

# Cotswold Historic Rally

Sunday 6th July 2025

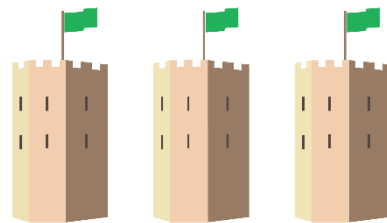


Tavern Motor Club

## Supplementary Regulations



The Club That Goes Historic Rallying



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Welcome to the 2025 Cotswold Historic Rally organised by Tavern Motor Club on Sunday 6th July 2025.

Tavern Motor Club was founded in 1963 and is well known for running Motoring News events such as the Rallye Bristowe, as well as various Stage Rallies and more recently Targa Rallies. The Rallye Bristowe in the 1990s were some of the first Historic Road Rallies.

The event will follow a similar format to previous years, with slight changes to keep things interesting. There will be 9 Tests at 3 venues, on a variety of surfaces (tarmac, concrete and grass) together with 6 Regularities covering around 80 miles in a total route of 150 miles. This year we will not be using any byways, but some of the country lanes are bumpier than others, with the regularity speeds reflecting the road conditions.

The event is a round of the 2025 HRCR Clubmans Road Rally Championship. There is also a Clubman event aimed at the more inexperienced competitor, with a complete Roadbook covering the Test, Regularity and Road Sections, so no plotting is required.

We are expecting a high demand for entries, so early entry and payment is advised. The Entry Fee is £195 (plus an optional donation to the two local Air Ambulance Charities that we are supporting) and will include the usual morning coffee and cake, lunch and evening meal.

The event will be based at Cirencester Rugby Football Club, The Whiteway, Cirencester, GL7 2ER. The first car will start at 8:30am with a mix of Regularities and Tests before lunch near Badminton, followed by more Regularities and Tests before returning to the Rugby Club for an evening meal around 4:30pm (for the first car).

For the latest news please visit our website [www.tavernmotorclub.co.uk](http://www.tavernmotorclub.co.uk)  
We all look forward to seeing you on Sunday 6th July 2025.

Gavin Rogers and Tavern Motor Club



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**Air Ambulance Charity**



**Wiltshire**  
**Air Ambulance**  
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## 1. Announcement

Tavern Motor Club will organise and promote the Cotswold Historic Road Rally.

An Interclub Status Historic Road Rally held on Sunday 6th July 2025.

A Clubman Status Historic Road Rally open to any member of Tavern Motor Club held on Sunday 6th July 2025.

**1.1** The Interclub event will be a round of the 2025 HRCR Clubmans Road Rally Championship.

## 2. Jurisdiction

The rally will be held under the National Competition Rules (NCRs) of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the F.I.A.) and these Supplementary Regulations and any other instructions that the Organisers may issue. These Supplementary Regulations were prepared using Version 9 of the NCRs.

## 3. Authorisation

Motorsport UK Permit Number	Interclub	203305
	Clubman	203306
D.O.E Authorisation		29157JY6
2025 HRCR Clubman's Historic Road Rally Championship no.		CH2025/Rally025

## 4. Eligibility - Competitors

The Interclub event is open to:

- All members of the organising club.
- All fully elected members of a motor club who are members of ASWMC, ACSMC, AWMMC, or WAMC.
- All registered contenders in the 2025 HRCR Clubmans Road Rally Championship.

(Note: HRCR & HERO Club Members are eligible as both HRCR & HERO are members of the WAMC).

All crew members must produce a valid Motorsport UK Competition Licence (minimum RS Interclub) and Club Membership card at signing on.

The Clubman event is open to fully elected members of Tavern Motor Club.

Membership of Tavern Motor Club (valid until 31st December 2025) can be applied for with your entry for £7.50 per person and membership cards will be issued at signing on.

All crew members must produce a valid Motorsport UK Competition Licence (minimum RS Clubman) and Club Membership card at signing on.

## 5. Eligibility - Cars

All cars must comply with Motorsport UK NCR Ch.13 App.15 Art.8 (Historic Road Rally Cars).

Motorsport UK NCRs can be found by selecting NCR within the Resource Centre

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre/>

Vehicle noise must not exceed 98dB(A) @ 2/3rd of max rpm at 0.5 metres. There will be noise tests before and during the event.

Competitors will be required to present a current MOT certificate (unless exempt), the Vehicle Registration Document (V5) as proof of period authenticity and must have valid road tax.

Those requiring waivers in accordance with NCR Ch.13 App.15 Art.11.3 must complete the relevant section of the entry form.

Competitors are also reminded of the need to carry a small spill kit as per NCR Ch.13 App.15 Art.6.7.

For those competitors competing in the HRCR Clubman Road Rally Championship only, the follow rule about Tripmeters will be enforced: *Any electronic trip or timing device that has a timing offset adjustment (nudge) capability or similar will require that function to be disabled from scrutineering to the end of the event.*

## 6. Entries

Entries open on Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7pm and close on Sunday 22nd June 2025 at 7pm.

The entry fee is £195.

Entries will open online via the event webpage [www.tavernmotorclub.co.uk](http://www.tavernmotorclub.co.uk) and payment via bank transfer payment (or cheque, see below) to the following:

Account Name: TAVERN MC EVENTS AC 2

Bank: Nat West

Sort code: 52-10-05

Account number: 01322680

Please use your first name and surname for the reference e.g. GAVINROGERS. You should allow the usual three working day period for the fee to be received.

If paying by cheque, please send a cheque payable to 'Tavern Motor Club' posted to the Entries Secretary; Denise Desbois, Cotswold Historic Rally Entries Secretary, Hylands, Longleat Lane, Holcombe, Somerset, BA3 5DU. Posting First Class is recommended.

Payment by bank transfer is recommended as cheques take longer to arrive through the post. Cheques will be banked on receipt.

Entries will be accepted in order of receipt, providing payment of the entry fee has been received in full within 72 hours of receipt of entry (this is to allow for the vagaries of the UK banking system).

Entries withdrawn in writing before the closing date for entries will be entitled to a full refund less £20 to cover administration costs. Entries withdrawn after the closing date may be refunded at a rate at the organisers' discretion.

An accepted entry is linked to the driver NCR Ch.3 App.11 Art.1.1L. Once an entry is accepted the driver cannot be changed without withdrawing and resubmitting the entry. The navigator and/or car can be changed.

The organisers reserve the right to postpone, abandon or cancel the event or any part of the event for any reason. In the event of cancellation, or postponement for more than 24 hours, the organisers reserve the right to retain a sum not exceeding £25 to cover administration costs.

In the event of the rally being cancelled through lack of entries all money will be refunded. General regulation NCR Ch.3 App.5 Art.13 refers.

The Maximum entry is 75 cars and the Minimum is 50.

The organisers reserve the right to cancel the event if less than 50 cars are entered.

Any entries received after the event is full will be held as Reserves.

The organisers reserve the right to refuse an entry without giving a reason.

Tickets for Coffee, Lunch and Evening Meal are included in the Entry Fee. A vegetarian option will be available. Breakfast rolls can be purchased before the start from Cirencester Rugby Football Club at your own expense (details will be provided in the Final Instructions).

A small proportion of the entry fee will be used to offset carbon and Tavern Motor Club will enter into an agreement with a local conservation group with the intention of planting trees.

### Data Protection Act 2018

Tavern Motor Club will hold personal information about all entries and must comply with the Data Protection Act 2018. Tavern Motor Club have produced a Privacy Notice which explains what Tavern Motor

Club does with your personal information, photographs and videos, and your rights under the Data Protection Act.

The Privacy Notice is available to view on the Club's website ([www.tavernmotorclub.co.uk](http://www.tavernmotorclub.co.uk)) or a copy can be supplied on request by contacting Phil Beckham at 1 Silverlow Road, Nailsea, Bristol, BS48 2AD or by email at [p.beckham@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:p.beckham@blueyonder.co.uk)

## 7. Classes

M1: Masters in Pre-68 Category 1 cars	N1: Novices in Pre-68 Category 1 cars
M2: Masters in 1968-74 Category 2 cars	N2: Novices in 1968-74 Category 2 cars
M3: Masters in 1975-81 Category 3 cars	N3: Novices in 1975-81 Category 3 cars
M4: Masters in 1982-85 Category 4 cars	N4: Novices in 1982-85 Category 4 cars
M5: Masters in 1986-90 Category 4B cars	N5: Novices in 1986-90 Category 4B cars
E1: Experts in Pre-68 Category 1 cars	C1: Clubman Class
E2: Experts in 1968-74 Category 2 cars	
E3: Experts in 1975-81 Category 3 cars	
E4: Experts in 1982-85 Category 4 cars	
E5: Experts in 1986-90 Category 4B cars	

The organisers reserve the right to amalgamate or split classes as appropriate based on the entries received. The minimum entries per class are 5.

**Master:** A crew where any member has had four or more finishes in the top 10 places overall of a National B, Interclub or higher status Historic Road Rally in the role in which they have entered, in the last 4 years.

**Expert:** A crew which does not qualify as a Master, or Novice in the role in which they have entered.

**Novice:** A crew in which no member has had four or more finishes in the top 25 places overall of a National B, Interclub or higher status Historic Road Rally in the role in which they have entered, in the last 4 years.

## 8. Programme

Noise and Scrutineering will take place from 17:00 to 20:00 on Saturday 5th July 2025, followed by Documentation and Roadbook collection. **Please DO NOT arrive before 16:00.**

Scrutineering may be arranged on Sunday morning, by appointment only, from 07:30.

There will be trailer parking at the start / finish venue.

Any crew who has not completed their documentation by 30 minutes before their due start time may be disqualified.

Car 1 will start at 08:31 from Cirencester Rugby Football Club. Cars will start at one minute intervals. Tests may be started at 30 second intervals, or as instructed by the start marshal.

## 9. Start Order

Competitors will be seeded based on the information provided on the Entry Form and from information which may be found elsewhere, for example, rally and championship results. Discussions regarding seeding, once the seeded entry list has been published, will not be entered into by the organising team.

## 10. Route

The Route will be approximately 150 miles in total, including approximately 80 miles of Regularity and 9 Special Tests on private land.

The finish will be at Cirencester Rugby Football Club with Car 1 due around 16:30.

The event uses O. S. Landranger Series 1:50,000 scale maps 163, 172 and 173 latest editions.

The correct route shall be the shortest route by any road or unrestricted byway marked on the map between controls, avoiding all Blackspots, and complying with the route instructions.

Maps are not required for the Clubman event.

The organisers' times and mileage will be deemed to be correct.  
Petrol is available from various petrol stations around Cirencester.  
On the event, petrol will be available every 40-50 miles.

## 11. Navigation

Navigation for the Interclub event will be based on the recommended HRCR styles of navigation.

See [HRCR Navigation Handbook October 2022](#)

A Roadbook will be provided giving details of the link sections, rest halts, location and diagrams for the Special Tests.

Interclub Event - Navigation for the Regularity sections:

Regularity 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 – given out at Signing On.

Regularity 5 – navigation up to RITC5C given out at Signing On, with further navigation for the rest of Regularity 5, given out at RITC5C.

Clubman Event - Navigation for the Clubman event will be a Roadbook with Tulips for the Road Sections, Link Sections and some of the Regularities. Other Regularities will be defined by descriptive instructions. All speeds, times and speed tables will be included. Diagrams will be provided for the Special Tests.

## 12. Car Identification

The organisers will provide one self-adhesive numbered rally plate which must be attached to the front of the car. In addition, two self-adhesive high-visibility numbers will be provided for display on both rear side windows (or wherever suitable).

It is the competitor's responsibility to keep the numbers clean and to remove them when the event is finished or when the competitor retires from the event.

Please also try to keep number plates and lights clean whenever using the public road.

## 13. Awards

Interclub event

1st Overall	An award to driver and navigator
1st in class	An award to driver and navigator
2nd in class (subject to 6 starters)	An award to driver and navigator

Clubman event

1st Overall	An award to driver and navigator
2nd Overall	An award to driver and navigator
3rd Overall	An award to driver and navigator

The Overall winners are not eligible for class awards.

Interclub Class awards and 2nd and 3rd Overall Clubman awards will be in the form of a pair of printed photographs from the Official Photographer, which will be sent to the navigator of the winning crews after the event.

The 1st overall awards for both the Interclub and Clubman events will be presented at the event.

## 14. Officials

Clerk of the Course & Secretary of the Meeting	Gavin Rogers Email	07733 234942 <a href="mailto:gavinrogers759@gmail.com">gavinrogers759@gmail.com</a>
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Entries Secretary & Chief Marshal	Denise Desbois Email Address	01761 233510 <a href="mailto:denise@desbois.co.uk">denise@desbois.co.uk</a> Hylands, Longleat Lane, Holcombe, Somerset, BA3 5DU
Chief Timekeeper	Gavin Rogers	
Safeguarding Officer	Alan Desbois Email	07778 923064 <a href="mailto:alan@desbois.co.uk">alan@desbois.co.uk</a>
Results	Rallyroots	<a href="http://www.rallyroots.com">www.rallyroots.com</a>
Competitor Liaison Officer	Suze Rogers	
Chief Scrutineer	Paul Loveridge	
Noise Test Official	Mike Hall	
Stewards	Chris House Dave Milkins Graham Dance	

### 15. Judges of Fact

All officials named in section 14 (except Stewards) plus any others named in the Final Instructions, or any named on the Official notice board.

The Judges of Fact will include adjudicating on competitor's observance of: black spots, give way junctions, driving standards, noise, secret checks and illegal servicing. Secret checks will only be positioned at points that have been given as part of the route instructions.

All marshals who have signed on are deemed to be Judges of Fact for any regulation relevant to the control point and manoeuvres on the Special Tests at which they are officiating.

### 16. Timing and controls

Schedule Timing will be used.

The event will be divided into Road Transport Sections, Regularity Sections and Special Tests. The scheduled time for Car 0 at each Main and Time Control is given in the Roadbook. By adding their competition number in minutes, each crew can determine their own scheduled time and if late, can calculate their due time at the next control by adding to their scheduled time, the number of minutes late at the previous control. Do not run ahead of your scheduled time.

It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that times are correctly recorded on Time Cards and that Time Cards are handed in when and where instructed. Once a time has been accepted by a competitor, no further claim of error will be entertained. Any corrections by a marshal must be made at that control and initialled by the marshal. Should any recorded time not be legible or not appear to be authentic, the organisers may use any means at their disposal to establish a time.

- a) Main Controls (**MTC**) are sited at the Start and Finish of the event and after the Lunch Halt. At MTC2, after the Lunch Halt, competitors must absorb as much lateness as possible to regain their original scheduled time.
- b) Time Controls are sited at the start of Regularity Sections (**RS**). Times are recorded in hours and minutes. There is no penalty for late arrival, except towards total lateness. Some Regularities will be "self-start" and competitors should write their start time on their time card in ink. Competitors should start on the next available whole minute, and 2 cars should not start on the same minute.

The Start time for some Regularities will be based on a number of minutes from the finish time of the previous Special Test, ignoring any seconds, or a number of minutes after leaving a Rest Halt.

- c) Timing on Tests. At Special Test Start (**TS**) each crew is given a start time in hours, minutes, seconds - normally the next whole minute or round 30 seconds. Once it is written on the Time Card, the marshal assumes the crew is ready to start the test and counts the competitors down to the written start time. At Special Test Finish (**TF**) the competitor's time will be recorded in hours, minutes, seconds. All Special Tests have a Minimum Time set at 30 mph and a Maximum Time set at 15mph.

Penalties are as follows:

Under Minimum Time	Minimum Time
Over Minimum Time and under Maximum Time	Actual Time
Over Maximum Time	Maximum Time

- d) Timing on Regularity Sections: Intermediate Time Controls (**ITC**) are located within Regularity Sections to establish the time taken to complete each part of the Regularity Section; the location of these controls will be secret. At ITCs the times will be recorded in hours, minutes and seconds as the car stops at the control marshal (who will be close to the Control Board).

The start time for the first portion of the regularity is the time at the MC/RS at the start of the regularity section. The start time for each subsequent portion of the Regularity Section is the finish time for the preceding portion.

- e) Passage Controls (**PC**) or Codeboards (**CB**) may be used on the Regularity Sections or on the Special Tests. These may be manned or consist of code boards, respectively, which must be recorded in the appropriate part of the Time Card in ink. No times will be recorded at these controls.

## 17. Penalties

Penalties will be as printed in the Motorsport UK NCR Ch.13 App.7B Art.1 "Time", except as amended below:

a) Not reporting or reporting OTL at a main time control	30 Minutes
b) Not reporting or reporting OTL at any other time control	5 Minutes
c) Not complying with the route card including visiting a time control (TC) more than once and including wrong approach or departure from a time control.	5 Minutes
d) Not reporting at a passage check (or code board) or providing proof of visiting a passage check (or code board)	1 Minute
e) to g) as written	
h) Arriving before due time at an Intermediate Time Control	1 second per second
j) Arriving after due time at an Intermediate Time Control	1 second per second up to a maximum of 120 seconds
k) to q) as written	
r) Not starting or finishing a special test	Special Test Maximum Time + 5 minutes
s) Not completing a special test correctly including taking the wrong route, doing the wrong number of laps, except for y)	Special Test Maximum Time
t) False start on a special test or failure to stop astride the finish line	20 seconds
u) Every second taken to complete a special test	1 seconds per second



v) Minimum penalty on special test	Minimum Time
w) Maximum penalty on special test	Maximum Time
x) Striking a cone or failure to stop astride a line (other than the finish line)	10 seconds per offence
y) Wrong side of cone or a series of cones	20 seconds per offence
z) Making no attempt to perform a designated manoeuvre during a special test or short cutting by passing through a gap caused by a tape or barrier having been previously damaged or removed. Reversing at a special test finish.	2 minutes
aa) Breach of the technical regulations	At the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.
bb) Stopping within sight of an Intermediate Time Control	1 minute plus any time early or late at the RITC

## 18. Results and Queries

Interim results will be posted at various intervals during the event. The interim results are for information only. Any query resulting from the interim results should be made by completing a query form issued at documentation and handed to the Competitor Liaison Officer, who will be available at lunch and the finish.

Provisional results will be posted as soon as possible after the finish of the last car, after this time no query forms will be accepted. Protests will be accepted as per the Motorsport UK NCRs.

## 19. In the event of an accident

In the event of an accident either on or off the prescribed route, where the vehicle cannot regain the road or has broken down a warning triangle must be placed before the stricken car.

### **Section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Rule 286 of the Highway Code.**

Competitors are reminded that any injury incidents must be reported to the Police Authority.

Competitors are also reminded about Rules 212-216 of the Highway Code concerning other road users such as Horses, Dogs and Cyclists.

## 20. Force Majeure or Baulking

The organisers will not accept any claim from competitors concerning either Force Majeure or Baulking.

However on the grounds of safety, due to an accident or adverse weather conditions, or any other reason, should the normal running of a special test (Test Start to Test Finish only) be stopped or interrupted for any reason whatsoever, after passage of one or more competitors and it proves impossible thereafter for other competitors to drive the test under competitive conditions, the Clerk of the Course may give to each crew that has been affected a notional time based on the average penalty set up to the moment of interruption.

If the test is re-started those crews completing the test after the re-start will receive the time taken by them, as will those competitors who completed the test before the stoppage.

ONLY those crews affected by the stoppage may be given a notional time in this instance.

However, no crew that is totally or partially responsible for stopping the test may benefit from this measure. If they finish the test, they will be given the penalty that they actually accrue even if this is greater than the penalty awarded to other crews.

“Normal running” may include (but not exclusively) serious accident, blockage on route, faulty/ stopped clocks, instruction by officials to cease competition (partially or completely), emergency reroutes etc. No competitor may re- start the test again, penalties as SR 17 (s) will apply.

## 21. Official Notice Board

The Official notice board will be located at Cirencester Rugby Football Club.

## 22. Code of Conduct

All Competitors, 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. The Race with Respect Code of Conduct and further information is available on the Race with Respect page on the Motorsport UK website: <https://www.motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect/>

## 23. Camping

Camping and Motorhome parking is available on the **Saturday night only** at Cirencester Rugby Football Club at a cost of £10 per caravan / motorhome. Any caravans / motorhomes must arrive by 10pm. The club facilities will be open until 10pm on Saturday night and from 7am Sunday morning.

Please email Sharon at [sharonscrivs@outlook.com](mailto:sharonscrivs@outlook.com) if you wish to book.

## 24. 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 license for a minimum of 6 months
- has no more than 6 conviction points on their license and no bans of any kind
- 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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The basic rate per driver for the Insured event, before any loadings will be:

Net Premium	£30.36
Insurance Premium Tax	£3.64 (IPT @12%)
<b>Total Payable For Each Vehicle</b>	<b>£34.00</b>

## 25. Official Photographer

The Official Photographer will be Andy Manston of M & H Photography.

[www.mandhphotography.co.uk](http://www.mandhphotography.co.uk)

## 26. Final Instructions

Final instructions including details of the noise test, scrutineering and start times will be sent to competitors during the week prior to the event by email unless otherwise requested on the entry form.

## Acknowledgements:

RLOs for Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and Wiltshire

Cirencester Rugby Football Club

The Highwayman Inn, Elkstone

Didmarton Village Hall

Cirencester Motor Club

Bath Motor Club

Kemble Enterprise Park

Ian Cooper, MOD

All marshals and the set-up crew

## APPEAL for MARSHALS

As with all events, we need the support of a large number of marshals for various duties. So, if you are unable to compete but are available to marshal, we will find you a nice spot in the Cotswolds.

Please contact Denise Desbois on 07896 412957 or email [denise@desbois.co.uk](mailto:denise@desbois.co.uk)

Or register online at <https://mtc1.uk/Marshals/CotswoldHistoric25/MarshalForm.php>

No experience necessary – full instructions and a goody bag will be provided.

