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The Chairman's Chat

Wendi Batteson, South West Chairman

SW Regional Committee Chairman's Chat – June 2020

Dear SW Members,

As we enjoy the Summer and some of the heat and sun that we've currently got, albeit with the odd thunderstorm thrown in for good measure, it looks likely motorsport is going ahead again and we can go marshalling. 😊 😊

Marshalling will of course be somewhat different to what we've previously been used to, with social distancing and closed events. I've no doubt we'll be feeling our way with all this and what works and what doesn't so it is certainly going to be quite challenging. Not only on post but also in terms of marshal camping whilst at events, and staples like food and drink venues which may or may not be open.

There is certainly a lot of guidance coming out in respect to how it is envisaged it will all work with electronic sign on possible for example. It might also be that with the reduced number of marshals needed at events that an "invitation only" will be for the time being the norm.

Howsoever it works it will be great to don the orange and get back to our hobby, albeit in a new and different way to what we have been accustomed too.

It is though important to stay safe, as I for one do not believe we are out of the woods yet in respect of this virus, and do wonder if we're coming out of lockdown at a rate that may bite us later. Only time will tell, and I wish all members to stay safe and keep ALERT!

If you are finding this new situation as we come out of lockdown trying in any way or causing concern then do please use the confidential 24 hour helpline that is there for us all, in these times and any other for that matter.

The telephone number is 0117 934 0105 and quote Policy No. 100580442CCI.

All the best and stay safe.

Wendi Batteson
South West Chairman
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

BARC - Trainees Info

BARC have now issued e-mails to all trainee marshals informing them that they will NOT be allocated any duties during the 2020 season in line with MSUK COVID-19 arrangements. It is expected that this may also be applied at other Circuits until such time as Government advice on social distancing is altered.

Below is the actual message that was sent out:

"In order to restart racing within the UK it is necessary to adjust some of our practices and procedures in order to satisfy the requirements laid down by the government and most importantly to provide the safest environment possible for everyone involved whether competitor, official or member of the circuit staff.

Unfortunately, for all of our events being run this year, we are not able to accept Trainees because we are unable to maintain social distancing while undertaking the training process.

We apologise that we have had to take this course of action and we will of course welcome you back next year, when hopefully the Racing Season can return to normal."

Graham Ellis
South West Membership
British Motorsport Marshals' Club



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Volco Report

Volunteering is at the moment a difficult thing for you people out there I know. We all want to get back to marshalling, but some have had to make very hard decisions about personal safety for various reasons. I am one of those people.

There are many questions being asked by marshals I know, with the answers not always the ones we want to hear. Clubs have had to make drastic changes to the number of events they can put on, how to man those events with the safety of **ALL** attending being paramount.

The situation is very fluid I have received 6 amended versions from the national volunteering coordinator of events that are planned for 2020. The obvious big event is the Grand Prix and until the dates were confirmed for that, other championship organisers could not confirm anything. There are already clashes with other events with the GP.

All the organising clubs are duty bound to follow the guidelines put out from Motorsport UK earlier this year. They have to work within those guidelines to produce a manning plan, which, complies with the Motorsport Guidelines. Which meant that clubs and chief marshals have to make difficult decisions regarding manning of posts and other roles at each circuit, as each circuit would need a strategy to suit that circuit.

Unfortunately, this means that some marshals will not get to marshal at events if manning levels are already filled.

Please keep volunteering and supporting the clubs.

The BMMC is working to encourage the clubs to as much as possible not to keep picking the same people each time.

There are some clubs who are saying No trainees.

NO if you can only do one day of a multi-day event.

NO If you have to travel more than 1 hour.

NO if you need to camp.

Yes, these are difficult decisions to accept. Some do so others find it hard. There is little we can do about this. The clubs are trying to manage this as fair as possible.

If you have any questions please read the Motorsport Guidelines or the organising clubs. Nadine Lewis our National Chairman is happy to take questions that you have. Motorsport UK has been made aware of this situation and how the clubs are handling the situation.

To all of you out there who have volunteered or not, keep safe follow the guidelines they are there to keep you all safe. For those like me who are waiting a while longer before taking any action keep safe with whatever you are doing. I look forward to the time when we can all meet up again on the bank.

Paul Wiltshire
South West Volunteering Coordinator
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

Snoods

Hi All

Hope you are well and looking forward to a partial start to the season.

Please be aware that we now have a new stock of the Snoods in Orange and Black.



For the moment these are only available through myself. If anyone would like to order one please contact me direct via e-mail with what you would like and I will send you the payment link.

Eric Ridler
National Regalia Officer
British Motorsports Marshals' Club

Regalia Items

Item	Cost
	(£)
Union Jack W/Website	2.00
BMMC Anorak Badge	2.00
BMMC Lapel Badge	2.00
BMMC Tie Pin	2.00

BMMC Stickers etc.

Exterior Stickers	2.00
Long Atmospheric Stickers	2.00

Heroes items

Heroes Woven Badge	2.00
Heroes Woven Badge	2.00
Heroes Lapel Badge www	2.00
Heroes Stickers	2.00
Heroes Key-Rings	2.00
Proud Marshal Stickers	2.00

Clothing & Equipment

Woollen Ski Hats Black	4.50
Woollen Ski Hats Orange	4.50
Baseball Caps - Black	7.00
Baseball Caps - Orange	7.00

Sundry Zero Value Items

Grading Badges	1.00
Large Stickers 7"x7"	1.00

(Please note prices are as last advised).

I can be normally be found at Thruxton, Gurston Down, but also marshal at Castle Combe or Wiscombe Park.

If you need any of the above items please do not hesitate to contact me as per details advised within members of the committee.

Please also note that if you require new overalls these can be obtained at a discount, directly from Lille. Members will also be able to get a full 100% refund on off the peg probans under the current subsidy. Details of which can be found at: <https://www.marshals.co.uk/blog/bmmc-proban-overalls-new-supplier/>

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