

BRITISH MOTORSPORT MARSHAL'S CLUB



MARSHAL'S POST

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTH WEST REGION OF THE
BRITISH MOTORSPORT MARSHAL'S CLUB

The contents included in this publication do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editor or the BMMC Ltd

www.marshals.co.uk

MOTORSPORTS UK RECOGNISED

FOUNDED 1957

2 - Chairman's Chat

3 - Marshals Online Refresher Training

5 - Members Q&A - Tom D

7 - Regalia Items

8 - South West Region Members

The Chairman's Chat

Alex Hodgkinson, South West Chairman

SW Regional Committee Chairman's Chat – December 2020

As I sat in a room on my own for much of March and April this year, I was wondering whether I would even get near a racetrack this year, let alone any actual racing. Thankfully, thanks to the spirit of the sports various governing bodies, some degree of normality returned this year and many of us were able to get out and marshal, and I'm sure we are all glad for the brief respite it offered us.

As the season has drawn to a close for many, I wish I could sit here and write that we have several dates for your diaries and plans for 2021, but sadly I can't. Unfortunately, the world is still a bit too fluid to confirm anything, so that will have to wait until winter is done and dusted and we have all beaten January. We still have plans for a face-to-face training day next year - it's paid for and the funding is waiting to be spent, we just need to ensure that it's done safely.

Thanks to those who attended our AGM. We had some good reports from our committee officers and I hope that 2021's AGM can be done in person. I don't know about you, but the novelty of online zoom meetings has worn very thin!

Finally, a thank you to all that achieved days marshalling in 2020, in whatever capacity. It was a thoroughly testing time for motorsport this year and we have managed to get it back on track.

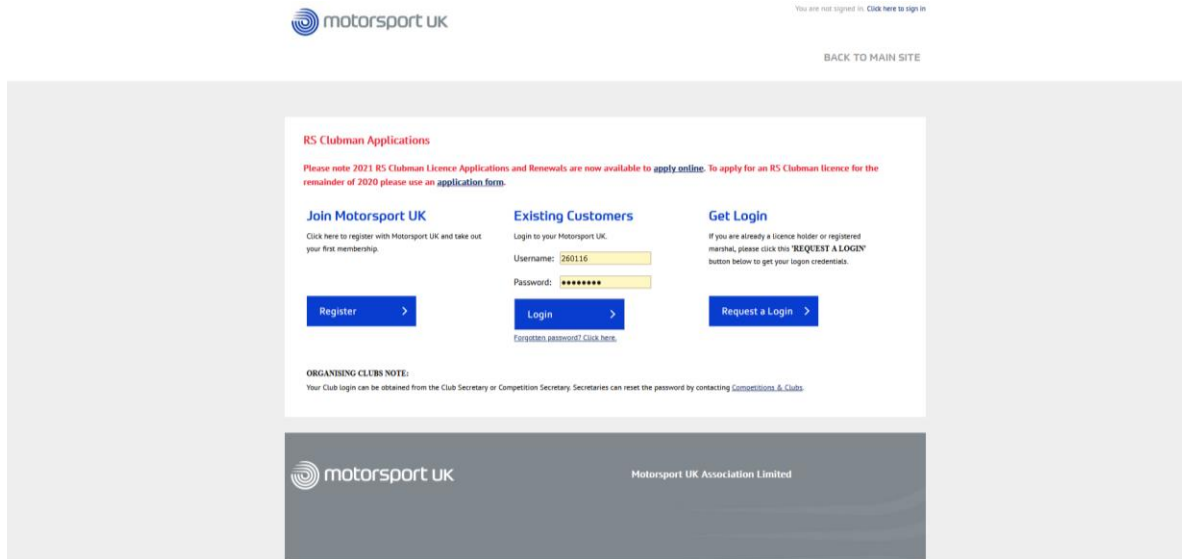
Have a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Alex
Alex Hodgkinson
SW Chairman
British Motorsport Marshal's Club

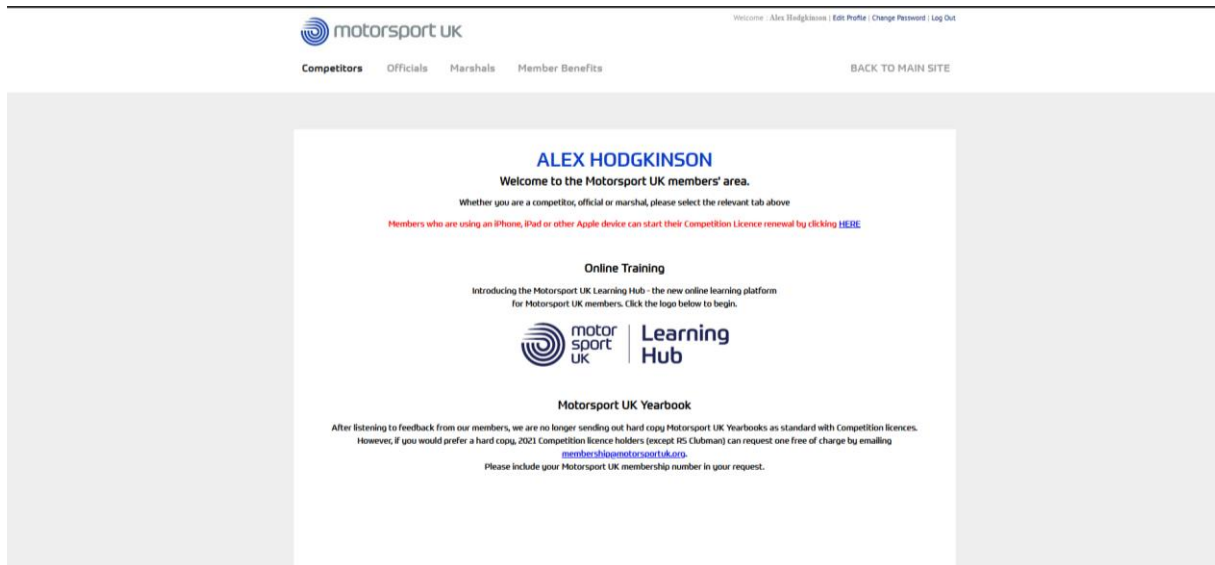
Marshals Online Refresher Training

Thanks to Motorsport UK, they have updated their Learning Hub with some training modules for marshals to look at over the winter. This is for marshals of all disciplines (including rally) and can be done easily on your computer.

To access the MSUK learning hub, go to: <https://members.motorsportuk.org>
Then, log in with your credentials: this is normally your MSUK ID number and a password.

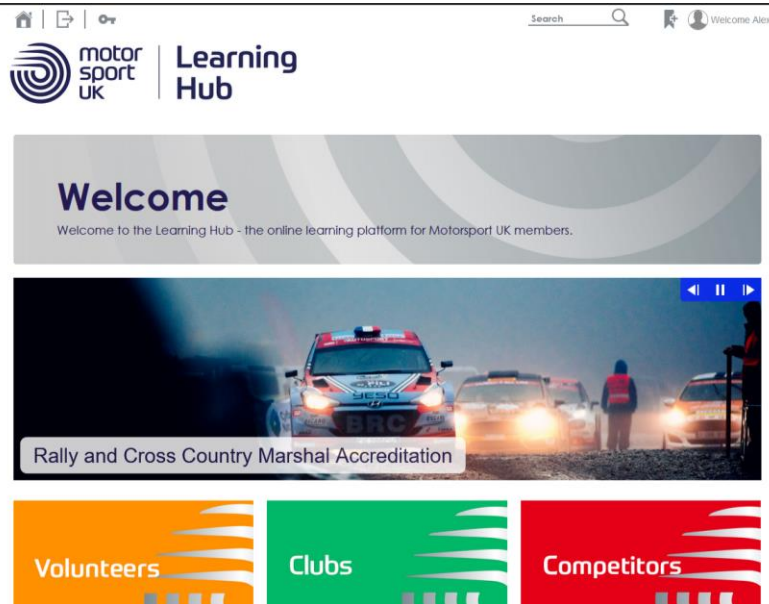


Once logged in, click the Motorsport UK | Learning Hub logo:



Once loaded, you'll need to click 'Next' then 'Login' and 'Login' again – This is so that you can read the Data Protection and Privacy Policies before logging in.

You should now be on the Hub homepage:



From here, click 'Volunteers' to be taken to all the marshalling modules.

These modules are not a direct replacement for training days and they won't count as a signature in your PRC. However, they are up to date and will be good refresher training over the winter months.

Alex
Alex Hodgkinson
SW Chairman
British Motorsport Marshal's Club

Members Q&A – Tom D

Tom is a trainee marshal from the South of England. I caught up with him at the BTCC at Thruxton earlier this year and he kindly agreed to answer a few of my questions:

Tom writes *“I have always been interested in motorsport since I can first remember and have always seen the marshals doing the various tasks that are involved on the TV or going to events at race tracks, and I thought I like the look of that and signed up at Autosport 2019.”*

What was your first event?

“It was a BARC club meeting at Brands Hatch Indy circuit.”

What are the advantages of being a motorsport marshal?

“You are getting close to the action -sometimes a little too close! You get to enjoy some good racing for free and sometimes you get free breakfast from the organisers of the meeting.”

What is your favourite venue? Or favourite discipline?

“It's got to be Thruxton race circuit as it's my local track and it's an awesome and a very fast circuit.”

Have you got any interesting or funny stories from your times marshalling?

“Only one interesting tale.

I was doing the BRSCC meeting at Thruxton last year and Sunday had to be the busiest day I have had as a marshal.

There was a big incident in a Caterham race right by our post so that had to be red flagged, so it was all cleared up. Then in the following race which I think was a salon car race there was a staller on the grid at the start so I had to run like mad so it could be pushed off before all the cars came back round.”



© John Creech

What is it about marshalling that keeps you going during those wet and windy days trackside?

“Other than I'm completely bonkers because I decide to stand out in the rain trackside. I am part of a very large team that allow the drivers to race safely and we are there for when things go wrong and I support the people I am with on post to get everything cleared up quickly.”

Have you got any aspirations about your marshalling career?

“Not at the moment. I am only saying that because I'm still a trainee marshal, so next year my only target is to upgrade, once I have upgraded then I'll start thinking about where I want to go in the future in the Motorsport world.”

Thanks Tom!

Would you like to share your thoughts with our readers? I would like to see if there is anyone from our readership who would be willing to conduct a five or ten minute interview about their marshalling career. Regardless of discipline, grade or circuit, we would love to share your experiences with our readership. Similarly, we are looking for people from specialisations such as Rescue, Recovery, Race/Rally Control or any other, often under-recognised disciplines.

The interview would be a handful of questions about why you became a marshal, most memorable experiences and an opportunity for you to impart your wisdom and knowledge on our readers.

If this is something that interests you, please get in touch with me at sw.chair@marshals.co.uk

Alex
Alex Hodgkinson
SW Chairman
British Motorsport Marshal's Club

Regalia Items

	Cost
Item	(£)
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/>

Ian Harrison
SW Regalia Officer
British Motorsports Marshals' Club

SOUTH WEST REGION

Chair	Secretary & Vice Chair	Grading Officer
Alex Hodgkinson 23 Norfolk Close Laira PLYMOUTH PL3 6DB Tel: 01752 266168 Mobile: 07941 005049 Email: sw.chair@marshals.co.uk	Charlotte Starkie 25 Holmes Close Chippenham Wilts; SN15 3FQ Tel: Mobile 07402 898150 Email: sw.secretary@marshals.co.uk	Al Clarke 7 Renard Court Sotherby Drive Cheltenham GL51 0FN Tel: 01242 317202 (8pm – 10pm evenings only) Email: sw.grading@marshals.co.uk
Members Secretary	Volunteering Coordinator	Training Coordinator
Graham Ellis 61 Bodycoats Road Chandlers Ford Eastleigh; Hants SO53 2HA Tel: 02380 270447 Mobile: 07710 589105 Email: sw.membership@marshals.co.uk	Paul Wiltshire 23 Lansdown Close MELKSHAM Wilts SN12 7JR Tel: 01225 703419 Mobile: 07846 934919 Email: sw.volco@marshals.co.uk	Alex Hodgkinson 23 Norfolk Close Laira PLYMOUTH PL3 6DB Tel: 01752 266168 Mobile: 07941 005049 Email: sw.training@marshals.co.uk
Recruitment Officer	Newsletter Editor	Social Media Officer
Joe Shingler 40 Lowfield Road Tetbury GL8 8AZ Tel: Mobile: 07495 936359 Email: sw.recruiting@marshals.co.uk	Kaz Topping 9 Tedder Road Halton Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP22 5QE Tel: Mobile: 07949 026899 Email: sw.news@marshals.co.uk	Robert Hambly 54 Andrews Way Hatt Saltash Cornwall PL12 6PE Mobile: 07570 558004 Email: sw.media@marshals.co.uk
Rally Representative	Website Administrator	Regalia Officer
Stephen Biggs 6 Copse Lane Ilton ILMINSTER TA19 9HQ Tel: 01460 259208 Mobile: 07712 069558 Email: southwest@brmc.org.uk	Robert Hambly 54 Andrews Way Hatt Saltash Cornwall PL12 6PE Mobile: 07570 558004 Email: sw.webadmin@marshals.co.uk	Ian Harrison 46 Gainsborough Way Yeovil BA21 5XT Tel: 01935 420946 Mobile: 07837 685750 Email: sw.regalia@marshals.co.uk
Committee Member		
Leon Smigielski 4 Collingwood Close Whaddon Salisbury SP5 3FE Mobile: 07734 889349		