

Whickham & District Motor Club
Presents
The Albemarle Production Car Autotest
Sunday 30th November 2025

With motorsport making a welcome return to Albemarle Airfield we are pleased to welcome you to a Production Car Autotest (PCA) on this great venue. We will be avoiding the rougher parts of the airfield and the tests will be on non-damaging surfaces ranging from smooth tarmac to dirty concrete.

In November we are limited by the number of daylight hours but we plan to use this time as efficiently as possible with up to 20 tests planned. The tests will be designed to be fun as well as challenging to crews (PCA's require a driver and a navigator) with no reversing required. We aim to make the tests suitable for novices as well as the more experienced.

All competitors and marshals will be given a £5 voucher to be used at the onsite catering van where hot food and drink will be available.

We have limited the number of entries to 35 in order to make the day as enjoyable as possible for those competing. With this in mind please enter early in order to avoid disappointment.

We look forward to seeing you on November 30th.

The organising team.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. Announcement

Whickham & District Motor Club Ltd will promote a Clubmans permit Production Car Autotest on Sunday 30th November 2025.

The event will take place at Albemarle Barracks. The nearest post code is NE18 0LE, access from Ouston on the B6309. The only entrance is at map reference 88/087 704 What Three Words is teachers.passenger.chicken

2. Jurisdiction

The event will be held under the general rules of Motorsport UK Ltd (incorporating the provisions of the ISC of the FIA), these supplementary regulations and any further instructions the organisers may issue.

Motorsport UK Clubmans Production Car Autotest permit **204762**.

Competitors should familiarise themselves with the Motorsport UK National Competition Rules (NCR's) Chapter 19 (Autotests).

3. Eligibility

The event is open to members of Whickham & DMC and the following invited clubs; Alnwick & DMC, Berwick & DMC, Durham AC, Hadrian MC, Hartlepool MC, Hawick & Borders CC, Hexham & DMC, Spadeadam MC, Stockton & DMC, Tynemouth MC, Rotherham MC, Wigton MC and York MC, Yorkshire Wolds MC.

Membership of Whickham & DMC will be available to non-members if required.

A Motorsport UK RS Clubmans Licence (or higher grade) is required and entrants must produce current club membership cards at Documentation. A Motorsport UK RS Clubmans licence is free of charge but must be applied for in advance, you can do this here;- <https://rsclubman.motorsportuk.org/>

4. Vehicles

All vehicles must comply with the relevant Motorsport UK regulations in the NCR's Chapter 19 Appendices 3,4 and 5.

Noise testing to Motorsport UK regulations and will be carried out (maximum 100 db(A) at 4,500rpm at 0.5m).

All open top cars must have either a hard top fitted or hood erected when competing on the event.

All competing vehicles should carry a small Spill Kit.

Competing cars need not be taxed or have a current MOT certificate but must be in a condition that would allow them to be driven on the public highway.

If you have any queries about the eligibility of your car, please contact our Scrutineer, Colin Salkeld (colinsalkeld@btinternet.com) in advance of the event to avoid complications or disappointment.

5. Programme

Entry list opens	19:00 on Sunday 5th October
Entry list closes	23.59 hrs Wednesday 26th November
Final Instructions Issued	Thursday 27th November
Scrutineering and Documentation	07.00 – 09.00hrs Sunday 30th November
Competitor's Briefing	09.15 hrs Sunday 30th November
First Car Starts	09:30 hrs Sunday 30th November
First Car Finishes	(approx.) 15:45 hrs Sunday 30th November

6. Event Format

There will be 20 tests planned. There will be four test areas, each used at least four times. If time allows up to four further tests will take place. . The final test will start no later than 15:30.

The test surface is a mixture of tarmac and dirty concrete.

Traffic cones and other barriers with a minimum height of 400mm will be used as course markers on the tests.

Walking the tests is not permitted. The test areas are some distance from the paddock area and any competitor found in a test area before they are due to compete will be excluded from the event.

All test times will count towards a competitor's final result.

Test diagrams will be emailed with the final instructions and paper copies will be issued on November 30th.

Start Marshals will give the start signal for all tests both visually and verbally, counting down from 5 and lowering their arm at "Zero" at which point the competitor should start. All tests will finish with a 'stop astride' line at which point the finish marshal shall stop the stopwatch, competitors must then move slowly forward 10 metres to receive their time from the marshal.

All tests will be timed by marshals using a stopwatch or an equivalent device.

7. Classes

Class 1	All Front Wheel Drive Cars
Class 2	All Rear Wheel Drive Cars
Class 3	All Four Wheel Drive Cars
Class 4	Junior Drivers

Juniors are defined as drivers aged 21 or under on the 15th November 2025. If there are fewer than 3 cars entered in any one class, then the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes as appropriate.

8. Awards

Awards will be presented as follows:

1st, 2nd and 3rd overall

1st in each class (subject to a minimum of 3 starters in each class)

Overall award winners may not win class awards.

Additional awards may be notified in the Final Instructions.

9. Entries

The entry fee is £70.00 per crew of driver and navigator.

All entries must be made via the **TimingAppLive** web-based entry system, accessed via

<https://autotest.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/eventlist.php?sitename=whickham>

Payment can be made by BACS, cheque (payable to Whickham & District Motor Club Ltd) or cash delivered by hand only to the Entries Secretary at home or on a club night.

The club bank account details are as follows;-

Whickham & District Motor Club ltd.

Sort Code 20 - 33 - 51

Account number 20947334

Please use the Driver's surname as your reference.

The Entries Secretary is:

Peter Grant Email: 1957pag@gmail.com

Entry fees will be refunded in full if the entry is withdrawn prior to 23.59 hrs on Wednesday 26th November 2025. Withdrawals must be made in writing or by fax or e-mail, verbal withdrawals will not be accepted. Refunds for withdrawals made after this time will be at the discretion of the organisers.

Dual entries for the same car will not be permitted.

The maximum entry for the event is 35 cars, the minimum is 20. The maximum for each class is unlimited, the minimum is 3. Should any of the minimum figures not be reached the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes, reduce the award list or cancel the event as they deem appropriate.

Entries will be accepted in order of receipt, following receipt of payment. The organising club reserves the right to refuse any entry at their discretion.

10. Officials

Club Steward	TBC	
Clerk of the Course	Peter Metcalfe 07703 574868	peter@pmpianotuning.com
Secretary to the Meeting	Colin Tombs 07775 995036	tombscolin14@sky.com
Entries Secretary	Peter Grant	1957pag@gmail.com
Chief Timekeeper	Gordon Bradford 07412 107269	gordon.bradford1@gmail.com
Chief Marshal	Tony Chrisp 07596 862711	tonychrisp@yahoo.co.uk
	Colin Salkeld 07860 960489	colinsalkeld@btinternet.com
		Scrutineer

11. Results

Provisional results will be issued as soon as possible after the event. Any protest must be in accordance with the General Regulations of Motorsport UK.

Updates via the **TimingAppLive** throughout the day

12. Route Instructions

All crews will be issued with Timecards and test diagrams at Documentation. Test Diagrams will also be issued with the Final Instructions by email.

Competitors are free to make notes and annotations to the supplied test diagrams.

13. Identification

Cars will be identified by numbers provided by the organisers at Scrutineering. These must be fixed to both rear side windows where possible. Any numbers from previous events should be removed.

14. Penalties and Timing

The test starting signal will be on the instruction of the start marshal.

Competitors will be timed using stopwatches, ECM clocks or a mobile phone App. All tests will be timed to the previously completed second.

The onus on obtaining the correct time lies with the competitor.

In the event of a query, the time recorded on the timecard will be used.

Ties will be resolved in favour of the competitor recording the faster time (including any penalties) on the first test. If a tie still remains, the time taken on the second test shall be considered and so on until the tie is resolved.

Penalties will be as per the table shown in Motorsport UK NCR's chapter 19 Appendix 9 (Page 698) but modified as follows;-

(a) No Change - Each minute late at the start or restart - 5 secs

(b) No Change - Not attempting or being ready to attempt a test when instructed to - 20 secs*

(c) Modified to - Not performing a test correctly, other than in (d) or (e), or not completing the test or making a false start :- **Test Maximum**

(d) No Change

(e) Modified to Failing to stop at a "stop astride" line 10 secs

(f) Modified to Every second taken to complete a test 1 sec

A competitor 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.

15. Insurance

The Motorsport UK insurance cover for the event provides cover for third party damage caused on the event, subject to an excess payable by the organisers of £450.00 per individual claim. This excess will be passed on to the competitor(s) causing the damage.

16. Data Protection Act

Prospective competitors are advised that information supplied on the entry form will be held on a computer and used for the administration of the event. Details may also be passed on to other event organisers for the purpose of the circulation of event publicity or regulations. If you do not want your details circulated, please indicate this on the entry form.

17. Competitors Under the Age of 18

Any competitor under the age of 18 must;

- Have their entry form countersigned by a parent or guardian.
- Have a parent or guardian complete the Parental Consent Form attached with these SR's AND
- Have a person with them at documentation to countersign the Signing On sheet, or alternatively have someone with them who is authorised in writing by their parent or guardian to countersign on their behalf.

Please note if there is no parental or guardian consent in accordance with the above, then those under 18 years of age cannot be permitted to take part in the event.

If you have any doubts or queries regarding under 18's, please contact the Entries Secretary Peter Grant 1957pag@gmail.com for clarification.

18. Minimum Ages

The minimum age for a driver is 13, providing that their passenger holds a full RTA license and has previous PCA experience.

The minimum age for a passenger is 12, providing that their driver holds a full RTA license and has previous PCA experience.

For clarification and further details please see the NCR's Chapter 19 Appendix 5 articles 2 and 3.

19. Support vehicles and trailers

Trailer parking will be available at the venue. There will be parking available in the paddock area for the competing car and up to two support vehicles.

20. Spectators

No spectators will be allowed in any part of the venue. The access gate will be locked from 9am onwards and there are no other access points. If spectators are seen, then the event will pause until they are removed.

Any competitor wishing to leave the venue early will be allowed to do so.