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South Midlands Region



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Chairman's Chatter

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful and enjoyable Christmas and are now preparing to start a new marshalling year. The Silverstone dates are now on the volunteering database so please log in and enter the dates you wish to volunteer for and your details will be passed to the organising club. If you have already volunteered directly through an organising club or through the Silverstone Marshals Team portal we would still like to know so please use the "volunteered through organising club" option on the database. If you do this you will not be double volunteering but it helps us to know how active our members are. This could be critical data for the new Environmental and Sustainability Policy mentioned below.



A new year brings new opportunities and challenges. I realise that after last year with the introduction of the "Marshals Pathway" and "Lights Vs Flags" some of you might be a bit resistant to change but change is inevitable. So face the future with a spirit of adventure and meet new challenges head on. We are all volunteers, nothing is forced on us.

So what does 2023 have in store for us?

On 17th January Nadine announced that BMMC launched a search for Zero Heroes to help deliver the club's new Environmental and Sustainability Policy. Nadine went on to say that Each region of the club has been invited to nominate its own Zero Hero who will help raise awareness of the policy, share good practice to their local members and be the key point of contact for the newly appointed Sustainability Officer, Northwest Chair Mike Broadbent.

So why does BMMC need an Environmental policy? Under the title Action For Environment the FIA has launched an accreditation scheme to show that motorsport acknowledges that it impacts the environment and is taking steps to mitigate that impact. As a club affiliated to the FIA via Motorsport UK we have a responsibility to do what we can to support that initiative. What does this mean for our members? That is unclear at the moment, we have some ideas, but this is where the Zero Heroes come in, we need help to identify what can be done locally/nationally to support this policy. If any of you have strong feelings about how motorsport can develop green credentials please drop me a line (sm.chair@marshals.co.uk)

What else is changing? Our new regalia officer presented his ideas for the future of BMMC regalia at the December Council meeting and they were greeted with enthusiasm. He proposed that we should have two ranges of clothing, one for members and one for club supporters. Members regalia would feature the club shield, supporters regalia would not. The club would not hold any clothing stock, members would order direct from the supplier. More details should be available soon. Council felt that regalia should be sustainably sourced and it was felt items for supporters might provide a revenue stream that will help deliver the new environmental policy.

We are now being asked to Race With Respect. What does that mean? More information will be available at the Training Day Bedford 12th February.

We have all been asked by Nadine to ensure our members are receiving MailChimp notices and newsletters. This follows on from complaints about little or no consultation regarding the Marshals Pathway. The only way you could have missed the emails is if you had unsubscribed from receiving them. This presents us with a Catch 22 situation, if someone unsubscribes, we don't know and we cannot reinstate them. They have to subscribe themselves again to receive club communications. Under GDPR we cannot send unsolicited emails. So if you know a member who complains they do not get any news from BMMC get them to resubscribe to receiving emails.

I hope by now you have cleared out your marshalling boxes, cleaned your kit and are all ready for a new season. I will be at the training day at Bedford Autodrome on 12th February and I hope to see a lot of you there.

Chris Whitlock
SMids Chairman
British Motorsport Marshals Club

Marshal of The Year Award

It has been brought to my attention that Marion Quarrington, SMids Secretary, has been awarded Marshal of The Year at the recent awards evening at Hunts Kart Racing Club (HKRC) at Kimbolton.

This award is a great recognition of her contribution to not only marshalling in general but also marshalling with the Kimbolton team and it is good to see other Clubs recognising and celebrating the valuable contribution that Marshals make to the safe and smooth running of events.

I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Marion on receiving this award.

Congratulations Marion.

Kaz Topping
SMids Newsletter Editor
British Motorsports Marshals Club

Secretary Scribblings

A Happy New year to all of you in South Midlands Region, and safe marshalling in 2023. The South Midlands committee meets monthly, at present on the internet using Zoom, and all members are welcome to join us. Here is a summary of the topics that the committee have covered since the last Newsletter:

- discussed the plans from your Regional Training Officer, Matt, for the training programme in 2023. The details are elsewhere in this Newsletter and have already been sent to you so you can sign up. At the time of the meeting all the preparations were well underway for the Race training in February, despite the late release of the new training modules by Motorsport UK and planning for the Kart training in March was also in hand.
- discussed concerns that not every member appears to receive the MailChimp emails from BMMC. If you did not get the invitation to the BMMC training, and it was not in your spam folder, then we may not have your correct email address or you may be unsubscribed from our emails. If this is the case, please log in to the BMMC website and check we have your correct email address or, if you want to resubscribe, go to the Members drop down and use the resubscribe feature in the Membership section.
- started planning for Taster Days at Silverstone for potential new marshals. We have a back-log of applicants from 2022 and so discussed inviting them to the training day and also offering Virtual Taster presentations to encourage people to start marshalling. We had a lot of applications from the new student year at Cranfield University, so after contacting their Tutor to understand why, we are planning to visit to do a Q&A on marshalling as part of their course.
- discussed the interim results of a working group set up to look into a concern that new marshals are not well supported on their first day marshalling at Silverstone, that they may not get enough advanced information to help them prepare for the day or much help to settle in. The group's progress is encouraging and we will have a full report at our next meeting.
- started planning for recruitment events in 2023, both at Silverstone and at other venues. The details are elsewhere in this newsletter and Glynn will be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help at one of our recruitment events, on sm.volco@marshals.co.uk.
- If you have an event that might be of interest to fellow marshals, and we're not already advertising it, please let us know. We can include an advert in the Newsletter, or we can post it to our Facebook page or send an email. Please email the details, allowing a couple of days' notice, to sm.website@marshals.co.uk and sm.chair@marshals.co.uk.

Please let me know if there is anything you would like us to discuss so I can add it to the agenda, but please let me know at least a week before the meeting. The dates for 2023 are below, all are on a Monday evening (* except May which is a Tuesday), and the meeting starts at 19:45. If you want to join us at the meeting please send an e-mail no later than 2 days before the meeting to sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk, along with your membership number and the e-mail address you will be joining from, and I will send you the joining instructions.

February 6	March 6	April 3	May 9 *	June 5	July 10
August 7	September 11	October 9	November 6	December 11	

If you have any comments or questions about the Committee please don't hesitate to contact Marion on sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk.

Marion Quarrington
SMids Secretary
British Motorsport Marshals Club

Marshal Recruitment

We now have a provisional list of events that your South Midlands Recruitment Team will be attending in 2023. Please see below.

20 th & 21 st May	Sywell Supercar Fest
10 th & 11 th June	Silverstone MG Live
7 th , 8 th & 9 th July	Silverstone BGP
25 th , 26 th & 27 th August	Silverstone Festival (The Classic)
16 th & 17 th September	Kop Hill Climb
23 rd & 24 th September	Silverstone BTCC
3 rd & 4 th November	Silverstone Motorsport Days Live

If you are available and fancy helping out at one of our marshal recruitment events please drop me an email.

Other events where there is a large footfall of motorsport enthusiasts could be considered if sufficient members are able to help man the stand.

Glynn Ellis
SMids Volunteering Co-ordinator and Recruitment Organiser
British Motorsport Marshals Club

BMMC Volunteering System

Our volunteering web site is now up and running but there are still a few events that need confirming and therefore will need to be added to the system over the next few weeks. South Midlands events are almost complete with only a couple to add, if there are any I have missed or have the wrong details for please drop me an email and I will do my best to sort it.

Below I have compiled a list of events happening in February, March and April within our South Midlands region, further details of these events can be found by logging on to our volunteering web site.

Please do use our volunteering web site to register the events you are volunteering for, be it either volunteering for an event or just registering that you have volunteered direct with the organising club, these entries are used by our national committee with items such as the number of days our members have volunteered for to obtain more accurate quotations for our insurance.

Whichever way you choose to volunteer for any motorsport event please ensure you volunteer with one organisation only, this will ensure the event Chief Marshal has an accurate list of marshals volunteered.

Also, below mainly for our new members is guidance on how to use the volunteering system. This was compiled by our colleagues in South East region for whom I am truly grateful.

Glynn Ellis
SMids Volunteering Co-ordinator and Recruitment Organiser
British Motorsport Marshals Club

2023 SMIDS EVENTS IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

Date	Organiser	Type	Location	Title
Feb. 6th	BMMC	Committee Meeting	via Zoom	
Feb. 11th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Round 2
Feb. 12th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Round 2
Feb. 12th	BMMC	Training	Bedford Autodrome	Circuit Training
Feb. 17th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Feb. 18th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Round 2
Feb. 19th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Round 2
Feb. 25th	VSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	
Feb. 25th	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Feb. 26th	CSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	
Feb. 26th	HSTA	Trials	Sywell	MTCC Trial
Feb. 26th	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Mar. 5th	BMMC	Training	Kimbolton	Kart training
Mar. 6th	BMMC	Committee Meeting	via Zoom	
Mar. 11th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Round 3
Mar. 12th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Round 3
Mar. 17th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Mar. 18th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Round 3
Mar. 18th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	
Mar. 19th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	
Mar. 19th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Round 3
Mar. 25th	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	
Mar. 25th	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Mar. 26th	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Mar. 26th	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	
Apr. 3rd	BMMC	Committee Meeting	via Zoom	
Apr. 7th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	British Champs Practice
Apr. 8th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Round 4
Apr. 9th	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Round 4
Apr. 14th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Apr. 15th	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Apr. 15th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Round 4
Apr. 16th	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Apr. 16th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Round 4
Apr. 22nd	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Apr. 22nd	VSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Apr. 23rd	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Apr. 29th	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Apr. 30th	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	

Glynn Ellis
SMids Volunteering Co-ordinator and Recruitment Organiser
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Training Times

We are now into the thick of the organisation for the training days this year.

We have a practical (with some theory) training day at Bedford Autodrome on Sunday 12th of February. We are sourcing drivers and cars for the practical session atm, we will again have the BRSCC safety car with us allowing numerous simulations to be run

We have a Kart training day at Huntingdon Kart Racing Club on Sunday 5th of March. We have a Kart and driver for some practical sessions in the afternoon

We will be running many of our theory sessions virtually on the 11th of February, 26th of February and 4th of March. More details on exactly when the sessions are being run will be finalised shortly.

If you wish to sign up for the days please head to the regions website and the links are there. Alternatively please email me on sm.training@marshals.co.uk and I can send them to you.

Unfortunately, this years training days will be last in the role so we are now looking for someone to take over from me. Please see the notification on the website or email me for more details on what is involved in the role.

Matt Turner
SMids Training Coordinator
British Motorsport Marshals Club



South Midlands Marshal First Day Guide

INTRODUCTION:

This is designed as a brief guide/insight into your first day of Marshalling. The South Midlands (SM) region has one circuit, which happens to be Silverstone, postcode NN12 8TN.

This is a brief guide from experience of new Marshals and is designed to assist and hopefully answer a few questions.

This Guide will cover the following:

1. Volunteering portal.
2. Pre-planning.
3. Useful equipment.
4. Sign on.
5. Marshal Points.
6. Useful tips.

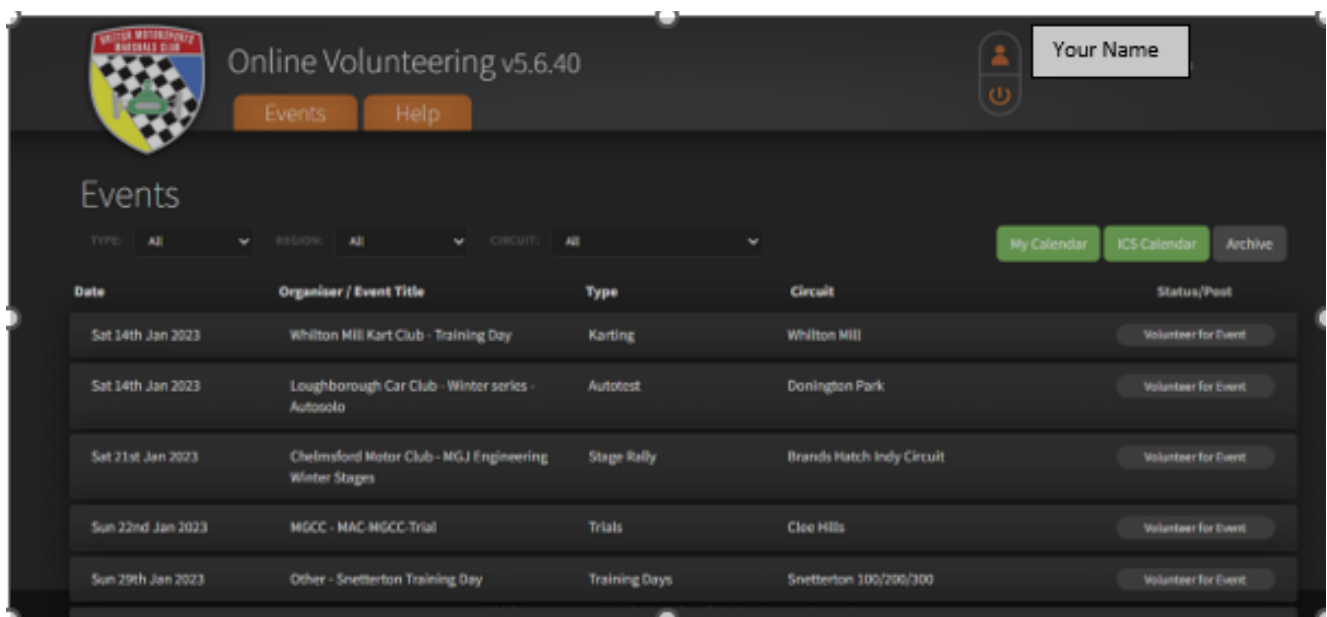
VOLUNTEERING PORTAL:

Once you have chosen your events that you would like to Marshal, complete on the BMMC volunteering portal.

The events you have volunteered for will be displayed.

Don't worry if you do not receive confirmation straight away. The Silverstone Marshals team allocate roles the week prior to the event and will then send out the 'Sign on' information usually the Wednesday/Thursday prior to the weekends meeting.

A copy of the portal is shown below.



PRE-PLANNING:

Prior to the event its always useful to ensure you have everything you need, remember that often when you are on post, there is nowhere to go and buy anything.

Ensure that you take you have packed adequate supplies, refreshments and fluids. For example, energy bars and on a hot day plenty of cold drinks. On cold days a hot flask.

Make sure that all your equipment (mentioned later), is packed in an easy to get too place.

Most importantly don't forget your Personal Record Card, if you don't get this signed on the day, it will not count towards your attendance or subsequent upgrade requests.

USEFUL EQUIPMENT:

In addition to all of the equipment recommended on the BMMC site, a few extremely useful tips have also been provided. (LINK?)

As previously mentioned, several Marshals posts are isolated and often have very few facilities, a rigid toolbox with wheels, has been a useful accessory in order to keep equipment, but also to use as a seat when being able to take a break, similar to the one below. This also helps keep your equipment dry if it rains.



Other useful items, have also included waterproof trousers with zip up sides, making them easy to put on and remove, additional pairs of gloves, hand warmers and protective glasses/sunglasses.

Remember whatever the weather conditions, they will be accentuated at the circuit.

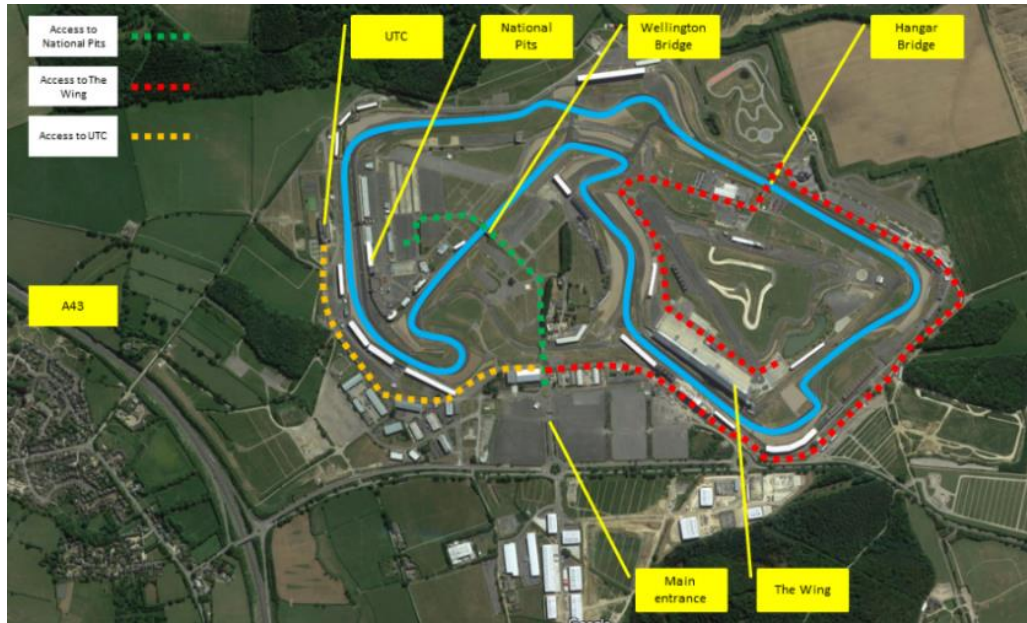
SIGN ON:

When attending Silverstone enter via the main gate, if the event is the National or Grand Prix track, the majority of signing on is located at the double garages under race control, in the old pit area.

If the event is taking place on the International Circuit the sign will usually take place at the Wing.

A map showing locations etc is shown below, with green dotted line indicating the location for the National and Grand Prix sign on locations ad red dotted line for the International sign on locations.

These locations may vary subject to the event, for example the Silverstone Festival, sign on may be at a location on the perimeter road (UTC / Silverstone College) as displayed with the orange dotted line.



On entering the circuit, identify yourself as a Marshal and you should be waved through. The first time you sign on can be quite daunting, arrive at the car park next to the 'Pit Stop' Café and walk across to the double garage. There are usually two queues, one for track Marshals and one for Officials (Post Chiefs, Specialists, Flag Marshals etc.).

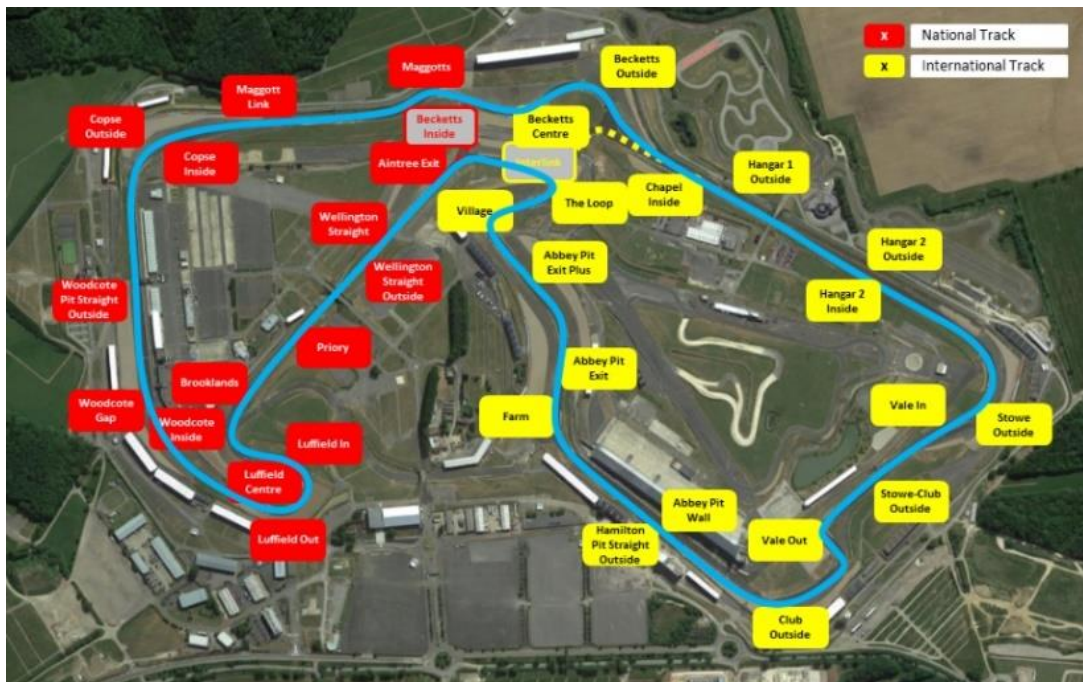


Your name should be printed on a piece of paper, where you are expected to sign. Once signed, you are often provided with one or more of the following;

- Your location for the day (unless already advised on-line, but always worth checking there are no last-minute changes)
- Meal Voucher, to be used at the 'Pit Stop' café (Media Café if you sign-on in the Wing), majority of Marshals then congregate at the café for a breakfast or use to voucher to purchase a packed lunch.
- A hot roll from a trolley if no other catering facility is available.
- Occasionally a programme, sticker, badge or other gift.
- Occasionally some cash, towards out-of-pocket expenses i.e fuel.

MARSHALS POSTS:

You will be allocated your Marshal post by email, please see the below plan, showing current Marshals posts.



The majority of these can be easily accessed by car, with parking close by, however depending on construction work etc. you may have to park and walk some distance to get to your post. One good reason to have something suitable to easily transport your kit.

Find out if your post is inside or outside and study the map to understand where you will be. If you are unsure, when you sign on ask and they will provide directions.

When you get to your post, it is best to check where best to park – some posts need access for JCBs or other specialist vehicles.

SPECIALIST – PITS/STARTLINE:

If you have opted to work in the pit lane and/or startline, you will be required to report to the respective pit office for each circuit.

The National Circuit pit office is located next to the gantry of the pit straight between garages 6C and 7A. The International pit office is located in the central area of the Wing between garages 16 and 17. The door from the paddock is marked as “Access to the pit lane”. Both pit offices should be accessed from the respective paddock, as occasionally the door from the pit lane to the International pit office is locked.

Extra equipment you will require for the pits/startline marshal would be:

1. A stopwatch – set to race time at the start of the day.
2. A clipboard
3. Pens
4. Whistle.

SPECIALIST - ASSEMBLY:

The assembly area for the National Circuit can be found between the Brooklands Hospitality Centre and the Brooklands corner.

It can be accessed via a gate between the Brooklands Centre and the BRDC grandstand.

The assembly area for the International Circuit is in the North East corner of the paddock behind garage 42.

You will need to park as instructed by circuit staff and make your way along the paddock to find the assembly area.

On some weekends, assembly is moved to behind garage 1, for example during the Silverstone Festival (previously referred to as the Classic).

USEFUL TIPS:

A few useful tips to assist you on the first day along with frequent questions asked:

- What do I wear under my overalls? Depending on the conditions, if cold a good set of thermals. When warm shorts. Some people wear normal clothes underneath. Most people say many layers, this will allow you to adapt to the conditions.
- Phones, wallets, keys- Remember if you are running to an incident and you have your phone, wallet, keys on you, these can fall out and be lost or damaged. Keep your phone in your equipment box or bag. This will also avoid distraction when you are concentrating on the racing. You should never use your phone whilst on post.
- Timing- One great tip that has been given, is arrive a bit earlier and walk the pit lane garages, look at as many of the vehicles that will be racing as you can, speak to the teams and obtain knowledge of the vehicles, the tow points, lifting points and switch off points. Also understand what fuels may be used etc.
- Lunch- Often the lunch break is shortened in order to catch up with the race schedule or finish early due to inclement conditions. Don't expect a full lunch break.
- Don't be afraid to ask. Everyone has some great ideas and useful tips. All of the marshals are here for the same common purpose, and all want to help and ensure you have an enjoyable safe and rewarding day.
- On your first day, feel free to reach out to one of the committee members and see if they are attending the event. If they are they will be more than willing to meet and greet you and ensure you get to your post in time.



Ian Whiting
SMids Grading Officer
British Motorsports Marshals Club

Newsletter Deadlines

All members of the Region are invited to contribute articles to the Newsletter. Newsletters are published in the following months:

January, March, May, July, September & November

If you have any articles that you would like to see published, can you please email the Newsletter Editor by the 20th of each publishing month at: sm.news@marshals.co.uk

Regional Committee Meetings

Would you like to attend our Regional Committee Meeting to see how the Committee works for you? Meetings are held 12 times a year on a Monday virtually via Zoom, 19.45 for 20.00. Ten of these meetings are virtual for anyone wishing to attend with the first and last meetings being face to face with venues to be confirmed, dependant on current COVID-19 guidelines at the time.

Future South Midlands Committee Meetings will be virtual using Zoom

Anyone who wishes to attend to observe should notify the Secretary a week before the meeting so that they can be sent the relevant link.

Meetings for 2023 are:

January 9	February 6	March 6	April 3	May 8	June 5
July 10	August 7	September 11	October 9	November 6	December 11

BMMC South Mids Regalia Sales Order Form

For British Rally Marshals Club regalia please contact:
Derek Murphy - Mobile: 07768 202236 - Email: regalia@bmmc.org.uk

For all other Club Regalia please see our latest on-line catalogue www.marshals.co.uk

Or send an A5 size SAE to: Adrian Cashmore, 9 Church Street Weedon, Northants, NN74PL

Item	Price		Grade	Qty	Total Cost
Grading Badge (Please provide Proof of Grade)	1.50				
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Heroes Cloth Badge	2.00				
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50 Years of Motorsport Marshalling	Free				
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Cheque should be made payable to: BMMC Limited

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