# Hatsford Targa Road Rally 2021 Final Instructions

1. Thank you for your entry.

Your competition number is shown on the accompanying entry list. If you have any amendments (especially to car or class or contact details) please update your entry on-line or contact the entries secretary at <u>simonharris8@outlook.com</u> as soon as possible. Remember, if you have to withdraw for any reason, please contact Simon who will inform the next reserve of their good news.

### 2. Notes and amendments to SR's.

ASR 21 Penalties. Add xiv) Using tyres that contravene the event regulations, the penalty is disqualification and you will not be allowed to start any more tests.

#### 3. Covid actions and provisions

Things will operate a little differently this year because of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic. We will be following the Government Guidelines and Motorsport UK Covid-19 Guidance from 19th July 2021.

Please help us to make the event proceed smoothly and legally.

a) We do request that you monitor your own health and wellbeing, stay aware of potential COVID-19 symptoms, and do not attend the event if you suspect any illness.

• If you develop COVID-19 symptoms at any time, please report it immediately to the club COVID Officer or Competition Liaison Officers via mobile phone and leave the premises, with as little contact with other individuals as possible.

• Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms must not attend any events, or if on site, leave and self-isolate immediately.

• If you are identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person, do not attend the site. If already at the event, leave and self-isolate immediately.

b) It is not a requirement that either or both crew members have to wear face coverings in the car, but you may do so if you wish.

c) When not in the car, we suggest that everybody keeps at least two metre distance from each other.

d) It is not a requirement that each car needs to carry hand sanitiser, but you may wish to do so. There will be a supply of hand sanitiser on a table near the toilet cubicles.

# 4. Getting to the event.

Please note the suggested route to the venue, and don't disturb the peaceful villages of Aylton, Putley and Rushall on your way to the event at 0700 on a Sunday morning – especially with a noisy trailer..... See accompanying maps. Thank you.

# 5. Competitor Briefing

We will be sending out a 'Competitor Briefing' e-mail next Saturday (on the eve of the event after set-up is completed – probably 1700 or 1800 -ish. This will be instead of a face to face or group competitors' briefing on Sunday morning.

# 6. Chuck Wagon

There will be a chuck wagon in attendance throughout the day, serving from 0730. Please support them. However, as will be mentioned below, please also allow any marshals to jump the queue as their time 'off duty' will be shorter than yours. Also, please maintain a two metre gap while queuing or having been served.

# 7. Programme and Scrutineering

On arrival, please park in the paddock, which is through the first gate on the right off the driveway and will be arrowed – easier turning this year! There will be full scrutineering. Among other things, the scrutineers will check that your tyres comply with the event regulations. If they don't, you will not be allowed to start the event, you will get no refund and your place will be taken by an eager reserve. Once you have passed scrutineering, one of the crew may take your scrutineering pass to the green Ross Club documentation gazebo to collect your Rally Pack. Ross Club Cards (if joining for this event) will be in your Rally Pack. The rally packs will have been made up some days beforehand, so the contents should be 'safe'.

The earlier you arrive, the more time you'll get to look at the test diagrams and read the accompanying notes concerning the layout and event procedures... and have breakfast. To save disturbing the local residents too early on a Sunday morning, the Sound Test will be held on completion of Test One. Competitors may not leave the paddock and go a-wandering. You can see a couple of fields from the paddock to get the idea of what is planned for you. Don't trespass!

Sunday Timetable

| 06.45 | Venue Gate opens.                                 |
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| 07.00 | Scrutineering and Documentation opens.            |
| 08.45 | Scrutineering and Documentation closes.           |
|       | There will be no Competitors' briefing this year. |
| 09.00 | Standard time of starting Test One.               |
| 16.50 | Approximate finish time of last Car on Test Six.  |
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# 8. <u>Tyres.</u>

From the number of communications that we have had with some of you, it appears that not everybody understands the tyre restriction that we have imposed for this event. It is clearly laid out in the event ASR's and although they have not changed since before you entered the event, we repeat them here. If you are found with tyres that do not comply, you will not be allowed to start the event, there will no refunds and your place will be taken by a grateful reserve. If this is during the event, you will be disqualified and not allowed to start any more tests. We need to be fair to the landowner who has asked that his land is not destroyed by tyres that will create too much damage; also to the other competitors who have complied. You will not be allowed to use EXTREME VR3 tyres, and of course, your tyres must comply with L3.2 It is a Road Rally, don't forget.

**ASR11.** 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 Snowflake symbol;

**b**) those showing any signs of the above markings being removed.

c) those having additional grooves intentionally cut into the tread pattern [post manufacture].

d) 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

While on the subject of tyres, there were a fair number (maybe 15 or 20) of tyre deflations a couple of years ago – mostly from tyres coming off rims, rather than punctures. You are advised not to reduce tyre pressures just because you are competing on grass, or even wet grass, but to perhaps inflate them somewhat to increase sidewall rigidity and steering feel.

### 9. DVLA Checks, Spill Kit and Rally Plate

Competitors are reminded that they are required to carry a small Spill Kit, as per J5.20.13 Our ASR17 requires the rally plate to be fixed to the **<u>REAR</u>** of the car, and the numbers are to be fixed to each side of the car (preferably high on rear windows) for marshals' identification purposes.

Please remember that this is a road rally, and your car needs to be road legal. Your vehicle will be checked on the DVLA website for MOT and Road Fund Licence before the event.

#### 10. Test Diagrams and Timecards

For added clarity, the test diagrams are all printed in colour on A3 size paper, and therefore you may wish to have some sort of map board to keep them flat. You will be carrying traditional Timecards to be used for recording Start and Finish times; not for Passage Controls or Route Checks. You should hand the timecards in to the Documentation Area at the end of each Test. Competitors will start Tests One to Four at 30 second intervals. Tests Five & Six will be started at One Minute intervals. Full details will be in the Roadbook.

#### 11. Marshals

Marshals should go to the Chief Marshal who will be well away from the paddock. Access to him is via the first entrance on the LEFT after entering the farm driveway. Please can marshals be all signed on before 0745 for their briefing and to be led out to their positions before 0830. Marshals will have small radios to be able to communicate with their Chief Marshal. Their lunch break will be from about 1300 to 1400. The marshals' time off-duty will be shorter than for the competitors, so please let them have preference at the chuck wagon. If you are bringing a welcome marshal, please ask your marshal to bring a clipboard, pen, a hammer and a hi-viz jacket/bib. We'll supply the rest, including a goodie bag, food voucher and there will be a £10 rebate to the competitor.

#### 12. Footpaths and Farm Trespass

Although there are no public footpaths in the area of the Tests, there is one that runs through the paddock. Please drive with care, do not block the footpath and respect users' rights to be there.

Nobody must go into the farm buildings at any time during the day. Livestock is being housed there while you play in <u>their</u> fields. Also, farm tractors, trailers and other implements are not toys and should not be clambered upon, or even touched.

#### 15. Litter

Please take all you litter home with you. This is a working farm and the animals will be let back into their fields on the completion of competition. The owner does not want them eating your crisp packets, banana skins, apple cores etc. It would be appreciated if some help could be given in breaking down the posts/arrows/cones at the end of the day. Thankyou.

#### 16. **<u>Refuelling</u>**

There will not be a designated refuelling area, and we do not wish to see any refuelling on site. The event is relatively short and you are expected to have enough fuel in your car to complete the 31 competitive miles.

#### 17. Results

Results will not be displayed at the event, but will be available at intervals during the day. Results will be uploaded to Dropbox after each test has been completed and the marshals checksheets have been collected and contents noted. Do not enter the Club Gazebo at any time, on pain of exclusion. The link for the Dropbox page is

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/chit3s5f1c0z6it/AABbbeFE5zlyJ5jw6Y29ANE4a?dl=0

After the event – probably sometime on Monday – the results will be available on <u>www.rossmotorsports.co.uk</u>

Andrew Manston from M&H Photography will be in attendance, and his proofs will be sent to you.

# We hope you enjoy your day's motor sport - safely