Awards Special

Celebrating the best of British motorsport
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James McKeefry and Farnborough District Motor Club have been named the MSA JLT Volunteer and Club of the Year respectively, following a record number of entries and a highly competitive field showcasing the best of UK motorsport.

McKeefry was nominated by the Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs (ANICC). He has been part of Magherafelt & District Motor Club for over 30 years and was praised for his ‘conviction focused on making motorsport safer and more accessible to all’. McKeefry supports not only his local club but also many others. He does a significant amount of work to promote the sport and also links local charities with motor clubs.

McKeefry said: “Being awarded the JLT MSA Volunteer of the Year award came as a complete shock. I didn’t even know I had been nominated by my motor club, but I am very honoured and very proud. The awards cover a number of categories – such as marshalling, medical and stewards – but the Volunteer of the Year award is the overall prize. To win that is incredible.”

Meanwhile the Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs (ASCMC) supported Farnborough DMC’s winning entry for the clubs’ accolade. Farnborough DMC takes motorsport to new people by attending local community events and running taster events, resulting in a growing
membership. It has also adapted its existing events to encourage new and younger members, for example by running a number of Production Car Autotests during the year.

Simon Taylor, Club Chairman, said: “It’s a great boost for us and hopefully it will also raise our profile locally, too. In 2016, we had no less than 17 planned competitive events – including 12-car rallies, a single-venue stage rally, sprints, slaloms, trials, autosolos and scatters – as well as the community and taster events.”

McKeefrey and representatives of Farnborough DMC will receive trophies and prize cheques during the MSA Night of Champions ceremony at the Royal Automobile Club in London on 28 January.

In total there were 105 entries and nominations across both awards, which included a range of sub-categories. The volunteer category winners were:

- Steward/Clerk: Wilson Carson (Ulster Automobile Club)
- Medical/Rescue/Recovery/Safety: Rupert Hine (Scottish Hillrally Club Ltd)
- Technical Official: Patricia Laverty (Magherafelt & District Motor Club Ltd)
- Marshal: Keith Gault (Enniskillen Motor Club, Motorsport Marshalling Partnership)
- Other: Margaret Simpson (BMMC).

Meanwhile second place in the club awards went to Larne Motor Club, with Ulster Automobile Club coming third, Devizes and District Motor Club, Enniskillen Motor Club and Clitheroe and District Motor Club all received Highly Commended status. Dave V Thomas received Highly Commended status in the Volunteer of the Year Awards.

For further details of all award winners, please click [HERE](#).
Anglesey Circuit has won the 2016 MSA Environmental Award, designed to recognise outstanding achievement or contribution towards environmental responsibility and the active promotion of sustainability within motorsport.

The latest winner is a busy circuit within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that takes steps to balance its activities against environmental considerations. For example while the circuit was being reconfigured in 2007, rock was quarried on-site to save an estimated 3,500 wagon journeys.

A major undertaking for the venue has been working closely with the local authority’s environmental health department and acoustic consultants to manage noise. This has included forming a community liaison group and investing in state-of-the-art noise monitoring equipment, which has benefitted all parties. In 2015 the Isle of Anglesey County Council won the Noise Abatement Society’s John Connell Award for its work with Anglesey Circuit.

Andrew Môn Hughes, Anglesey Circuit’s Press Officer and Environmental Champion said: “The whole team here at Anglesey Circuit is thrilled to win this award. It will start our 25th anniversary year off on a very high note and will, I am sure, inspire us to take even greater steps to improve our environmental performance.”

Representatives from the circuit will be presented with the trophy at the prestigious Night of Champions at the Royal Automobile Club in Pall Mall, London on 28 January 2017.
BENYON AND BATHIE WIN RENAULT MSA MEDIA AWARDS

Motorsport reporter Jack Benyon and photographer Dan Bathie have been named the Renault MSA Young Journalist and Photographer of the Year 2016 respectively.

Benyon, aged 24 from Chester, impressed the judges with a high quality selection of original news and features. The panel also noted his rapid career progression, which has seen him become Group National Editor of both Motorsport News and Autosport.

Benyon said: “I’m lucky to count many of the previous winners among my colleagues and I thank them for their help in my development. A huge thanks must go to Autosport.com Deputy Editor Matt Beer and his creation of the Autosport Talent Development Programme of which I’m a graduate. I look forward to stepping up a gear and working even harder to produce great content in 2017.”

Bathie, aged 25 from Derbyshire, was Highly Commended by the judges last year and goes a step further in 2016. His outstanding photographic entry combined technical excellence with artistry and showcased a variety of motorsport disciplines at both national and international levels.

Bathie said: “This has long been an ambition of mine ever since I started photography so I’m delighted to have been awarded this. When I found out I was a bit speechless! It’s an amazing end to the year, and I’m already excited to start next year and see what it brings. I’d like to thank everyone who supported me and allowed me to achieve this goal of mine.”

Benyon and Bathie will each receive a trophy and a £1000 cheque at the MSA Night of Champions ceremony on 28 January. They will also receive a year’s provisional membership of the Guild of Motoring Writers (GoMW), the world’s largest association of automotive editorial professionals.

Five other outstanding submissions were designated ‘Highly Commended’ – the following young journalists and photographers will also receive a year’s provisional membership of the Guild of Motoring Writers:

- James Newbold, Freelance (journalist)
- Jack Phillips, Motor Sport Magazine (journalist)
- Sam Sheehan, Autocar (journalist)
- Jayson Fong, Freelance (photographer)
- Matthew Sayle, Freelance (photographer).

@danbathie
Dec 14 Delighted to be announced @MSAUK Young Motorsport Photographer of the Year. Still can’t believe it!

@MSAAcademy
CYCLING HEROES STAR IN LATEST MAGAZINE

Olympic and Paralympic cyclists Sir Chris Hoy and Jon-Allan Butterworth are the latest MSA Magazine cover stars, following their run in November’s Race of Remembrance at Anglesey.

The pair teamed up with Tom Onslow-Cole and Jade Edwards for Mission Motorsport’s annual 1,000km event. We sent Hal Ridge not only to follow their progress but also to tell the wider story of a unique race meeting.

Meanwhile we sent Paul Lawrence to Shelsley Walsh to meet Scott Moran and find out what it takes to become a record-equalling six-time MSA British Hill Climb Champion.

Also in the magazine, David Evans talks to Kris Meeke ahead of the 2017 WRC season, and we find out how Preston Motorsport Club has embraced social media to develop a large – and young! – following.

This issue’s columnists are MSA Development Director Jonathan Day, single-seater ace Sennan Fielding, and JLT MSA Volunteer of the Year James McKeefry.

MSA competition licence holders, officials, marshals and clubs receive complementary hard copies. All others can read the magazine online – please click HERE.

In other news, MSA Magazine was recently shortlisted for Membership Magazine of the Year at the PPA Independent Publisher Awards. Well done to the hard-working Motor Sport team, and also to the winning National Trust Magazine!

ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED

The MSA’s 2016 Company Report has been published and is now available online, detailing the governing body’s activities in the regulation, administration, promotion and development of UK motor sports.

It also presents a summary of the annual financial accounts, plus detailed competition licence and event permit figures for the previous full year. To read the report online, please click HERE.

A limited number of hard copies is available on request; please email media@msauk.org.
ASPHALT CHAMPIONSHIP TAKES SABBATICAL

The MSA and BTRDA have agreed to rest the MSA Asphalt Rally Championship in 2017 following the retirement of long-time championship coordinator Andrew Haill.

Both parties recognise that this news will disappoint competitors but they can rest assured that the championship will be relaunched and reinvigorated in 2018.

“With the pace of the latest cars posing challenges for organisers, and with the future opportunities of closed roads legislation for this particular championship and discipline, the MSA and BTRDA have agreed that now is the time to regroup, refocus and ultimately relaunch the MSA Asphalt Rally Championship,” said Rob Jones, MSA Chief Executive.

Mike Broad, President of the BTRDA, added: “The BTRDA has not taken this decision lightly and has made considerable efforts to organise a worthy series for 2017, but it has become clear that a sabbatical is needed to give us the opportunity to achieve this goal for 2018.”

MSA BRITISH SPORTING TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP

John Fack and passenger Andy Gowen won the final round of the British Sporting Trials Championship, the Gloster Trial.

Provisional championship standings
1 Roland Uglow – 147 points (CHAMPION)
2 Simon Kingsley – 130
3 Richard Sharp – 117

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AUTOSPORT INTERNATIONAL

PREVIEW: AUTOSPORT INTERNATIONAL

Autosport International is set to deliver another show-stopping event at Birmingham’s NEC on 12-15 January. With the Williams Martini Racing 40th anniversary celebrations already confirmed, here’s more of what you can look forward to seeing at the show – starting with an ultra-rare collection of iconic Ford RS500 Cosworths.

The RS500 went on to become one of the most successful Group A touring cars of all time, dominating events wherever they were raced. Next year marks the 30th anniversary of the racing debut of the RS500, and Autosport International offers fans the unique opportunity to see up to 14 RS500s together on one stand at The Performance Car Show. The display is courtesy of Paul Linfoot and the RS500 Owners Forum and Community (RS500owners.com).

Elsewhere at the show, another special anniversary will be celebrated as 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the all-conquering Lotus 49 Formula 1 car. The seven surviving Lotus type 49s will be on display on the Classic Team Lotus stand. The display will mark 50 years since renowned designers Colin Chapman and Maurice Philippe produced the car, which revolutionised Formula 1 in 1967 and beyond.

Also attending the show is reigning and three-time MSA British Touring Car Champion Gordon Shedden. He will celebrate his landmark 2016 Championship win with the legion of motorsport fans at Autosport International, with appearances on the Autosport Stage as well as driving displays in the Live Action Arena.

Shedden will be joined at the show by fellow BTCC drivers and former champions Matt Neal, Colin Turkington and Andrew Jordan. Le Mans legend and former F1 racer Allan McNish has also been confirmed to take part in the shows main features including interviews and fan signing sessions.

Stay tuned to www.autosportinternational.com for regular updates and show announcements in the run up to the main show in the new year.

SHOW DISCOUNT FOR MSA MEMBERS

The MSA will be in attendance throughout Autosport International with staff from the development, licensing, sporting and technical teams. The MSA stand can be found in its usual location at the entrance to Hall 5.

Once again the MSA has teamed up with Haymarket Exhibitions to offer competitors and volunteers a £5 discount on tickets to Autosport International. This exclusive offer will only be available for the show’s trade days.

If booking online:
• Visit www.autosportinternational.com megasite
• Click on the link to ‘Visiting trade’ to visit the registration page
• Select the MSA Registration option
• Complete the registration form inserting your MSA licence/registration number when prompted.

Please note that only one ticket per MSA licence holder is available. If purchasing multiple tickets, all licence numbers need to be inserted for the discount to apply. MSA members will need to show their competition/official’s licence or marshal’s registration card when entering the show to take advantage of the discount if purchasing the tickets onsite.
ELFYN

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Assisting Rally Cars:
This is a risky activity — AVOID!
If one car goes off, the next might, too
NEVER risk your own safety
If you HAVE TO assist . . .
ALWAYS ensure that one person acts as LOOKOUT
ALWAYS be aware of the DANGERS

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“I feel so honoured to have won this prestigious award. This has long been an ambition of mine ever since I started photography so I’m delighted to have been awarded this. When I found out I was a bit speechless! It’s an amazing end to the year, and I’m already excited to start next year and see what it brings. I’d like to thank everyone who supported me and allowed me to achieve this goal of mine”
Dan Bathie
**STAGE RALLY SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

Competitors are advised that scrutineers have been reminded of guideline 155 in the Stage Rally Safety Requirements, which states:

‘In order to fulfil their role, Scrutineers will be present at stage starts carrying out duties such as checking, amongst other things that FHRs, seat belts and helmets are correctly worn. They may also occasionally need to enter the special stage. This should only be the case when there is a fatal accident. If a Scrutineer needs to inspect a car in any other situation, this should be done after the stage has closed. They should follow immediately after the sweeper car and have their own safety radio communications.’

Scrutineers have often been present at stage starts to check items such as fire extinguishers but they are now checking for other safety equipment. For example it is essential that competitors arrive at the stage start with their FHRs fitted correctly and scrutineers will be checking for this going forward.

**FHRS AND HELMETS**

The MSA Technical Department has received a number of reports about helmet damage apparently caused by FHRs. The top image shows one particular example – the lining and foam have evidently been worn away by constant rubbing on the harness where it is sitting over the yoke of the FHR, as seen in the bottom image of the same helmet. Scrutineers have been made aware and will consider helmets damaged in this way to be unsuitable for use; competitors should therefore check their helmets before and after events.

**HELMET STANDARD**

Please be aware that there is a new helmet standard applicable to Karting. The Snell-FIA CMR/CMS 2016 standard has been released and helmets to this standard are acceptable for MSA Karting events. Snell-FIA CMR/CMS 2016 is a Junior specific standard, and as such is also eligible for kart drivers under 15 years of age, although there is no upper age limit applied to its use.

To sign up for email notifications when proposed regulation changes are posted online for consultation, click [HERE](#).
FRONT BUMPER / FAIRING REGULATIONS

What are the changes?
CIK Drawing 2c:
There must be a clearance at all points between the front bumpers (lower and upper) and the front fairing of a minimum 27mm at all times.

When does this happen?
New MSA Regulations (U) 17.3.3 – 17.4.4 will be applicable from 01 January 2017, although these alone should not directly affect any current equipment.
The CIK Drawing 2c 27mm gap requirement will be applicable from 01 March 2017.

Who will be affected?
The changes apply to any Junior or Senior non-gearbox competitor competing in an MSA Karting Event, with the exception of Clubman (unless otherwise stated by the MSA) or any class/championship that has been given specific permission by way of a KTE from the MSA.

What does it mean to me?
Worst case scenario is that you will have to buy new front bumper bars (lower and/or upper) to ensure that the front fairing and the front bumpers maintain the required gap of 27mm at all points.
Remember too that all bumper bars and front fairings must be from the same homologation, unless (for MSA events) they are of an alternative combination listed in the relevant document on the Kart Technical Resource page of the MSA website at www.msauk.org/KartTech.

MSA Yearbook Section (U)
Front Bumper (Drawing 8)
17.3. The lower bar must:
17.3.3. Have a minimum diameter of 20mm (the two corners must have one constant radius of curvature).
17.3.4. Have a straight length of 300mm minimum in relation to the longitudinal axis of the kart.
17.4. The upper bar must:
17.4.3. Have a minimum diameter of 16mm (the two corners must have one constant radius of curvature).
17.4.4. Have a straight length of 380mm minimum in relation to the longitudinal axis of the kart.

Appendix 1 – Drawing number 8:
The 2017 series of MSA Officials Seminars follows the alternating pattern of attendance and reverts to being open to MSA Licensed Officials (Clerks and Stewards, including Probationary Clerks and Trainee Stewards). We would also like to extend this invitation to all Club Stewards to assist personal development.

Full day seminars assemble at 9.30am for a 10am prompt start. Again for this year, each delegate attending will receive a £2.50 allowance towards the cost of lunch and mileage allowance will be payable at the volunteer rate of 38p a mile. As always, car sharing is encouraged and the extra mileage incurred in collecting any fellow officials as passengers will also be refundable.

The day’s proceedings are scheduled to finish before 5pm. For Jersey and Guernsey, the Seminars will be half day evening sessions, commencing at 7pm.

Dates and Venues:
- Saturday 4th February: South West (Exeter)
- Saturday 11th February: Central Southern England (Basingstoke) – including Kart Clerks session
- Sunday 12th February: South East England (Brands Hatch)
- Monday 13th February: Guernsey – including Kart Clerks session
- Tuesday 14th February: Jersey – including Kart Clerks session
- Saturday 26th February: Northern Ireland (Armagh) – including Kart Clerks session
- Saturday 4th March: North East (Northallerton) – including Kart Clerks session
- Sunday 5th March: East (Peterborough) – including Kart Clerks session
- Saturday 11th March: Isle of Man (Douglas)
- Sunday 12th March: North West (Haydock)
- Saturday 18th March: South Wales (Cardiff)
- Sunday 19th March: Midlands (Telford)
- Saturday 25th March: Scotland (Pitlochry) – including Kart Clerks session
- Saturday 2nd April: Carlisle (Wetheral)

Invitation letters have been sent to all licensed Clerks and Stewards (including Probationary Clerks and Trainee Stewards) requesting their attendance. It is important that attendees do not arrive on the day without prior notification.

Additional copies of the invitation letter can be requested by contacting the MSA’s Training Department via email at training@msauk.org or by calling 01753 765000.

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**PENRITH FIRE TRAINING**

Marshals from Rowrah Kart Circuit, Eden Valley and West Cumbria Motor Clubs had an interesting and warming evening early in December when they attended a fire training session at Penrith Community Fire Station.

Instructors Jon Aston, Steve Johnson and Katy Mashiter introduced thirty six club members to why and when to use an extinguisher as well as which one to use.

After this Pennine Fire Services of Blackburn gave them all the opportunity to extinguish controlled fires and even supplied extinguishers for their own garages and motor sport use.

The training was supported by the British Motor Sports Training Trust and was made available to clubs of all motor sport disciplines in the area and the only cost to the trainees was time and travel.

As well as updating the existing information about extinguishers and their use, the evening provided a chance to get signatures in the marshal record books and share best practice in different areas.
GOODWOOD MARSHALS TRAINING WEEKEND

The 2016 Training Days at Goodwood Motor Circuit at the start of December saw a record number of 164 people sign on.

During 2016, Goodwood Marshals Club had a promotional stand at Goodwood Breakfast Club events, the Festival of Speed and the Revival Meeting as well as smaller local events and car shows. This has brought a range of new marshals; cadets, individuals, families, ACU marshals and even paramedics and fire fighters who wish to join the Rescue Unit.

The two day approach for Speed and Race topics allowed the first day to focus on the less experienced marshals with the second aimed at the more experienced. The marshals attending experienced a range of topics, including active participation in resuscitation exercises and firefighting.

Jon Barnett, General Manager for Goodwood Motor Circuit, called in to recognise the valuable contribution marshals make and was very impressed with the dedication of volunteers, and how vital Marshals are to the events at Goodwood and other circuits.

Go Motorsport Regional Development Officer Andrew Bisping said: “I was delighted to see so many newcomers at this packed event and their feedback was that they’d enjoyed the day and can’t wait to start marshalling at events next year. Well done to the Club for recruiting and supporting them.”

For 2017 Goodwood Marshals Club will continue with their focus on publicity and recruiting new marshals. The major Goodwood events have many visitors from further away and the Club will highlight regional marshalling opportunities closer to home for those visitors where appropriate.

more info

Goodwood Marshals Club can be found at www.goodwoodmarshalsclub.org.uk on Facebook, or email sam-waters@hotmail.co.uk
Twenty-seven of the Scottish Government’s 29 recommendations to enhance stage rally safety were implemented by the end of 2016, less than two years after they were published.

The recommendations were made in a report by the Motorsport Event Safety Review (MESR) – established following the tragic events of the 2014 Jim Clark Rally – published on 5 January 2015.

Key developments in 2016 included the launch of an online rally marshals’ training scheme, designed to ensure that all rally marshals have a common understanding of their roles and responsibilities. Almost 6000 people engaged with the training throughout the year, with over 1,700 becoming MSA-registered marshals for the first time.

The governing body also selected and trained 11 Safety Delegates, who were appointed to 44 stage rallies with overriding authority in matters of safety. There was further training for safety car teams, with 316 delegates completing the mandatory element of the programme.

The MSA continued to offer grants towards the upgrading or replacement of safety radios to accommodate an additional exclusive frequency that was introduced in 2015. These grants totalled almost £100,000 at the time of writing.

A new media accreditation scheme was also launched, a marshals’ recognition scheme was created, and the MSA entered into negotiations with Kwiktrak regarding a tracking system for UK stage rallying.

Meanwhile the Stage Rally Safety Requirements document was been updated twice following feedback from events. The latest update is nearing publication and will be made available at msauk.org/rallyfuture early in the New Year.
MSA CONFIRMS ‘BUDDYING’ PROVISION FOR RALLY MARSHALS

The MSA has confirmed the ‘buddying’ principles for stage rally marshalling, as part of the RallyFuture project to help ensure the sport’s future by further enhancing safety.

From 2017, there will be three types of stage rally marshal: registered, accredited and currently non-accredited. Registered marshals are those who have completed the MSA’s online rally marshals’ training modules and gone on to register with the MSA. Accredited marshals are those who have completed the online training but not registered. Currently non-accredited marshals are those who have done neither.

Those marshals who are currently non-accredited will continue to play an important role in the safe and effective running of events but they must be ‘buddied’ with either an accredited or a registered marshal at a maximum ratio of four-to-one. This means that for every group of five marshals, at least one must be either registered or accredited.

Rob Jones, MSA Chief Executive, said: “The registration and accreditation process has been a well-received and important step among those who have completed the online modules, but it is essential that we continue to welcome those who have yet to undertake the process and this provision ensures their vital inclusion.”

The online rally marshals training modules were designed to ensure – and allow the MSA to demonstrate – that all stage rally marshals have a common understanding of their roles and responsibilities, spectator engagement and how to handle an incident. Over 6000 people have engaged with the modules since they were launched in January 2016.

Further information on the online training scheme can be found at www.msauk.org/rallymarshalstraining.
MSA TEAM UK 2017 ANNOUNCED

Three elite young racing drivers have been selected to join the MSA’s Team UK programme, representing the pinnacle of the MSA Academy talent development programme.

Team UK is a national squad of potentially elite drivers who are hand-picked to receive a bespoke one-on-one performance management programme as they progress towards the sport’s top levels. Drivers work with an MSA Level Four Qualified Performance Manager who provides ongoing coaching, support, advice and guidance.

The new recruits join the six existing Team UK members:
Ben Barnicoat (19), Jake Dennis (21), Chris Ingram (22), Jordan King (22), Seb Morris (21), Osian Pryce (23)

TEAM UK 2017 – NEW RECRUITS:

JACK AITKEN
Age: 21
From: London
2017: TBC
2016: GP3, (5th)

LANDO NORRIS
Age: 17
From: Glastonbury, Somerset
2017: TBC
2016: Formula Renault 2.0 Northern European Cup (1st), Eurocup Formula 2.0 (1st) and Toyota Racing Series New Zealand Championship (1st)

JAKE HUGHES
Age: 22
From: Birmingham
2017: TBC
2016: GP3, (8th)
Members of MSA Team UK and National Squad joined with 2016 Young Driver of the Year, Lewis Brown, at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park earlier this month (3 December) to kick start next year’s development programmes.

The drivers then headed to the Lee Valley Velopark to watch the Revolution Cycling Champions League, before heading behind-the-scenes of the elite sports environment to meet with professional cyclists Laura Kenny, Ed Clancy and Ian Stannard.

During the evening Team UK members Seb Morris and Osian Pryce presented flowers to race winner Elinor Barker.
ACADEMY SQUAD APPLICATIONS OPEN

Applications are now open to join the MSA Academy Squad Development programme.

The MSA Academy’s Squad is a group of around 25 drivers aged 14-24 who have demonstrated potential excellence in motor sport. They are hand-picked to benefit from the knowledge and resources originally developed for the Team UK and AASE programmes. The programme runs in line with the ethos and principles of the other MSA Academy programmes and is the talent pool for MSA Team UK.

Competition is high, with a limited number of places available. Only drivers demonstrating potentially exceptional abilities and qualities will be considered for the programme, which will consist of a minimum of five events throughout the year aimed at developing all round driving ability.

Applicants must be aged 15 to 24 at the time of application and:

- Hold an MSA Competition Licence
- Hold (or be eligible to hold) a British passport
- Compete regularly in National level events or above
- Demonstrate the potential to achieve excellence within their chosen discipline
- Demonstrate high levels of compliance and desire to develop and progress in the sport.

They will then be expected to attend all programme events, communicate effectively with Academy staff and coaches, and represent the MSA Academy and the co-driver programme appropriately.

The deadline for applications is 31 January 2017 and applicants will be notified by 17 February. To view the application form, please click here: http://bit.ly/2hIByQO

PERFORMANCE MASTER CLASSES

Last weekend Academy Coach James Wozencroft worked with Scottish Motor Sports at Knockhill Circuit to present a full day of master classes covering driving, fitness, nutrition and sponsorship.

Accompanied by Blair Brown and Craig Brunton, James presented to 20 competitors over the weekend (10-11 December).

Fellow coach Adam Gould worked with Junior Rally competitors at Anglesey circuit last month (26-27 November) offering advice on the technical aspects of rallying, as well as advising drivers on how to progress in their rallying career.

ACADEMY AT AUTOSPORT

MSA Academy staff will be present on the MSA’s stand at January’s Autosport International show.

Drivers, Coaches and MSA Academy Manager Greg Symes will be available to meet with those interested and answer any questions on the programmes.

more info

news in brief
ATTENTION COMPETITORS & MEDICAL PERSONNEL!!!
WE NEED YOUR HELP...

WHAT & WHY?
We aim to develop motor sport-specific resources on concussion, and your experience provides a valuable contribution to this research and subsequent action. We want to understand what you know and think about this important topic!

HOW? A brief online survey...
HTTPS://EDINBURGH.ONLINESURVEYS.AC.UK/CONCUSSION-SURVEY-02

WHO ARE WE?
Stephanie Adams, Dr Tony Turner, Hugh Richards & Professor Peter Hutchinson, in collaboration with Dr Ian Roberts & Dr Paul Trafford

For more info about the survey please follow the above link, or contact us at, stephanie.adams@ed.ac.uk
Scotland RDO Alison Clark has been working with Glenrothes Motor Sport Club on its engagement with a local school’s Greenpower Goblin car build. Kirkton of Largo school contacted Alison last year, having discovered Greenpower while searching online for STEM projects. Alison visited the school with local competitors Ian and Kathryn Forgan, who competed in Wales Rally GB this year. Their Ford KA was well-received by the pupils, and their enthusiasm convinced the school to sign up for the Greenpower car build.

Alison said: “As RDOs we can do the groundwork in terms of engaging with schools and promoting the Greenpower project, but it’s really important for the local club to form a partnership too. Ian has done a fantastic job in helping with the build, sharing his mechanical knowledge and expertise, and being a familiar contact at the Club for any future school projects.”

Word of mouth amongst Fife teachers has resulted in another school recently signing up for the project. Strathkiness School have since made contact with Dundee University’s DRIVE motorsport team for advice on lightweight materials and aerodynamics.

“Moore’s Month
Updates from South West RDO, Kevin Moore

“For quite a while I have been promoting the mutual benefits of motor clubs linking in with establishments that are active in the GreenPower initiative.

“November saw the latest of these connections come to fruition with representatives from Plymouth Motor Club meeting staff and pupils at Tavistock College in Devon. The enthusiasm from both parties was immediately apparent with students showing their excitement at the opportunity to be able to promote their project work at Plymouth Motor Club events.

“Those that wish to contact myself can do so by email on SouthWest@GoMotorsport.net
If your Motor Club is interested in taking up similar options please contact your local Regional Development Officer for details of participating GreenPower teams in your area.