Night of CHAMPIONS
Special Awards

JLT MOTORSPORT UK CLUB OF THE YEAR
Clitheroe and District Motor Club

Clitheroe and District Motor Club (CDMC) were recognised for their work in ensuring safe and low-cost motorsport is available to all, regardless of background, in the Lancashire area. Established in 1962, the club runs four Inter Club-level events and contributes to the organisation and running of both the Malton Forest Rally and North West Stages, as well as providing a comprehensive weekly programme of club activities and events.

JLT MOTORSPORT UK VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
CLERKS & STEWARDS CATEGORY
Colin Prest

From: Leicestershire
Nominated by the Vintage Sports Car Club, Colin has been a loyal and dedicated volunteer since joining the club in 1978. A cornerstone of the VSCC Clerking Team, Colin supported an average of twelve meetings a year and has guided vintage racing through the decades, in a calm, confident and fair manner. He retired from his role as Senior Clerk of the Course in September 2019 after an exceptional 41 years of service.

JLT MOTORSPORT UK VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
MARSHALS CATEGORY
Jackie Spencer

From: West Lothian
Jackie has been involved with the Scottish Motor Racing Club for over 20 years and plays a vital role over race weekends. In one weekend she undertakes various roles in race organisation, including Secretary of the Meeting and Second Race Controller. Jackie is also praised for sitting on the club’s marshal committee and giving up her own time to recruit volunteers. She is passionate about her involvement and helps the club in so many ways.

JLT MOTORSPORT UK VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
OTHER CATEGORY
Niall McGonigle

From: County Tyrone
Omagh Motor Club nominated Niall for his work resurrecting the club’s spring forest stage rally that had been dormant for two years. Overcoming many challenges, Niall and his small inexperienced team were successful, and the event ran in February 2019. He worked with local primary schools and businesses to involve the local community and even attracted a Lithuanian rally parts supplier to sponsor the event.
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ZONE MOTORSPORT UK YOUNG DRIVER OF THE YEAR

Sam Neary
From: Liverpool
This accolade is awarded each year to a member of the Motorsport UK Academy’s AASE programme, delivered in conjunction with Loughborough College. Seventeen-year-old Sam began racing just three years ago and won the award after a five-way shootout at Silverstone, earning the judges’ unanimous endorsement to win a winter training package courtesy of iZone. For 2020 he will compete in the British GT Championship alongside his father.

BWRDC LORD WAKEFIELD TROPHY

Catherine Bond Muir
From: London
A newly appointed Motorsport UK Board member, Catherine receives this annual award in recognition of her work to promote women in the sport through the creation of the landmark W Series. Members of the British Women Racing Drivers’ Club awarding the trophy commented that the Series had showcased female talent on the world stage and changed perceptions of female competitors for the better.

MOTORSPORT UK YOUNG JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Matt Kew
From: Lincolnshire
Twenty-three-year-old Matt is in his second year working full-time for Autosport as the magazine’s Editorial Assistant. He covers the British Touring Car Championship and is editor of its Historics supplement. The judges praised his perspective and 3D knowledge of motorsport, plus his ability to put current sporting news into historical context. He’s well known around motorsport paddocks and brought the 2019 season’s BTCC to life.

MOTORSPORT UK YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Lou Johnson
From: Kent
Twenty-nine-year-old Lou is the first female winner of this prestigious annual award. She works for the agency Spacesuit Media and travels the world covering the ABB FIA Formula E Championship for Mahindra Racing. She first entered the paddock in 2016 and her work is regularly featured across the BBC. The judges commented that her photographs were on “another level” and that every image made them stop and look.

JLT MOTORSPORT UK VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Dave Read
From: Lancashire
Dave was nominated by Motor Sport (North West) Ltd and awarded the Volunteer of the Year title for his work and tireless dedication organising the North West Stages rally. Since 1995 Dave has been the ongoing inspiration and driving force behind the popular event. Holding the role of Rally Director his dogged determination and enthusiasm to manage the event has not waned in almost 25 years.

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SBD MOTORSPORT BRITISH SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

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From: Cumbria

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The Champions

MOTORSPORT UK BRITISH SPORTING TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Simon Kingsley

From: Yorkshire

Simon made a strong start to the season winning the opening three rounds of the championship in his Crossle. With son Matthew by his side as passenger all year, Simon put in consistent finishes and wrapped up the title on the Mercian Trial with four rounds to spare.

MOTORSPORT UK BRITISH AUTOTEST CHAMPIONSHIP

Alastair Moffatt

From: Gloucestershire

Alastair claimed his sixth British title with one round to spare at the Hartlepool Championship Autotests. Victorious on seven out of the eight rounds he competed in, Moffatt was unstoppable in his Mini Special, winning the last round by over 20 seconds.

MOTORSPORT UK BRITISH CAR TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mark Hoppe

From: Yorkshire

Mark carried 2018’s championship form into the first half of the season by winning the opening two rounds in incredibly wet conditions. Another two wins and consistent top-three finishes allowed him to retain his British crown on the final round, the Ernest Owen Trial. This is Mark’s fourth championship in six years and his second consecutive title win in his Dutton Melos kit car.

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MOTORSPORT UK BRITISH DRAG RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

Marck Harteved

From: Netherlands

The Dutchman’s team motto is ‘go full throttle or go home’ and he means it, reaching top speeds of 241.83mph in his Plymouth Superbird during the 2019 season. Marck sealed the British Championship in outstanding fashion as he set a new personal record, completing the quarter-mile strip in just 5.956 seconds at Northamptonshire’s Santa Pod Raceway.

AVON TYRES/TTC GROUP MOTORSPORT UK BRITISH HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

Wallace Menzies

From: Kincardine, Scotland

Wallace took the 2019 British Hillclimb Championship crown with three rounds to spare. The Kincardine driver wrapped up his first British title at Gurston Down with a win in the 299th championship race he’s competed in. Wallace is only the second Scotsman to win the title and rounded off his Championship-winning weekend with a second-place finish in his Gould GR59.

BRITPART MOTORSPORT UK BRITISH CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Justin Birchall and Jonny Koonja

From: Lancashire

Justin and Jonny claimed their first British title with a victory in the final round of the season at Walters in South Wales. With one non-finish earlier in the year the pairing could not afford another retirement if they were to seal championship. They made a great start, setting fastest time on the opening run and brought it home in their Lofthouse M3.

TOYO TIRES MOTORSPORT UK BRITISH RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

Julian Godfrey

From: East Sussex

Julian added another chapter to his illustrious racing career in October as he clinched a sixth British Rallycross Championship title in the final round at Croft Circuit. Edging out season-long protagonist Derek Tohill amidst challenging weather conditions, Godfrey reigned supreme to win his first title since 2015 by just two points.
Josh McErlean and Liam Regan

From: County Derry and Belfast

Josh was crowned Junior BRC champion on home soil after securing his third win of the season on the Ulster Rally. Motorsport UK and the BRC provided Josh with a prize drive in a Hyundai i20 R5 on Wales Rally GB where he set competitive times against a strong field. Liam Regan, co-driver to William Creighton, sealed the co-drivers title on Scotland’s Galloway Hills rally.

Matt Edwards and Patrick Walsh

From: Llandudno and Aberystwyth

Matt’s second Championship-winning season got off to a great start with a win on the opening round, North Wales’ Cambrian Rally. A retirement in April’s Pirelli Rally was the only blot on his copy book as he and co-driver Patrick went on to take wins in Ypres and the Ulster Rally. The pairing needed a seventh or better finish to seal the title over fellow Welshman Tom Cave.

The Champions

Simon Webster and Jez Rogers

From: Norwich and Shropshire

Simon and Jez sealed their first British title on the final round of the Championship, the Trackrod Historic Cup. The Ford Escort Mk II pairing picked up their first Championship win on June’s Red Kite Stages rally and enjoyed a season-long fight with fellow Escort driver Stanley Orr on their way to the title.

Chris Ingram and Ross Whittock

From: Cheshire and Bath

Chris and Ross made history as they became the first Britons to win the European Rally Championship in 52 years on Rally Hungary. The Motorsport UK Academy pairing overcame a puncture on the final stage of the rally to finish fourth overall and claim the European title from Russian rival Alexy Lukyanuk. Chris and Ross are already hungry for another title and plan to contest WRC2 in 2020.

Jonny Adam and Graham Davidson

From: Warwickshire and Kincardineshire

The Championship-winning duo travelled to the final round at Donington Park as one of five crews in contention for the title. A fifth-place finish in a dramatic finale was ultimately sufficient for Jonny to take a record-extending fourth senior title with as many different co-drivers in five years, while fellow Scot Graham clinched a maiden Championship in just his second British GT season.
The Champions
Colin Turkington
From: Northern Ireland
Colin clinched a record-equalling fourth Drivers’ crown in the most dramatic fashion. Despite arriving at Brands Hatch’s GP circuit with a 16-point lead, Turkington struggled in the opening two races to start the finale in 25th on the grid and eight points shy of the lead. An impressive charge through the field secured sixth at the chequered flag – and with it, a hard-earned fourth Championship title.

BMW
The BMW 330i M Sport entered the 2019 championship and continued a rich heritage of success. This seventh generation BMW 3 Series added another two trophies to the already impressive record, making it six drivers’ titles and three manufacturers’ crowns between 1988 and 2019. West Surrey Racing have run the team with BMW since 2007 with the 2019 driver line up consisting of Colin Turkington, Tom Oliphant and Andrew Jordan.

Clement Novalak
From: Norwich
A 12th place finish in the final race weekend at Donington Park was enough for 19-year-old Clement to seal the 2019 championship. The Carlin driver made his intentions clear at the start of the year, winning the opening race at Oulton Park. A flurry of consistent podium finishes followed throughout the rest of the season to enable Clement to claim the British F3 crown.

Zane Maloney
From: Barbados
Zane had an incredible first season in single-seaters, winning both the British F4 Rookie Cup and the overall title. Despite 10 wins and many more podiums, including winning seven out of eight races in the middle of the year, Zane entered the final round at Brands Hatch level on points with Mexico’s Sebastian Alvarez. The Bajan pulled through to win the final race of the season and the title.
Hawthorn Memorial Trophy
Mike Hawthorn was the first driver from Britain or the Commonwealth to win the Formula One crown. His title victory in 1958 paved the way for unparalleled success for his fellow countrymen; since then, nine other Britons and a further four Commonwealth drivers have won a total of 22 titles at motor racing’s highest level.

Hawthorn died in a road crash in January 1959, just a few months after his F1 success. The Hawthorn Memorial Trophy has since been presented annually to the most successful British or Commonwealth driver in the previous F1 season.

Lewis Hamilton continued to dominate the F1 World Championship in 2019, breaking records for the most races led, most points in a season and most podium finishes in a season. His record sixth British Grand Prix win in July was just one of 11 wins and 17 podiums throughout the season. He sealed his sixth F1 title at the United States Grand Prix with two rounds remaining, and is now second to only seven-time World Champion Michael Schumacher in the standings as the most successful driver of all time.
Previous Winners
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