



The Herefordshire Trial

Hall Court Farm, Kynaston, Herefordshire

21st & 22nd March 2026



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Competitors Instructions

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Motorsport UK Permit Number - 206356

Held under the National Competition Rules of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and the Supplementary Regulations



Competitors Instructions

1. Introduction

Many thanks for entering the 2026 Herefordshire Trial. You will find enclosed all the information you require to compete on this event.

2. Event Timetable

Saturday 21st March 2026

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| 9.30hrs | Scrutineering Opens |
| 09:30hrs –11:45hrs | Signing-on |
| 11:00hrs | Hills Open |
| 11:45hrs | Scrutineering and Paperwork Collection Closes |
| 17:00hrs | Hills Close |
| by 18:00hrs | All Saturday Scorecards must be returned to Hall Court Farm, and Sunday scorecards collected |

Sunday 22nd March 2026

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| 09:00hrs | Hills Open |
| 14:30hrs | Hills Close |
| By 15:00hrs | All Scorecards must be returned to Hall Court Farm |

3. Event Locations

Trial HQ – Hall Court Farm, Kynaston, Much Marcle HR8 2PD (OS Map 149/ 644 354) courtesy of Robin Harcourt-Smith.

OS Map 149 will be required – please ensure you bring a copy with you. Additional prints of sections of maps 150 and 162 are enclosed.

There is unfortunately no provision for trailer at Hall Court Farm. Please where possible leave any trailers at your accommodation

4. Non-Starts

Any competitor unable to start should ring the Event Secretary at the Club Office on 01608 644777 ext 6 up to 17:00hrs on Thursday 19th March, thereafter call or text the Secretary's mobile phone on 07341 485462

If you have to RETIRE during the Event tell any HILL CHIEF who will relay the fact back to all Trial Officials. GET YOUR SCORE CARD BACK TO HQ at Hall Court with the declaration signed please.

5. Arrival at Event and Registration Procedures

On arrival, park as directed. Once scrutineered and passed, please take your completed Scrut Chit to Signing On where you will be given your scorecard for the Saturday hills and your competition numbers. Please ensure your car number is visible from the front of the car by any Marshal.

Please then proceed to your Start Hill as shown on your scorecard and entry list, but only when released from Hall Court Farm by the Car Park marshal. The farmers do not want us too early at their premises. The Hills Open at 11:00hrs and Close at 17:00 hrs.

All scorecards must be returned to Hall Court Farm by 18.00hrs where Sunday scorecards will be handed out in exchange.

Please remember on Sunday morning to proceed directly to your start hill and ensure the marshal signs your card in the correct place.

6. Scrutineering

The Scrutineer will be looking around the car, checking general safety, and particularly checking the following items

- Fire extinguishers must be firmly mounted within the car, but easily accessible by the driver. i.e. Minimum standard AFFF 1.75 litres – 2kg Powder.
- Fuel Leaks – there should be none.
- Wheels and Tyres – If different wheels and tyres are being used for the trial these must be available for inspection by the scrutineers on request. Security bolts and / or self-tapping screws for securing tyres to rims are specifically banned. All tyre treads must be road legal. Adhesives may be used to secure tyres to wheel rims.
- There must be a throttle return spring attached to the throttle spindle of each carburettor.
- Your steering wheel must be marked with tape at the top of the straight-ahead position.
- Competitors not carrying a pre-attached tow rope or towing eye must indicate their preferred point of attachment by marking it in red or yellow.
- There may be a roller type differential test at one of the hills; failure of this test may exclude you from the event.
- The security of batteries will be checked as will any wet batteries which if in the driver/passenger compartment behind the seats in a securely located leak-proof container.
- A minimum tyre pressure rule will be applied: 7 psi. for all classes. Random checks may be made; offside rear will be checked first.

You will be asked if your pressures are correctly adjusted prior to climbing a hill, if yes, pressure will be checked, and if found to be below the minimum requirement a penalty point of 25 marks will be applied. If no, then you will be asked to adjust, then the check as above will be applied. The pressure check will be done using the Club's digital gauges.

l. Motorsport UK Compliant Spill Kits (N.B. homemade kits are not acceptable, see paragraph 12).

m. Child Seats are fitted for all children under the age of 12 or under the height of 1.35m in accordance with Clause 14.

Please bring the VSCC Laminated Passport for the car entered, Buff Form, as it may be inspected by a VSCC eligibility scrutineer.

This is the list of the items on the scrutineer chit:

Competitor Confirms that Car is Presented in a Road Legal Condition

Correct Car

Free from Fluids

Working Front & Rear Lights

Fire Extinguishers (Serviced)

MSUK Spill Kit

TDC Marked on Steering Wheel

Towing Eyes/Point Marked

Throttle Return Spring

Battery Securely Mounted (Sealed if Within Passenger Compartment)

Video Cameras securely attached

All Wheels fitted Securely

Tyres Compliant

Ignition "Off" Switch Marked

Passed Noise Monitoring

7. Running of the Event

Please remember that failure to start at the 'designated hill' first will incur a penalty of 25 points. The start marshal on the section will sign your scorecard to indicate that you have complied with this instruction. It is the competitors' responsibility to have the score entered on the scorecard and signed by the start or finish marshal, or the marshal nearest to their point of failure/success; the marshal will enter the score on the card. The entrant must drive throughout the competitive part of the trial and the passenger seat alongside the driver must be occupied at all times by a passenger aged not less than 12. No passenger under the age of 12 may be carried in an open car. No dogs are permitted on this trial owing to lambing. The number of passengers may not be varied from section to section nor may any ballast. Please remember the passenger seat must be occupied at all times, the passenger may 'bounce' from the seated position only.

Entrants that do not have a Full Driving licence are only allowed to drive the competitive sections and due to the use of Public Rights of Way on some sections, the passenger must instead drive that section.

Stop and Restart Procedure

1. The start-line marshal will brief the driver
2. On the approach of the competing car, the flag marshal will hold his flag out steady, in good view and near the restart line, which will be marked by stop signs
3. When the flag marshal is satisfied that the car has come to a halt in the correct place, he will then drop his flag. The dropping of the flag is the signal for the competitor to restart in his own time (please note that starting before the flag drops is a fail)
4. The correct place is astride the restart/stop line and with the front wheels before the second line if it exists
5. A certain amount of rolling back is acceptable, as long as both front wheels remain beyond the restart/stop line

Optional Stop and Restart Procedure

You will be given the opportunity to choose whether or not to attempt the stop & restart on these hills, before you start the section. You are allowed to walk the hill but **MUST** make your choice before you start the hill.

Option 1 - If you elect to attempt the stop & restart: a Trial Official will, at the start of the section, make a note on your scorecard. You will be expected to stop with the front wheels in the box at the stop/restart area and then restart after the flag marshal indicates that you may do so. Should you then go on to clear the hill you will be awarded a 10-point bonus, giving a total of 35 points for that hill. Should you fail at the stop/restart, or anywhere else on the hill for that matter, you will receive the score indicated by the marker you have reached in the usual manner.

Option 2 - If you decide NOT to attempt the stop & restart: you will be expected to drive through (or past) and, should you then go on to clear the hill, you will be awarded the normal 25 points for the hill. Should you fail anywhere on the hill, you will receive the score indicated by the marker you have reached in the usual manner.

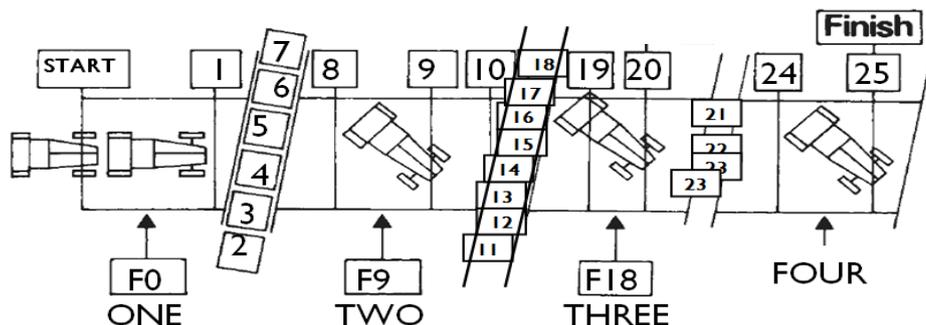
Permitted Reverse on a Hill

1. The start-line marshal will brief the driver.
2. Whilst the single reverse man-oeuvre is carried out, if any marker is hit, normal penalty points will apply

8. Marking

The method of recording scores will be as follows: wherever you stop on the hill, the marshal nearest to that point will mark the card with the score and initial it. Front wheel hub marking will be used and competitors will be credited with the appropriate marks for the part of the section reached by the centre of the forward front wheel.

For clarification purposes Car 1 scores 0, Car 2 scores 9 and Car 4 scores 25. A car will be deemed to have stopped when the un-driven wheels cease to revolve, or when it fails to leave a start or restart, or when it touches a marker of any kind. The point of failure will be considered to be that at which any marker is first struck. For clarification purposes, Car 3 has passed the twenty marker with the centre of the nearside hub but has hit the nineteen marker, so scores 18.



To avoid any misunderstanding MOTORSPORT UK NCR rules;

NCR 17.2.12.2 A competitor will also be considered to have failed to negotiate an observed section non-stop if:

- Any part of their vehicle or its occupants touch a marker.
- All four wheels are positioned outside of the boundary of the course at the same time. The boundary is represented by a straight line drawn from course marker to course marker along the direction of the course.

NCR 17.2.12.3 The point of failure will be considered to be that at which any marker is first struck, or the point at which the boundary of the course is first crossed by all wheels of the competing vehicle.

Should this point of failure coincide with the division between two sub-sections, the marks lost will be those appropriate to failure in whichever of the two sub-sections provides the greater penalty.

9. Event Phone Numbers

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| Clerk of the Course | Robin Harcourt-Smith | 07899 824516 |
| Event Secretary | Ethan Harris | 07341 485462 |
| Deputy Clerk of the Course | Paul Tebbett | 07801 009547 |

10. Local Petrol Stations

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| BP Garage | Located on A40 Ross road at the end of M50, 4 miles south of How Caple, |
| Newtown Cross Roads | A417 & A4130, MR 149/617449 |
| Ledbury Road, Hereford | Esso A438 |
| Ledbury High Street, Ledbury | On left, opposite Tesco |

11. Motorsport UK Compliant Spill Kits

All competitors should note the following extract published by Motorsport UK with regards to acceptable spill kits and that this will be reinforced by all trials scrutineers in accordance with the below guidelines.

Motorsport UK wishes to remind competitors of the definition of an Environmental Spill Kit, as stated in NCR 17.1.1.6 (p) ("For use in managing spills of automotive fluids, lubricating oils, fluids, gasoline, coolant additives, hydraulic oil etc...").

Some competitors are reported to have produced bags of sawdust, nappies and other similar products, claiming them to be Spill Kits. Such items do not meet the regulatory requirement. Purpose-made kits that meet the regulations are available from most motor sport equipment retailers and many specialist suppliers.

They are available from, amongst others:

Holdens www.holden.co.uk 01885 488488
Demon Tweaks www.demon-tweaks.co.uk, 01978 664466
New Pig www.newpig.co.uk, 0800 919900
Kernow Oils www.kernow-oils.co.uk, 01736 757002

12. Child Restraints

All Competitors are reminded of the following requirement regarding children on trials.

The entrant must drive throughout the competitive part of the trial and the front passenger seat must be occupied at all times by a passenger aged not less than 12 NCR (NCR 17.2.11.2 (a)). No passenger under the age of 12 may be carried in an open car. Children in the rear seats of saloons must be 2 years or older. All children under the age of 12 years or under 135cm in height must be seated in an approved child restraint (NCR 17.11.3)

All Competitors should note that this regulation will be strictly reinforced at scrutineering.

13. Local Workshops

Call Will Guilding, Trumpet Garage, Trumpet Crossroads, A438/ A417. MR 149/657396
No petrol, however, he lives close by and is prepared to open up and help, call on 07799 474329

14. NO DOGS – LAMBING IS IN PROGRESS.

Dogs will not be allowed at any hill venues. Please be aware that most sections are near or on farmlands containing sheep and lambing is in progress. We would rather you make alternative arrangements than risk putting our relationship with landowners in jeopardy. - Thank You.

15. Alcohol

Competitors and Marshals are reminded that in accordance with Motorsport UK Regulations the consumption of alcohol whilst competing is not permitted.

In accordance with NCR 2.2 and Motorsport UK's anti-doping and alcohol policy, all Drivers, Officials and Marshals consent to submit themselves to an alcohol breathalyser test as required. The approved equipment used for testing are AlcoSense breathalysers within valid calibration periods of their current calibration certificates. Calibration and maintenance of the devices will be undertaken by AlcoSense Breathalysers. In addition to the test, the Clerk of the Course and/or Motorsport UK and/or the Event Stewards and/or the Event Secretary may, at their sole discretion, direct that a test be carried out on any Driver at any point 30 minutes after their competing run or an official or marshal at any point during the meeting should they consider there are grounds for doing so. The results of all breathalyser tests remain confidential between the Event Secretary, the Clerk of the Course and the Driver or Official concerned although any resulting failures of the test are reported to Motorsport UK. Refusal or withdrawal of consent to take a breathalyser test will be treated as a failure of the test and the Driver or Official shall be disqualified from participation at the meeting and reported to Motorsport UK. N.B. Competitors' and Officials/Marshals will be selected at random for alcohol testing prior to the event. Those selected will be marked on a Bulletin which will be clearly displayed on the Official Notice board. They will also be notified individually via text where possible and given a timeframe in which they need to report for their test.

16. Sections and Instructions

Beware livestock and walkers. Drive Slowly, it is unavoidable that you will meet competing cars on some of the roads between sections. Should you find a gate closed please ensure you close it behind you. Please Park considerately when you leave your car unattended to walk a section. We are all reminded by the police that The Road Traffic Act applies at all times in all places.

17. Passengers

Please remember that it is a strict requirement that all passengers sign-on for the trial. Should you need to change your passenger during the overnight halt due to unforeseen circumstances then please make sure you contact the Clerk of the Course and Secretary of the Meeting to request the correct permissions to do so, this is in accordance with NCR Chp 17.2 .15 Please note that the driver cannot be changed during the course of the event. Please note that should a change of passenger be required that your new passenger will be required to sign-on.

You cannot change your passenger without the permission of the Clerk of the Course.

**All competitors are reminded that dogs are not permitted to visit hill sections on this trial
as we are in the lambing season.**

Please respect this request from our landowners and make alternative arrangements for your pets.

Thank You!

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN HILL NUMBERS COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS

Saturday 21st March 2026

| Location | No. | Name | Comments |
|-------------|-----|-------------------------|--|
| | | Pelham 'complex' | Arrive via 162/631233 Exit 162/629219 only |
| 162/628 229 | 1 | Pelhams Penyard 1 | No Walking of the hill |
| 162/624228 | 2 | Pelhams Penyard 2 | Possible Downhill stop/restart |
| 162/621220 | 3 | Pelhams Penyard 3 | Arrive Via 162/627219 No Walking of the hill |
| | | | |
| 149/636314 | 4 | Deans Place | Arrive via 149/640308 (Toilet available in Farmyard) Stop Restart |
| 149/622346 | 5 | The Hyde Halt | Arrive via 149/616348. Exit via 149/621339 (Toilet available in Farmyard) Optional Stop Restart |
| 149/618297 | 6 | Lyndor Wood 1 | Arrive via 149/617298 |
| 149/617294 | 7 | Lyndor Wood 2 | Arrive via 149/617298 |

Scorecards to be returned by 6pm to Trial HQ

Sunday 22nd March 2026

| Location | No. | Name | Comments |
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| 150/755351 | 8 | High Wood 1 | Arrive via 150/755349 Stop Restart No Walking of the hill |
| 150/754358 | 9 | High Wood 2 | Attempt after High Wood 1 Then Follow exit signs (one way system in place) |
| | | | |
| 149/710410 | 10 | James' Jolly | Arrive via 149/710409 |
| 150/757405 | 11 | The Ancient Briton | Arrive via 150/751402 Follow Exit signs (one way system in place) |
| 149/633356 | 12 | Marcle Hill | Arrive via 149/636357 No Walking of the hill |
| 149/643344 | 13 | Chandos | Stop Restart Teas & Coffee will be available proceeds of which will go to a local charity |

Scorecards to be returned by 3pm to Hall Court Farm. (Please remember to sign the Damage Declaration)

Trial HQ

SATURDAY Morning – Coffee, Tea and light refreshments in the café.

SUNDAY – Coffee, Tea and light refreshments in the café, bar, and snacks from mid-day.

MAP 162



MAP 150





MEDICAL DECLARATION

If you are taking any prescribed medication, or suffering with any medical condition you are required by Motorsport UK to advise the Secretary of the Meeting at each event.

Please complete the below form

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| Name | |
| Competition Number | |
| Prescribed Medication details | |
| Medical Condition details | |
| Any further details | |

Signed _____

(On completion, either email the form to the Secretary of the Meeting prior to the event or place it in a sealed envelope and had it to the Secretary or Official when collecting your scorecard)