John Comiskey was nominated by the Ulster Rally recognised for his many years’ exceptional commitment to motorsport. In 2018 alone, John was involved in the Ulster, 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.
Paddy is the chairman of Larne Motor Club who takes on several roles within the club. As chairman of Larne Motor Club, Paddy is the driving force behind everything the club does and always supports, encourages and mentors the younger members of the club to ensure their confidence, motorsport knowledge and skills are improved.

Paddy himself has over 50 years of experience in various motorsport roles. In 2018, his efforts included attending a fresher’s day at a local university where he helped promote local motorsport to the joining students. The event was a huge success with over 100 students getting a taste of motorsport in Northern Ireland. No problem is too big for Paddy, as has been shown when he has been Clerk of the Course and had to overcome challenges including melting tarmac in unseasonably hot weather. Paddy came up with a plan and worked with his team to ensure the event could still go ahead.

Paddy has an infectious never quit attitude which people always get on board with, he drives people to always want to achieve the best for motorsport.
Denis is a member of Omagh Motor Club and has been volunteering for over forty years. Denis takes on any role required to make an event run, from being a road block marshal to being a stage commander, putting in endless hours and days of stage set up and tidy up. He has a great reputation with fellow marshals and can recruit large numbers of volunteers to help run an event. For someone who can not drive Denis still travels to many events, having not missed a Donegal International Rally since he started marshalling and regularly making trips to Galway, Cork, Kerry and Sligo. Denis is an active member of the Motorsport Marshalling Partnership Scheme, trying to increase volunteer numbers within the sport. Denis’ volunteering is not only exclusive to rallying, he is a regular volunteer at other local events such as Omagh’s half marathon, Tour of Ulster cycling, triathlons and many more charity events in the Omagh area.
Lucinda McKee marshals and volunteers at events in Northern Ireland, including providing refreshments for volunteers at events. She also helps sell regalia and organize raffles for charities. In recent years, Lucinda has taken on secretarial roles within the TSCC and helped secure an entries system for speed and hillclimb events in Northern Ireland which was previously not available. She also then worked to ensure the system was available for autotests and other club level events, which has eased the workload on volunteers. Lucinda also helps with results at events as well as occasionally finding time to compete herself.
2017 – Barry Arundell (MMP), JLT MSA Volunteer of the Year Overall Winner

Barry Arundell (2017 JLT MSA Volunteer of the Year – Overall Winner) receiving his award from Richard Rainbow of JLT.

Barry is a chief marshal with his local motor club and also acts as a deputy stage commander on various events, from club to international level. He was praised for his enthusiastic approach to marshalling and for taking every available opportunity to enhance his knowledge and skills.
2017 - Steward / Clerk category winner – Jonathan Millar (Larne Motor Club)

Jonathan Millar receiving his award from Richard Rainbow of JLT.

Jonathan is Vice Chairman of Larne Motor Club. He was Clerk of the Course on five events in 2017 and has been the driving force in promoting LMC to students and the local community. He helped run the largest Targa Rally of 2017, an event which helped raise £20,500 for the new Northern Ireland Air Ambulance.
2017 Medical / Rescue / Recovery / Safety category winner – Colin Whitter (BARC)

Colin Whitter receiving his award from Richard Rainbow of JLT.

Colin began marshalling at Oulton Park in 1977. He was invited to join BARC’s North West Rescue Unit and took over as crew chief in 1993 – a role held to this day. He is always happy to assist with marshals training, explaining and demonstrating what can happen if a rescue unit is required on track.
2017 Technical Official category winner – Sue Bateman (Superkarting- UK)

Sue Bateman receiving her award from Richard Rainbow of JLT.

Sue joined SuperKarting-UK in 2002. She always goes that little bit further to ensure that all race meetings are extra special. Not only is she chief scrutineer for kart meetings, she also attends sprints, circuit races, Dayinsure Wales Rally GB and WorldRX of Great Britain in her role as either Scrutineer or Environmental Scrutineer.
2017 Marshal category winner – Brian Wilson (Omagh Motor Club)

Brian Wilson receiving his award from Richard Rainbow of JLT.

A member of the Omagh Motor Club committee since 2012, Brian has performed many volunteer roles since starting out in 2002. He is best known as a Rally Stage Commander at both national and international levels on the Rally Isle of Man, Circuit of Ireland, Ulster Rally and Donegal Rally.
Howard impressed the panel with his huge contribution to local grassroots motorsport. Howard purchased five 998cc Nissan Micras and lent them to new, younger club members so they could take part in Autotests. To date, the cars have been used for a total of 28 entries over five different events.
2016 – James McKeefrey (ANICC), JLT MSA Volunteer of the Year Overall Winner

James McKeefry (2016 JLT MSA Volunteer of the Year – Overall Winner) receiving his award from Richard Rainbow of JLT.

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 motor sport safer and more accessible to all.’ McKeefry supports his local motor club as well as many others, and alongside finding time to volunteer he does a significant amount of work to promote motor sport and also works with local charities, linking them to motor clubs.
2016 - Steward / Clerk category winner – Wilson Carson (Ulster Automobile Club)

Wilson Carson receiving his award from Richard Rainbow of JLT.

Carson was nominated by Ulster Motor Club for his work supporting the club and the events the club runs. He volunteers in a number of different roles, including as Clerk of the Course and Equipment Officer on large events, as well as volunteering for other clubs. Carson has worked to strengthen Ulster Automobile Club’s links with other local motor clubs and also introduced new people to the sport through supporting the club to run events such as Autosolos to encourage newcomers.

2016 Medical / Rescue / Recovery / Safety category winner – Rupert Hine (Scottish Hillrally Club Ltd)

Hine was nominated by the Scottish Hillrally Club for the wide variety of roles he undertakes, including Rescue Chief, Trainer and Marshal. Hine works to encourage other people to become involved in motor sport, and encourages those already in motor sport with support for them to undertake training to improve their skills and knowledge. He is an active organiser, both of motor sport events and training events, and volunteers on a number of committees.
2016 Technical Official category winner – Patricia Laverty (Magherafelt & District Motor Club)

Laverty was nominated by Magherafelt & District Motor Club for her work as Chief Timekeeper on the Circuit of Ireland, as well as other events she volunteers on in a variety of different roles. She is active in promoting development opportunities for cadets within her motor club and works and interacts with them to help and support them become involved in motor sport. She also supports them if they want to do training and helps them "buddy up" with experienced marshals on events.
Gault organises regular training, both as standalone events and attached to motor sport events. He works to share learning with other marshals, encouraging marshals to attend training, as well as supporting new marshals and helping to overcome challenges on events. He has helped clubs improve their events through regular reviews and communication, and he recognises the need to promote the sport through both the Motorsport Marshalling Partnership and Go Motorsport, to encourage other people to become involved.

Gault produces Marshal Aide-Memoir cards which are modified for every event and each stage, which give marshals the essential information they require at a glance so they can be easily referenced during the day.
2016 Other category winner – Margaret Simpson (BMMC)

Simpson was nominated by the BMMC for her efforts at Oulton Park, and going above and beyond what is normally expected of a marshal.

Simpson supports marshals in a number of ways, including ensuring that at each event she undertakes circuit walk-arounds to speak to marshals and understand any issues that they may have. She then helps resolve things and helps improvements to be made, as well as following up with marshals after meetings. When there have been changes at Oulton Park, she has worked with the marshals and liaised with the venue to ensure these are as smooth as possible, and helped new processes be put into place for the benefit of all involved.
2015 – David Barlow, JLT MSA Volunteer of the Year Overall Award

David Barlow (2015 MSA JLT Volunteer of the Year – Overall Winner) receiving his award from Richard Rainbow of JLT.

David has been a stalwart of Scottish motor sport for five decades. He has always wanted to improve the sport for all and has done this via a variety of methods including as a competitor, commentator, marshal, co-ordinator and Clerk of the Course. David originated the Ecosse Challenge in 2002 taking on various leadership roles in the process. The challenge saw an increased level of entries and helped some smaller club events move from a loss to a profit situation, with some previous competitors since climbing the ladder to compete at a higher level including WRC.

David was also instrumental in establishing the Junior 1000 Championship in Scotland. In 2015, David was approaching his 70th birthday but his motor sport enthusiasm, particularly in his encouragement of youngsters, shows no sigh of tailing off. His positive contribution to Scottish motor sport and beyond is immense. There is no doubt the benefits of his efforts will be felt for many years to come as many young competitors climb the ladder to greater success.
2015 - Steward / Clerk category winner – Graham Battersby

Graham Battersby receiving his award from Richard Rainbow of JLT.

Introduced to motor sport by his Father in the 1960s, Graham has been a loyal stalwart of the BMMC, BARC and BRSCC. Having marshalled and competed for many years on stage rallies, in the 1980s Graham became a Flag Marshal. He volunteered to become the BMMC’s first Flag Mentor and assisted with the skills development for those of lesser experience covering a wide range from basic to advanced flag skills.

Graham also led the mentoring team at Oulton Park for a number of years, and in more recent years took up a Club Steward role with BARC NW and BRSCC NW. He learnt the necessary skills required and is Club Steward at nearly all club meetings run at Oulton Park, Anglesey and various sprint and hillclimb venues in the region.

Graham has a calm but authoritative demeanour and he is highly valued by clubs and competitors alike, being known for his wise words and sensible guidance which have put many a competitor on the right path.
2015 - Marshals category winner – Godfrey Evans

Godfrey Evans receiving his award from Richard Rainbow of JLT.

Godfrey has been involved in motor sport since the 1970s, volunteering as a marshal, trainer and rescue crew member. Godfrey lives near Kirkistown circuit where he has volunteered at many sprint and rally events, offering support and help to others. He has worked closely with Northern Ireland's Motorsport Marshalling Programme and when out on stage rallies, he is often seen setting up stages, clearing down stages, as a control marshal or even volunteering to be the Chief Marshal.

Godfrey leads by example coaching and supporting those he volunteers alongside whilst encouraging newcomers to the sport.
Prior to 2013, the award was known as the Marshal of the Year Award. Previous Winners of the award include:

2014: Richard Ashton
2013: Lynne Kendall
2012: Stephen O'Neill
2011: Andrew Holley
2010: Barry O'Neill
2009: Nadine Lewis
2008: Steve Weston
2007: Peter Wilson
2006: Bob Wright
2005: Plunkett Boyle
2004: Mark Johnson
2003: Stephen Green