BRITISH MOTORSPORTS MARSHALS' CLUB LTD.
South Midlands Region
Annual Report to AGM 2025/2026

This is the Annual Report for South Midlands Region of BMMC for period 2025/2026 prepared for review at the AGM October 28th 2026

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1. CHAIR REPORT

This is my second year as your Suth Midlands chair, and I remain fortunate to have great support from the committee members and marshals
Glynn Ellis our recruitment and volunteering coordinator has decided to stand down at the end of 2025, and unfortunately this place has not been filled.

My objectives throughout the year have been to;

1- **Improve Communication in the region**- We have revamped the newsletter, and the feedback received has been positive, we have provided regular updates via on our social media platform.

2- **Get the Committee working together and keeping each other informed with what is going on**- We have held bi-monthly committee meetings throughout the year with detailed status reports submitted for each meeting.

3- **Get myself known to our members, invite them to talk to me; and Improve relations with SMT so that we can work together on mutually beneficial basis** -I have tried to make myself approachable to all members and to always be available. I have regular calls with SMT, in order to provide feedback, this has improved our relationship and has been a great success.

Earlier this year I approached by MSUK at their request in order to arrange a recruitment stand at the British Grand Prix, I was informed that they would not get involved. I started communications with SMT and we had arranged a stand at the Museum for the GP weekend. Sadly, a week prior to the Grand Prix, the museum decided to withdraw this offer and unfortunately no recruitment stand took place. We did however utilise downtime during the

event to hand out leaflets to spectators and proved a relatively good success, which was replicated at the classic, BDC event and Car Fest.

Last year we saw the return of social events and this has continued into 2026, with tours at Ecurie Bertelli, RML, Woolmer engineering along with Beer tasting talk and buffet. We have only managed to do this with the continued support from our members. We look to continue events into 2027.

It is with great pleasure that we have appointed John Edwards as our new national chair and Adrian Liddiment as our new national Vice Chair, they will take us into 2027 our 70th anniversary year.

During 2026 the SM region will have incurred £449.99p in expenses.

As 2026, comes to a close, I would like to thank all the members and the committee for your continued support, hard work and dedication. I look forward to meeting more marshals, providing support and receiving your advice and feedback as I continue to represent your region in 2027.

Ian Whiting
Chair BMMC South Midlands Region

2. SECRETARY REPORT

The South Midlands Regional Committee has continued to meet every 2 months by Zoom

- Reporting Committee business to the Members. I have continued my contributions to the Newsletter so that Members are aware of what the Committee does on their behalf. This has included advertising all the Committee meetings so that members can raise issues and attend meetings if they wish.

- IT Working Group. An IT Working Group has been implementing the strategy and roadmap agreed with the Board and has now expanded to include new members providing dedicated support to our various tools whilst working under the new IT Coordinator. To date the Group has introduced improvements to the Volunteering database, a new email service provider, a new host for the club's servers and, most recently, a new membership database. I have been providing secretarial support for the group, primarily in arranging and recording meetings as well as reviewing the impact on the Club's policies and procedures and tracking the costs of the changes.

- General admin and support. General Regional admin is up to date, and, as a license holder for the BMMC Zoom account, I have facilitated various regional activities including hosting some virtual training sessions. I have organised the 2026 AGM, I have completed the admin for the Regional nominations to the National awards and for the Regional Marshal of the Year awards, and arranged all the Regional trophies.

Committee attendance chart for 2025/2026:

Name	Attendance	Apologies	Name	Attendance	Apologies
Ian Whiting	100%	0%	Chris Whitlock	100%	0%
Adrian Cashmore	100%	0%	Karen Topping	50%	50%
Marion Quarrington	100%	0%	Andrew French	100%	0%
Emile Naus	67%	33%	Nina Fountain	67%	33%

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Each Committee Member is elected for a 3-year term. As there were no terms finishing in 2026, and no nominations to the vacant roles on the Committee, there were no Committee elections in 2026. The current service dates of the Committee Members are:

Name	Elected	Re-election	Name	Elected	Re-election
Ian Whiting	2024	2027	Chris Whitlock	2024	2027
Adrian Cashmore	2025	2028 $	Karen Topping	2024	2027 $
Marion Quarrington	2025	2028 $	Andrew French	2024	2027
Emile Naus	2024	2027	Nina Fountain	2024	2027

For those dates shown as $ these members will have served the maximum permitted number of 3 terms of 3 years at the given date, and must stand aside from the Committee for a minimum of 1 year.

If you have any comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Marion Quarrington
Regional Secretary BMMC South Midlands Region

3. TASTER DAY REPORT

The rules for hosting Taster Days have changed this year in that co-ordinators now need to go to the Organising Club asking permission to run a Taster Day at their event and not the Circuit.

There were 6 dates picked for the year and they were:
11 Apr 26 – This one did not go ahead as the Organising Club (VSCC) did not send out the tickets even though they received the details of the personnel that were available. This was down to misunderstanding what they needed to do even though they were contacted in plenty of time by myself explaining the situation.

9 May 26 – This one went ahead with the 750MC. There was a total of 5 personnel that attended and a couple of them have since obtained their MSUK licence and joined the BMMC.

13 Jun 26 – This one went ahead and was with the BRSCC. There were a total of 8 personnel that attended which included 2 personnel that went through Silverstone for a Taster Day.

19 Sep 26 – This one was cancelled as there was only 1 individual who confirmed their availability. It was therefore agreed that it wasn't viable to run a Taster Day for 1 individual.

The next two events are 3 Oct (MSVR) & 10 Oct (HSCC Finals) and both Organising Clubs have confirmed happy for these to run and for tickets to be sent out.

Karen 'Kaz' Topping
Taster Day Co-Ordinator BMMC South Midlands Region.

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

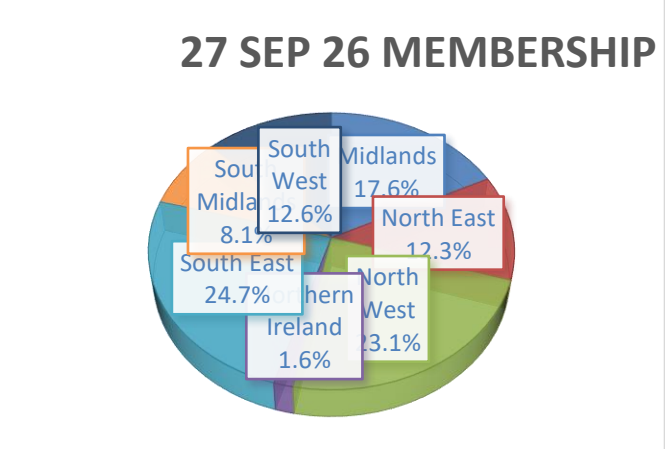
As of 27 Sep 26, the South Midlands Membership sits at 264 which is 8.1% of the BMMC Membership of 3255. This is a decrease of 28 Regional Members compared to Sep 25.

The Region lost 28 members from people who did not renew their membership at the start of the year, however this could also be due to personnel moving regions.

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The change to the Regional Boundaries in 2024 has caused an issue with a small percentage of personnel being sent to myself for a Taster Day instead of to the circuit that's closer to them because the postcode apparently comes under the South Mids region. This has affected personnel who are in fact closer to Cadwell Park, Brands Hatch and Snetterton. I have therefore contacted those affected and informed them of the circuits that are closer to them and given them the details of the co-ordinators for those circuits. If, however, they come back and say they are happy to come to Silverstone they are added to my list.

	Sep-26	Sep %
Total Membership	**3255**	
Midlands	574	17.6%
North East	399	12.3%
North West	753	23.1%
Northern Ireland	52	1.6%
South East	804	24.7%
South Midlands	264	8.1%
South West	409	12.6%



Karen 'Kaz' Topping
Members Secretary BMMC South Midlands Region.

5. VOLUNTEERING REPORT

I took over as South Midlands Regional Volunteering Co-Ordinator in November 2025 after our previous long-standing Co-ordinator, Glynn Ellis, stood down from the Committee.

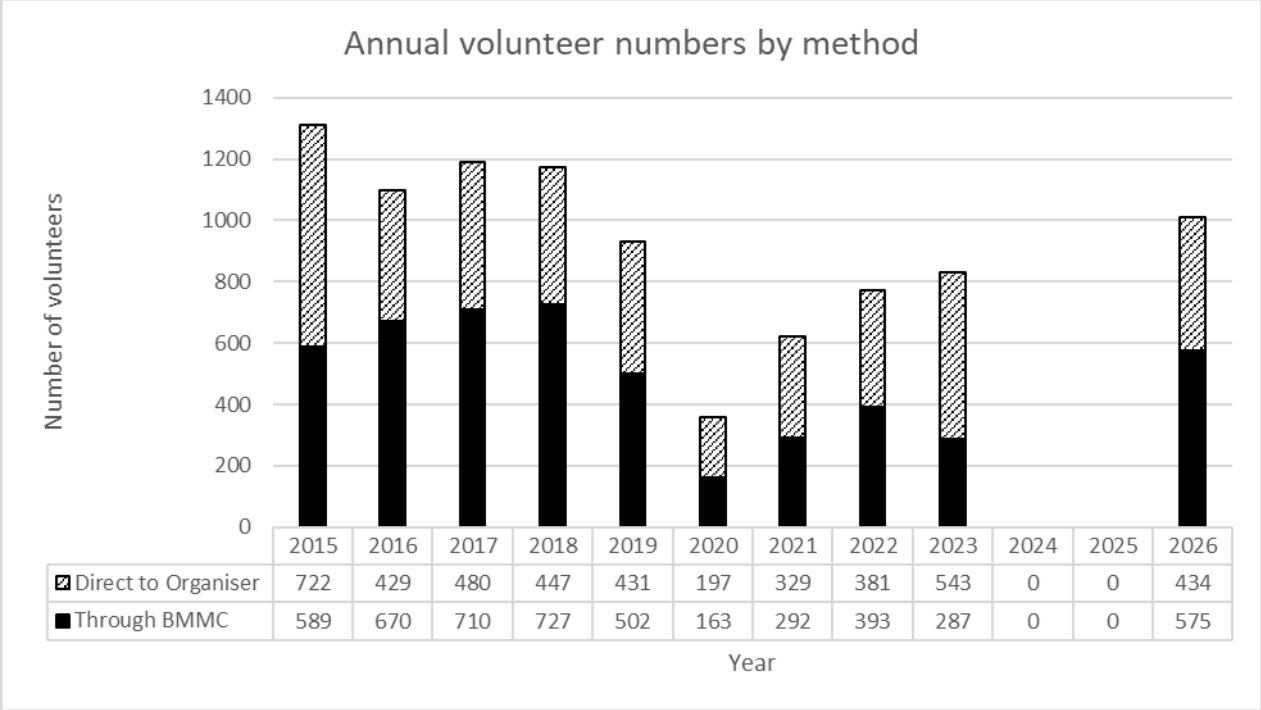
- Updates to the Volunteering Database were introduced in January 2026, having been delayed from the previous year, and I was involved in the final testing and "tweaking". As a marshal using it for volunteering I personally find the new system to be a big improvement on the old one, and the "back-office" processing for the Volunteering Co-ordinators is certainly much quicker and easier. Further minor changes came in October 2026, in collaboration with the introduction of the new My Clubhouse membership database, as the two systems have to work together to verify members' credentials before they can access the Volunteering Database.

- Concerns leading from certain events in 2025 led Motorsport UK to issue a strong reminder to all clubs in early 2026 about the need to ensure that volunteers data was handled correctly, and was available to the Event Chief Marshal at every event. To this end BMMC decided that our volunteers' data would only be passed directly to the Event Organising Club and not also be sent or copied to circuit and venue marshal clubs such as the Silverstone Marshals Team. This caused a flurry of correspondence in the early part of the season, but I was able to show that none of our members were inconvenienced at any of the events they had volunteered for, and all parties soon adapted to the new ways of working.

- The changes to the Volunteering Database at the beginning of 2026 included the ability for directly volunteering for Speed events, where previously this had only been available for Race events. The Chief Marshal of our only hill climb venue, Prescott, decided not to take up the new option for 2026, but the Volunteering Co-ordinator for VSCC was pleased to get some direct volunteers for his events at Prescott through this function.

- I have answered a small number of queries from members during the year, including passing on cancellation requests.

- I have analysed the data from the Volunteering Database for the number of volunteers for events at Silverstone, which I have presented below. The data for 2024 and 2025 was not collated and analysed in the same way as in the previous years so is not included. The three events contributing the most volunteering days to the total in 2026 are European Le Mans Series (129 across 3 days), Silverstone 500 (61 across 2 days), and BTCC (50 across 2 days) which together represent 40% of the total volunteering days across the year.



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Direct to Organiser	722	429	480	447	431	197	329	381	543	0	0	434
Through BMMC	589	670	710	727	502	163	292	393	287	0	0	575

Note that the "Direct with Organiser" figures are from members self-reporting their volunteering, and it is known that this method under-reports the actual volunteering activity.

If you have any comments, please do not hesitate to contact me

Marion Quarrington
Volunteering Co-Ordinator BMMC South Midlands Region

6. TRAINING REPORT

Circuit Training Day
We held a training day on 8 February 20026 Redbourne School in Ampthill. We had 40 attendees:
12 off-track marshals
12 on-track marshals
18 registered marshals.
We were particularly pleased to welcome people who had started marshalling during 2025 after attending one of our Taster Days at Silverstone, and be able to help them on the next stage of their marshalling journey.

As well as covering all the modules needed for grade maintenance and upgrade, the training included a practical first aid course, which many delegates rated highly for giving them life-skills beyond marshalling.
Using a school instead of a race venue for training was a new experience, but all the delegates rated the facility highly and, although able to provide only limited training outside, the quality and range of indoor rooms more than made up for this. The help and support from the school, both in advance and during the training, was exemplary, and we were very grateful to them for the use of the facility.
We had members of the committee join the training day which was greatly appreciated. We were able to sell a lot of regalia. This proofed to be very popular and something to be encouraged.

Kart Training Day
We held a kart training day on 28 February at Kimbolton. This has become a regular feature on our training calendar and is also well attended. We had 25 attendees:
Grade 1 & 2 – 21 marshals
Grade 3 – 4 marshals.
This was first time that the new Grade 3 modules had been presented in a Training Day by BMMC SM since the release of the new Pathway.
We also welcomed a Rally Marshal, who joined us for some of the generic modules that are common across all disciplines.
Unfortunately, a last-minute fault with the fire rig meant that practical fire training had to be postponed, and a separate session for this was held on the evening of 11th April after the circuit had closed after the practice day. With many of the teams, competitors and their families watching on, all the marshals successfully completed their training, and the spectators gained a much better understanding of the scope and depth of training that kart marshals undertake.

Forward Planning

Circuit Training Day
BRSCC is again planning to hold Marshals training as part of their Driven By Racing weekend at Silverstone on 14 & 15 November. As with the previous event 2 years ago, BMMC trainers and helpers will be involved in delivering this and all BMMC members invited to attend. Nina will liaise with the committee to ensure all our members are invited.

Kart Training Day
It is proposed to hold a kart training day at Kimbolton on 28 February.

Members of the South Midlands training team were invited to contribute to other training days during 2026, and are already seeing invitations for 2027.

Nina Fountain
Training Co-Ordinator BMMC South Midlands Region

7. GRADING REPORT

All applications to upgrade have been received, checked and sent to the National Grading Coordinator via the use of scanned copies of application forms and any associated evidence. This has meant the process is more sustainable and efficient. No printing has been required nor any costs incurred for postage.

Since the last report in October 2025, BMMC South Midlands has processed upgrades for race only. No applications have been made for speed or kart upgrades.

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In total BMMC South Midlands have processed five upgrade applications and updated the BMMC records for three members who had upgraded with other clubs.

Andrew French
Regional Grading Co-Ordinator, BMMC South Midlands Region.

8. WEB ADMIN AND SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

The regional web site (https://www.marshals.co.uk/southmidlands/) is maintained both as a source of news, information about local events and locations and as a way to connect with the local committee. There have been a number of small changes to the regional website, to make them easier to navigate. There is also a gallery of pictures and video, for example from our training events.

Key information you can find on the website includes:
- Newsletters (with Archive)
- Marshals Wanted – a list of events where the organisers are asking for additional marshals
- Social events

We continue to post regional news to the website (on the left side of the home page), and to our regional Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/groups/141229762717513). If you have any items for the website, please let me know. The Facebook site has open access for our members, and anyone can post items that are relevant to our members.

I also send out the regional e-mail updates via Mail Chimp to our subscribers. If you have not received these, please update your contact details on: https://members.marshals.co.uk/. This allows you to resubscribe to these e-mails, and also allows you to receive multiple regional newsletters.

We have had a number of social events, including Prodrive, Ecurie Bertelli, Woolmer Classic Engineering, RML as well as two Beer Tasting events. I have managed the sign-up for these via Google forms; the invitations have been included on our website, Facebook site and e-mailed to members via Mail Chimp.

We are always looking for feedback from our members: are there any other items we should add to the website, to make it easier for you to marshal in our region?

Emile Naus
Website Administrator, BMMC South Midlands Region
Social Media Co-Ordinator, BMMC South Midlands Region

9. NEWSLETTER REPORT

In my second year as editor of the South Midlands Newsletter I have produced five issues so far. I hope I have kept up with the standards I set last year but it is difficult to know. I have received virtually no comments neither good nor bad. As such I can only assume you are happy with the content.

A rough review of the newsletters in 2026 shows a growing input from members of the committee with reports on their activities which seems to have moved closer to the old style of the news that I was trying to avoid. There are virtually no “my car” stories or reviews of places to eat, something I will try to address next year.

With the cost of living rising I can understand if eating out is losing its popularity

Chris Whitlock
Regional Newsletter Editor, BMMC South Midlands Region.

10. REGALIA REPORT

For the year ending, the total sales of regalia totalled £279.15.

My thanks to everyone who assisted in selling the regalia this year. We attended the regional training day, kart training and our regional social events.
The club has produced a range of new stock items that are available to members.
The region can supply items such as hats, cloth badges, stickers and pin badges etc. Plus, larger items such as umbrellas.

Please contact me with any queries you may have with regards to availability of items listed on our website.

Adrian Cashmore
Regalia Co-Ordinator, BMMC South Midlands Region

11. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Following the resignation of our Environmental Coordinator early in the year I have attempted to include environmental news within the newsletter.

In summary since October 2025:

- Stowe National Trust organised a Snowman Trail in December and BMMC South Mids entered a Snowman on behalf of the club. We did not win but our entry was impressive enough to be kidnapped by students at Stowe School. It was discovered by a master in a dormitory and returned to National Trust.
- There has been no further news about the environmental trail between Stowe National Trust and Silverstone Circuit but that is a three-year project expected to be completed in 2027.
- Silverstone announced last year that the points scored by British F1 drivers in the 2026 World Championship will determine the number of trees to be planted.
- Stowe NT announced in July that they were undertaking a Bio-Blitz to identify flora and fauna within Stowe grounds but have yet to publish the results.
- During 2026 Stowe grounds was affected by Bird Flu and a number of bird fatalities were recorded but restrictions put in place to limit the spread of disease have now been lifted.
- We still have a vacancy for an Environmental coordinator.

Chris Whitlock
Acting Environmental Co-Ordinator, BMMC South Midlands Region

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