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Motorsport UK: the new name for the Motor Sports Association (MSA)

An ambitious new phase for motorsport in the United Kingdom has begun, with the Motor Sports Association (MSA) launching a new identity, Motorsport UK, as it transitions from a traditional governance-led association to a modern membership-focused organisation.

“This is the just the start; there are lots of new initiatives in the pipeline, all designed to grow the sport and better meet the needs of our customers and stakeholders.”
The rebrand from the MSA to Motorsport UK signals a shift in the governing body's emphasis, putting the promotion of the sport and customer service at the forefront of its mission. This represents a fundamental repurposing of the organisation as it seeks to grow the sport and better serve its members.

The new name, Motorsport UK, and the more striking visual identity with its modern typeface and bold colour palette, will make the governing body more identifiable and relevant to new audiences, providing a better platform from which to market and grow the sport.

Motorsport UK’s new strategy aims to build a stronger, more vibrant community across motorsport. The new identity reflects this through four concentric circles to represent four-wheeled action, united across four home nations, with a dynamic design celebrating speed.

Governance will remain a cornerstone of Motorsport UK’s activities but the organisation will work to recruit and retain members through a more transparent and customer-focused approach to regulations. The governing body will maintain its track record of outstanding management of safe and fair sport; while lowering barriers to entry and enhancing its customers’ ability to enjoy their passion for four-wheel competition.

David Richards CBE, Chairman of Motorsport UK, said: “When I took over as Chairman in January, I outlined my vision of a sustainable future for motorsport in the UK. It’s been a year of hard work behind the scenes as we’ve begun moving towards this goal, and I’m delighted that the first real changes can now be revealed in the shape of our new identity, Motorsport UK.

“This is the just the start; there are lots of new initiatives in the pipeline, all designed to grow the sport and better meet the needs of our customers and stakeholders. We’re moving forward with a renewed confidence for the future of UK motorsport, and that future starts here.”

Andrew Coley @Andrew_Coley Nov 13 Personally I think rebrand of Motor Sport Association to Motorsport UK is a great move. In line with other sports, sounds less stuffy/old fashioned/like a charity! More than just a name change; article here if you’re interested. @ourmotorsportuk is new name on Twitter

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Andrew Howard @BeechdeanAH Nov 12 This is a great rebrand - good job

Mike Epps @EppsRacer Nov 13 Liking what I’m seeing with the refresh of the MSA into Motorsport UK.
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The latest briefing from your governing body
New benefits package adds value for Motorsport UK members

Motorsport UK has announced that licence holders will be auto-enrolled in a new membership programme, which delivers a range of benefits and discounts to the Motorsport UK community.

Members will benefit from discounts with Motorsport UK Membership Partners, typically targeted at offsetting some of the costs of competition. These include: competition and road car insurance (Adrian Flux); road car and competition tyres (Protyle); safety-wear (Grand Prix Racewear); tools and parts (Halfords); outdoor wear (Ellis Brigham); and ferry travel (DFDS).

All these complement the peace of mind provided by Motorsport UK’s personal accident insurance, offered as standard through the governing body’s insurance broker, JLT, to competitors competing in Motorsport UK permitted events and those overseas meetings inscribed on the FIA calendar.

Additionally, Motorsport UK is working to allow its members to reduce the cost of enjoying motorsport, partnering a number of news and feature magazines and motorsport events in delivering its members highly competitive discounts.

Additional partners and promotional offers will be announced in the coming weeks.

David Richards, Chairman of Motorsport UK, said: “We are going through a big cultural change, where little things make a big difference and the membership programme represents a start in this shift. This is the next logical step following our change in name and identity, helping ensure that we deliver on our promise and deliver tangible benefits to our customers.

“Additionally, I am delighted that we are able to extend this programme to all our volunteer marshals and officials as our way of saying ‘thanks’, for without them, our competitors would not be able to enjoy the sport we are all so passionate about.”

The programme and details of how to redeem each partner offer will be available accessible from the Motorsport UK members’ website in advance of 2019.
130 girls get on track with Motorsport UK & D2BD

Motorsport UK and Dare to be Different (D2BD) got 130 girls behind the wheel at Silverstone (28 October) as part of the FIA’s Girls on Track, an international initiative aiming to promote and develop young women in motorsport.
The girls, aged 13 to 18, had registered online for the free opportunity, with all available places filling up in just three days after a surge of interest.

Once at Silverstone the girls set timed laps around a kart track, and the top ten from each session were interviewed for the chance to take part in the European final at Le Mans next spring. Three girls were selected to go through and will be announced on 30 November.

Not only were the girls able to hit the track, but they also gained an insight into various aspects of motorsport through a series of challenges. They included STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) activities, while the Renault Sport Formula One Team challenged the girls to change the wheel of an F1® car in the same garages used by teams at the British Grand Prix.

Tobii Pro ran a road safety-based activity, using eye-tracking glasses to highlight the negative impact of everyday distractions on awareness and attention to surroundings. The data collected from the event will be used to aid future research projects.

Meanwhile PerkinElmer showcased the science behind the sport, challenging the girls to analyse three fuel samples and identify the problematic one. The F1 in Schools programme was also on hand to test reactions with a practice race start activity and a BATAK machine.

Dare to be Different ambassadors Jamie Chadwick, Louise Goodman, Nathalie McGloin, Cristiana Pace, Natalie Pinkham, Alice Powell and Kathryn Richards joined the girls for the day, offering advice from their own motorsport careers and experiences. There were show cars, too, including a Nio Formula E car and a Mini WRC machine, which were used to inspire the girls and highlight the fact that a motorsport or engineering career is both achievable and desirable.

Jamie Chadwick, the British F3 race winner and D2BD Ambassador, said: “The Girls on Track event was a great opportunity for lots of young girls to get involved and enjoy their first taste of motorsport. It was brilliant to see so many girls enjoying the karting and all the other activities on offer – it’s an opportunity I wish I’d had when I was starting out!”
Update on progress of closed-road motorsport in Scotland

Motorsport UK and Scottish Motorsports (SMS) recently attended the second meeting of the motorsports on public roads advisory group in advance of a public consultation on developing new legislation facilitating closed-road motorsport in Scotland.

The findings of any consultation will assist and inform the development of future regulations allowing motorsport to take place on closed roads. It is part of an ongoing process, however all parties are optimistic that the initial public consultation will be published in the coming weeks.

David Richards CBE, Motorsport UK Chairman, said: “We are incredibly grateful for the support of Transport Scotland and all the agencies involved at this vital stage of the process. This is a further step towards re-instating some iconic motorsport events in Scotland, that have brought so much to their local communities, whilst providing the potential for new events to join the motorsport calendar in the future.”

Report recommends excluding motorsport from Vnuk

Motorsport UK welcomes a draft report from the European Parliament’s Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee (IMCO), which recommends that vehicles used exclusively for motorsport should not be impacted by VNUK, an insurance issue that has been looming over the sport since 2014.

VNUK is a European Court judgement that threatens the future of all EU motorsport. It ruled that EU countries must look again at how they enacted EU motor insurance law in each country; the court’s interpretation would require all motorsport vehicles to have compulsory third party motor insurance.

Motorsport UK has since been lobbying at the highest levels on behalf of UK motorsport, in conjunction with other industry stakeholders and the world governing body, the FIA.

In the latest development, the draft report from the IMCO focuses on the use of vehicles ‘in traffic’. More specifically, the report proposes that vehicles used exclusively for motorsport should fall outside the Motor Insurance Directive (MID).

Hugh Chambers, CEO of Motorsport UK, said: “We welcome this latest development, which appears to be heading in the right direction, and will be working with the FIA to ensure a positive outcome. Motorsport UK has been making the case for excluding motorsport from the Motor Insurance Directive since 2014. The VNUK threat has not gone away but the direction of travel is looking more favourable and we will continue to lobby on behalf of all our members and stakeholders.”

To read the full report, click HERE.
It is an exciting time to join Motorsport UK, as the organisation moves forward with a fresh identity and a bold new vision and mission.

Motorsport UK represents over 45,000 competitors and volunteers and 720 clubs at the heart of motorsport. Now, under the leadership of the Chairman David Richards CBE, we are investing in an exciting period of change to drive growth and create a sustainable future for motorsport in the UK.

Current vacancies at Motorsport UK can be found below. For further information, email hr@motorsportuk.org.

**Karting Executive**

Reporting to the Sporting Services Director, the Karting Executive will be responsible for the day to day administration and development of the karting discipline, as well as guiding the long-term vision for the sport.

Applications are invited from candidates within the karting fraternity, and will have a proven track record in the industry with an excellent track record of success. A strong network and good reputation will be essential for this individual to represent the sport and help it grow.

The ideal candidate will have excellent communication and interpersonal skills in order to work effectively with internal and external stakeholders at all levels. An unbiased view will be necessary as well as a good knowledge of regulations and the role of Motorsport UK, having had working experience of karting venues and competitions, either by corporate involvement or as an official or competitor.

A working understanding of health and safety will be beneficial. There will be a requirement for frequent weekend work at motorsports events.

Please apply to hr@motorsportuk.org enclosing your CV and contact details. A copy of the full job specification is available [HERE](#).

**General Secretary**

The holder of the role of General Secretary will report to the Chief Executive and will assume prime responsibility for all the company's legal, secretariat and corporate governance functions of Motorsport UK.

As a member of the Senior Management Team the successful applicant will also have general management responsibilities, including related budgetary controls.

The General Secretary oversees Regulation changes through the Motor Sports Council, Anti-doping, Border Agency matters, and is responsible for the MSA being represented in judicial proceedings before both the Motor Sports Council National Court and the FIA International Court of Appeal.

Applications are invited from lawyers with a current practising certificate. Ideally applicants will have particular experience in both the management and practice of company/commercial and litigation/advocacy matters.

The ideal candidate will have excellent communication and interpersonal skills in order to work with internal stakeholders and external partners at all levels.

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**Safety Director**

Reporting to the Chief Executive, the Safety Director will provide strategic direction to the organisation, its Board and Executive on all Safety and Risk Management policies and matters. The Safety Director is also nominated as the first point of contact in any serious incident in the sport.

As a member of the Senior Management Team, the successful applicant will have general management responsibilities, including related budgetary controls.

Applications are invited from candidates with a current Safety Practitioner qualification with the professional status of CMIOSH.

Ideally applicants will have evidence of operating at senior management level and be able to demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of Health & Safety legislation within the work place and interpret and adapt it to the needs and requirements of Motorsport UK.

The ideal candidate will have excellent communication and interpersonal skills in order to work with internal stakeholders and external partners at all levels.

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Surge for registrations for British Kart Championships as Motorsport UK takes titles in-house

Nearly 450 people have already registered for the 2019 British Kart Championships, following overwhelming demand from the sport.
The titles will be promoted through a new Motorsport UK division called Karting UK Operations, in a bold move designed to raise the standards and prestige of the pinnacle of UK karting.

Dedicated experts have been appointed (see p12) to run the championships from Motorsport UK House, and the governing body will make a substantial investment in each championship round, benefitting not only the UK’s premier series but also grassroots karting.

Each event will be based around a dedicated Race Centre, acting as the sporting hub and hospitality area for all customers. All the action will be live streamed online, with coverage before, during and after each event.

The events will be the first in the UK to use a proven on-track CCTV system; when the Race Director or Clerks report an incident, images will be fed back to Race Control, where they will be analysed by an independent expert and a former competitor. This will ensure the quality and consistency of reports sent to the Stewards.

Timing facilities will include at least one experienced timekeeper, plus digital display boards and state-of-the-art finish line cameras. The events will be supported not only by Karting UK Operations staff but also by manufacturer representatives (TALKO/JAG/IAME) who will be on hand to help with product matters.

Hugh Chambers, CEO of Motorsport UK, said: “The karting community’s response to our plans for the new British Championships has been overwhelming, with hundreds of registrations in the first few days. We see this as an endorsement of our ambitious plans to promote karting all its forms and put it back at the heart of UK motorsport.”

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Karting UK and BARC to run British Superkart Championship

Karting UK has confirmed that it will run the 2019 British Superkart Championship in conjunction with the British Automobile Racing Club (BARC), in a move that signals Motorsport UK’s commitment to promoting karting in all its forms.

BARC has been a supporter of the championship for several years and will work with the governing body to provide all organisation and administration for the 2019 championship.

Further details will be published as soon as possible on the Motorsport UK website and social media channels at @ourmotorsportuk.

Karting UK Operations team revealed

The team behind Karting UK Operations has been revealed, with Nigel Edwards, Richard Lock, Danielle Short and Mick Barrett bringing decades of combined experience to bear.

Nigel takes the role of Championship Director. He is Chairman of both the Motorsport UK Kart Committee and Trent Valley Kart Club, which runs events at the UK’s state-of-the-art PF International circuit. Nigel was a successful competitor before becoming an official.

In the role of Operations Director is Richard Lock. Richard started karting aged 12 and working his way set up RL Racing after working his way up the ladder. More recently he has been sitting on the board of the National Karting Association, chairing its commercial side.

Danielle is the Championship Coordinator. Danielle is Competition Secretary and a director of Lincolnshire Kart Racing Club, and has been actively involved in karting since she was eight. She will be responsible for all championship administration, from registration to race entries and permits.

Mick Barrett assumes the role of Championship Liaison Director. He has been karting for over 55 years and set up the successful Mick Barrett Racing team before becoming a director of Trent Valley Kart Club. Mick’s role within Karting UK Operations is to understand and facilitate what competitors and teams require at British Championship level.
Putting members at the heart of Motorsport UK

We’re teaming up with High Street partners to reduce the costs of competing and get you closer to the action.
Marshals win Kankkunen book and British Motor Museum trip

The latest winners of the Motorsport UK monthly marshal prize draw have won copies of rally legend Juha Kankkunen’s autobiography, or tickets to the British Motor Museum at Gaydon (pictured).

Our first winner, David Goodfellow, got into marshalling through his son, who also volunteers. He is a keen follower of F1 and the WRC and has marshalled on Dayinsure Wales Rally GB for the past two years. “The things I enjoy most about being involved in motorsport is the competitiveness of it and the social aspect of marshalling, especially working together with the group I marshal with,” he said.

David wins the British Motor Museum tickets, as does Simon Furlong, a registered race marshal since 2011.

Meanwhile Graham Provost and Jason Malpas won copies of Kankkunen’s book, My Road, kindly donated by Nicky Grist as well as goodies from Wales Rally GB.

Graham has been involved in motorsport since he was 18. He has competed in the past but now spends his time organising in roles such as Chief Marshal, Chief Set up Officer, Event Safety Officer and Spectator Safety Officer. Jason is a registered rally and cross country marshal.

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Helmet cameras

The Motorsport UK Technical Team was recently asked about the acceptability of a relatively new helmet camera system, apparently fixed with Velcro within the helmet’s visor opening.

Motorsport UK regulations currently prohibit any helmet cameras, regardless of how they are attached. There is one exception, which is for integral cameras provided by the helmet manufacturer on a helmet approved under one of the recognised standards – unlike the example here.

To clarify, regulation (K)10.3.3(d) remains applicable and helmet cameras (unless complying with the exemption above, which would be a rare case) are not permitted in Motorsport UK events.

Helmet condition

A scrutineer sent in these images, showing a helmet presented at a recent race meeting. There is no MSA/Motorsport UK helmet sticker present, the general condition is very poor, there is visible significant damage to the shell, the lining is severely damaged and it appears to have been spray-painted without much care or proper masking.

Competitors are advised that helmets presented in similarly poor condition will not pass scrutineering. Please ensure that helmets are kept in suitably good condition, in accordance with the regulations.
Corbeau issues fraudulent activity notice

Corbeau Seats has issued the following notice on its website:

*We have recently been the victim of fraud which has resulted in some of our safety equipment being purchased using falsified information consequently these items are now classified as ‘stolen’ and remain the ultimate property of Corbeau Seats Ltd.*

*We have mitigated the risks of this event reoccurring however at present the FIA approved items remain in general circulation.*

*Therefore, we would like to ask people to be vigilant, especially if they are in the market for a cheap set of FIA Seats and harnesses. If you do see any of the items listed below for sale and you can verify the FIA Hologram number, please notify either ourselves or the Motorsport UK on the contact links below.*

*The items are as follows:*  

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Exhausts

This image was sent in by a Scrutineer at a recent endurance race event. The car was presented at scrutineering prior to the noise test. The team admitted that it put the end cans on to get through noise testing and planned to remove them for the race.

Not only did these temporary silencers stick out 225mm beyond the bodywork – far more than the 150mm permitted by regulation (J)5.16.2 – but the fact that they were using a temporary silencer itself would result in a non-compliance as per regulation (J)5.17.7. The exhausts were well over the noise limit when tested with the end cans removed.

Noise regulations are an important part of motorsport’s environmental responsibilities, so please ensure that they are complied with at all times.
2019 Motorsport UK Academy announced

The class of the 2019 Motorsport UK Academy has been announced, with Jamie Chadwick becoming the first female member of the Team UK programme.

Twenty-year-old Chadwick made history earlier this year becoming the first woman to win a British F3 race. Chadwick is joined by British F4 Champion Kiern Jewiss and international F4 driver Oliver Caldwell as the new recruits on the elite development programme.

For more information on the Motorsport UK Academy programmes visit: www.motorsportuk.org/development/MotorsportUKAcademy
The Class of 2019

Year One
- Jack Aitken
- Oliver Caldwell
- Jamie Chadwick
- Ricky Collard
- Jake Dennis
- Jake Hughes
- Callum Iott
- Kiern Jewiss
- Chris Ingram
- Dan Rooke
- Seb Morris
- Rhys Yates

Year Two
- Joshua Bacon
- Bradley Barrett
- Lochlan Bearman
- Charlotte Birch
- Luke Browning
- Finlay Bunce
- Matthew Greenwood
- Scott Huntley
- Mark Kimber
- Declan Lee
- Scott McKenna
- Sam Neary
- Benjamin Orr
- Matthew Rainbow
- Clayton Ravenscroft
- Josh Steed
- Josephus Van Vilsteren
- Louie Westover
- Teddy Wilson
- Thomas Wood

Year Three
- Myles Apps
- Reece Barr
- James Clarke
- Richard Crisp
- Jake Hutchinson
- Greg Johnson
- Harry King
- John Mackay
- Sandy Mitchell
- Finlay Robinson
- Rhys Stoneman
- Joe Taylor
- Joe Turney
- Samuel White

Year One
- Bradley Barrett
- Jack Bartholomew
- Max Bird
- William Butler
- Alessandro Ceronetti
- Will Dyrdal
- Jack Fabby
- Tommy Foster
- Adam Mackay
- Seb Perez
- Abbi Pulling
- Alex Quinn
- George Sutton
- Ewan Tindall
- Louie Westover

Year Two
- Callum Bradshaw
- Matthew Cowley
- Ben Green
- Ashley Marshall
- Sebastian Melrose
- Katie Milner
- Will Tregurtha
- James Williams
- Tom Williams
- Teddy Wilson
- Tom Wood

Year Three
- Peter Bennett
- Adam Brown
- Angus Fender
- Paige Holden
- Alex Kite
- Hannah Lang
- Jack Leese
- Max Marzorati
- Katie Milner
- Leanna Page
- Finlay Retson
- Daniel Seager

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Truro and District Motor Club (TDMC) is well versed in promoting itself to the wider community, writes Kevin Moore, South West RDO.

Club representatives are regularly seen generating interest at public events all over Cornwall. However, creating a noticeable presence at events can place a burden on a club’s finances.

That’s why TDMC secured a Motorsport UK Development Fund grant of £400 towards a new gazebo for use in promotional displays. It has already been put to good use, providing shelter from the Cornish sunshine during Cornwall Motorfest at Stithians Showground in August.

get involved

For more information on the MSA Motor Sport Development Fund visit:
www.motorsportuk.org/Resource-Centre/Clubs-Organisers
For many, the motorsport season is drawing to a close, making it a great time to look ahead and plan how to promote your club in 2019, writes Andrew Bisping, RDO for the South.

One tactic is to exhibit at local shows, and ideally be able to invite people back to the same venue just a short time later. This was the case earlier this year when Farnborough and District Motor Club (FDMC) and Southsea Motor Club (SMC) worked together to promote themselves and the sport at the BTCC meeting at Thruxton. SMC returned to the venue to run an autoSOLO in the paddock the following month.

We often talk about recruiting new members at these events but there's also an opportunity to bring lapsed members back. Indeed, a past member of FDMC was spectating at Thruxton and re-engaged with the club after finding its display.

It is easy to concentrate on the cars and other promotional items on display but I try to think of these as props to support conversations; it's welcoming and engaging with potential new members that is key.

The items on display will ideally have a 'wow' factor to pull people in. At the BTCC meeting, SMC brought a sporting trials car, which was so different to the cars racing that it drew a lot of attention. The combination of two clubs working together worked well, too. It gave a broader geographical representation and strengthened relationships between the clubs.

It's always worth looking out for new ideas at these events. One example I picked up at Thruxton was SMC's simple tear-off paper slips giving the club's website and social media details.

When planning for 2019 it's a truism to say it's easier to start now than later, but if you can get dates in your calendar now and keen volunteers to lead your club's efforts you'll be off to a fantastic start.

It's also a great reason to talk to myself or other RDO colleagues so we can share our experience and help support you in your efforts.
Magherafelt & District Motor Club tried something a little bit different this year, writes Jonathan MacDonald, Northern Ireland RDO.

Faced with the uncertainty of being able to run its traditional Sunset Stage Rally due to nesting birds, club members opted to think outside the box and organise their first competitive autoSOLO.

“We didn’t want to disappoint our club members and competitors by not running an event,” says the club’s Bridie Averall. “Weather conditions prevented us from running two events in 2017, so we were determined to make something happen.”

I had previously supported the club in running a demonstration autoSOLO at a local car show. So, when one of the club members suggested running a competitive version, it was a natural step forward for the club.

“We weren’t sure where to start so we did a lot of research,” Averall reveals. “Steve Johnson [North West RDO] and Jonathan MacDonald provided us with a lot of guidance and within a couple of weeks we had a suitable venue, Motorsport UK approved the permit and the regulations were issued.”

The idea proved popular and by the entry closing date, the club had filled its entry with around 30 crews plus reserves. Averall continues, “The event ran under a clubman’s permit, which allowed us to focus the event on giving something back to our club members and corporate sponsors. It was going to be a bit of ‘craic’, hence the name ‘Night Cracker AutoSOLO’, and we decided to allow passengers to increase the element of fun. That also boosted the chances of increasing our membership.”
As it turned out, the club gained 16 new members on the night, boosting its ranks. A bright, sunny evening topped off what was a very smooth event as competitors enjoyed five rounds of three tests.

"It was one of the easiest events that the club has ever organised," says Averall. "The entire event took place in one location so that helped to reduce costs. I have to say thank you to the Thoroughbred Sports Car Club for loaning their equipment to us as well as Mid Ulster Council for the use of the venue.

"It was a learning curve for us all and everyone enjoyed it," she continues. "The driver who won had never done anything in the club before – he only came off the reserve list on the morning of the event – and quite a few others had never done anything like it before but thoroughly enjoyed it. The feedback has been fantastic.

"Nobody arrived with their car on a trailer. Everyone complied with the rules and regulations. We had a great turn-out and all of the trophies were collected by competitors at the prizegiving. I think that's the first time that's happened!"

Magherafelt DMC has long been regarded as a rally-focused club. However, its venture into the unknown with a grassroots event has proved to be fruitful for the club as well as its members and competitors.

Running grassroots events is an idea that more clubs should follow. You never know, you might just find that your club grows stronger as a result!

For advice and information on organising a taster event for your club, contact your local Regional Development Officer.
Who are you a member of?
I'm a member of the British Automobile Racing Club (BARC) Midlands Centre.

Which roles do you volunteer in?
I'm a licensed crew member within the BARC rescue teams and an active volunteer with the Midlands Centre.

How long have you been volunteering?
Around 30 years in different areas of motorsport. I started my marshalling career in 1988 within motocross and motorcycle trials, which developed from my schoolboy interest in motorbike and saloon car racing.

However, I've learnt a few things from the experience: Mapyx is easier than tracing paper; reciting quotes from Blazing Saddles never get boring; neither do songs from spaghetti westerns or war films; and having a sense of humour is mandatory!

The recce has always been a fun part of the organising process; if we like driving the roads, the competitors should love it. Unfortunately, Richard and I have retired from organising due to work commitments – competing is much easier and a lot less time consuming!

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who volunteered and competed on this year's event. The Cilwendeg will return on 2019 with a new team but I'm hoping you will see us both plotting in the car park next year with A Fistful of Dollars playing in the background!

What's your volunteering history?
During the 1996 season my involvement progressed from off-road racing to circuit racing at Croft, where I also marshalled motorbike races. In '99 I marshalled the MotoGP at Donington Park, which introduced me to the British Superbike Championship. Over the years I became involved in an array of volunteering positions such as incident officer and taxi bike rider, and subsequently became the BSB's Chief of Recovery.

In 2014 I moved from two wheels to four, returning to the bank as a track marshal and renewing an interest I had first found a quarter of a century before. I soon realised my experience could be more valuable in other disciplines and became a trainee rescue member. I now hold a full rescue licence and can be found at many circuits, rallies and private events around the country.

What piece of advice would you give to a new volunteer?
Know your limitations and remember that everyone can learn something. Don't think you know it all, respect and look out for your colleagues and enjoy being part of the bigger family that is motorsport. The number one thing is to stay safe!
Toyo Tires British Rallycross Championship

Mark Higgins (Peugeot 208) won the final round of the Toyo Tires British Rallycross Championship at Silverstone to take the 2018 title.

Championship standings

1 Mark Higgins – 194 points
2 Ollie O’Donovan – 192
= Julian Godfrey – 192

British Sporting Car Trials Championship

John Fack and passenger Andy Gowen picked up their fifth trial overall win in the last six events of the autumn on the Loughborough Trial.
2018 British Rallycross Champion
Mark Higgins

2018 British Sporting Trials Champion
Ian Wright