



HATSFORD TARGA ROAD RALLY

on

Sunday, 13th September 2020

A round of the Cotswold Targa Road Rally Championship



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Last year's winners, Paul Bevan & Adrian Gwynne and Brian Andrews & James Leighton

Introduction

Welcome to the third running of the Hatsford Targa Road Rally, and to what we believe is still the only grass single venue Targa Road Rally to be held anywhere.

The event will be a little different this year because of the restrictions forced on us all by Coronavirus and the resulting Covid-19 pandemic. It is essential that all prospective competitors read the following page of these regulations concerning Covid-19 so that they understand all that will be required of them (and us!) in the lead up to the event, during the event, and after the event.

The event has proved to be a big hit with the competitors for the last two years, so, with only slight alterations in a few areas, you will be able to sample over 24 miles of competitive driving (and navigating) in total in only six tests. This is definitely something to get your teeth into – the total competitive time for the winners is expected to be well over an hour. This mileage is almost unheard of for a single venue Targa, and is excellent value for money as the entry fee is only effectively £55. The £5 increase from last year is due solely to Motorsport UK's blanket £5 extra permit fee across all events from 1st January 2020. As we were short of marshals a couple of years ago, we introduced an incentive last year for each crew that brings a marshal. You will be paying £65 as the entry fee, with £10 cash back at the event to each crew who brings a marshal who signs on and marshals for the day. The marshals will also get goodie bags and a chuck wagon voucher.

Although the ASWMC Targa Road Rally Championship has unfortunately fallen by the wayside this year, the Cotswold Targa Championship is still running (at present). Therefore, there is an Interclub event for those championship contenders and for those with Interclub licences who do not wish to join the Ross Club. The entry fee is the same for either event. For the Clubman event, you will need to have the (free) RS Clubman competition licence, and the Clubman event is only open to members of the organising Club, of course. If you are not already a member of Ross and District Motor Sports, then half year membership from 1st August to 31st December costs just £10 per person.

The surface for the tests (and paddock) is virtually all grass. The venue is long established pastureland which should prove fairly durable and not cut up too much. Again, we did look at easing the tyre restrictions from the past two years, but we need to protect the ground as much as possible, so we are retaining our stipulations on the tyres that can be used; see ASR11 for full details. Also, only two wheel drive cars will be permitted. Although the surface is reasonably smooth and will be non-damaging at reasonable pace, we would recommend the fitting of underbody protection for the more enthusiastic competitors.

As this is a Road Rally, cars must comply with normal Road Rally regulations. This is all itemised in the following ASR's.

We look forward to receiving your on-line entries for this cracking day of Motor Sport.

James and Simon

COVID-19 Summary of requirements

In order to run the event safely in the current circumstances, it has been necessary to introduce a number of changes for the safety of the competitors, marshals and organisers. These regulations have been compiled using the Motorsport UK and Government Guidelines as at the time of writing.

A summary of the measures introduced are:

BEFORE the Event

- A requirement that competitors don't enter if they, or anyone that they have been in contact with, have displayed Coronavirus symptoms in the 14 days prior to the event and to sign a declaration to that effect.
- If you are in a vulnerable category or have been asked to self-isolate please do not enter.
- If you, or anyone you are in contact with, are unwell before the event, you do not attend. If you are uncertain about any of the above measures, please do not enter this event.
- Online entry and payment only.
- Electronic documentation in advance.
- Pre-event declaration for signing on, with remote checking of licences possible and possible Motorsport UK verification.
- Pre-event Scrutineering self-declared with external visual checks, and maybe remote internal checks on the day. Also DVLA checking of MOT's and Road Fund Licence.

With legislation and guidance changing regularly, having to cancel the event is always possible.

DURING the Event

- A dedicated Covid-19 officer will be present to ensure that these measures are adhered to.
- All present must comply with any request from the Covid-19 officer.
- Only the crew are allowed on the site – no spectators, no mechanics and no friends will be permitted. This is to ensure that the list of people present is full and complete in order that Test & Trace can be implemented if needed.

Prospective competitors must agree to the following:

- Comply with the social distancing of '1 metre plus' at all times
- Every vehicle to carry hand sanitiser, 60% alcohol content for use by the occupants, noting the flammable nature of the sanitiser and that hands must be fully dried before coming into contact with sources of ignition, such as smoking. Or wipes with a minimum 60% alcohol content are acceptable in lieu of sanitiser.
- Facial Covering for all competitors while occupying the competing car. The mouth and nose must be covered by a tightly-fitting covering, particularly with regard to the sides of the nose. Care must be taken when removing all facial coverings, in line with Government guidance. For occupants of the same household the requirement for facial covering is recommended.
- During an event only the crew members may sit in or move the car.
- Portable toilets with hand sanitisers will be available.
- Separate hand washing facilities and a sanitising station will be available.

AFTER the Event

If any attendee on the day feels unwell with possible Covid-19 symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19, they **MUST** contact the organisers so that they can alert other attendees of the situation.

Hatsford Targa Road Rally

Supplementary Regulations

1. Ross & District Motor Sports Limited will organise dual permit Interclub and Clubman Targa Road Rallies on Sunday 13th September 2020.
The whole event will take place at Hatsford, Aylton, Herefordshire, HR8 2QJ, 149/645364.
2. The meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of Motorsport UK. (Incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), by these Supplementary Regulations and by any other written instructions that the organising club may issue for the event.
3. Motorsport UK Permits **116164 (Interclub) & 116163 (Clubman)** have been issued.
- 4a. The Interclub event is open to all fully elected members of the organising Club and Clubs within the AWMMC, ASWMC, WAMC and Cotswold Motor Sport Group and must produce a valid Club Membership card from an invited club at documentation, if requested.
- 4b. The Clubman event is only open to all fully elected members of the organising Club. Each Clubman competitor must be a member of Ross and District Motor Sports Ltd on the date of the event. For those not already members, full membership is available at £10 each person (£4 for under 18's) from 1st August for the rest of the calendar year. This can be accepted on-line with the entry fee.
5. Motorsport UK Competition Licences are required for all crew members in both events; Interclub crew members must have an Interclub licence and Clubman crew members must have at least an RS Clubman licence. Licences may be inspected at documentation, and competitors will be declaring the fact that they have appropriate licences in the pre-event documentation. All drivers must have a full valid RTA driving licence for a car. Navigators must be at least 12 years of age. If either are under 18 they must have the appropriate legal consent of parent/guardian/guarantor.
6. The Interclub event is a round of the BP Motor Bodybuilders Cotswold Motor Sport Group in association with AWMMC (38/2020).
7. The programme of the meeting will be:

	4th August	These regulations will be published.
1900 on Wednesday	12th August	Entries open.
1200 on Friday	4th September	Entries Close.
	Sunday 6th September	Final Instructions e-mailed.
1200 on Thursday	10th September	Completed pre-event declarations must have been returned by every competitor.
0700 on Sunday	13th September	Scrutineering, Sound Test and Documentation open.
Any competitor not signed on by 0840 will not be allowed to start and will be replaced by a reserve.		
0845		Above formalities close.
0900		Standard time of First Car starting.
1630		Approximate finish time of first car.

8. There will be **Six classes**, across the two events - viz:

I 1 Interclub crews competing in 2WD cars with engines of under 1401cc.

I 2 Interclub crews competing in 2WD cars with engines of more than 1400cc.

CE 1 Clubman Expert crews competing in 2WD cars with engines of under 1401cc.

CN 1 Clubman Novice crews competing in 2WD cars with engines of under 1401cc.

CE 2 Clubman Expert crews competing in 2WD cars with engines of more than 1400cc.

CN 2 Clubman Novice crews competing in 2WD cars with engines of more than 1400cc.

Classification of crew are defined as: **EXPERT** – where the driver has competed in 5 or more rallies with special tests as a driver in the last five years, or won their class in such an event. **NOVICE** – where the driver has competed in less than 5 rallies with special tests as a driver in the last five years, and has not won their class in such an event.

Only Endurance Road Rallies, Historic Road Rallies, Targa Road Rallies and Road Rallies should be taken into account for the above classifications. The organisers reserve the right to amend an entry in a different class if they deem it fairer to do so.

9. Public roads will not be used. The paddock will be a flat grass field (a paddock!). It is a large field and there is plenty of space for competitors to spread about and maintain anti-social distancing. It is planned that there will be six tests on private land with a total test distance of approximately 25 miles. The surface will be 99% grass/earth. The tests will be set at an average speed of 30 mph or less and timed to the second.

10. All vehicles must be taxed for the public highway and have a current MOT which must be produced on demand. A check for valid Road Fund Licence and MOT will be carried out using the DVLA on-line database prior to the event. The vehicle's V5 document must be produced on request for proof of ownership and legal notification of vehicle specification. As the event is held entirely on private land, insurance for a road rally is not required.

All vehicles must further comply with Motorsport UK Technical Regulations and in particular with J5 and R18 (Road Rallies) or R19 (Historic Road Rallies). Engines must have a maximum of four cylinders, not more than two carburettor chokes (or have a standard injection system) and no more than one camshaft per bank of cylinders unless originally fitted with fuel injection. Forced induction is only allowed where it is a standard fitting for petrol and diesel engines under 1500cc. Category Two, Three and Four historic vehicles which do not fully comply with Technical Regulations R18.2 will **NOT** be allowed. Waivers under R19.5 will not be applied for. 4WD cars are **NOT** permitted.

Each car must carry a Small Spill Kit, a Warning Triangle, an OK/SOS Board and a groundsheet large enough to park their car on, and which must be used when the car is being worked upon. Paintwork is not required to be one colour, and advertising is permitted up to 1250cm² in total. This is the equivalent of two sheets of A4 paper. Anything larger will have to be removed. Cars must be road legal in all respects (except road rally insurance), with full interior trim fitted – rear seats (unless 2 seater), headlining, full carpets and door cards.

Cars will only be allowed to start or continue if they are in compliance with Road Rally Sound Test regulations – 98dB(A) at 0.5m or 86dB(A) at 2.0m at $\frac{2}{3}$ maximum engine rpm. In-car cameras and Go-Pro's etc will not be permitted. Self-declaration of all aspects of vehicle compliance will be accepted prior to the day of the event and compliance with the event schedule laid out in these ASR's, but spot checks by the scrutineers will be carried out before the start or during the event.

11. Tyres must be normal road pattern tyres and must be 'E' marked.

Use of the following tyres are prohibited:

- a) those having any of the following patterns, inscriptions or manufacturers' designations: 'All Seasons', 'Grip', 'Snow', 'Special Use', 'Town & Country', 'Mud & Snow', 'M+S', 'M.S.', 'M&S' or the Three Peaks Mountain or Snowflake symbols;
- b) those having additional grooves intentionally cut into the tread pattern [post manufacture].
- c) those constructed primarily for off-road and motor sport use;

If you have any doubt about the legality of your tyres, please contact the Clerk of the Course in advance. 07966 790983 or hatsford@gmail.com

12. Entries will only be accepted via the on-line entry system. Any postal entries received will be rejected with the form and cheque being shredded.

13. The entry list opens at 1900 on 12th August and closes finally at noon on Friday 4th September 2020, or earlier if fully subscribed and including fifteen reserves. The entry fee is **£65.00** for both Interclub and Clubman events. **HOWEVER**, there will be a **£10 cashback** on the day to each crew who supply one or more marshals. Marshals must be signed on and be on-post (from the start of Test One to the finish of Test Six) throughout the day. A relief may be available at times during the day. **Also see ASR 16.**

Competitors in the Clubman event who are not already members of the organising Club, must join R&DMSL at £10 per person – see ASR4.

All entries must be made via the WEB ENTRY system at <https://mtc1.uk/Entry/HatsfordTarga20/EntryForm.php> with the competitor sending the entry fee by BACS to the Club Account. Santander 09-01-29 Ross and District Motor Sports Ltd 34908761 Please use the reference HT - - - - - where the blanks are the driver's surname. EG "HTHARRIS".

The organising Club's Privacy Notice is on the Club website. All competitors agree that, by submitting an entry, the organising Club may wish to publish their personal data as part of the organisation of the event. This data may include (but is not limited to) name, club affiliation, occupation and age category, entry lists, competition times, results, insurance, licences and safety. We may pass such information to Motorsport UK, national governing body and/or the FIA or any affiliated organisation.

Fully completed and Paid-up entries will be taken in order of receipt and will be acknowledged by e-mail (only) as accepted, reserve status or refused. **TBA is not an acceptable name of a competitor or car**, so ensure entries are fully completed to have a chance of being accepted. Accepted entries will be moved to the 'entry accepted' part of the on-line list after payment has been received. Once an entry has been accepted, only one change of Driver or Navigator or Car will be accepted. Any further change will mean that the entry will be moved to the back of the entry list or reserve list if the entry list is already full. Final Instructions will be e-mailed (only) to all entrants a week before the event and posted on the Club website. The starting order will be determined by the organisers.

14. The maximum entry for the meeting is 50 and the minimum is 30. Double driving of a car is not permitted, and a competitor may not both drive and navigate. We have looked at it, but we found that the tests are too long for the logistics to work for double driving. The minimum for each class is 3. Should any of the above minimum figures not be reached, the organisers reserve the right either to cancel the meeting or to amalgamate classes as they see appropriate. Entry fees will be refunded in full if written (e-mailed, not telephone or anti-social media) notice of withdrawal of entry is received before the closing date. Thereafter, any refund will be at the discretion of the organisers. Reserves who do not get a run will be refunded in full. If the event is cancelled by the organisers for weather or other reasons before the start, then entry fees will be refunded in full.

15. Officials

Clerk of the Course	James Griffiths hatsford@gmail.com
Assistant Clerk of the Course	Charlie Rees
Secretary & Entries Secretary	Simon Harris

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Chief Scrutineer	Rob John (with Neil White assisting)
Environmental Scrutineer	John G. Morgan
Chief Timekeeper	Phil Jones
Joint Chief Marshals	Luke Benson luk3b3nson@gmail.com 07498 279750 Richard Rogers richardrogers@talk21.com 07831 129055
Competitor Liaison	Simon Harris
Covid-19 Officer	Tim Kearsey
Results	Neil Forrest
Stewards	Dood Pearce and

In line with Motorsport UK recommendations, the Club have appointed a Club Safeguarding Officer. Carol Morgan will be in attendance or can be contacted on 07882 665989.

16. ALL offers to marshal on the event will be happily received by the Chief Marshals. Just e-mail them or phone them (not after 9PM) – details above. All marshals (including those who are marshalling for a crew) will receive a small goodie bag and a food & drink voucher as a token of the organisers' thanks.

17. After successful completion of scrutineering and documentation, crews will be supplied with their Rally Pack, containing Safety Information and Test Safety Procedures, Test Diagrams, Time Record Sheet and Rally Plate/Numbers. Competitors will be required to make up any lateness at the start of the tests and be ready to start a test when requested to do so by an Official. The time record sheet is to help competitors' own record keeping. See ASR20.

18. Competitors will be identified by a rally plate to be displayed to the **REAR** of the car, and by numbers to be displayed on, or just below, the rear side windows. These plates/numbers will be provided by the organisers. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that these numbers **remain clear** throughout the event.

19. There will be no awards this year

20. Timing and controls

The event will consist of Special Tests. Test diagrams will be provided that will clearly show the correct route to be followed. Timing will be by digital clocks with times rounded down to the previous whole second. Cars will start at one minute intervals. If gaps appear in the running order, these will be closed up to allow for the smooth running of the event. There will be no time cards this year. The definitive times will be maintained by the test start and finish timekeepers, with passage checks and Stop&Go marshals also maintaining records of passage and route compliance.

It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they comply with the route instructions on the route cards (test diagrams).

Timing on Tests. At a Test Start Time Control (**STC**) each crew is given a start time in hours, minutes and seconds – normally the next whole minute – and this will be written on the timekeeper’s Time Card. The crew may wish to write this time on their record sheet. The timekeeper assumes the crew is ready to start the test and counts the crew down to the written start time. At a Test Finish Time Control (**FTC**) the competitor's time will be recorded on the timekeeper’s Time Card in hours, minutes and seconds. This time will be told to the competitors who may wish to write this time on the record sheet. The timekeepers’ Time Cards (start and finish) will be relayed to the results team at intervals during competition. All Tests have a Minimum Time set at 30 mph or less and a Maximum Time varying from test to test. Penalties are as follows:

Under Minimum	Minimum Time
Over Minimum Time and under Maximum Time	Actual Time
Over Maximum Time	Maximum Time

Passage Controls (PC) will be established at points on the Tests to verify adherence to the route. These manned Passage Controls will consist of a stop line between two cones. Cars must stop astride the line before proceeding on the test once the Stop&Go lollipop is lifted. The PC marshal will record compliance of correct route and compliant stopping on his checksheet. If the car does not stop astride the stop line, the marshal will note the misdemeanour on his check sheet and a penalty will apply.

21. Marking and Penalties will be by the following:

On Special Tests

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| i) Making a false start | 30 sec |
| ii) Every second taken to complete a test | 1 sec |
| iv) Not complying with the correct procedure at a PC | 60 secs |
| v) Striking a bollard, barrier or pylon or crossing the barrier of a test | 10 sec |
| vi) Failing to stop at any line or specified position as required | 30 sec |
| vii) Not complying with a specific requirement of a Test as defined in the Road Book, Completing a manoeuvre incorrectly e.g. zag-zig instead of zig-zag through cones or wrong way round one cone | 30 sec |
| viii) Making no attempt at a manoeuvre | 30 sec |
| ix) Wrong Test – including vii and/or viii (above) twice | Maximum Time |
| x) Reversing back to the finishing line | 60 sec |
| xi) Driving in a dangerous manner or likely to bring the sport into disrepute | Disqualification |
| xii) Reversing after a split or returning to a split from the wrong direction | Disqualification |
| xiii) Not complying with event regulations concerning Covid-19 | Exclusion |

If a crew realise that they have made a route error while in the same field, they may return safely to a place before where the error was made, and complete the manoeuvre correctly without penalty, having due regard to other competitors who must be given priority.

Whatever penalties are accrued on a test, the maximum penalty will be the specified maximum time for that test – except as in xi and xii above.

22. Indicative Results will be published through the day on the internet (more details will be in the FI’s) and **Provisional Results** will be published as soon as possible after the last crew finishes as D26.1. Any query should be made known to the organisers through the CLO (via text message) as soon as possible, and any protest (via text message) must be lodged in accordance with C5.

23. All other General Regulations of Motorsport UK apply as written except for the following which are modified:

R15.1 To be classified as a finisher, the crew together with the car which started the event must start and finish every test and visit MC2 without incurring the penalty of disqualification.

R11.1 Controls open 5 minutes before the scheduled time of the first car and close 10 minutes after the scheduled time of the last car.

24. Ties will be resolved to the benefit of the crew with the lesser overall penalty on the first test including cone/post/PC penalties. Then the second test and so on until the tie is resolved.

25. Judges of Fact will be appointed by the organisers and will include all marshals. **Driving standards** will be monitored carefully. Driving Standards Observers will be appointed in accordance with R8.3 to R8.5 and will report any driver for dangerous or inconsiderate driving (including baulking) to the Clerk of the Course who has the power to disqualify the crew.

26. Competitors must not carry any form of intercom (ie any method of voice amplification) or any radio transmitting device. Mobile phones must be switched off at all times while the tests are live. Once a mobile telephone is seen to be in use, the competitor is deemed to have retired or will be disqualified. As this event is essentially a Road Rally, no crash helmets may be worn.

27. Please note that under the event Motorsport UK permit and insurance there is an excess for any accidental damage caused to property on private land used on the event and the organisers reserve the right to recover an amount up to £450 from a competitor.

28. Recreational use of drones is not allowed at events run under a Motorsport UK Permit. Neither Go-Pros, nor in-car Cameras will be allowed.

29. The photographers in attendance at the event will be:-
Andrew Manston mandhphotography.co.uk

30. There will be professional caterers present. Please support them as they are there for you and the marshals. You must keep to the anti-social distancing while in the queue for this facility. Also that once you have been served, please move away from the immediate environs to allow others to be served. Please also allow the marshals to jump the queue as their downtime will be much shorter than yours.

We hope you will enjoy your day's motor sport