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# Tour of Cheshire 2026

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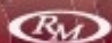
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## **FOREWORD**

For 2026 we will again be running a Clubmans event alongside our normal Interclub event. These events are organised by a team of regular road rally competitors from Knutsford & District Motor Club Ltd.

The Clubmans event is intended to help people new to the sport get involved without having to worry about plotting the route on to maps. They will have a “no plot” roadbook to navigate the route. The other advantage is crews will only need the free RS Clubmans licence from Motorsport UK.

We will be following a similar format to previous years Interclub for both events on the basis that ‘if it ain’t broke don’t fix it’. Both events will run on the same route covering approximately 150 miles mostly through the lanes of scenic Cheshire but with excursions into neighbouring Staffordshire. The route will be broken up with our planned 10 special tests all on non-car damaging surfaces (including Oulton Park Rally Stage) and of course time for coffee, lunch and tea halts.

Our start / finish venue will be, as for 2025, the Crewe Vagrants Sports Club, Nantwich - only a few miles away from junction 16 of the M6. Friday night scrutineering, signing on and document collection at Reaseheath College, Nantwich is anticipated but not yet confirmed.

We are pleased to welcome all Championship contenders especially those registered with the HRCR and ANWCC. However, both our events are designed to be suitable for both novices and experts. For those entering the Interclub event there will be no ‘plot and bash’ and we will issue those competitors with some handy navigational tips but there should be nothing to trick you in the instructions given.

Our overall schedule will be relaxed so there will be time to enjoy the morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea breaks, At the finish there will be the customary Cheshire Cheeses and a pre awards supper.

Knutsford & District Motor Club are extremely grateful to our supporters, sponsors and marshals for their invaluable support. We would urge you to use their services and this, hopefully, will see their continuing support in the future.

To encourage entries from pre-1960 cars you will note we are again giving special awards for this class of vehicle. The North West Air Ambulance has again been chosen as our nominated charity (we have now raised over £25,000 for them) and we hope you will join our efforts to support this very worthwhile cause.

As part of the Club’s Environmental Sustainability commitment, ensuring we are doing our “bit” to allow our sport to continue, we will be asking everybody involved with the event, in whatever capacity, to provide some details which will enable us and Motorsport UK to measure the environmental impact of the Tour of Cheshire,

The organising team look forward to welcoming you to Cheshire.

If you have any questions, please do let us know, and if you cannot compete then why not offer to marshal?

**Mike Harrison** Clerk of the Course

## **Previous Winners**

### **Interclub Event**

2004	Adam Wiseberg / Cath Woodman, Porsche 911
2005	Nick Payne / Anthony Preston, Ford Cortina GT
2006	Jim Deacon / Dave Wilson, Ford Escort RS2000
2007	Paul Hernaman / Ray Crowther, Porsche 911
2008	Bob Taylor / Jeanne Taylor, Austin Mini
2009	Neil Dowie / David Taylor, Triumph GT6
2010	Howard Warren / Cath Woodman, Porsche 911
2011	Howard Warren / Cath Woodman, Porsche 911
2012	John Ruddock / David Taylor, Ford Escort
2013	Matt Warren / Cath Woodman, Ford Escort
2014	Andrew Mallagh / Paul Harley, Porsche 911
2015	Matt Warren / Guy Woodcock, Ford Escort
2016	Matt Warren / Andy Pullan, Ford Escort
2017	Howard Warren / Iain Tullie, Porsche 911
2018	Ian Crammond / Mathew Vokes, Mercedes 280SL
2019	Thomas Bricknell / Roger Bricknell, Golf GTI
2020	Nick Bloxham / Niall Frost, Ford Escort
2021	Dan Willan / Niall Frost, Volvo PV544
2022	Dan Willan / Niall Frost, Volvo PV544
2023	Matt Warren / Ryan Pickering, Porsche 911
2024	Andy Pullan / Ryan Pickering, Peugeot 205 GT
2025	John Haygarth / Martyn Taylor Opel Kadett

### **Clubmans Event**

2005	Mike Tomlin / Peter Ward, Alvis TL 12/60
2006	Dr Peter Opie / James Opie, Triumph TR3A
2025	Jon Harvey / Andrew Moriarty VW Golf GTi





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## 1. Announcement

Knutsford & District Motor Club will organise both an Interclub Historic Road Rally and a Clubmans Historic Road Rally called "The Tour of Cheshire" on Saturday 7th March 2026.

The meeting will be held under the National Competition Rules (NCRs) of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), and these supplementary regulations and any other written instructions the organising club may issue for the event.

All references to the NCRs will be in numeric format ie. Chapter.Appendix. Article.

The Clubman's event is a qualifying round of the HRCR Clubmans Beginners Championship.

The event website is [www.tourofcheshire.co.uk](http://www.tourofcheshire.co.uk)

## 2. Permits

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Interclub permit number TBA

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### 3. Eligible Competitors - Interclub Event

The Interclub event is a qualifying round of the following championships:

- HRCR Clubmans Road Rallying Championship
- ANWCC Historic Road Rally Championship

All competitors in the Interclub Event must hold a valid Motorsport UK RS Interclub (or higher status) Competition Licence and must produce or upload documentation confirming:

- the licence held, and
- current membership of an eligible club or championship.

Eligibility for the Interclub Event is restricted to competitors who are either:

- Registered competitors in one of the above Championships
- Members of a motor club affiliated to one of the following Associations: Association of North West Car Clubs (ANWCC), Association of Northern Car Clubs (ANCC), Welsh Association of Motor Clubs (WAMC) and East Midlands Association of Motor Clubs (EMAMC).

For the avoidance of doubt, the above Associations include member clubs such as Rally the Globe, HRCR and Knutsford & District Motor Club.

### 4. Eligible Competitors - Clubmans Event

The Clubman's Event is a qualifying round of the HRCR Beginners Championship.

All competitors must hold a valid Motorsport UK RS Clubmans (or higher status) Competition Licence and must produce or upload documentation confirming:

- the licence held, and
- current membership of an eligible motor club.

Eligibility for the Clubman's Event is limited to members of the following motor clubs:

- Knutsford and District Motor Club (organising club)
- HRCR
- Rally the Globe
- The Three Castles Motor Club

Exceptionally and in accordance with NCR 13.9.2.3 competitors who are not eligible to apply for an ASN Competition Licence may apply for an Historic Regularity Competitors Permit the use and validity of which is limited solely to this event.

### 5. Eligible Cars

The event is open to cars which comply with NCR 13.15.9.2a through f and the requirements for Category 1, 2, 3, 4a or 4b Historic rally cars as set out in NCR 13.15.8. In accordance with NCR 13.15.9.1 and NCR 13.5.9.2 a car will be dated by the specification presented and not necessarily by the date of build or registration. All vehicles must comply with Motorsport UK NCRs and in particular NCR 7.2.1-20 and 7.2.22, 7.4, 7.5, 7.8, 7.9.1.9, 13.15.1-6, and 13.15.a-e. All vehicles must be taxed and insured for the public highway.

Category 2, Category 3, Category 4a or Category 4b cars that do not fully comply with NCR 13.15.3.1-3.4 may be considered for acceptance subject to the organisers being granted specific waivers by Motorsport UK in accordance with NCR 13.15.11.3. **All such waiver applications must be requested in writing (or e-mail) from the Entries Secretary at least three weeks prior to the event – i.e. by 13th February.**

Competitors will be required to present a current MOT certificate (where applicable), the Vehicle Registration Document (V5) or other suitable documentation as proof of period authenticity and the name and address of their insurers (if not using the Kingfisher Motorsport scheme see section 23).

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## 6. Classes

### Interclub Event

There will be a maximum of 24 Classes based on crew experience and car age. The organisers reserve the right to, and will, amalgamate classes and/or place vehicles and crews in order to achieve a reasonable number of competitors in each class and a fair matching of performance, depending on the actual entries received.

M1 Masters in cars with a specification valid on or pre 31/12/1959 (Cat 1 for these dates).

M2 Masters in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1960 and 31/12/1967 (Cat 1 for these dates).

M3 Masters in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1968 and 31/12/1974 (Cat 2).

M4 Masters in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1975 and 31/12/1981 (Cat 3).

M5 Masters in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1982 and 31/12/1985 (Cat 4a).

M6 Masters in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1986 and 31/12/1990 (Cat 4b).

E1 Experts in cars with a specification valid on or pre 31/12/1959 (Cat 1 for these dates).

E2 Experts in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1960 and 31/12/1967 (Cat 1 for these dates).

E3 Experts in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1968 and 31/12/1974 (Cat 2).

E4 Experts in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1975 and 31/12/1981 (Cat 3).

E5 Experts in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1982 and 31/12/1985 (Cat 4a).

E6 Experts in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1986 and 31/12/1990 (Cat 4b).

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N1 Novices in cars with a specification valid on or pre 31/12/1959 (Cat 1 for these dates).  
 N2 Novices in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1960 and 31/12/1967 (Cat 1 for these dates).  
 N3 Novices in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1968 and 31/12/1974 (Cat 2).  
 N4 Novices in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1975 and 31/12/1981 (Cat 3).  
 N5 Novices in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1982 and 31/12/1985 (Cat 4a).  
 N6 Novices in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1986 and 31/12/1990 (Cat 4b).

B1 Beginners in cars with a specification valid on or pre 31/12/1959 (Cat 1 for these dates).  
 B2 Beginners in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1960 and 31/12/1967 (Cat 1 for these dates).  
 B3 Beginners in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1968 and 31/12/1974 (Cat 2).  
 B4 Beginners in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1975 and 31/12/1981 (Cat 3).  
 B5 Beginners in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1982 and 31/12/1985 (Cat 4a).  
 B6 Beginners in cars with a specification valid between 01/01/1986 and 31/12/1990 (Cat 4b).

## Clubmans Event

**Class 1** - Masters and Experts  
**Class 2** - Novices and beginners

Experience definitions for both events are as follows:

**"Master"** a crew where any member has had four or more finishes in the top ten places overall of an Interclub or higher status historic road rally in the last three years.

**"Expert"** a crew which does not meet the qualifying requirements herein for Master, Novice or Beginner.

**"Novice"** a crew in which no member has had four or more finishes in the top twenty five places overall of an Interclub or higher status historic road rally in the last three years.

**"Beginner"** a crew in which no member has previously competed in more than three competitive road rallies (including 12 car rallies, but excluding scatter events, treasure hunts and touring assemblies).

These definitions apply to driver's qualifications as a driver and navigator's qualifications as a navigator.

Novice and beginner have the same meaning as Non-Expert and Novice in NCR 13.3.3.1(b).

## 7. Programme

Scrutineering, licence, club membership / championship registration and document collection will take place at Reaseheath College (118 / 652 542) What3Words implanted.deed.tissue. Signing on will be performed electronically via the event online entry system (SR12) prior to the event and will involve the uploading of images of both competition licences and club cards. The rally will start and finish at the Crewe Vagrants Sports Club, Newcastle Road, Nantwich CW5 7EP (118 / 680 1/2 516) What3Words agency.bike.worked.

The Programme will be:

<b>Saturday 3rd January</b>	Regulations will be published
<b>Monday 5th January</b>	Entries and signing on will open at 19:00 for both events 15 entries will be reserved for the Clubmans Event
<b>Saturday 10th January</b>	At 23:59 entries will no longer be reserved for the Clubmans Event
<b>Friday 20th February</b>	Entries close at 23:59
<b>Tuesday 3rd March</b>	Final Instructions will be e-mailed or mailed to both drivers and navigators including navigational tips and outline route instructions.
<b>Friday 6th March</b>	
18:00hrs – 20:30hrs	Scrutineering and noise test, licence, club membership / championship registration and document collection at Reaseheath College (118 / 652 542).

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## **Saturday 7th March**

07:00hrs – 07:45hrs

07:45

08:00 hrs

17:00 hrs approx.

17:30 hrs approx.

19:45 hrs approx.

Scrutineering and noise test, licence, club membership / championship registration and document collection at the Crewe Vagrants- **by arrangement only**.

Drivers Briefing

First car starts.

First car finishes at Crewe Vagrants.

Buffet supper starts. Bar open.

Prize giving

### **8. Officials**

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Phil Bramhill

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**ALL OTHER E-MAIL QUERIES TO – [historic@knutsfordmotorclub.co.uk](mailto:historic@knutsfordmotorclub.co.uk)**

A list of Judges and what they are judging will be published on the Official Notice Board at Rally HQ and the Virtual Noticeboard (Sportity).

## **9. Motorsport UK National Competition Rules**

All other 2026 National Competition Rules apply as written.

## **10. Prohibited Equipment**

Electronic devices that carry out more functions than simple distance or time measurement are prohibited from all competing cars. Simple handheld non-programmable calculators and digital timers and stopwatches are permitted.

The use of global positioning systems or any other type of position determining device is prohibited and will be subject to event disqualification.

The use of in-car cameras is prohibited, in accordance with NCR 13 .3.12.1(i), and checks will be made during the event to ensure compliance. Anyone found to be contravening this regulation will subject to event disqualification.

## **11. Identification**

Competitors will be identified by two rally plates which will be provided by the organisers and should be fixed to the front and rear of the vehicle. The organisers will also provide hi vis self-adhesive numbers to be affixed to the left and right sides of the vehicle, preferably on the rear side windows. Competitors not displaying proper identification throughout the event may incur a penalty at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course, up to and including disqualification.

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## 12. Entries

Entries will open on 5th January at 19:00 and close on 20th February at 23:59.

There will be 15 entries reserved for Clubmans Event entrants until January 10th 23:59. During this period a maximum of 60 Interclub entries will be accepted at any time. On the 11th January any remaining entries will be available to both Clubmans and Interclub entrants..

Entries will only be accepted if submitted either via the online entry form (available from [www.tourofcheshire.co.uk](http://www.tourofcheshire.co.uk)) or a paper copy of the Official Entry Form (available from the Entries Secretary) posted to the Event Secretary at the address above. In either case the appropriate fee is to be paid either by bank transfer or by cheque. Cheques should be made payable to Knutsford and District Motor Club and posted to the Event Secretary.

**Entries will only be accepted where the entry form includes a named driver, named navigator, a valid car and payment has been received and cleared. Once an entry has been accepted only two changes (one to crew members and one to car) will be allowed. If more than 2 changes (excluding minor changes for typos and spelling) are made the original entry will be void and the entry will then be treated as new and placed in the appropriate place in the queue.**

Where payment is by cheque, entries will be reserved for four working days to allow time for the cheque to arrive. After this time the entry will be released and selected on a first paid first served basis. Where payment is by bank transfer entries will be selected on a first paid first served basis based on the order of receipt into KDMC's bank account subject to any entries being reserved for Clubmans entrants until 10th January and for cheque paying entrants. Post-dated cheques will not be accepted.

The entry fee will be £230, which includes lunch and refreshments during the day and prize-giving buffet on Saturday evening for two people.

All competitors should ensure they supply a valid e-mail address on their entry form. All communications with competitors prior to the event will be via e-mail. If a competitor does not wish to receive information in this format they need to notify the entries secretary.

The maximum combined entry of the Interclub and Clubmans events is 75. The maximum not 22 reserve entries may be accepted.

A minimum combined entry of 55 is required to run the events, should this figure not be reached the organisers reserve the right to cancel the events. Within that total the minimum number required to run the Clubmans event is 5, should this number not be reached the organisers reserve the right to cancel the Clubmans event.

Entries cancelled in writing by the closing date will receive a full refund. Thereafter, any refund in excess of the Motorsport UK per capita fees will be at the discretion of the organisers.

If unforeseen circumstances, including pandemic restrictions, should force the abandonment of the event at any time, the organisers reserve the right to retain a proportion of the entry fee to cover administrative costs. In the event of cancellation a minimum of the Motorsport UK per capita fees will be refunded.

## 13. Route

The total route length will be approximately 150 miles including private land mileage. It will comprise mainly sealed surface roads with some sections on tracks that may have broken surfaces. Fuel will be available on or near the route, locations will be specified in the final instructions via the road book for Inter Club competitors and in the roadbook issued at document collection for Clubmans competitors.

## 14. Route Instructions and Maps - Interclub Event

Navigation will be by relatively simple traditional means such as in-order map references, in-order spot heights, grid lines etc. Navigation instructions for the regularity sections will be provided in advance of starting each regularity and some will be given out at document collection (modifying NCR 13.4.2).

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The term 'road book' is the collective term used for all written route instructions issued for the event. A road book containing details of all the transport sections, Main Time Controls, Regularity Start Controls, Test Venues and fuel opportunities will be issued to all competitors with the Final Instructions. Stop and Give Way junctions (in accordance with NCR 13.4.2.3) will also be issued to competitors with the final instructions.

Test diagrams will be issued to competitors at document collection.

Competitors will require OS 1:50,000 (Landranger) map numbers 109, 117, and 118. Competitors are advised to obtain the latest versions of these maps as the navigation instructions will not be checked on earlier versions. Only a small section of map 109 is used and a photocopied extract will be supplied for this at document collection.

Navigational instructions will be issued at document collection, MTC1 and at suitable intervals during the event. There will be no "plot and bash".

The route has been measured in accordance with the Don Barrow method as outlined in the document available from the website.

## **15. Route Instructions and Maps - Clubmans Event**

Navigation will be by tulip roadbook, jogularity instructions or marked maps. Competitors will not be required to plot the route onto maps so no OS maps will be required to complete the event.

The road book containing details of all the transport sections, Main Time Controls, Regularity sections, Test diagrams, Stop and Give Way junctions (in accordance with NCR 13.4.2.3) and fuel opportunities will be issued to competitors at document collection.

## **16. Quiet Zones**

Along the route the organisers may establish Quiet Zones. In Quiet Zones competitors must proceed quietly in the highest gear possible. Quiet Zones will be notified to competitors in the route instructions and additionally in some cases by the use of "Q" boards on the route. The non-appearance of such boards does not invalidate the Quiet Zone and the onus lies with the competitor to comply with the route card/road book. The penalty for failure to observe the requirements of a Quiet Zone will be 1,800 seconds.

## **17. Road Section Timing and Control Procedure**

The rally will be run under Scheduled Time (NCR 13.5.4 and 13.5.5). Penalties will be applied using Time in accordance with NCR 13.7B.

The scheduled time for Car 0 at each Main Control will be given on the Timecard and competitors can determine their own scheduled time by adding their competitor number in minutes to this time. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that times are correctly recorded on the Timecard and that those Timecards are handed in when and where instructed.

The following types of control will be used (NCR 13.5.3):

i) **Main Time Controls (MTC)** (NCR 13.5.4) will be located at the start, lunch halt out and finish, and competitors must visit within their maximum lateness of 30 minutes in order to be classified as finishers. Cars must start from MTC1 and MTC2 at their due time as there is no penalty free lateness at these controls.

ii) **Passage Checks (PC)** (NCR 13.5.3.2) will be located at the morning coffee, lunch halt in and afternoon tea locations. There are no penalties for early or late arrival and no time will be recorded on the competitor's timecard. Marshals will provide a signature indicating proof of passage no earlier than the competitor's due time except for the PC at lunch where early arrival is allowed.

iii) **Secret / Passage Controls (SC)** may be situated at points on Regularity, Road or Test sections to ensure adherence to the prescribed route or to collect Timecards. They may be manned where competitors must stop and marshals will sign the competitor's Time Card or consist of code boards which should be recorded IN INK in the appropriate place on the Timecard.

iii) **Regularity Start Controls (RSC)** at the start of Regularity Sections. Some of these may be 'self-start' controls with no marshal but the Road Book will indicate the exact position of the start line (by a landmark) and there should also be a sign board confirming the position. The correct start time will be recorded on the time card by the marshals at the previous control but it is the competitor's responsibility to start at that time.

iv) **Intermediate Regularity Time Controls (IRTC)** where competitors' time of arrival will be recorded as they stop astride the line at the control point. The location of these controls will be secret. Stopping within sight of the control will be penalised unless road safety reasons are involved.

vii) **Test Start and Finishes (TS and TF)** at the start and finish lines of Tests.

If any control is unmanned, it will assume the status of a Secret Check. The entire route will be made up of Transport Sections, Regularity Sections (which may be on private land) and Special Tests on private land (NCR 13.4.6-8) - there are no Standard Sections and no Neutral Sections (NCR 13.4.4, and 13.4.5). Apart from IRTCs (and MTCs as (i) above) there are no early or late time penalties on the road.

The beginning of a Control Area (other than at TFs and IRTCs) will be indicated by a control board. Except at IRTCs, competing cars may enter the control in the minute preceding their due time, BUT NOT BEFORE, so that the time card may be filled in.

Regularity Start Controls and Special Tests can be visited at any time during which the control / test is open. Please arrive at Regularity and Test Starts at your scheduled time if possible without driving too fast and without breaking the  $\frac{3}{4}$  rule (NCR 13.5.19); this will assist the running of the event.

Except where specifically permitted, competitors may not pass through a Control of any kind more than once; may not turn round in a control and must approach and depart from the control in the directions specified or implied by the route instructions. The penalty for doing otherwise is equivalent to missing that control.

No section of road should be used more than once unless explicitly instructed.

In the event of a significant unscheduled delay at a Test Start or RSC, a competitor may ask the marshal to record an arrival time on the Time Card. This delay allowance may be used if necessary at the next MTC to extend the OTL time (NCR 13.5.5.8). The Final Instructions will detail exactly how Delay Allowance will operate.

## **18. Regularity Sections**

There will be regularity sections (NCR 13.4.6) in which competitors will be required to maintain a constant speed of 30mph or less. These may be held on private land.

These sections will be timed to the second. The scheduled time for each section will be determined by the average speed for that section based on the competitor's actual time at the previous control.

Competitors will be penalised 1 second per second early or late at each IRTC up to a maximum of 300 seconds at any one IRTC.

There may be more than one IRTC on each regularity section.

The organisers' official distance will be measured using a distance meter, which will have been set to give a reading as close as possible to the actual distances. Prior to the start of the event, competitors will be given the opportunity to set their own trip meters, or calculate discrepancies, on a circular route of about 5 miles.

## **19. Special Tests**

During the event there will be a number of Special Tests (NCR 13.4.8), timed to the second. Timing on Tests may either be by means of separate Start and Finish clocks or by a single stopwatch.

All crew members, tools, equipment etc must be carried safely in their normal places during each Test.

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Competitors must be ready to start each Test immediately on arrival. If they are not ready, they may be given the start signal anyway and their Test time taken from then.

Some Tests may require the completion of Codes by competitors, which must be done in INK. Specific instructions will be provided.

Competitors overshooting the Finish line **MUST NOT REVERSE BACK**. They will be allocated the time at which they stop plus the penalty for failing to stop astride (10 seconds added). A competitor who reverses back will be given the Maximum Time. Please clear the finish line and proceed to the marshal's timing point as soon as the marshal confirms the timing clock has been stopped to enable the marshal to record your time on your timecard.

It is possible that cars may close up towards the end of longer Tests, if this occurs and a following competitor indicates they wish to pass the slower car must allow them to pass as soon as it is safe to do so. Force majeure will apply should any competitor be baulked in these circumstances.

A Bogey Time for each Test will be published, based on a 30mph average speed maximum. A Maximum Time for each Test will be published this time is the maximum time that may be assigned for a Test that has been attempted. When determining whether a competitor has exceeded the maximum time their deemed time on a test will be their actual time taken plus any penalties.

A competitor's deemed time for each test will be calculated as follows :

a ) Taking the bogey time or less	Assigned bogey time
b ) Taking longer than the bogey time but less than the maximum time	Assigned actual time taken
c) Taking longer than the maximum time	Assigned maximum time
d) Striking a cone, marker or building	10 seconds per occasion added
e) Crossing a baulk line	10 seconds per occasion added
f) Failing to cross a line with all four wheels	10 seconds per occasion added
g) Failing to stop astride a line correctly	10 seconds per occasion added
h) Failing to stop in a box	10 seconds per occasion added
i) Making a false start	20 seconds per occasion added
j) Failing to correctly record a code board	20 seconds per occasion added
k) Taking the wrong route or otherwise failing to complete the test	Assigned maximum time
l) Making no attempt to stop astride at finish	Assigned maximum time
m) Not attempting a test	300 seconds
n) Additional penalties for specific requirements	As defined in the roadbook

The maximum penalty that may be incurred on any test that is attempted is the assigned maximum time.

## 20. Penalties

NCR 13.7B is modified as follows: Penalties will be expressed as seconds lost as follows:

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| (a) | Not reporting or reporting over 30 minutes after due time at a Main Time Control  | Deemed to have retired |
| (b) | Not reporting or reporting after closing time at a Regularity Start Control or Test Start; wrong direction of approach or departure from such a Control.                                  | 300 seconds            |
| (b) | Not reporting or reporting after closing time at an Intermediate Regularity Time Control, wrong direction of approach or departure from such a control                                    | 300 seconds            |
| (c) | Not complying with other requirements of the Time Cards, Route Cards and other written instructions including reporting at a control more than once.                                      | 300 seconds            |
| (d) | Not reporting at a Passage Check or Secret Check; wrong direction of approach or departure from a Passage Check or Secret Check; reporting at a Passage Check, Secret Check out of order. | 300 seconds            |

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(e)	Arriving at a Main Time Control before Scheduled Time, per minute.	120 seconds
(f)	Late arrival after due time at the Start MTC or Lunch Out MTC, per minute.	60 seconds
(h/j)	Early or Late arrival at an Intermediate Regularity Time Control on a Regularity Section, per second.	1 second
(h/j)	Maximum Penalty that may be incurred at any one Intermediate Regularity Time Control (including not visiting, wrong direction of approach or departure).	300 seconds
(k)	Breach of a statutory requirement concerning the driving of a motor vehicle.	1,800 seconds
(l)	Contravention of NCR 13.5.19 $\frac{3}{4}$ rule, first offence.	1,800 seconds

Each crew will drop their worst late time penalty at a visited IRTC which is situated on the public road.

**Other penalties apply as per NCR 13.7B and these SRs.**

To be classified as a finisher, competitors must visit every MTC within maximum permitted lateness (OTL) of 30 minutes and avoid the penalty of disqualification for any reason. Ties will be decided by reference to:

- i) Fewest penalties on the Regularity Sections
- ii) Fewest penalties on the Special Tests
- iii) Furthest cleanest.



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## 21. Results, Protests and Appeals

Provisional results will be posted as soon as possible following the end of the event.

Queries relating to each part of the results must be made to the Results Team via the Competitor Liaison Officer as soon as possible after the due time, or actual (if later), of posting of the results and in all cases within 30 minutes, using the form provided. Protests must be made in accordance with NCR 2.9. Appeals must be made in accordance with NCR 2.4.

### What is Ecurie Cod Fillet ?

From the inception of the Tour of Cheshire Rally in 2004 Curie Cod Fillet members have been an annual unique feature of the event, assisting with the organisation, marshalling and social aspects of the event. ECF is an invitation only club formed in the 1950s by Roy Fidler and John Hopwood for leading British rallyists. Indeed the bulk of the membership was formed in the 1960s era through participation in the Motoring News Championship which bred some formidable crews from competing in those epic 200 plus mile night rallies.



Initially it was primarily for British rallyists but famous names from other countries - Erik Carlsson, Timo Makinen, Rauno Aaltonen, Simo Lampinen and Hannu Mikkola (all winners of the RAC Rally) - soon became members! Today's membership is still an exclusive "under 300" and is a veritable "who's who" of the good old days of British rallying in the 1950s, 1960s and early 1970s. Messrs Fidler and Hopwood also started the first "closed-road" rally when they founded the Manx i(won by Reg McBride and Don Barrow) n 1963.

Reunions are held every few years, the most recent being in November 2025 at the Cranage Business Centre, Holmes Chapel. The Tour of Cheshire again looks forward to welcoming a good number of these rallyists of old to the 2026 Tour of Cheshire.

Sadly as each year passes the ECF membership rapidly diminishes in numbers but the old tradition of "Press on regardless" lives on.

I became an ECF member in 1959 and I can certainly claim to be the longest serving member to date.

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## 22. Awards

Awards will be given as follows:

Finishers Awards – to every finishing crew - two Cheshire Cheese Truckles from David Williams Cheese, of Crewe. These will be presented on the finishing line.

### Interclub Event

Overall Winning Crew	Trophies to driver and navigator
2nd Overall	Trophies to driver and navigator
3rd Overall	Trophies to driver and navigator

Class Awards -	Trophies to driver and navigator;
1st, 2nd and 3rd	Subject to 1 <sup>st</sup> in class with 5 or more starters
	2 <sup>nd</sup> in class with 8 or more starters
	3rd in class with 12 or more starters

No person may win more than one of the above awards.

## Don Barrow Rally Navigation

The first beginner crew will each receive a Trophy and two £30 vouchers for use at Don Barrow Rally [www.donbarrow.co.uk](http://www.donbarrow.co.uk).

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**First ANWCC Championship contenders**

Awards to 1st Driver and 1st Navigator

**First Knutsford & DMC members**

Awards to 1st Driver and 1st Navigator

**Best performance in a Mark 1 Ford Escort**

The Lloyd Watson Trophy

**Best performance on Regularities**

The Nigel Raeburn Memorial Trophy

**Clubmans Event**

Overall Winning Crew    Trophies to driver and navigator

Class Awards - 1st, 2nd and 3rd	Trophies to driver and navigator; Subject to 1 <sup>st</sup> in class with 5 or more starters 2 <sup>nd</sup> in class with 8 or more starters 3 <sup>rd</sup> in class with 12 or more starters
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**Any further awards will be notified in the Final Instructions.**

**23. Official Noticeboard**

The Official Notice Board will be located at Reaseheath College on Friday 6th March and moved to Crewe Vagrants Sports Club on Saturday 7th March.

The Sportity App will be used as a Virtual Notice Board. Login instructions will be included in the Final Instructions.

**24. Insurance**

Vehicles must have a valid motor insurance policy which provides as a minimum, Third Party Liability cover that complies with the Road Traffic Act. This can be either, by extending an existing motor policy to cover the event, or, by purchasing additional cover, providing under the Event Road Section Scheme as an adjunct to an existing motor policy.

If a competitor has an extension to their existing policy, they will be required to sign a declaration that the cover complies with the requirements of the Road Traffic Act. Any responsibility for a fraudulent or misleading declaration about existing cover lies with the competitor.

The organisers will apply to insurers for a third-party policy enabling those not covered by their regular insurance to satisfy the requirements of the Road Traffic Act. If a competitor wishes to purchase additional Road Section cover via the organisers then they can do so prior to the event providing they comply with the following:

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- is aged 19 years or over
- has held a full UK /EU driving licence for a minimum of 6 months
- has no more than 6 points on their licence and no bans of any kind
- has had no more than 1 fault claim in the last 3 years
- is a named driver on a valid motor insurance policy for the vehicle they are driving
- do not have the Third-Party Extension cover on their existing motor policy
- the vehicle has a valid MOT and taxed for the road, unless exempt from doing so

Anyone aged less than 19 years old will also be accepted at the same price should their co-driver be a more senior member of their family or over 25.

Any competitor who falls outside these parameters may be offered cover at equivalent terms or an agreed price, if approval from the Appointed Insurance Broker has been obtained by the event organisers, prior to the event. Approval can be sought by Event Organisers sending an email to the insurers (once confirmed) providing the Drivers' name and date of birth, the date they passed their driving test and details of any motoring claims and/or convictions.

Additional cover provided by this scheme is only effective whilst the vehicle is actively competing in the event and remains under the control or direction of the event organiser(s). Cover will cease immediately if you are precluded, excluded or retire from the event.

The Event Road Section scheme is likely to be provided by Kingfisher Motorsport Insurance. The exact amount will be confirmed with full insurance details in the Final Instructions.

Drivers who require this service should indicate this in the insurance section of the entry form. The organisers will contact the relevant drivers prior to the event to confirm price and arrange payment before the event.

## **25. Assistance**

No organised assistance will be allowed. Cars may only be worked on by their own or by other competitors, using tools and parts carried in their competing cars, or at *bona fide* garages.

## **26. Observer**

The event will appoint Driving Standards Observers (NCR 13.2.3.6), who will also be Judges (NCR 13.2.3.3). The items that they will adjudicate on will be listed on the Official Notice Board and the Virtual Notice Board, see SR22.

**27. Trailer Parking** - Trailers may be left at the owners own risk from the Friday evening at Dairy House Farm (118/ 65815 56833) - the exact details will be provided in the Final Instructions.

**28. Acknowledgements** - Our sponsors, venue landowners, marshals and residents en route. A full list of acknowledgements will appear in the Final Instructions.

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