



HATSFORD TARGA ROAD RALLY

on

Sunday, 4th August 2024

**A round of the BP Motor Bodybuilders Cotswold
BTRDA Silver Star
and DL Motorsport Parts Ltd ASWMC
Targa Road Rally Championships**



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Last year's winners were
Trevor Disney and Aaron Toms_(interclub) and Will & Lisa Rogers_(clubman)

Introduction

Welcome to the seventh 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 has proved to be a big hit with the competitors for the last six years, so, with only slight alterations in a few areas, you will be able to sample over 30 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 will be well over an hour. We have increased the entry fee slightly, but Paramedic cover and a professional results service (rather than in-house as in some previous years) doesn't come free. The event still offers good value for money as the entry fee is effectively only £82 if you bring a marshal. As we were short of marshals a couple of years ago, we introduced an incentive for each crew that brings a marshal. You will be paying £92 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 great goodie bags and a chuck wagon voucher.

The event is a round of the Cotswold, ASWMC and BTRDA Silver Star Targa Road Rally Championships. Therefore, there is an Interclub event for those championship contenders and for those with Interclub licences who do not wish to join Ross Club or one of the invited Clubs. The entry fee is the same for both events. For the Clubman event, you will need to have the (free) RS Clubman competition licence, and the Clubman event is open to members of the organising Club and other invited clubs, of course. If you are not already a member of Ross and District Motor Sports or one of the invited Clubs, then half year membership from 1st August to 31st December costs just £12 per person. Entry fee payments with or without membership(s) can only be made by BACS or PayPal. Full details (**which you must read**) are in ASR12.

The surface for the tests (and paddock) is virtually all grass. The venue is long established pastureland which has proved fairly durable and does not cut up too much. Again, we did look at easing the tyre restrictions from the past 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, and all cars must comply with Motorsport UK Road Rally regulations and the new-for-2024 Targa Road Rally regulations. 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, Charlie, Eddie, Simon, Matt and the rest of the team

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Supplementary Regulations

1. Ross & District Motor Sports Limited will organise dual permit Interclub and Clubman Targa Road Rallies on Sunday 4th August 2024.

The whole event will take place at Hatsford, Aylton, Herefordshire, HR8 2QJ, 149/645364. What3words ///warm.suggested.cowboy

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 **133917 (Interclub) & 133918 (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, BTRDA and Cotswold Motor Sport Group who must produce a valid Club Membership card from an invited club at documentation, if requested.

4b. The Clubman event is open to all fully elected members of the organising Club and the following Motor Clubs; Tavern Motor Club, Herefordshire Motor Club, Oxford Motor Club, Cotswold Motor Sport Group Competitors Club, Cheltenham Motor Club, South Oxon Car Club, HOVAC. Up to eight other Clubs may be added to this list on request. For those not already members, full membership of Ross & District MSL is available at £12 each person (£5 for under 18's) from 1st August for the rest of the calendar year. This can be accepted on-line with the entry fee, and Club Cards will be in your event rally pack.

5. Motorsport UK Competition Licences are required for all crew members in both events; Interclub crew members must have an Interclub licence or higher grade, 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 crew 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 (CH2024Rally032[D]), the DL Motorsport Parts Ltd ASWMC (CH2024Rally047[E]) and the REIS Silver Star BTRDA (CH2024Rally030) Targa Road Rally Championships.

7. The programme of the meeting will be:

	25th June	These regulations will be published.
1900 on Tuesday	2nd July	Entries open.
1200 on Wednesday	24th July	Entries Close.
	Sunday 28th July	Final Instructions published.
1200 on Wednesday	31st July	Completed pre-event declarations must have been returned by every competitor.
0700 on Sunday	4th August	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 Car Zero 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 to 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 30 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. By virtue of the entire event taking place wholly on private property, competing vehicles need not be taxed for the public highway, but they must have a current MOT which must be produced on demand – unless the car is exempt. In addition, competing cars must comply with all statutory regulations as to the Construction and Use Regulations (especially regarding brakes, lighting, tyres, warning devices, rear view mirrors, silencers, speedometers, wings and windscreens). In this section, the term MODEL refers to all variants of the same family of cars. In addition to complying with Section J all cars competing in Road Rallies must comply with the appropriate part of the following: Body. Vehicles of commercial type, such as vans/pickups (J5.20.6) are not permitted.

A check for valid 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 R21 (Targa 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 engines under 1500cc and diesel engines under 2000cc actual capacity, providing that the complete original induction system is retained unmodified other than the replacement of the air filter element. 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.

In accordance with R21.6, each car must carry a First Aid Kit, 2 High visibility vests or jackets, 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.

11. Tyres must be normal road pattern tyres, comply with L3.2 and must be 'E' marked. A total of six tyres can be used by a crew during the event. **Use of these tyres is 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 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;
- e) Extreme VR3 tyres will NOT be permitted.

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. **DO NOT pay an entry fee** before entries open. All entries must only be made via the WEB ENTRY system at <https://mtc1.uk/Entry/HatsfordTarga24/EntryForm.php> **Fully completed entries will be taken in order of receipt. TBA is not an acceptable name of a competitor or car**, so you should ensure that entries are fully completed to have a chance of being accepted. Similarly, a full stop or single letter is not a name, number or address. Once you have entered and received the automated acknowledgement e-mail, you will have been designated an entry number. If your number is **60 or less**, then you should pay for your entry fee within the next three days (before noon on Saturday 6th July). Accepted entries will be moved to the 'entry accepted' part of the on-line list after payment has been received. This will be considered notification to you of your entry being accepted. If you do not pay the entry fee before the aforesaid date, your entry will go to the back of the full entry list. If your entry number is **above 60, DO NOT PAY** until requested to do so by the organising Club. Once an entry has been accepted, only one change of Driver or Navigator or Car will be accepted. Any further change will mean the entry will be moved to the back of the entry list. The entry list opens at 1900 on Tuesday 2nd July and closes finally at noon on Wednesday 24th July, or earlier if fully subscribed and including fifteen reserves.

13. The entry fee is **£92.00** 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, there will be a lunch break and **also see ASR 16**. Competitors in the Clubman event who are not already members of the organising Club or an invited Club, may join R&DMSL at £12 per person – see ASR4. Entry fees can be paid by PayPal or by BACS to the Club Account. Santander 09-01-29 Ross and District Motor Sports Ltd 34908761 Please use the reference HT?? - - - - - where the query marks are your Entry Number and the blanks are the driver's surname. EG "HT42HARRIS". If paying by PayPal, please use the link on the Hatsford page of the Club website www.rossmotorsports.co.uk or the link within the automated acceptance e-mail. Please ensure that you pay the correct amount by clicking the appropriate link – e.g. Entry fee only (£92), Entry plus one membership fee (£104) or Entry plus two membership fees (£116). If it is not obvious from your PayPal e-address who you are (maybe it's a business account), please e-mail details to the entries secretary to allow him to cross-reference your payment.

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.

Final Instructions will be e-mailed (only) to all entrants a week before the event and published on the Club website. The starting order will be determined by the organisers.

14. The maximum entry for the meeting is 60 and the minimum is 30. Double driving (or navigating) 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, but 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
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Entries Secretary	Simon Harris

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Chief Scrutineer	Rob John
Environmental Scrutineer	Alan Hinton
Chief Timekeeper	Phil Jones
Chief Marshal	Eddie Clough eddie_clough@hotmail.co.uk 07920 161650
Competitor Liaison	T B A
Results	Rallyroots
Stewards	Neil Fuller and Richard Lomax

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 Marshal. Just complete the link for marshals on the Club's website. All marshals (including those who are marshalling for a crew) will receive a small goodie bag and a food & drink voucher for the chuck wagon 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 Cards, 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.

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. Awards will be presented to:

- First Overall Interclub event** - 2 awards;
- First Overall Clubman event** - 2 awards;
- First** in each Class of 3 or more starters - 2 awards;
- Second** in each class of 6 or more starters - 2 awards;
- Third** in each class of 10 or more starters - 2 awards.

20. Timing and controls

The event will consist of Special Tests. Special Tests will be open at times specified in the roadbook. 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 some tests at one minute intervals, and other tests at 30 second intervals. If gaps appear in the running order, these will be closed up to allow for the smooth running of the event. Competitors will carry their own time cards this year, on which the timekeepers will write the times of starting and finishing each test. Time cards need to be handed in immediately after the end of each test. Timekeepers, Passage Control and Stop&Go marshals will maintain 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 or half minute – and the timekeeper will write this on the competitors' Time Card. 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 timekeeper will record the finishing time on the competitors' Time Card in hours, minutes and seconds 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) may 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 completely 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, not on the competitors' time cards. If the car does not stop astride the stop line, touches a cone or allows the car to move before the marshal raises the lollipop, then 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

- i) Making a false start 30 secs
- ii) Every second taken to complete a test 1 sec
- iii) Not complying with the correct procedure at a PC – not stopping astride the Cones, moving before the marshal indicates (lollipop lifts) 30 secs
- iv) Striking a Cone at a PC 30 secs
- v) Striking an Arrow, Stake, Bollard or Barrier 10 secs
- vi) 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 stake/arrow 30 secs

vii) Making no attempt at a manoeuvre or omitting a PC	60 secs
viii) Failing to stop astride the finish line	30 secs
ix) Wrong Test	Maximum Time
x) Reversing back to the finishing line	60 secs
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. Once the results are final, the awards will be presented.

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 report to all Main Time Controls and attempt at least 75% of the tests listed in the Route Card or Time Card.

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. 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. Competitors may work on their own cars and seek assistance from other competitors, but not spectators, friends nor others present.

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 photographer 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