

Hexham & District Motor Club



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The March Melee 12 Car Rally

Wednesday 18th March 2026

MARSHALS

Marshals are essential for any rally to run, and we are always grateful to those who join us to ensure we can offer a safe and enjoyable event.

No experience is required, just your interest and enthusiasm. This is an excellent opportunity to get into motorsport for a keen novice.

If you can help, please contact

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SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. ANNOUNCEMENT

Hexham and District Motor Club will organise an 12 Car Navigational Rally on Wednesday the 18th of March 2026

The start and finish will be at Alemouth Road Car Park, Hexham, 87/ 939644 and the finish will be at the Travellers Rest, Slaley 87 959585 NE46 1TT

2. JURISDICTION

The event will be governed by the General Regulations of the MSA Limited (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 the event.

3. AUTHORISATION

MSUK Permit Number: TBC

4. ELIGIBILITY

The event is open to all members of the organizing club.

5. PROGRAMME

The program of the meeting will be:

19:00 Signing on opens

19:30 Car 0 Leaves MTC 0

20:01 Car 0 leaves MTC 1

Subsequent cars will leave at one minute intervals.

Any competitor not signed on by 19:30 may be disqualified.

Novices and beginners will receive their instructions at MTC 0. Experts will receive their instructions 15 minutes before their MTC 1 time.

6. ROUTE

The total mileage will be approximately 55 miles, which 99.9% will be on asphalt surfaced roads, those road conditions may vary so please consider your tyre choice.

The event will use map 87 (Revised 2014).

The following types of controls may be used:

MTC – Main Time Control – At the start and finish of the event

RTC – Regularity Time Control – At the start of a regularity section

ITRC – Intermediate Regularity Control – A secret time control on the route of a regularity section.

STC – Standard Time Control – At the start of a standard section and/or end of a regularity section.

TTC – Transport Time Control – at the end of a transport section – we have one short one on this event.

SC – Secret Check – a manned control for the purpose of checking correct route

RC – Route Check – a Code Board or clue point for the purpose of checking correct route.

The organisers times and mileages shall be deemed to be correct and not subject to protest.

7. CLASSES

The event consists of three classes as follows:

Expert

Where the navigator has won a 12 car rally overall previously

Novice

All other competitors

Beginner

Someone who wishes to have a marked map but not eligible for an award.

The class a crew is competing in may be changed at the organiser's discretion

8. RESULTS AND PROTESTS

Results will be published and awards presented, as soon as possible after the event.

Any protest must be lodged in accordance with NCR's.

The winner shall be the crew with the fewest penalties. In the event of a tie, it will be decided by earliest paid entry received

9. TIME CARD & HANDOUTS

Competitors will be supplied with time cards at signing on. Route instructions will be issued at their start time, additional instructions may be supplied at intervals along the route as per Ch 13 App.4 Ar.2 (13.4.2) and Ch.13 App.1 Art.9 (13.1.9)

These documents will provide all the information necessary to enable competitors to comply with Ch 13 App.4 Ar.2

The types of navigation used may include the following:

Tulips / Herringbones / Grid References / Map Features / Spot Heights / Grid Lines / Grid Squares / Map Extracts/ Descriptive instructions.

10. AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the dinner dance:

1st Expert Crew : Hexham Rally Trophies

1st Novice Crew : Hexham Rally Trophies

11. PENALTIES

Penalties will be applied using the NCR Ch.13 App.7 Art.1 (13.7.1)

We will be using time penalties and not the fails system.

Force majeure notwithstanding, the organisers reserve the right to delete penalties at any control or check should they deem it fair to do so.

12. ENTRIES

Entries for the event open on the publication of these regs and close on the 11th of March 2026. The entry fee is £29 (Which includes food at the finish).

Entries submitted will be acknowledged but not accepted until payment is received.

Payment details will be sent to you on receipt of entry.

Once entered you will have 3 days to make full payment by bank transfer on when entering via card on the club website, if this is not paid then your place will be given to the next person in the queue.

The maximum entry for the meeting is 12 cars. Entries will be selected in order of receipt, at the discretion of the organisers.

13. OTHER INFORMATION

This event is made for novice crews and will take a similar format to the John Robson / Hexham Historic rallies. If you are unsure on any of the navigation offered please speak to the organisers prior to the event.

Any notice displayed at the start, or on the route, bearing an official's signature shall have the same authority as these SRs.

Competitors are required to extinguish auxiliary lights in all neutral and transport sections and when required by the route instructions to dip headlights.

Competitors are reminded of Section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Rule 286 of the Highway Code. Any injury incidents must be reported to the Police Authority.

Once posted on the Hexham and District Motor Club Web Site. Regulations will only be amended by means of numbered bulletins to competitors.

14. OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course

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Entries Secretary:

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15. IDENTIFICATION

Competitors will be identified by their car number plate.

16. INSURANCE

Vehicles must have Insurance in place 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 as an adjunct to an existing motor policy.

If a competitor uses an extension to an 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 purchase additional cover via the organisers then they can do so prior to the event providing they comply with the following.

Age 19 years or over

Has held a full licence for a minimum of 6 months

Has no more than 6 points on their licence

Has had no more than 1 fault claim in the last 3 years

The vehicle must hold a valid MOT Cert, current road insurance, and Road Tax, unless exempt from doing so.

All competitors MUST be a named driver on the road insurance

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 Reis Motorsport Insurance has been obtained by the event organisers, prior to the event.

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 Organiser's RTA scheme is provided by Reis Motorsport Insurance and underwritten by Markerstudy Insurance Services Limited.

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