship) autotest in the summer to attract new members.

The club worked hard to ensure they were complaint with changes in stage rallying in 2015, and have a large group of marshals who are regularly seen on all rounds of the Scottish Rally Championship and other events. The club helps to recruit new marshals and arrange transport to events a little further away.

63 Car Club (Elgin) Ltd attends local shows to encourage new people to motor sport. The club runs the Speyside Stages Rally and gives local charities and community groups the opportunity to run the stage car parks and keep the monies collected.

The club is planning for its future, ensuring a range of ages on its committee. It recognises the value of communicating with its members and uses social media as well as publishing a monthly newsletter.

2015 – Anglia Motor Sport Club, 3rd Overall

Anglia Motor Sport Club is based in East Anglia, and works to meet the needs of club level motor sport and arrange motor sport orientated social events. Although a relatively new club, AMSC members come from several long-standing clubs in the region.

Anglia Motor Sport Club was formed to share resources (including equipment and people) and to maintain and grow motor sport in the region. Anglia Motor Sport Club is made up of several local motor clubs, and the existing clubs are still active in order to maintain the local presence, history and heritage embedded in the existing organisations.

Having formed a collective club, there has been sharing of resources and information which is shown through an increase in events being run, entries on events and individual clubs having increased membership. Autosolos have been introduced in the region and have proved extremely popular.

The club has worked to support local events to take motor sport to new audiences, and played a large part in Go Motorsport Live! East which was held in 2014. The club has also worked to link with other groups and organisations including drifting clubs, cruising clubs and non-motor sport organisations. The club has helped its member clubs with a co-ordinated venue relationship management approach and with all efforts combined, it has helped see motor sport thrive in the region.

Previous winners of the Club of the Year Award include:

2014: Solway Car Club
2013: Wigton Motor Club
2012: Shenington Kart Racing Club
2011: Omagh Motor Club
2010: Cramlington and District Motor Club
2009: Chelmsford Motor Club
2008: Rathfriland Motor Club
2007: Aberdeen & DMC
2006: Cumbria Kart Racing Club
2005: Wigton MC
2004: Jersey MC & LCC
2003: Dukeries MC
2002: Scottish Rootes EC
2001: Magherafelt & DMC
2000: North Devon MC
1999: Ilkley & DMC
1998: Woolbridge MC
1997: Torbay MC
1996: Port Talbot MC
1995: Ilkley & DMC
1994: Aberdeen & DMC
1993: Knutsford & DMC