## **MARSHALS MATTER**

## **July 2025**

#### **Editorial**

Following comments from some members that they are experiencing difficulties reading the scripted text in the newsletter we have adopted a common style throughout this edition. If you are still experiencing difficulties let us know and we will increase the font size.

# Chris Whitlock Editor

### **Chairman's Chatter May 2025**

I hope you are all enjoying the wonderful summer and some of the great racing events that have been occurring.

I am delighted to share that BMMC have now purchased a new inflatable gazebo for recruitment. It will be stored in the South Midlands region and be available for others regions to use. The Gazebo is 4mx4m and it took myself and Glynn 15 minutes to inflate it with a hand pump.







I would also like to add a big thank you to MSUK for providing a large contribution of 25% towards the purchase, showing once again great corroboration between BMMC and MSUK.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have held another social event namely a tour of the Prodrive Factory in Banbury, thank you for all of those that put your names down and I hope you had an enjoyable time. Happy to receive any photos at the event for inclusion in the next Newsletter; please send jpegs to Chris at w50caw@gmail.com

We have also arranged another social event for Thursday 21 st August 2025, this is the Thursday just before the Silverstone Festival, formerly the Classic. Silverstone Brewery have kindly agreed to host a beer tasting event for Marshals and also provide a discount for any purchases. So if you are planning to attend the Silverstone Festival, come and join us the night before for a great social event. Full details to follow on the website and Facebook.

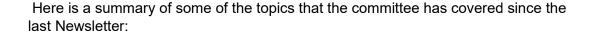
Prior to the Grand Prix weekend I was contacted by lady who's father was formerly a BMMC Marshal from 1964 to 2009, his name was Denis Chrisman and passed away in 2024. His daughter and Grandson went to this years British Grand Prix, where they were keen to speak to a Marshal and get an understanding of the great work you all do. A big thank you to Glynn who spoke with her on the recruitment stand. We were also able on behalf of BMMC to provide her with the 50 years of marshalling book, that would have covered the period her father marshalled with BMMC.

As your dedicated committee we are keen to hear your views and ideas. We are looking for more support and also have vacancies on the committee. We meet every two months. Please let us know if you would like to get involved and support your region.

lan Whiting BMMC South Midlands Chair

## **Secretary's Scribblings**

The South Midlands committee meets on alternate months, at present on the internet using Zoom, and all members are welcome to join us. Please see the meeting calendar below.





- The Committee are now actively planning even more social events during 2025. By the time you read this our visit to Prodrive will have come and gone, and there will soon be lots more announcements of other visits and social events. If you would like to help us organise these social events, please email lan on <a href="mailto:sm.chair@marshals.co.uk">sm.chair@marshals.co.uk</a>. Remember, if you have opted out of receiving social emails from us then you won't find out what we're planning, so opt back in if you want to be amongst the first to know.
- The Committee received a report from Glynn, our Recruitment Co-Ordinator, on his team's activities at the recent British Grand Prix. Despite being let down on a location, and not being able to use any of our club advertisement materials, such as recruitment tent, banners or picture boards, the team did incredibly well handing out leaflets and gathering over 50 names of people interested in becoming a marshal. The names will be sent to the relevant Membership Secretaries of the regions to follow up on the initial contact. Please see elsewhere in this newsletter for details of where Glynn and his team will be, and please contact him if you would like to help, either on the day or in advance with setting up, on <a href="mailto:sm.volco@marshals.co.uk">sm.volco@marshals.co.uk</a>.
- Kaz, our Taster Day Co-Ordinator, has organised two more Taster Days at Silverstone, with another 2 coming in August. All the attendees have been very keen, with many joining the club and starting to marshal already. Many thanks to Jon and Catherine Smart who helped with showing the attendees around, and if you want to help out the team please contact Kaz on <a href="mailto:sm.members@marshals.co.uk">sm.members@marshals.co.uk</a>. You will help with the tour in the morning and only go to your post after lunch, but you still get a full day attendance signature. A big "thank you" to those of you who hosted the attendees during the afternoon sessions on post and filled them with your enthusiasm for our sport.
- The British Grand Prix has come and gone again, and your committee hopes that all of you who attended had a positive experience, despite the variable weather. You will have the opportunity to give your feedback, and we encourage you all to do so, as it is only by knowing the positives and the negatives that the organisers can plan improvements.
- Nina, our Training Co-Ordinator has started planning for the training both later in 2025 and in 2026. If you have any ideas for what you would like to see, or if you can help out at any of the training days, please contact her on sm.training@marshals,co.uk.

Please let me know if there is anything you would like the Committee to discuss so I can add it to the agenda, but please let me know at least 2 weeks before the meeting. The dates for the remainder of 2025 are:

## 8th September / 3<sup>rd</sup> November

If you want to join the meeting, which starts at 7:45pm, please send an e-mail, along with your membership number and the e-mail address you will be joining from, no later than 2 days before the meeting to sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk and I will send you the joining instructions.

#### **Marion Quarrington**

#### **SMids Secretary**

#### **British Motorsport Marshals Club**

## Forthcoming Events - July 2025

#### Race - Silverstone

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> July National Circuit

750 Motor Club – Formula Student - Over 100 university teams from around the world bring their vehicles to Silverstone. Get up close and personal with some phenomenal combustion, electric, hybrid and autonomous racing cars, built entirely by students who might go on to design, build, or race the cars of the future. This unique event is different to regular racing club meetings as Formula Student are looking for marshals to support in general with organising the student racing events.

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> August Grand Prix Circuit

MSVR This Championship has forged a reputation as the UK's leading single-seater championship, attracting significant and highly-talented drivers such as George Russell and Lando Norris.

9th August National Circuit

Bentley Drivers Club With a mission to preserve and enjoy the legacy of Bentley cars, the BDC brings together owners and admirers of these iconic vehicles. The club is renowned for its camaraderie, shared knowledge, and the sheer joy of driving and maintaining Bentley cars, from the earliest models to the latest luxury machines.

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> August National Circuit

BRSCC Summer National - A thrilling motorsport weekend that promises action in every track session. From future talent battling for victory in the Fiesta Junior Championship through to all-out motoring entertainment in the Fun Cup Endurance Championship, there's plenty to see during this summer racing event.

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> August International Circuit

750 MC

22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> August Grand Prix Circuit HSCC Silverstone Festival - Epic track battles, festival vibes, three nights of great live music, and so much more. Celebrating 75 years of Formula One where it all began, join us for a special tribute with the biggest and best collection of cars raced by F1 championship winners since the competition began on display

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> September Grand Prix Circuit Ferrari Racing Days

12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September Grand Prix Circuit

**European Le Mans - FIA Championship** For the first time in six years, the European Le Mans Series returns to the UK. The European race series of choice for the top teams and drivers from around the globe compete for Endurance Prototype glory.

#### Might be oversubscribed

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> September National Circuit

**Kwik Fit British Touring Car Championships (BTCC)** - An action packed weekend of BTCC racing with entertainment levels set to be high as the finale draws near. PLUS, a stellar line-up of support series thrills as they approach crunch time in their championships.

#### Might be oversubscribed

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> September National Circuit

BRSCC - Join us for an action-packed weekend as BRSCC takes over the National Circuit and Paddock. This is your chance to experience some of the most exciting and competitive racing championships, featuring a diverse line-up of cars and talented drivers.

#### **Karting**

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> July Shenington Club racing Round 7, Superprix

26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>/July Whilton Mill Club Racing Round 7

8<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> August Kimbolton Club racing Round 8

23<sup>rd</sup>/24thAugust Whilton MillClub racing Round 8

13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September Kimbolton Club racing Round 9

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> September Shenington Club racing Round Round 8Whilton mill

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> September Whilton Mill Club racing Round 8

#### **Hill Climbs**

19<sup>th</sup> July Prescott Prescott International - A brand new four car team event featuring teams

representing England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, plus club teams, all

based on handicap and cumulative times!

20<sup>th</sup> July Prescott Midland Hillclimb Championship

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> August Prescott Vintage Prescott - Join us for Vintage Prescott, the only event now held

on the historic Short Course, organised in association with the Vintage-

Sports Car Club.

10<sup>th</sup> August Prescott Steeleford Hill Climb - Steeleford will be taking over the Prescott Hill

Climb in Cheltenham for an epic day of non-stop supercar hill climb action! Alongside back-to-back supercar hill climb runs throughout the day, guests will be able to roam the entire site with a gorgeous track &

hairpin views!

16th August Prescott Mini@Prescott - An event for exclusively for Mini and Mini Derivatives!

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> September Prescott British & Midland Hill Climb Championships – September meeting

20th September Prescott Vintage Long Course - The VSCC return to Prescott for their Long

Course championships, taking in the famous Ettores Bend. This one day event is open to the general public as well as VSCC and BOC members,

children under 16 are free.

#### **Drag Racing Santa Pod**

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> July Mopar Euro Nationals

9<sup>th</sup> August RWYB Saturday night special

10<sup>th</sup> August RWYB 15<sup>th</sup> August Test DAY

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> August Green light Nationals 17<sup>th</sup> August Monster Truck Nationals

29<sup>th</sup> /30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> August VW Action RWYB 3<sup>rd</sup> September Euro Finals Test Day

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> September FIA/FIM Championship Drag Racing Finals 12<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September Final Nostalgia Celebration of the Year

19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> September National Finals

27<sup>th</sup> September RWYB

28<sup>th</sup> September Jap Show – Jap only RWYB

**Sporting Trials** 

Sporting trials are driving tests that often take place at ad hoc venues and can be great fun to marshal. Contact Fay for details <a href="mailto:Fay@crook.uk.net">Fay@crook.uk.net</a>

If you wish to volunteer for events further ahead or just want to see what the rest of the year has in store log onto the website and scroll through the volunteering database.

## Volunteering

The new volunteering software is due later in the year in readiness for the 2026 Motorsport season.

Nothing else to report except to remind everyone the volunteering database is a live document and is constantly updated with requests for additional marshals and new events.

Glynn

Glynn Ellis

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### Marshal Recruitment

We are still waiting for confirmation from Silverstone that we can have a recruitment stand at the following events:

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August Silverstone Festival

12th - 14th September European Le Mans

20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> September British Touring Cars Championships

20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September Kop Hill Climb

None of these recruitment events will take place unless we get some volunteers to man the stand and receive confirmation for the dates at Silverstone. So please let Glynn know if you can help and keep an eye on the website for urgent appeals/confirmation the event is going forward

#### **Recruitment Stand Helper**

The only requirements to be a Marshal Recruitment Stand helper is that you are currently a registered marshal of any grade or a recently retired marshal. Our main role is to explain to passing motorsport fans and spectators what marshals do, how we are trained, the grading system etc. and try and answer any questions the spectator may have. If you are asked a question that you don't know the answer to there is always another member of the recruitment team on the stand who can help out.

We always wear our orange Probans which coincides with marshals at work at the adjacent track / circuit. I try and have sufficient marshals on the stand so we can take it in turns to stand down for a short period and enjoy the event.

We usually set up the stand during the afternoon of the day prior to the first event day and de-rig on the Sunday afternoon once all activities have concluded.

Anyone interested in helping please drop Glynn a line with your contact details and which event you are interested in.

Stay safe and enjoy your marshalling.

#### Glynn Ellis

SM Recruitment Organiser <a href="mailto:sm.recruiting@marshals.co.uk">sm.recruiting@marshals.co.uk</a>

## **Great Car Experiences**

Not all car journeys are about the driving experience, sometimes the destination is the most important part of the journey. So it was on this occasion, the road journey was largely the usual M40 grind and an hour and a half after leaving Silverstone Tessa my wife and I were approaching our destination, the Morgan Car Company factory in Malvern. We were booked in for a factory tour experience followed by lunch in their cafe. As we were visiting on a Monday, a work day, we were looking forward to seeing the cars being constructed and especially how the famous Ash frame is incorporated into the car.





There are currently three base models being built at Malvern:

- The Super 3, a three wheeled all weather open tourer powered by a Ford Dragon 1.5 litre, 118bhp engine, maximum speed 130mph. Base price about £40k
- The Plus Four powered by a BMW 2 litre, 255bhp engine, maximum speed 150mph, CX alluminium platform. Base price about £70k.
- The Super Sport powered by BMW B58 engine, 335 bhp, automatic transmission on CXV alluminium Platform (a stiffer, lighter and more aerodynamic body) no performance figures available, POA. New top of the range model only announced just before our visit and still largely under wraps.

We were informed that very few customers pay the base price for any model and in fact some customers will double the cost of their car by the inclusion of optional extras! For instance the Super 3 really is an all weather open tourer, there are no creature comforts, the interior is fully water proof, but no heater, no radio etc.



- The vehicle platforms are assembled in a "hot" workshop elsewhere and delivered to the factory stacked in transport frames. (see photo above).
- The workmen building the cars have the authority to reject any component that does not meet specification.



The shape of the car begins to emerge as first the ash frame is bonded to the platform.



• The body panels are stamped and shaped by hand



• Wheels and axels are added to create a rolling frame.

This was the noisiest area of the factory with a lot of panel beating going on. Thankfully the workforce has stipulated break times and while we were in this area the siren sounded for lunch and everyone stopped working and left the factory floor – Silent bliss!

Our tour moved on to the Archive Collection.

There were a number of interesting exhibits including:





This virtually unique hard top coupe. It was a one-off creation until Morgan exhibited it at a show and got a number of inquiries from potential customers. Morgan went back to the original client and asked if they could make some more. He asked how many and when told 100 he said OK on condition he could have two more!

And then there was the Super 3 especially commissioned to celebrate the Blue Bird cars of Donald & Malcolm Campbell featuring the Bluebird emblem and endorsed by the Campbell family.





Finally we came to the end of the production line where there was an immaculate white plus 4 awaiting final inspection before dispatch to its new owner. It featured a wrap-around wood frame to the cockpit, piano key bonnet vents, red leather and hand stitched Morgan "wing" motif in the headrest.



After the lunch in their café we visited the museum and shop; we could have stayed longer but our schedule for the day meant we had to leave.

Some Morgan Facts:

- There is a "no blame" culture in force at the Morgan factory!
- There 4,000 different colour options you can choose from for your Morgan; British Racing Green is the most popular colour, but if you can't find the right colour "to match your eyes" Morgan will create a colour that does for a price!.
- Before painting the aluminium body is bombarded with mini ball bearings to etch the metal.
- To combat the threat of "Ash Die Back" Morgan has their own source of Ash trees and estimate they have enough stock for 100 years
- Wire wheels are a popular option but are currently sourced from China; Morgan are very keen to find a reliable "local" supplier if you know of one get in touch!
- The Factory Tour cost £32.50pp £16.50pchild.
- Morgan also offer a one hour "Experience" with an instructor over a testing route in the Malvern Hills for £150
- Or you can hire a Morgan car for a day (09.30 16,30) for £349 or for a weekend (Friday 09.30 Monday 08.00) for £695; limited mileage!
- The fleet of "experience" cars get regularly sold off by auction and are much sought after, often selling higher than list price!
- Morgan's USP is that their cars do not depreciate.

Whether you believe that last fact after the factory tour you will begin to realise it is possible!

Chris Whitlock

## Your Regional Committee Needs You!!!

The Committee plans and manages all the BMMC initiatives that happen in our region, from recruitment stands to providing training to publishing this newsletter; from organising Taster Days to managing the website to processing your upgrade applications, from selling the regalia to managing the volunteering database to looking after our social media; from progressing our environmental and sustainability initiatives to supporting membership queries, and to organising social events. We are a friendly team and we meet as a committee six times a year, currently using Zoom. If you have a little bit of spare time and want to give your fellow marshals that little bit of extra support, why not consider joining us? Applications to

join the committee will open in August, so why not think about it?

If you want to find out more or you think you could contribute to the running of the region or you relish challenges please contact Ian our regional chair at <a href="mailto:sm.chair@marshals.co.uk">sm.chair@marshals.co.uk</a> or our Secretary Marion at <a href="mailto:sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk">sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk</a>

#### Road Works on A43

The major road works between Silverstone and Towcester are expected to be in place until March 2026. There are 40 MPH speed restrictions in place in both North and South directions because the central reservation barriers are incomplete. There can be long delays at busy times.

For the British GP temporary two way dual carriageways were introduced but will be replaced with single carriageway working soon after the event. Road works will move to the opposite side (north Direction). Traffic going South will have to negotiate the east side of the new roundabout which has an acute turn off the half-finished roundabout.

## **Environment & Sustainability Update**

In the last newsletter Ross mentioned that South Mids Region made a donation last year to the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) at Foxcote Reservoir. He asked members to vote on who we should donate to this year and offered some potential beneficiaries. Sadly Ross has decided through pressure of work and other commitments that he can no longer spare the time to continue as our Environment & Sustainability Coordinator and has regretfully resigned from the role.

However in Ross' footsteps Silverstone Circuits Ltd and Stowe National Trust have launched a joint project at the British Grand Prix as Follows, and we consider this to be an appropriate recipient of this year's donation; I hope you agree:

## BIODIVERSITY GOES FULL THROTTLE AS STOWE GARDENS AND SILVERSTONE CIRCUIT ANNOUNCE JOINT CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE AND NATURE

The National Trust's historic landscape gardens and parkland at Stowe has teamed up with its neighbours at Silverstone Circuit on a project to create a nature superhighway.

The three-year campaign aims to fast-track nature conservation and boost biodiversity in the area. Silverstone and <u>Stowe Gardens</u> plan to work together to generate funds to upgrade the four-mile parkland trail at Stowe, which is approximately the same length as Silverstone's Grand Prix circuit. Silverstone has kick started the fundraising efforts with a generous donation of £50k which will help get the project up and running this June. This nature superhighway will create new habitats, increase biodiversity, improve access and create sustainable visitor facilities along its route. Eventually the two organisations want to enable green and active travel between their respective sites.

Silverstone is only three miles from Stowe Gardens and was once part of the 18th century estate belonging to Stowe House. During the Second World War, the site belonged to RAF Silverstone. The airfield was first used for motorsport in September 1947 when a group of friends organised an impromptu race. The following year, the Royal Automobile Club (RAC) hosted the first British Grand Prix at Silverstone when an estimated 100,000 people flocked to the course marked by haybales, ropes and canvas barriers.

Stowe Gardens and Parkland is a Grade 1 listed landscape of international significance and was placed in the care of the National Trust in 1989. With over 40 scheduled monuments and temples, the gardens host a quarter of a million visitors every year. The 1,000 acres of parkland and 245 acres of landscape gardens are home to lakes and ponds, vast wildflower meadows and rolling wood pasture – it's a haven for wildlife and for people.

The three-year collaboration begins in June 2025. National Trust Stowe Gardens will have a presence at Silverstone during the F1 British Grand Prix, Silverstone Festival and MotoGP weekends over the next three years. Members of the public will have the opportunity to help increase biodiversity through sponsorship of elements in the landscape such as a metre of footpath at Stowe, saplings and wildflowers, a bat box, beehive, or swift brick.

**Head of ESG, Stephane Bazire,** says: "Our ambition is to be connected to the ecosystem of the wider Silverstone community, working collaboratively with our neighbours to make Silverstone a sustainable business and leisure destination where visitors and employees benefit from green and active travel options all year round. We want to have a positive social and environmental impact whilst growing our business and we see an opportunity to do this by working with our neighbours at National Trust Stowe who share our carbon emission reduction targets. The vision is for visitors, staff, volunteers and

members of our local community to be able to walk, run, cycle or wheel safely between Silverstone and Stowe along a green corridor."

**General Manager at National Trust Stowe, Tanya Brittain**, says: "We're partnering with Silverstone in our quest to improve access, enhance biodiversity, create green corridors and new homes for nature and improve connectivity by enabling green travel and active lifestyles. Together we aim to raise the funds necessary to create a three-mile nature superhighway connecting the two sites. Upgrading the Parkland Trail at Stowe puts us firmly on track to achieve this and will be the focus of our combined fundraising efforts. The National Trust wants to ensure people and nature can thrive, and we know we can have more impact by working together."

Stowe Gardens and Silverstone share strategic priorities to improve biodiversity, increase sustainability and create new homes for nature. The local fundraising relationship will provide new access for cyclists, walkers and people with mobility aids and connect communities with green travel opportunities, steering both Stowe Gardens and Silverstone towards net zero.

#### **MEMBERSHIP & TASTER DAY COORDINATOR**

#### Membership

The membership numbers are steady. At the end of 2024 BMMC as a whole had 2973 members with the SMids having 8.9% of the total taking us to around 264 members for the end of the year.

For the start of 2025 that figure has risen to 3031 for the BMMC and 9% overall taking us to around 273 members for the SMids Region. From February onwards they were still increasing until May 25 where the overall figure has dropped to 2823 from 3159 in April and South Midlands dropping from 287 in April to 263 in May. Probably due to non-renewal numbers being finalised at end April. For Jun & Jul they have increased and stayed at 272 members.



#### **Taster Days**

We've held two more Taster Days 10 May & 14 Jun. For the May Taster Day we had 2 personnel join us that had applied to Silverstone for a Taster Day, so they came on ours taking our numbers to 11 for the day. On 14 Jun Taster Day unfortunately only had 6 personnel turn up. We also had Jon & Catherine Smart join Chris and myself as a helpers and I would like to thank them for their help.

After introductions and a short safety briefing as usual we started off by going over to Assembly at Brooklands and having a chat with the Recovery team, who very kindly went through what tools they carry and what they're used for. We then walked up Assembly and spoke to the scrutineer doing the sound checks on cars coming in.

We then went round to the Medical Centre who kindly gave a tour of the facility and provided tips on how to survive on post in all weathers!

Then over to Race Control, to watch the team in action, be briefed by Time Keepers and the Stewards explained their role.

Next we went over to Scrutineering to see what they do, what they look for and the checks they carry out. Then onto Copse for a chat from the Post Chief the JCB handler and Flag post

After that we returned to the pits for a safety brief before walking down the Pit Lane facing traffic. before stopping for lunch the chief Pits gave a short briefing on the role of his team.

After lunch everyone that wanted to stay were allocated posts around the circuit on the Bank; or in Assembly & the Pit Lane as they wished. At the end of the day they returned to Garage 1 to hand in their tabards full of enthusiasm with some promising to turn up on the morrow!

I've since had some e-mails from the attendees thanking us for the day and the opportunity to be on the Bank with marshals.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who worked with our Tasters, thank you for welcoming them as part of your team and encouraging them; it all helps in the long run.

If you are interested in helping drop Kaz a line: sm.members@marshals.co.uk

## REGALIA





## **Show Your Support for the Club**

As the season moves on why not treat yourself to some club merchandise. We have everything from badges, keyrings, stickers, hats and even umbrellas to show your support for the club.

Details of our reasonable priced stock are available on our website.

Should you wish to purchase any of the above items you can contact me and place a postal order or arrange a date to meet me at a Silverstone race meetings.

Just drop me an email and place an order and he will provide details on how to pay and when he will be at the circuit or when he can post items to you.

#### **Adrian Cashmore**

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## **Grading Update**

#### Welcome to the July grading report.

The current Marshals' Pathway was launched in July 2022. Following feedback from marshals, there have been some amendments to some of the individual Discipline grading requirements. These changes come in with immediate effect.

#### The changes are:

- For those wishing to upgrade to Race: Grade 2 (Flag) and Race: Grade 2 (Incident) at the same time, we have made it clear that the requirement is a minimum of 15 days Flag and a minimum of 15 days Incident. The two practical assessments for Flag and Incident must be completed on separate days.
- For those wishing to upgrade to **Rally: Grade 1**, there is no longer a need to undertake an assessment. We will still require a letter of nomination from an Organising Club, and for all attendance and training requirements to be met.
- For those wishing to upgrade to Speed: Grade 1, we have changed the requirement to just one
  practical Assessment in either an Off-Track Role, or an On Track Role, and one Knowledge Check
  in whichever role the practical assessment was not carried out for. The practical assessment and
  knowledge check may be undertaken on the same day. We have also clarified which roles count
  towards Off-Track signatures at Speed events.
- For those wishing to upgrade to **Speed: Grade 2**, we have changed the requirement to just one practical Assessment in either an Off-Track Role or an On Track Role, and one Knowledge Check in whichever role the practical assessment was not carried out for. The practical assessment and knowledge check may be undertaken on the same day.

If you have any queries or you are ready to submit your evidence for an upgrade, you can email me at sm.grading@marshals.co.uk.

Andrew French
SMids Grading Coordinator
British Motorsports Marshals' Club

## **Training News**

BRSCC Driven By Racing Training - The provisional date for training is 15 & 16 November 2025. Preparations have started on this event, but early plans may be delayed due to the departure of some of the HQ team. If anyone is available to help with the training whether as trainer or admin please let me know at <a href="mailto:sm.training@marshals.co.uk">sm.training@marshals.co.uk</a>

Nina Fountain SM Training coordinator

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