



LOTON PARK SPEED HILL CLIMB

PRACTICE DAY REGULATIONS

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HAGLEY & DISTRICT LIGHT CAR CLUB LTD

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1. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Hagley & District Light Car Club will organise a Hill Climb Event at Loton Park, Alberbury, SY5 9AG on the following date:

DATE	PERMIT	APPENDIX APPLYING	NUMBER OF CAR ENTRIES
5 th April	Interclub	1	65

2. **EVENTS:** The event will be held under the National Competition Rules 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. At present we are unable to accept entries for Hybrid and Electric Cars as we are not able to fully comply with the current Motorsport requirements for safe handling of such vehicles. ALL competitors must wear overalls homologated to FIA 8856-2000, FIA 8856-2018 or FIA 1986 standard and Gloves, material tested to ISO 6940 (Ch9;Art12.6) regardless of whether the car driven is classed as a Standard or Road car.
3. **LICENCE:** The track licence for the 2025 season is to be advised in final instructions
4. **COURSE:** The tarmac course is 1,475 yards (1,349 metres) long with an average gradient of 1 in 25 (4%) and steepest gradient of 1 in 7 (14%).
5. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** The maximum number of entries is as stated above. The minimum number of entries for this event will be 50 Should the minimum entry not be reached by Closing Day the event may be cancelled at the discretion of the Club. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organisers as long as the event is not over-subscribed

6. **ENTRY FEES:**

Permit	Fee: up to & including Closing Day
Interclub	£130

- For this event Closing Day is as published in Appendix 1.
- Subject to availability, late entries will be accepted up to 3 days prior to the event.
- Entries are to be paid via the online entry system by Credit/Debit card or via PayPal.
- It is the responsibility of the Entrant/Driver to ensure that the information given on the entry form is both correct and complete. The Entries Secretary can only act on the information given.
- No entries will be processed until receipt of the entry fee. Notification of accepted entries will be sent out within 72 hours of the closing date.
- Entry fees include 3 personal passes, subject to Motorsport UK restrictions in place at the time of the event, valid up to 11:00 am. Additional payments will be required for camping (Fee to be advised in Final Instructions).

Enquiries should be addressed to:

Neil Hancox – Entries Secretary
The Old Chapel
Lower Wood
All Stretton
Church Stretton
SY6 6LF
Email: entriessec@hdlcc.com

Telephone: 07725 333886

7. **CANCELLATIONS AND NON-STARTERS:** The cancellation of an event as a result of circumstances beyond the Club's control e.g., insufficient entries, force majeure, foot and mouth disease, viral pandemic, dictates from Government and/or Motorsport UK will result in a refund of the entry fee less £25.
- In the event of a cancellation by a competitor of an entry received by the Entries Secretary the following refunds apply:
 - Up to and including "Closing Day" – a refund of the entry fee less a £10 administration fee.
 - After "Closing Day" – up to 7 days before the event, a refund of the entry fee less a £25 administration fee.
 - Entries cancelled less than 7 days prior to the meeting will receive a refund of £20 only, upon written application to the Secretary of the Meeting.
 - Correction of competitor entry errors may incur a cost of £15.

Please note: Authenticated refunds will be made within 14 calendar days of receipt of written request.

8. **RESERVES:** Should the event be oversubscribed then those over the maximum number may, at the discretion of HDLCC be identified as reserves.

Reserves not informed that they are replacing a withdrawal WILL NOT practice or run.

9. **COMPETITION NUMBERS:** Vehicles will be identified by competition numbers allocated by the organisers and confirmed in the final instructions/provisional entry lists. Numbers shall be affixed to BOTH SIDES of the car in accordance with (Ch14;App2;Art3.1). which **must** be covered over when driving roadgoing cars on the public highway in accordance with (Ch14;App2;Art3.2).
10. **PROGRAMME:** The times of practice for this event will be defined in the Final Instructions. Competitors are asked to note the times of Church services. Some car classes, to be announced by the organisers, may run during part of a service. However, there will be a prohibition on running engines in competing vehicles in classes that are NOT being run. Failure to comply with the appropriate official instruction may result in disqualification from the event.
11. **TYRE CLEANING / SPINNING / TYRE WARMERS:** The spinning of wheels to clean and induce heat into the tyres is **only** allowed within the designated area after the marked pre-start line, however:
- ALL tyre covers must be removed prior to approaching the start/tyre warming area.
 - The use of plastic wrap is prohibited.
 - **Forward motion MUST** be maintained on each and every attempt and, any form of brake 'line lock' whether mechanical or electronic to facilitate this is prohibited.
 - The spinning of wheels outside the designated area may result in disqualification from the event.
 - The use of an external device or power source to pre-heat the tyres of competing cars, whether the tyres are fitted to the car or not, is prohibited.
 - Transmission warming/testing shall be strictly in accordance with (Ch7;App2;Art8.1)
12. **PRACTICE:** Competitors are strongly recommended to walk the hill in their own time up to 15 minutes before the start of practice after which the hill must be clear for official vehicles. All drivers that have not previously competed at Loton Park **MUST** attend the **MANDATORY "NEW DRIVERS" BRIEFING** on the start line 15 minutes before the start of the meeting and must confirm that they have walked the course (Ch6;App1:Art2.3) Any driver who fails to attend, or who reports late for this meeting will be fined as detailed in (Ch5;App5;Art2.3h).
13. **START PROCEDURE:** Cars will start singly at intervals. The starting signal is a red light followed by a green light. The method of timing is electronic by breaking a light beam at the start and finish. No more than two people at any time, in addition to the driver and Officials are allowed in attendance on each car in the identified start area, (Ch14;App3;Art1.7)
14. **RED FLAG:** If the Red Flag (or red-light signal) is displayed, competing cars shall come to a standstill when practicable and await further instructions from the marshals (Ch14;App1;Art7.1a). At **Triangle Bend** and **Fallow Bend**, the red flag may be augmented with flashing red lights. Penalties may be applied (Ch2;App1;Art1.14) for any contravention of Flag or Light Signals.

- 15. FINISH PROCEDURE:** The finish line will be indicated by chequered boards. After crossing the finishing line follow the track to the holding paddock. Brake testing or practice starts are not allowed in the approach to or in the holding paddock. Return down the hill to the main paddock when directed to do so by an official. A static red flag will be displayed to indicate caution, drive slowly and be aware of marshals on, or in close proximity to, the course. If a red flag is waved **STOP IMMEDIATELY**. Competitors are required to wear ALL safety gear for the return downhill. Failure to do so is in contravention of (Ch14;App2;Art4.1)
- 16. JUDGES of FACT:** Will be appointed to adjudicate on the following:
- (Ch14;App3:Art3.9a) Unsatisfactory or False Starts.
 - (Ch14;App3:Art3.9b) Not following correct course or removing a marker (flip-flop).
 - (Ch14;App3:Art3.9c) Baulking
 - (Ch14;App3:Art3.9d) Noise
 - (Ch2;App1;Art1.14) Contravention of Flag and/or Light signals
- 17. RECOVERY:** In the event that a stricken car has to be recovered using the available Recovery Unit, equipment or marshals, care will be taken to minimise any further damage during the recovery. However, the Club disclaims any responsibility for any such consequential damage. Towing point(s) of adequate strength and size are mandatory, as per (Ch14;App4;Art2.11)
- 18. RESULTS:** Times will be displayed in or on the Results hut adjacent to the Paddock. Results will be emailed or posted to all competitors within 7 days. Protests must be lodged in accordance with Motorsport UK Regulations.

AWARDS: There are no awards for Practice Days

- 19. SUPPORT CREW:** Competitors are deemed to be responsible for the actions of their support crew. Any transgressions of these Regulations by support crew may result in the **disqualification** of the competitor at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.
- 20. MARKERS & PENALTIES:** As defined in (Ch14;App3;Art3.4), the boundaries of the track at Loton Park are indicated by temporary markers (i.e., FLIP-FLOPS). Any competitor striking and dislodging a Marker/Flip Flop will have a one second penalty added to the time of their run for each dislodged marker. The third such penalty at any meeting will be either disqualification from the event or the timed run disqualified, at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.
- 21. ACCESS:** Loton Park (SY5 9AG) is located 9 miles west of Shrewsbury on the B4393 in the village of Alberbury. Loton Park is a working Deer Park, therefore it is necessary to strictly monitor the access gate opening times. Please ensure you make every effort to arrive **ONLY** during the scheduled opening times as shown below.

DAY	Gates Open	Gates Close	Note:
Friday	12:00 Noon	21:00	Entry will not be allowed before stated time
Saturday	07:00	21:00	For emergency access please call 07951 920844. DO NOT use the gate intercom system
Sunday	07:00	2 hours after competition ends	

Note: Under NO circumstances are you to:

- park on the roadway outside the venue. (The police have made us aware that they will act against anyone so doing)
- use the parking facility adjacent to the Village Hall. This is private parking solely for the use of the Village Hall Patrons.
- use the gate intercom system to attempt to gain entry outside of the posted times. This system is not operated by HDLCC it is solely for use by the Landlord, we ask you respect this. Misuse of this system could have a negative effect on our relationship with them.

Anyone found to be abusing any of the above conditions are likely to have their entry cancelled

- 22. DEER PARK:** Please remember that our venue is a working Deer Park. The deer are wild animals that roam freely within the confines of the park. You are not, under any circumstances, to feed them nor are you to encourage any interaction with them. Anyone found to be so doing will be asked to leave the park immediately. Where the person involved is a member of an entrant's crew, the entrant will have their entry cancelled, they will be disqualified from the event and any entry fee paid will be forfeited.

Please be aware that any deer that is identified as having been fed by or have any interaction with any human is likely to be tracked and destroyed by the Park's gamekeeper.

23. DOGS:

- Members of the public are not permitted to bring dogs into Loton Park (with the exception of Registered Guide Dogs).

Our landlord has agreed to allow competitors to bring dogs into the park on the following basis: -

- a. From one hour before the programmed commencement of runs to 30 minutes after the final run, dogs must be kept in the motorhomes or caravans out of sight of the public. **It is not acceptable to leave dogs in cars or vans.**
- b. Dogs may need to be exercised in the middle of the day, however this must be done outside the park. Wherever possible such dogs should be removed from, and returned to, the park by car. Identifying this intention to the gatekeeper will avoid embarrassment on return.
- c. Outside the hours identified in a., dogs may be exercised in the park within the area leased by HDLCC, identified by signage within the parking areas and not to the east or south of the track.
- d. **Dogs must be on a lead at all times when outside a motorhome or caravan and, when being exercised.**

The Club is grateful to Loton Park Estates for granting this concession, but it must be pointed out that it will be withdrawn if competitors do not abide by the rules. In the event of an incident involving a dog brought in by a competitor or their support crew, the offender will be required to remove the dog immediately. Should an unleashed dog worry game, the Gamekeeper will be within his rights to take appropriate action.

FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES ON DOGS AT LOTON PARK WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL FROM THE VENUE.

24. PADDOCK DISCIPLINE: In parts of the tarmac surfaced paddock, trailers, or tow vehicles (but not both) may be parked adjacent to competition vehicles. Competitors' cars or support vehicles must not be parked at the top of the paddock in the area designated for Officials and parking for the Disabled. Cooking appliances e.g., BBQs, gas/primus stoves etc. are not to be used in the paddock. Smoking is discouraged in the paddock because of the presence of fuel. Canopies are to be securely weighted in position. There are to be no fixings into the tarmac surface.

- When returning to the paddock after a run, **please drive forwards** into your allocated paddock space to prevent congestion and delays. Cars may be turned around later, provided no disruption is caused.

Note: CAUSING DISRUPTION BY REVERSING INTO A PADDOCK ON RETURN FROM A RUN MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OR LOSS OF A RUN.

- Competitors wishing to leave the venue prior to the completion of the event must seek permission from the Clerk of the Course. However, **NO** trailers or tow cars may be brought back into the main paddock before the end of the event because of blocking access to other competitors preparing for their runs and access for emergency vehicles through the paddock to the venue access/exit. A pass-out will be issued by the gate staff to competitors or service crew wishing to leave the venue for a short time during the event.
- The riding of cycles or scooters or use of any wheeled appliance such as skateboards or hoverboards or Segways is not allowed at Loton Park for the duration of the event.
- No competing or non-competing vehicles are allowed on the track out-of-hours unless on HDLCC business relating to the running of the event and authorised by the Clerk of the Course.

25. In accordance with Ch3;App11;Art 1.1n Disqualify at any time during an **Event** any **Licence Holder** or other **Person** connected with the **Entrant** considered as possibly unfit by reason of health consumption of alcohol or prohibited substances and with the exception of road sections of **Rallies** or **Trials** disqualify any **Competitor** found smoking whilst participating in the **Competition**.

26. DRONES: Drones or small unmanned aircraft are **NOT** allowed at this venue. Loton Park is within Low Flying Area N^o 9 allocated to RAF Shawbury as a Helicopter Training Area.

27. RACE with RESPECT: By registering for the event all competitors and their associates commit to positively promote and demonstrate Motorsport UK's Respect Code which is appended to these regulations (**Appendix A**) underpinned with a code of conduct which is available here: -<https://www.motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect/>.

All competitors and their associates, Officials and Marshals must be aware of their behaviour and conduct at all times and any abusive language or harmful behaviour will not be tolerated. Any incidents must be reported to the Event Officials or Safeguarding Officer who will also relay the report to Motorsport UK. <https://www.motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect/>.

28. OFFICIALS OF THE MEETING: Any changes will be notified in the Event Final Instruction.

Motorsport UK Steward	TBA	Chief Timekeeper	MMTS
Event Stewards	TBA	Chief Medical Officer	Adam Galluzzo
Clerk of the Course	Paul Richardson	Chief Marshal	Jamie Mould
Chief Scrutineer	Steve Walker	Secretary of the Meeting	Sue Thompson
Child Safeguarding Officer	Martyn Silcox	Entries Secretary	Neil Hancox

THESE SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS ARE CORRECT AT THE TIME OF PRINTING HOWEVER ALTERATIONS MAY BE MADE BASED ON GOVERNMENT AND/OR MOTORSPORT UK UPDATES.

APPENDIX 'A'



A socially minded standard of behavior is expected from everyone within the motorsport community.

By participating in a Motorsport UK event in any capacity you agree to follow the values of the Respect Code: [Motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect](https://motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect) #RaceWithRespect

The Values:

- Respect
- Good Manners
- Self-Control
- Fair play
- Integrity

I pledge to #RaceWithRespect and:

- Contribute to a welcoming and friendly environment that ensures the safety and welfare of all participants.
- Always behave with integrity and uphold fairness in the sport; play your part in keeping the sport safe through your actions.
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their gender, ethnic or social background, language, religious or other beliefs, disability, sexual identity or other status.
- Recognise that we all represent the sport and therefore have a duty to be polite and respectful to all staff, officials, fellow competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters.
- Respect the rules, regulations and authority of the officials and Motorsport UK.

Any breach of these obligations may result in disciplinary action.

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APPENDIX 1: Interclub Permit Events

1.1 PERSONS ELIGIBLE: These one-day events are open to all competitors in the organising club, invited clubs holding a valid Motorsport UK Interclub or higher-grade Speed competition licence. All competitors must declare their licence type on the entry form and bring the relevant document to the meeting.

1.2 PERMITS:

5th April

Interclub

1.3 INVITED CLUBS:

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Association of West Midlands Motor Clubs

Bugatti Owners Club

Midland Automobile Club

1.4 Entries: Open on publication of these Supplementary Regulations

Closing Day is 13th March

1.5 ENTRY FEES: Permit	Fee up to and including Closing Day	
Interclub event	£130	