



NORTHUMBERLAND BORDERS RALLY

Saturday 16th March 2024

(rescheduled from 11th November 2023)

Supplementary Regulations



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Past winners

Northumberland Borders Rally

2023 (Clubmans): Event postponed
2022 (Clubmans): Paul Crosby & Andy Pullan
2021 (Clubmans): Graeme Cornthwaite & Ali Proctor
2020 (Clubmans): Event cancelled
2019 (Clubmans): Graeme Cornthwaite & Ali Proctor
2018 (Clubmans): Graeme Cornthwaite & Ali Proctor
2017 (Clubmans): Steve Entwistle & Andy Pullan
2016 (Clubmans): Graeme Cornthwaite & Ali Proctor
2015 (Clubmans): Graeme Cornthwaite & Ali Proctor
2014 (Clubmans): Graeme Cornthwaite & Ali Proctor
2013 (Clubmans): Graeme Cornthwaite & Ali Proctor
2012 (Clubmans): Steve Entwistle & Bob Hargreaves
2011 (Clubmans): Pete Tyson & Neil Harrison
2010 (Clubmans): Steve Entwistle & Bob Hargreaves
2009 (12-car): Paul Metcalfe & Stuart Wright
2008 (12-car): Paul Metcalfe & Stuart Wright



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Introduction

The Newcastle & Durham Region of the Mini Cooper Register (MCR) has great pleasure in inviting you to take part in the fifteenth running of the **Northumberland Borders Rally**, a truly unique navigational rally for classic Minis.

Originally planned for the 11th of November 2023 but postponed to the 16th of March this year, the event will run to the successful format from previous years of Special Tests on private land during the day followed by our traditional 'half-night' navigational rally. For 2024, there will also be a Special Tests only option, which is new for the event.

We are delighted that The Hog's Head Inn in Alnwick, part of the Inn Collection Group <https://www.inncollectiongroup.com/>, will be hosting both the rally start and finish again. Handily placed right close to the A1, the hotel has ample accommodation and parking, including for trailers. There is also fuel close by and other local amenities and attractions, including the iconic Alnwick castle.

This year's rally will see a whole load of new, exciting and enjoyable test challenges, while the leg after dark will take in a lot of territory that is new to the rally. The first car will be away from the start before midday and finish for around 10pm. In between, there will be ten Special Tests and just under 90 competitive miles on OS maps 81 (Alnwick & Morpeth) and 75 (Berwick upon Tweed). The exceptions are the Novices who will have a reduced road mileage on the leg after dark of close to 60 miles.

Entry fees are slightly up on those for the last running of the event in 2022 but still represent extremely good value motorsport. As ever, entries from members of MSUK approved member clubs are also very much welcomed. A RS Clubman licence, available free of charge from MSUK, is all that is required to take part. Competitors that entered to take part in the postponed 11th November rally will have their entry carried over to the rescheduled event unless we hear from them to the contrary.

YBracing, the rally's long-standing sponsor and one of the UK's largest suppliers of motorsport equipment celebrating over 20 years as a supplier of OMP products this year, will again be generously backing the rally. We are also happy to confirm that the **WaterAid** charity will continue to benefit from the proceeds of a raffle held during the event. To date, the rally has donated over two thousand pounds to the charity.

We look forward to seeing competitors old and new for what promises to be another great day of classic Mini rallying.

The Organising Team.

NORTHUMBERLAND BORDERS RALLY 2024

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mini Cooper Register (Newcastle & Durham Region) will organise a Clubmans status Navigation Rally on Saturday the 16th of March 2024. This follows the postponement of the previous running of the rally planned for the 11th of November 2023.

2. JURISDICTION

The event will be held under the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Supplementary Regulations, as well as other written instructions the Mini Cooper Register (MCR), the promoting club, may issue.

3. AUTHORISATION

Motorsport UK Permit no.: TBC

Motorsport UK Route Authorisation no.: 28656MA16

4. ELIGIBILITY

The event is only open to classic Mini Cooper and Mini saloons of road legal specification that are MOT'd where required, taxed and insured for use on the Public Highway. No other vehicles, including mini variants, BMW MINI or classic minis with a non A or A+ series engine fitted, are eligible to take part.

The Northumberland Borders Rally is open to holders of Motorsport UK (MSUK) RS Clubman Competition Licence holders as a minimum who are either members of the MCR or any of the following MSUK member clubs:

Alnwick & District MC; Berwick MC; Durham AC; Hadrian MSC; Ilkley & District MC; Historic Rally Car Register; Garstang and Preston MC; Hexham & District MC; Kirkby Lonsdale MC; Malton MC; Morecambe CC; Spadeadam MC; Tynemouth & District MC, Whickham & District MC and Wigton MC.

Members of other MSUK member clubs may also be eligible to enter, depending on uptake from the above organisations – please contact the Organisers for more information.

A RS Clubman licence is free of charge and can be applied for online here: <https://www.motorsportuk.org/competitors/rs-clubman-licence/>

5. OFFICIALS

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Assistant Chief Marshal & Chief Timekeeper: Kevin Rich, 26 Moor Drive, Wallsend, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE28 9FE, mobile 07889 712514 or email: richkev@gmail.com

Motorsport UK Scrutineer: Colin Salkeld. Mobile 07860 960489 or email: colinsalkeld@btinternet.com

Steward: TBC

6. START & FINISH VENUE

Both the start and the finish of the event will be at The Hog's Head Inn, Hawfinch Drive, Alnwick, NE66 2BF (OS map 81, NGR NU19473 11606). [The Hog's Head Inn, Alnwick | The Inn Collection Group](#)

Scrutineering will take place in the car park for The Hog's Head Inn. Food and refreshments can be purchased both at the start and the rest halt, part-way through the event. A buffet will also be provided to competitors at the finish, as part of the rally entry fee (see Section 18).

7. PROGRAMME

Scrutineering: 09:00 to 10:30hrs

Rally pack collection: 09:00 to 11:00hrs

Competitors' briefing: 11:00hrs

Car 0 departs from MTC1: 11:30hrs

Approximate due finishing time for first crew: 21:50hrs

8. ROUTE

Ordnance Survey Landranger sheet numbers 81 (Alnwick & Morpeth) and 75 (Berwick-upon-Tweed) (latest editions) will be required. Areas of adjoining maps may also be utilised, however, there is no requirement to bring these as competitors will be supplied with handouts, as required.

Competitors will cover approximately 85 competitive miles, excluding mileages on the Special Tests or Transports/Neutrals on the Public Highway. Certain sections of the Public Highway will be used more than once during the day to and from the test venues, rest halt and the start / finish venue. The Special Tests will take place on private land where there will be a mixture of surfaces including concrete, gravel, tarmac and grass. The second leg of the event on the Public Highway will be on yellow or higher grade roads except for around a mile of unsurfaced white roads. Although deemed suitable for standard cars, sump guards and other equipment (e.g. roll cages and harnesses) may be useful for those with a particularly flamboyant driving style.

9. FUEL

Fuel will be available both near to the start and finish venue, as well as en route to the start of the second leg – the navigational rally. Competitors will not be permitted to carry fuel in their cars. However, those with particularly thirsty vehicles, unable to complete around 90 miles without refuelling, will be able make arrangements with the Chief Marshal for fuel to be made available to them at an appropriate point along the route [*Note: several cars were running on fumes in previous years so, if there are any doubts, competitors ought to use this opportunity*].

10. FORMAT & TIMING

The route for the event will be defined by plot and bash handouts provided in sealed route envelopes to be opened at specified controls along the route. Instructions for Expert and Semi Expert classes will involve a mix of navigation styles, while the Novice class will have easier navigation including marked maps & tulip diagrams. Examples of the types of navigation used in previous running's of the event can be found on the rally website.

The Special Tests will involve competitors following predetermined routes set out with traffic cones/course markers marked with letters of the alphabet. These will be defined by a comprehensive set of diagrams issued at the start. Some of the tests will not be completely visible from the test start. Competitors will however not be permitted to walk the tests beforehand.

The rally will run to Scheduled Time in accordance with R12.2.1 & R12.2.2 of the Motorsport UK Yearbook for 2024: motorsportuk.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Motorsport-UK-Yearbook-2024.pdf

Standard Sections will be set at an average speed of 30mph and Transport/Neutral Sections, either 30mph or 20mph. Timing will be by the marshals' digital clocks and a sample of rally time will be made available at the start. Sections will be timed to the minute, with timing at all Time Controls to the previous whole minute. The exception will be the Special Tests, which will be timed to an accuracy of less than one minute.

The maximum permitted lateness at all Time Controls will be 30 minutes. Lateness may however be reduced in specific Standard Sections only without penalty, as per R12.6 & 12.7 of the Motorsport UK Yearbook, and lateness reduction may be mandatory at some Main Time Controls. These sections and the maximum time recovery permissible on each will be indicated on the timecards issued to competitors at the start, an example of which can also be found on the rally website.

The Special Tests will be designed in accordance with R10.6 of the Motorsport UK Yearbook.

11. CONTROLS

The event will feature the following types of controls and checks on competitors' progress:

Main Time Control (MTC) - located at the start, the finish and at major points along the route

Standard Time Control (STC) - at the finish of each 30mph Standard Section

Transport Time Control (TTC) - at the finish of each Transport Section timed at 30mph or less

Neutral Time Control (NTC) - at the finish of each Neutral (i.e. PR sensitive) Section timed at 30mph or less

Route Check (RC) – numbered and/or lettered code boards / car registration plates placed at intervals along the route or within tests, examples of which will again be shown at the competitor briefing. Where there is a requirement to manoeuvre the vehicle around a feature, these will be highlighted on the Not as Map diagrams.

Passage Control (PC) - manned controls sited at intervals along the route or within tests.

Time Controls will open 15 minutes before the due time of the first car and close after the maximum lateness of the last car has elapsed. Note also that 'Not as Map' information may be issued to enable competitors to locate some of the above controls.

12. DRIVING STANDARDS

Strict checks will be made on driving standards and competitors will be excluded if found guilty of driving in a manner that may cause danger to other road users or members of the public. Marshals will act as judges of fact and Driving Standards Observers will be appointed to ensure compliance with sections R4 & R8 of the Motorsport UK Yearbook, in particular:

- Excessive vehicle sound
- Excessive speed
- Driving in a manner likely to bring motor sport into disrepute
- Failure to stop at Stop or Give Way signs
- Quiet zone restrictions, including use of auxiliary lights
- Violation of out of bounds areas

13. VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

Vehicles must comply with the Technical Regulations set out in R18 & R19 of the Motorsport UK Yearbook. In particular, they must have a maximum of four forward facing operational beams, i.e. including the headlights, and are not permitted to have any racing style numbers or advertising displayed (R18.5 & R18.6.1, respectively). Vehicles must also carry a small spill kit (R18.6.5), which is available from the Organisers for a nominal fee (see Section 18 of these SR's).

As per L3.2, tyre choice is free subject to the following;

- I. Tyres on the current FIA List of Asphalt Eligible Tyres are permitted; including sizes not homologated;
- II. Tyres on List 1B (from 2020) and List 1C are not permitted other than the Avon CR28, the Avon CR6ZZ and the Pirelli P7 Corsa Classic, for pre 1/10/90 registered cars, the Yokohama A021R (manufactured before 01/11/14), and the Yokohama Advan A052;
- III. Tyres marked for "competition use" are not permitted with the exception of tyres on List 6 and 3.2a.

The fitting of tyres with an aspect ratio of less than 65% is prohibited.

Vehicles/competitors must not use GPS or any other type of positional devices including mobile phones and tablet computers. Any contravention will result in exclusion. The use of in car cameras is also forbidden (R7.2.9).

14. PENALTIES

Penalties will be applied as per 'Chart 13 – Penalties' set out on page 347 of the Motorsport UK Yearbook using the 'fails system':

Sections on the public highway:	
Not reporting or reporting OTL at a Main Time Control	Retired
Not reporting or reporting OTL at any other Time Control	1 fail
Not complying with the route card including visiting a control more than once	1 fail
Not reporting at a Passage Control or providing proof of visiting a Route Check (codeboard)	1 fail
Arrival before scheduled time at the end of a Standard Section	2 minutes per minute
Arrival after due time at the end of a Standard Section	1 minute per minute
Arrival before due time at the end of a Neutral Section	1 fail
Entering a Time Control from the wrong direction	1 fail
Not providing proof of visiting a Secret Check	1 Fail
Excessive vehicle noise, speed or driving likely to bring motorsport in disrepute	Exclusion
Entering an out of bounds area	Exclusion
Failure to bring the vehicle to a complete halt at a Stop or Give Way sign	Exclusion

<i>Special Tests on private ground</i>	
Not completing a timed test	Test maximum
Not performing a timed test correctly, other than in the circumstances below	Test maximum
Striking a cone or failing to stop astride a finish line	20 seconds per offence
Making a jump start on a timed test	10 seconds per second
For every second taken to complete a timed test	1 second
Failing to stop astride a line mid test or failing to stop within the defined area.	30 seconds per offence
Not providing proof of visiting a Route Check (codeboard)	30 seconds per offence

Note that the following will also apply:

1. Competitors may arrive at a Time Control on a Standard Section within the minute prior to their Due time and ask for that Due time. However, they may not leave the control before their Due time.
2. Competitors completing a test in less than the Target Time will be credited with Target Time.
3. Competitors taking the wrong route on a test will be permitted to rectify their error and revert to the correct route without penalty unless they have passed 2 or more consecutive course markers before rectifying their error.
4. Competitors exceeding the test maximum will be credited with the test maximum.
5. To be classified as finishers, competitors must visit all appropriate Main Time Controls and at least two-thirds of the Time Controls.

15. CLASSES

The ***Northumberland Borders Rally*** will consist of three classes:

Expert: which any crew can enter but is mandatory for any navigator who has finished in the first 5 places overall of a Clubmans or higher status event, other than the Northumberland Borders Rally, in the last 5 years.

Semi Expert: crews for which the above does not apply

Novice: genuine novice and first time crews.

The Organisers reserve the right to reclassify crews where they deem it appropriate. For example, whilst we would generally expect previous winners of the Novice or Semi Expert (formerly known as Newcomer) classes to move up a level and continue their rallying education, there may be instances where a crew's results and experience do not warrant such a move. The running order will be based on seeding information provided by crews but will also be at the Organisers' discretion. No swapping of driver/navigator will be allowed.

16. AWARDS

The awards will be as follows:

- 1st Overall crew Expert class..... engraved awards for both driver & navigator plus the Northumberland Borders Rally trophy engraved with names of former winners to keep until the next event
- 1st Semi Expert crew..... engraved awards for both driver & navigator
- 1st Novice crew..... engraved awards for both driver & navigator

In addition to the above awards, a special YBRACING sponsor's prize will be awarded to the highest placed crew from the MCR not qualifying for any of the above awards.

17. RESULTS

Provisional results will be announced at the finish and published on the rally's website and Facebook page. In the case of a tie on either event, the winning crew will be decided by using the "furthest cleanest" principle and then, if necessary, engine capacity. Any subsequent protests should be made in accordance with C5.1 & C5.2 of the Motorsport UK Yearbook. Final results will be published on the rally website and Facebook page, in the MCR's 'Cooperworld' magazine.

18. ENTRIES

The entry list for the event opens on the publication of these Supplementary Regulations and closes at midnight on Sunday the 10th of March 2024. The entry fees are as follows:

Expert/Semi Expert classes ⇒ £120

Novice class ⇒ £100

Special Tests only ⇒ flat rate of £80

Entry fees include a buffet meal for both crew members at the finish but exclude rally insurance (see Section 20). Note also that spill kits required for Special Tests are available from the Organisers at £5 each.

Entries should be made using the existing online web entry system for the postponed 2023 event provided by rallies.info:

<https://www.rallies.info/webentry/2023/northumbborder/index.php>

Please note that entries for the postponed 2023 event will be carried over to the new date unless the Organisers hear to the contrary from the competitors concerned.

The rally will use the Motorsport UK electronic Signing-On documentation, which must be completed before the event, via the web entry system, to compete. There will be no opportunity to Sign-On at the start of the event as in previous years.

Payment for entries can be made in one of three ways:

1) **Bank transfer** - to the following account:

Bank	NATWEST
Sort code	60-01-17
Account no.	81118333
Account name	Niall Cook
Reference	Car Registration

2) **PayPal** – using your debit, credit card or PayPal account to send funds to the PayPal account of 'niallcook@tiscali.co.uk'

3) **Cheque** - made payable to 'Niall Cook' and sent to the Entries Secretary - Sheila Ross, 188 Wingrove Road, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE4 9DB.

Entries will be accepted in order of receipt of completed applications and the appropriate entry fees. Entries paid for by cheque will be held until these clear.

The maximum number of entries for the event is 30 and the minimum is 15. In the case of the minimum number not being reached, the Organisers reserve the right to cancel the event and refund entry fees.

In the event of an entry being pulled, the following criteria will be used for refunding competitors:

- Before midnight on Friday the 1st of March - 75% of the entry fee refunded.
- Before midnight on Friday the 8th of March – 50% refunded.
- After this time – no refund.

19. MINI COOPER REGISTER MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the MCR can be obtained by visiting the site on the link below. Single membership costs £39 and family members can be added for a fee of £2 per person. This is an annual subscription that will run from the first day of the month of joining and includes 12 editions of the excellent 'CooperWorld' magazine.

<https://crossmember.co.uk/add-member/?club=mcr>

<https://www.minicooper.org/>

20. INSURANCE

Vehicles must have insurance in place which provides Third Party Liability cover that complies with the Road Traffic Act (RTA). This can be either, by extending an existing motor policy to cover the event, or, by purchasing additional cover as an adjunct to an existing motor policy.

If a competitor uses an extension to an existing policy, they will be required to sign a declaration that the cover complies with the requirements of the Road Traffic Act. Any responsibility for a fraudulent or misleading declaration about existing cover lies with the competitor. If a competitor wishes to purchase additional cover via the Organisers they can do so prior to the event providing they comply with the following:

- a) Aged 19 years or over
- b) Has held a full driving licence for a minimum of six months
- c) Has no more than 6 points on their licence
- d) Has no more than 1 fault claim in the last three years
- e) The vehicle has valid tax, MOT and is currently insured for road use

The basic rate for the event will be £29.50.

Anyone aged less than 19 years old will also be accepted at the same price should their co-driver be a more senior member of their family or over 25. Any competitor who falls outside these limits may be offered cover at equivalent terms or an agreed price if approval from REIS has been obtained by the Organisers prior to the event.

Additional cover provided by this scheme is only effective whilst the vehicle is actively competing in the event, and remains under the control or direction of the Organisers. Cover will cease immediately if you are precluded, excluded or retire from the event.

The Event Organiser's RTA scheme is provided by REIS Motorsport Insurance and underwritten by Zenith Marque Insurance Services Limited. Reis Motorsport is a trading name of the Insurance Factory Limited, is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (No 306164). Registered in England and Wales number 02982445 at Westerham Road, Bessels Green, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 2QB.

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21. DAMAGE DECLARATION

Competitors will be required to complete and sign a report declaring that they have not been involved in any incident resulting in damage to third party or private property, or injury to persons or animals, or alternatively give details of any such incident. Any information given will incur no penalty, but failure to provide a correctly completed damage declaration form within 72 hours of the completion of the event or falsifying a declaration will result in exclusion of the competitors from the event and their details being reported to the MSUK. In the event of an accident, the Organisers must be notified as soon as possible. Non-finishers should forward their completed forms to the Secretary of the Meeting.

In the event of damage caused to third party property by a Competitor, the Organisers of the event reserve the right to pass the cost of repairs up to a maximum of the insurance excess under the MSUK Master Policies to the competitor involved.

22. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is available at the event start and finish venue - The Hog's Head Inn in Alnwick. For the best rates, rooms at the hotel are best booked via the Inn Collection Group website: <https://www.inncollectiongroup.com/>

There are double, twin rooms and family rooms, all of which come with a continental type breakfast or the option of a cooked one for additional cost. Prices for rooms vary according to demand so early booking is recommended.

For alternative accommodation options and other local information visit:
<https://www.visitalnwick.org.uk/>

23. TRAILER PARKING

Trailers can be parked in the car park at The Hog's Head Inn. However, this is entirely at the owner's risk and neither The Inn Collection Group nor the event takes responsibility for them.

24. PHOTOS

A photographer will be in attendance and pictures taken made available to crews after the event including on the rally website and Facebook page.



25. SPECTATING

Please note that **this is not a spectator event** and no information will be given to spectators.

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