



## Event Regulations

### Introduction: Welcome to the 2024 Gunpowder Plot Scatter

With a return to a late in the year date, the original scatter name has been resurrected! We're going to be searching the excellent Herefordshire lanes for clues using Maps 149 and 162. You'll find no obvious 'correct' route, with many options depending on your courage and clue finding prowess. We hope you'll enjoy a good evening's entertainment.

- Ross and District Motor Sports Ltd. will organise a navigational scatter on Friday 13th December 2024.
  - Competitors will plot 20 locations on the map at the start of the event. At each of these locations can be found an answer to a question provided on a clue sheet. Competitors visit as many locations as they wish, in any order, following a route of their choice.
  - There is no road timing during the event, but competitors will be required to finish by a specific time so that we can calculate the results before last orders!
  - A maximum score will be achieved if 15 locations are visited with correct answers provided from each within the overall time limit.
1. **Jurisdiction:** This meeting will be held under the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these Supplementary Regulations, and any written instructions that the organising club may issue for this event.
  2. **Authorisation:** A permit numbered 200564 has been obtained from MotorsportUK. Details of the event have been provided to the West Mercia Route Liaison Officer (RLO) and West Mercia Police service.
  3. **Eligibility:** The event is open to all fully-elected members of Ross and District Motorsports Ltd, Cheltenham Motor Club, Herefordshire Motor Club, Ludlow Castle MC, Knighton MC, 60 & Worcester MC, Forest of Dean MC, Epynt MC, Foresters CC, and Brecon MC. **Competitors must hold an RS Clubman (or higher) competition license** acquired from Motorsport UK before the event. Minimum

navigator age is 12 years. Additional passengers may be carried if properly seated with a seat belt, and must be signed on at the start of the event.

- Club Membership cards and competition licenses will be inspected at signing on.
  - All vehicles must be road legal and pass pre-event scrutineering for general safety, noise, advertising, and compliance with the Road Traffic Act. The event is intended for normal road vehicles, not full-blown rally cars. Any auxiliary lights must conform with the *Motorsport UK Yearbook Section R18.5*.
  - Vehicles must be able to meet road rally noise regulations within *Motorsport UK Yearbook section J5.18*. The scrutineers' or organisers' decision as to vehicle eligibility is final.
4. **Entries:** Entries open on publication of these Regulations and close on receipt of **twenty entries**, or at **20:00 on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 if taking event insurance, or Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December if not taking insurance**. Entries will be accepted strictly in order of receipt with cleared payment of £15 entry, and £25 insurance (if needed).
- Entries should be made via the online entry form available at the event website:  
<http://www.rossmotorsports.co.uk/events/gunpowder-plot-scatter/>
  - Payment can be made by Paypal/Debit Card/Credit card from the event website, or by bank transfer as follows:
    - Ross & District Motor Sports Limited, sort code: 09-01-29 account number: 34908761
    - Please use as Reference SCA\_\_\_\_\_ filling the blanks with the driver's surname. e.g. "SCA\_CLOUGH".
  - You will be emailed a confirmation of receipt from the online entry system, and acceptance of entry from the Clerk or Secretary when funds have cleared. It can take 2 or 3 working days for us to see the payment.
  - If for any reason, you are not able to complete the online entry form, please contact the Clerk or Secretary to make alternate arrangements.
5. **Officials:** The following officials are in place:
- Clerk of the Course - Richard McLachlan (07900 135383)
  - Secretary of the Meeting - Eddie Clough (07920 161650)
  - Scrutineer - Stuart Harrold (07802 170514)
  - Ross Motorsports Club Safeguarding Officer - Carol Morgan (07882 665989)
  - All Officials are Judges of Fact and Driving Standards Observers
6. **Location:** The event will **start and finish** at Ross Sports Centre Car Park: Map 162, 593 240
7. **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.

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:

- is aged 19 years or older
- has held a full UK / EU driving licence for a minimum of 6 months OK

- has no more than 6 conviction points on their licence and no bans of any kind OK
- has had no more than 1 fault claim in the last 3 years
- 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 [contact@reis.co.uk](mailto:contact@reis.co.uk) and provide the Drivers' name and date of birth, the date they passed their driving test and full 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 underwritten by First Underwriting Limited who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA No 62485) and are registered in England and Wales (No 07857938). Registered Office: Level 15, The Gerkin, 30 St Mary Axe, London, EC3A 8EP

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## 8. Items Needed

- OS Landranger 1:50000 scale maps 149 and 162 will be required (latest edition)
- 'Potti' or other map reading lamp
- Roamer (for plotting grid references)
- Reliable Torch (for finding clues)
- Pen and Pencil(s), and Eraser recommended!
- Fuel should be carried for at least 75 miles (maximum points can be achieved within 63 miles)
- Mobile Phones (or other on-line devices) may be carried during the event but **MUST** be switched off prior to the drivers briefing, and remain off for the duration of the event - penalty disqualification. Phones are only to be used in an emergency.

## 9. Classes: Entries will be split into three classes as follows;

- Expert (expert navigator is navigating). An expert is defined as someone who has either won a class award for navigating on an event of National B status or above outside the Club, or has had their status decided as expert by the Ross and District Motorsports Club Committee.
- Semi Expert (where Committee has deemed the navigator to be in this class)
- Novice (all other crews)

Navigation will be the same (and straight forward) across all classes. Further details as to how the class structure will operate will be provided in the final instructions.

## 10. Championships: The event is a round of the Ross Motorsports Club "Navigational Exercise Championship 2024/2025", and Ross Motorsports Club "Internal Championship 2024".

## 11. Driving Standards:

- Driving standards will be monitored carefully. All event officials have the power to exclude any competitor generating excessive engine or tyre noise, or for inconsiderate driving.
- Remember that this is a Scatter, not a 12-Car rally, and therefore it is possible that competitors will be traversing the same piece of road in opposite directions; for this reason, **extra care must be taken.**
- Please be considerate to householders on your chosen route especially near clue locations.

**12. Programme:** The programme of the event is as follows (more detail will be provided in the final instructions). The organiser's clock will be set to BBC time.

- **Scrutineering and Signing-on 18:45 to 19:15**
  - Please report to the scrutineer on arrival at the start. Cars will be scrutineered as per section 3.
  - Then proceed to sign on at the Clerk of the course's car.
  - When signed-on, competitors will be provided with a list of quiet zones and black spots to be plotted. These will also be sent in the final instructions (we advise you plot these in advance).
  - Please arrive as close to 18:30 as possible in order to provide enough time for the above.
- **Competitors Briefing 19:15 to 19:20**
- **Plot Time 19:20 onwards (40 minutes maximum)**
  - Competitors will be provided with **part 1** of their plotting information following the competitors' briefing. This information will provide the locations of 12 of the 20 clues on the map via a mixture of grid references and other navigation means which may include tulips, herringbones (straight line diagrams), spot heights, grid lines, features on the map, or direction of departure from the grid squares. All plotting will be simple in nature and will only define a single point where the clue is located i.e. it is not intended that the competitors follow the route defined by a navigation sequence.
  - **At any point** a competitor may declare that they have finished plotting by returning to the organisers. The competitors' **"Plot Time"** will be recorded, and the competitors will be provided with **part 2** of their plotting information (the remaining 8 clues), and their clue sheets.
  - **"Plot Time"** will be used as a tie-breaker in the event of equal points being scored.
- **Road Time Approx. between 19:30 and 22:05**
  - Competitors will choose their own route around the clue locations.
  - At each location visited, the clue sheet will require a question to be answered in pen.
  - To gain maximum points, competitors are required to visit 15 locations and correctly answer the question at each.
  - Competitors must report to the finish (same location as the start). There is no penalty for early arrival at the finish, but competitors will be deducted points for arrival after the finish time.
  - Maximum lateness at the finish will be 30 minutes, after which competitors will be disqualified. Latest permissible finish will be 22:35.
  - The route is chosen by the competitors but maximum points can be gained following a route of less than 63 miles.
- **Finish Approx. 21:30 to 22:05, latest 22:35**
  - Competitors shall present their Clue sheet complete with answers to the organisers. The first 15 answered questions (numerically) will be marked and any others disregarded (so cross out any unwanted answers). The organisers shall calculate a total score in accordance with section 13.

- **Results** will be announced as soon as possible at Ross and District Motorsports Club, 25 Kyrle St, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7DB. Map 162, 600 243 (directions will be provided for anyone who needs them).

**13. Points and Penalties:** The following scoring system shall be used to determine the winner.

- Correct answer + 10 points
- Incorrect answer - 5 points
- Early Arrival at Finish No Penalty
- Lateness after finish time (timed to previous whole minute)
  - Per minute late for the first 10 minutes - 1 point
  - Per minute late for 11-20 minutes - 2 points
  - Per minute late for 20-30 minutes - 3 points
  - Over 30 Minutes late Disqualification
- Black Spot Infringement Disqualification
- Quiet Zone Infringement Disqualification
- Use of Mobile Phone other than in emergency Disqualification
- In the case of a tiebreak, "**plot time**" shall be used to determine the finishing order.

*Example: Competitor collects 12 correct answers (120 points), 1 incorrect answer (-5 points), and arrives 11 minutes late (-12 points). Total Score: 103 points.*

14. For any more information please email or call Rich McLachlan [richmcl@mcrally.co.uk](mailto:richmcl@mcrally.co.uk) 07900 135383 or Eddie Clough [eddie\\_clough@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eddie_clough@hotmail.co.uk) on 07920 161650.