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MOTORSPORT UK ROLLS OUT NEW MEMBER BENEFITS PROGRAMME

Motorsport UK has officially launched its new membership programme, offering a range of benefits and discounts designed to provide peace of mind, offset the cost of competition and get members closer to the action.
The initiative is part of Motorsport UK’s commitment to putting its membership at the heart of everything that it does. From 2019, all competition licence holders, licensed officials and registered marshals are auto-enrolled in the programme, giving them offers and discounts including:

- Complimentary personal accident cover with JLT
- Discounts on competition and road car tyres, at Protyre, the fastest growing chain of fast fit and mechanical garages in the UK
- 10% off competition insurance and 15% off road car insurance with Adrian Flux
- 10% off in-store at Halfords
- 10% discount off Grand Prix Racewear’s branded personalised overalls
- 10% off outdoor apparel and equipment at the UK’s leading independent outdoor & mountain sports retailer, Ellis Brigham
- Discounts on ferry travel to the continent with DFDS.

Through the membership programme, Motorsport UK aims to support all levels of the sport and actively encourage grassroots participation across the breadth of the motorsport community. Additional partners and promotional offers will be announced over the coming months.

Motorsport UK members can access all these great benefits by renewing for 2019 and logging into the member portal, where they will find a new Member Benefits section explaining how to take advantage of the various offers.

For any queries, please contact the Motorsport UK Membership Services Team on membership@motorsportuk.org.

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Motorsport UK announces Club and Volunteer of the Year award winners

Enniskillen Motor Club and Northern Irish marshal John Comiskey have been named the JLT Motorsport UK Club and Volunteer of the Year, respectively, after another year of outstanding entries showcasing the very best of the sport.

Enniskillen Motor Club was recognised for the quality of its six annual events and its vibrant role in the local community. Established in 1964, the club now runs two successful stage rallies, the May Day Stages and Lakeland Stages, plus a navigation rally, a rally time trial, an autotest and a sprint. The club is known for offering members value for money and continuity, generating loyalty in return.

While looking after its members, the club has also been successful at engaging audiences through social media and the local press. The club also makes an annual donation to charity and this year’s beneficiary is the Fermanagh Sarcodosis Support Group.

“What a brilliant way to end a tremendously successful season of motorsport promotion in Northern Ireland. This honour reflects the continuing support of our competitors and the efforts of the many officials involved, including those of our sister clubs, without whose assistance it would just not have been possible. Enniskillen Motor Club Ltd. is thrilled and very proud to be the JLT Motorsport UK Club of the Year.”

Chelmsford Motor Club took second place in this year’s awards, with Devizes & District Motor Club taking third. The British Motorsport Marshals Club was Highly Commended.

Meanwhile John Comiskey was awarded the Volunteer of the Year title for his many years’ exceptional commitment to motorsport. This year alone, John was involved in the Donegal, Monaghan, Cavan, Sligo, Galway, Omagh, Enniskillen, Cookstown and Ballynahinch rallies, among many others including Wales Rally GB, volunteering across Motorsport UK and Motorsport Ireland events.

Each time John runs a stage, it involves attending club meetings, recruiting marshals, setting up the stage and then dismantling it. However, he drew particular praise for his approach to ‘PR’ on closed-road events, which entails visiting residents along the route. He has built personal relationships with locals, especially within the farming community, which makes it much easier to run closed-road stages.

John said: “It’s a tremendous honour to win this award, not just for me but a wider team of marshals. Awards like this cannot be achieved by an individual, so I accept it for the team I volunteer with. Volunteers are the ones who give up their time and dedicate so much effort to make our workloads as organisers easier; they make this possible. Without them I wouldn’t achieve anything on or off the stages.” John will join members of Enniskillen Motor Club at the Motorsport UK Night of Champions at the Royal Automobile Club in January, to receive trophies and cash prizes.

A series of category winners in the Volunteer of the Year awards will also receive silverware at the Night of Champions. They are:

- Clerks / Stewards: Paddy Haveron
- Marshals: Denis Arundell
- Other: Lucinda McKee.
Respond now to Transport Scotland consultation on closed roads

Transport Scotland has launched a public consultation on proposals to enable closed-road events, which help organisers take the sport to new audiences and deliver an economic boost to local hosting communities.

As the sport’s governing body, Motorsport UK has spent many years campaigning for new laws to allow these events in all four nations of the United Kingdom.

New powers enabling closed-road motorsport came into effect in England in April 2017, and in Wales in February 2018. Closed-road motorsport was already possible across Northern Ireland, where road closure orders have made famous events possible for decades.

In its consultation, Transport Scotland is seeking views on a possible event application process involving the relevant governing bodies and local authorities. The consultation can be found HERE and the deadline for responses is midnight on 28 January 2019.

Motorsport UK and Scottish Motor Sports (SMS), the umbrella organisation representing the interests of both two- and four-wheel motorsport in Scotland, recently attended a meeting of the advisory group that assisted in developing the consultation.

“‘This is fantastic news and takes us a step closer to seeing closed-road motorsport right across the UK,’ said David Richards, Motorsport UK Chairman. ‘Motorsport UK is committed to promoting the sport in all its forms and new closed-road regulations would create a wealth of opportunities to do just that. We urge the motorsport community to respond positively to the consultation and help us realise the possibility of a new generation of closed-road events in Scotland.’”

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Do you want to help deliver a bold new vision for UK motorsport? Two exciting new roles have been created at the national governing body, Motorsport UK.

Please apply to hr@motorsportuk.org enclosing a copy of your CV and contact details. A copy of the full job specification is available at www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre/appointments.

Motorsport UK is an equal opportunities organisation which welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

**Commercial Manager**

Reporting to the Commercial Director, the Commercial Manager’s primary remit is to offer support in securing third-party partnership revenues across a range of marketing assets and rights.

Motorsport UK has a range of rights across a range of wholly-owned properties:

- Wales Rally GB, the UK round of the World Rally Championship
- British Rally Championship, the premier domestic UK rally series
- British Kart Championship, the pinnacle of grassroots motorsport in the UK
- Corporate Partnerships, leveraging a range of marketing assets across Motorsport UK’s 45k members, a further 720 motor clubs with 100,000+ local members and the wider UK motorsport community

The ideal candidate will be highly adept with a wide range of project tools from the Microsoft suite, Adobe products, Sharepoint, OneDrive, Google Drive, Dropbox etc. They will have some experience both of working within an agency and client side with a commercial rightsholder. A qualification in marketing, sales or other relevant degree is desirable, although greater credibility will be applied to a demonstrable minimum five year track record of success in a similar role.

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The ideal candidate will be a self-starter, capable of working autonomously and fully conversant with a range of project tools from the Microsoft suite, Adobe products, Illustrator, Google Drive, Dropbox etc. They will have excellent communication skills in order to interpret and negotiate briefs with clients and a degree or HND in the following subjects:

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National Development Manager – SMS

Scottish Motor Sports (SMS), the umbrella organisation representing the interests of both two- and four-wheel motorsport in Scotland, is seeking a National Development Manager to lead the development of the sport.

SMS was established in 2011 as a collaboration between the bodies that govern two- and four-wheel motorsport: the Scottish Auto Cycle Union (SACU) and Motorsport UK (formerly the Motor Sports Association). This collaborative approach enables the organisation to speak with one voice, representing the best interests of the whole sport to Government and legislators.

All applicants must display a strong understanding of the fundamental principles of sport development and how these are applied now and in the future to shape the organisation against its vision: "To put motor sport at the heart of the Scottish sporting landscape". This is an ongoing process; the successful applicant will be responsible for bringing this vision to fruition.

Reporting to the SACU and Motorsport UK, the managing partners of the SMS Agreement, the role of the National Development Manager will be to:

- Lead the SMS development team and take overall responsibility for the completion and remaining delivery of the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan
- Shape the future strategic direction of SMS in particular, lead the development and delivery of our new strategy for 2020 – 2024
- Take responsibility for developing key high-level stakeholder relations
- Day to day management of the SMS Development Officer.

The full job specification can be found [HERE](#).

Please apply enclosing a full CV and covering letter outlining why you should be considered for the role. Two references should be available but will only be collected if the applicant is successful. Applicants should note any affiliations to clubs or associations linked to the SACU, Motorsport UK or the Association of Scottish Car Clubs.

Applications should be sent by email to hr@motorsportuk.org with subject line: SMS National Development Manager Application.
Members get Autosport show discount

Motorsport UK has teamed up with Autosport International (10-13 January 2019) to offer competition licence holders, licensed officials and registered marshals an exclusive £5 discount on trade tickets. Now in its 29th year, Autosport International is regarded as the world’s largest motorsport show, held at the NEC in Birmingham. It is the traditional season-opener, covering all areas of motorsport from the grassroots right up to F1. Featuring the very latest in motorsport, automotive and performance engineering technology, alongside stars, cars and exhibitors from every level of the sport, this must-attend event caters for the industry and motorsport fans alike. The Motorsport UK member offer is valid on tickets for the show’s two trade days on 10-11 January, designed for members of the motorsport industry to meet, network and do business. These cost £30 in advance or £32 on the door but Motorsport UK and show organisers Motorsport Network are pleased to offer our members £5 off.

To claim your discount to Autosport International, please CLICK HERE.

Honda GX160 Technical Regulations

The karting community is advised that version 14 of the Honda GX160 Technical Regulations (applicable from 1 January 2019) are now available on the Motorsport UK website at www.motorsportuk.org/karttech.

Karting UK Yearbook – Amendment 1

Please be aware that Amendment 1 to the new Karting UK Yearbook has been issued. This applies a minimum size to the white line required under the number on Rotax 177 Masters number plates. This is intended to make the 177 Masters drivers more readily distinguishable from other 177 drivers. The amendment can be read or downloaded from the Motorsport UK website at www.motorsportuk.org/karttech, and is as follows:

**D1.11.1 Number Plates.** Green plates with white numbers and a minimum 15mm thick full-width white stripe under the numbers. U17.27 applies.

To sign up for email notifications when proposed regulation changes are posted online for consultation, click HERE.
Young Journalist & Photographer of the Year announced

Motorsport UK is delighted to announce that James Newbold and Michael Holden have won its Young Journalist and Photographer of the Year awards, respectively.

James and Michael will each receive a trophy and cheque for £1000 during the Motorsport UK Night of Champions at the Royal Automobile Club in January. They also win a year’s provisional membership of the Guild of Motoring Writers (GoMW), the world’s largest association of automotive editorial professionals.

James, aged 24 from High Wycombe, is in his first year working full-time for Autosport as the editor of its bi-monthly Performance and Engineering supplements. The judges praised the high quality of his feature writing and his dedication to research. They also recognised the quality of his reporting, first at Le Mans and then most significantly in British GT.

“I’m absolutely thrilled,” James said. “It has been my lifelong dream to forge a career in motorsport journalism, so I am enormously proud to see my name join a group of journalists that I greatly respect, many of whom I’m now fortunate enough to call friends and colleagues.”

Michael, aged 24 from Cheshire, was highly commended in last year’s competition and goes a step further this year. The judges noted the wide range of published work in his portfolio and praised the breadth of his skillset, covering action, atmosphere and portrait shots.

“I’m blown away,” Michael said. “To win this competition has been a goal of mine for the last four years and to finally achieve it is amazing. I’m so excited for the future and my next steps as a photographer.”

Meanwhile Autosport’s Alex Kalinauckas and freelancer Michael Widdowson were highly commended for their journalism and photography, respectively. Each wins a year’s provisional membership of the GoMW.
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This month I have very exciting news to report! At the FIA World Motor Sport Council (WMSC) in St Petersburg last week, the FIA Disability and Accessibility Commission put forward its first formal proposals since its inauguration at the beginning of the year. The WMSC members supported them unanimously, showing that the FIA is committed to making positive progress for disabled motorsport.

New licensing proposals for Appendix L of the FIA International Sporting Code will make entry to international competitions for disabled drivers clearer, while maintaining safety. This was a small but necessary change, while the introduction of Driver Passports and Certificates of Adaptations for Vehicles of Disabled Drivers were two completely new clauses for the Appendix.

Driver Passports will accompany disabled drivers’ licences, providing information about the safety aspects of the driver’s disability such as the time taken to independently exit a race car, adaptations approved by their ASN, and whether the driver is ambulant or non-ambulant.

These Driver Passports are intended to make it easier for drivers to compete abroad by giving race organisers and safety staff clear information about the driver’s functional ability. The Certificate of Adaptations will serve as an approval to homologated championships that the adaptations are safe and suitable for the driver, comply with regulations and do not give the driver an unfair advantage over his or her competitors.

A Disabled Drivers Grant will also be made available to disabled drivers competing at a national level in 2019. This will allow drivers with national licences to upgrade their fire safety equipment to FIA level specification. This is a very clear message by the governing body of world motorsport that they do not compromise on safety when it comes to disabled drivers competing in the sport. It also indicates their great efforts to ensure the sport is inclusive for all.

We have made great strides this year and the support I have received from both the FIA and Motorsport UK gives me great confidence that we can make even more progress in 2019 and beyond. This WMSC was a big statement that motorsport is for everyone and I can’t wait to continue this good work in the new year.

Fittingly, last week was also the UN International Day for Persons with Disabilities. I’ll be honest, this year has been tough at times trying to manage my racing, Spinal Track, and my FIA and Motorsport UK work. However, the step forward we took last week made it all worth it.

I don’t usually refer to myself as ‘disabled’ but with the UN recognising disabilities last week, it’s about time I started to be proud of my achievements as a disabled person, too. Here’s wishing everyone a fantastic Christmas and I can’t wait to report more progress to you in 2019!
Today myself and some other eager learners saved Steve Johnson’s life. Well not really. As much as Steve loves crashing his cars, this time it was all just pretend. Unfortunately, the reality is that no matter how hard we try to avoid it, accidents happen and marshals in motorsport events need to be prepared for any eventuality.

The First on Scene course supported by the BMSTT, and run by Steve Johnson and Jon Aston, was incredibly informative. With many years of experience to draw from, they were both well equipped to explain what needed to be done, when it needed to be done and why.

The first order of the day was a quick icebreaker where everyone introduced themselves and what experience they had. What struck me most about this was hearing about the variety of experiences people had and the range of motorsports available to everyone. There were a couple of ladies there who competed in off-road 4x4 racing. There were people of all ages who compete and marshal in various disciplines, some of whom have been doing it for over 50 years!

After the icebreaker Steve went through a slideshow demonstrating the dos and don’ts of being first on scene following an incident. It’s amazing how much difference a marshal can make to an incident. Marshals are imperative to motorsport and the work they do following an incident could be the difference between life and death. I would urge anyone who thinks they know how to marshal to do this course as there are a lot of things that you wouldn’t necessarily think about being an issue that could cause serious problems.

Next was a practical session which to be honest we all failed miserably at. It was however a great opportunity to visualise the situation so that we could be slightly more mentally prepared. It was really useful after the

**Licensed Officials' Seminars**

Registration applications are still open for next year’s series of Licensed Officials seminars, which are aimed specifically at Clerks of the Course and Stewards, including probationers and trainees. The 2019 seminar dates are:

- 19 January, South West – Exeter area
- 20 January, South Wales – Newport area
- 27 January, North East – Northallerton area
- 2 February, North West – Haydock area
- 10 February, Northern Ireland
- 23 February, Isle of Man
- 2 March, Jersey
- 3 March, Guernsey
- 9 March, Scotland – Stirling Area
- 16 March, South East – Gatwick area
- 17 March, Eastern England – Cambridge area

Please note that the Donington seminar being held 3 February is now full and has been removed from the registration options. Please click here to complete the online registration form:

[https://goo.gl/forms/0WC1P2tueAQ4HY832](https://goo.gl/forms/0WC1P2tueAQ4HY832)

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practical to have a discussion about our performance so that we could see why it was so important to do certain things (like putting the warning triangle out) so quickly. Of course, nothing can prepare you for the real thing but it was as close as we could get without actually crashing Steve into the wall of Blackburn Services. Overall, it was a great couple of hours and everyone seemed to enjoy it. I definitely feel more prepared for dealing with an incident either within motorsport or just in day-to-day life. I would urge anyone who has an interest in motorsport or is active in motorsport in any way to get signed up to one of these courses and start marshalling! You don’t need to do a course to marshal however there are loads of free courses available through Motorsport UK and they are well worth doing.
I look forward to seeing you all out there!

Training Days

Are you looking to attend a training day next year but not sure where to go?
Motorsport UK now has a list of all the British Motorsport Training Trust supported training days for 2019 available on our website.
The list includes venue and organiser contact information and can be found HERE
Scottish talent gets the Academy treatment

The latest SMS Academy programme got under way at Knockhill in October, with 20 talented drivers and riders getting their first taste of the scheme.

Robert Reid, 2001 World Rally Champion co-driver, introduced the programme. The athletes then got straight to work, with a sponsorship workshop led by Motorsport UK level 2 coaches Malcolm McNab and Blair Brown.

The next session takes place in January. James Wozencroft, a Motorsport UK Level 4 Coach, will deliver the Introduction to Coaching course to members’ parents, to emphasise the importance of coaching on continuous development. The training will also enable parents to review their current support systems and find a means of best practice to support their young athletes within their motorsport careers.

The full list of SMS Academy members can be found HERE.

SMS Development Day

Over 10 motor clubs took part in the second annual SMS Club Development Day in Stirling (3 November) alongside staff and volunteers from the Scottish Auto Cycle Union, Motorsport UK and the Scottish Association of Motor Sports Clubs.

Gillian Sefton, SMS Development Officer, led the first session on building partnerships with local authorities. SMS Development Manager, Rory Bryant, followed with a session on how to promote a club in the digital age. Discussion points in this area included the power of social media, the importance of understanding your unique selling point (USP) and how to build your following.

Greg Symes, Motorsport UK Academy Manager, asked the clubs, ‘What’s your Purpose?’ Symes challenged the club representatives to consider who they are there to support and what they have to offer.

Rupert Hine, SAMSC Training Coordinator, followed up with a workshop on volunteer development, guiding delegates through the development of a five-year plan. The final speaker was Josh Martin, an eSports driver and producer. Martin explained that as eSports become increasingly popular, clubs should welcome the opportunity to engage new audiences and introduce them to grassroots motorsport.

Any clubs wishing to suggest topics or workshops for 2019 can email Gillian. sefton@scottishmotorsports.co.uk.
Scottish Motor Sports

Scottish Road Car Series

A total of 61 people took part in the inaugural Scottish Road Car Series (SRCS) with most being new to motorsport, leading to a 126 per cent national increase in autoSOLO entries.

The SRCS concept was developed to provide an accessible alternative to more complex and costly forms of motorsport. It was also partly intended to rekindle the spirit of club motorsport from years gone by, when people would use their road car to compete in a variety of disciplines.

The SRCS format was 10 autoSOLO events spread across Scotland throughout the year, hosted by Motorsport UK clubs within their existing events calendars. Competitors’ best five scores counted towards their overall points tally.

Over the year SRCS entries averaged approximately 15 per event, a relatively strong number for this type of event in Scotland, especially a new series; in 2018 an average Scottish clubman autotest entry was 11.

The final round took on the exciting format of a Pro-Am event. Hosted by East Ayrshire Car Club at Kames Race Track (21 October), new and existing members were invited to take part individually or as part of a team. John Cleland, double British Touring Car Champion, competed as one of the pros and Duncan Vincent, Knockhill Commentator, provided live action commentary throughout the day. Tartan Tarmac also made an appearance and hosted one of their famous Breakfast Meets during the round.

Following a successful first year and series finale, the results became clear. Steven McConnell took the overall victory with 96 points, securing the first prize of an ARDS test courtesy of the Scottish Motor Racing Club. Ryan Gardiner came second with 88 points and received a Super Lap Scotland entry pack from Knockhill.

Although finishing with joint scores, Bob Mather pipped John MacLeod to the post with 76 points and an early series win to secure the third-place prize of a Turner Autosport racewear voucher. The Pro-Am win went to George Orr and John MacLeod.

The introduction of the SCRS has highlighted the demand for entry level motorsport with low barriers to entry and simplified regulations. All respondents who completed the SRCS feedback survey said they would recommend the series to a friend. With that in mind, plans for the 2019 Series will be announced shortly – watch this space!
Academy
Developing the UK's most promising young drivers
Joe Turney named Motorsport UK iZone Young Driver of the Year

Joe Turney has become the first karter to win the iZone Motorsport UK Young Driver of the Year award, after impressing in a four-way shootout at Silverstone.

First awarded in 2010, the Young Driver of the Year accolade is presented annually to a student enrolled on AASE, a Motorsport UK Academy programme delivered in conjunction with Loughborough College.

Seventeen-year-old Turney was one of four finalists chosen to take part in the selection day, which comprised seven sessions including physical and mental assessments, a simulation evaluation and interviews with the judging panel. The other finalists were:

- James Clarke, 18 from Suffolk (circuit racing)
- Johnnie Mackay, 17 from Newburgh (rallying)
- Sandy Mitchell, 18 from Forfar, Scotland (circuit racing).

The judges were: Stephen Lickorish, Deputy Editor of Motorsport News; Anna Kemp, Loughborough College Programme Leader; James Wozencroft, Motorsport UK Performance Manager; plus Neil Riddiford and John Pratt from iZone.

Turney will be presented with a trophy at Motorsport UK’s prestigious Night of Champions awards evening at the Royal Automobile Club in January. He will also receive an iZone Driver Performance development package.

Turney said: "It feels incredible to have won this award and it’s an important addition to my motorsport CV. Motorsport UK and iZone put on a great selection event and I have to thank them both for a brilliant day at an impressive facility.”

In 2018 Turney picked up three championship titles and the Senior Rotax crown at the British Kart Grand Prix, in only his second year competing in senior karting. For 2019 he aims to defend his titles and take on the world’s best karters in CIK-FIA competitions.
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North Wales Car Club

One of the longest established car clubs in the UK, North Wales Car Club is going from strength to strength after more than six decades, writes Judith Phillips.

Formed in 1955, North Wales Car Club was born out of the Llandudno Aero Club when it accidentally destroyed its one and only plane! The members then decided to form what has become one of the premier car clubs in the North West of Great Britain.

Autotests were the main form of competition in the early days, with night-time road rallies quickly becoming popular, too. Then over 60 years ago, the club took on the task of organising the Cambrian Rally, which quickly became a popular event in the UK rallying calendar.

The well-established and enthusiastic Cambrian organising team is taking on a new challenge in February, when the club hosts the opening round of the British Rally Championship.

The Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally is already a round of the BTRDA and Welsh Rally Championships, but the addition of the British Rally Championship round further enhances its reputation as one of the best rallies in the country.

“I’m honoured that the Cambrian Rally team has been asked to host the opening round of the British Rally Championship in 2019,” says Alyn Edwards, Clerk of the Course. “I hope that we can live up the expectations of the championship organisers and BRC competitors, as we’ll need to offer them additional mileage to our other competitors in the British Trials and Rally Drivers, Welsh, and Association of North Western Car Clubs championships.

“We have excellent stages to offer and the team are looking forward to the challenge. This will bring a lot of extra visitors to the area at a quiet time of the year and provide a significant boost for businesses.”

Edwards says the Cambrian Rally has risen in stature in recent years and has been able to raise its profile thanks to support from Conwy County Council. The result is the invitation to host the prestigious opening round of the BRC on 16 February.

The event will start and finish in the coastal resort of Llandudno, encompassing competitive timed stages at Llyn Brenig, and the Betws y Coed and Gwydir forest areas.

Further details will be available in the run-up to the event at www.cambrianrally.co.uk

Get Involved

For advice and information on organising a taster event for your club, contact your local Regional Development Officer.
Malton Motor Club

Malton Motor Club is a small club in North Yorkshire with rallying at its core. With a membership of 140, it organises a series of 12 car rallies over the winter months after hosting navigational instruction events at their monthly club nights.

Over the last few years this programme has brought through a number of young drivers including Bevan Blacker, winner of the recent Mull Targa rally. Each January the Ryemoor Trophy Road Rally is organised, one of the few remaining National B road rallies in the North East. The club also organises the White Rose Classic, a round of the National Historic Road Rally Championship.

The major event of the year is the Mellors Elliot Motorsport Malton Forest Rally based in the Yorkshire forests. This year the club received a maximum entry of 90 cars with a remarkable 73 finishers. The enthusiasm of the members and the cooperation of regional clubs ensured this year’s event was a huge success. Substantial donations were made to local Scouts for their development fund and to Young Farmers for their annual charity after their members manned the spectator car parks in the forests.

Wanting to promote the club and the sport but having limited resources, the club approached Motorsport UK requesting support from the Motor Sport Development Fund. The club wanted a more professional image at the headquarters of events by obtaining a mobile office for signing on and communications. The resultant support enabled the purchase of a used trailer/office and a box trailer for carrying equipment to and from events. These were then professionally signed by a local firm. The outcome means that the club can now use these facilities on many events with the hope that the they will attract newcomers and enthusiasts alike.

The club has an active website and Facebook page to keep in touch with members and a monthly newssheet with reports on events.

Full information is available at www.maltonmc.co.uk
What’s your day job?
I’m retired but work as a freelance photographer.

Which motor club do you belong to?
I was one of the founding members of the One-Eleven Motor Club. Since moving North, I’ve been a member of both Durham and Stockton Motor Clubs. I’m also a long-time member of Mull Car Club (off-shore) and have been marshalling on Mull since 1972. I would have been competing on one occasion but sadly the car got written off a couple of weeks prior to the event.

Who or what inspired you to get into motorsport?
Our school librarian was something of a petrolhead and every week the Motoring News would appear on the magazine rack. I particularly enjoyed reading the reports from Stuart Turner. I won a school prize and when asked by the headmaster which book I would like, I asked for a copy of Stuart’s Rallying, which I still have. At a function in the late 1980s, Stuart very kindly signed the book for me.

What’s your volunteering history?
I’ve marshalled on road rallies, organised club events in various disciplines, been a Steward and Association Secretary, and have assisted with setting-up and running a stage on Wales Rally GB.
In the 1980s I was the joint founder of the Rally Marshals National Register along with Val Shenton. Currently, along with Colin Tombs, I co-ordinate and manage the SG Petch/ANECCC Stage Rally Championship. The championship offers one of the best prizes for a clubman driver, with first prize being the chance to drive a four-wheel-drive car on Darlington DMC Jack Frost Stages.

Which role(s) do you volunteer in?
I’ve been volunteering for over 50 years but now take a back seat, assisting as a safety radio operator on local stage rallies. I’ve done all roles in the rallying world from competing to helping organise events. I’ve also acted as the Chief Marshal on a good number of events.

What’s the best thing about being a motorsport volunteer?
The camaraderie. It doesn’t matter whether you’re a competitor, marshal or event organiser, the sport is all one big welcoming family.

What piece of advice would you give to a new volunteer?
No matter what is thrown at you, remember to enjoy what you’re doing and be positive. Motorsport people do it in all weathers, whatever the conditions!

Ian Dixon, Secretary of the Association of North East and Cumbria Car Clubs (ANECCC)

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Get Involved

For advice and information on organising a taster event for your club, contact your local Regional Development Officer.
How we can all help support newcomers

The role of a Regional Development Officer (RDO) involves getting newcomers into motorsport by showing them everything it has to offer, writes East Midlands RDO Ian Smith. Recruiting new people typically involves highlighting the opportunities available to them, introducing them to the various disciplines, and talking to different groups such as schools, colleges and youth clubs. Motorsport has many entry points depending on the individual’s ambitions, background and budget. Many get involved by volunteering as marshals, usually through taster days or buddying up with an experienced club member. Some then become officials and a number and eventually compete in the sport at club, then regional and national levels. As a marshal taster day team member at circuit racing venues, I have enjoyed seeing new marshals develop into experienced members of the motorsport community, before passing their skills on to the next generation of newcomers. Equally, it is rewarding to see newcomers compete in the various disciplines and finesse their technique as they progress. Whether competitors, officials or marshals, we all want to be the best at what we do but we also find it rewarding to help new people achieve their goals. The more time and energy we can all devote to this, the better the sport will be for it.
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