



Motorsport Club of Chelmsford Limited
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Howlett of Lavenham January Jaunt 12 CAR RALLY
22nd January 2026
FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

The event will start at Howlett of Lavenham, Sudbury Rd, Lavenham, Sudbury CO10 9PJ, MR 155/912484½ and finish at The Hare PH, High Street, Long Melford, Sudbury CO10 9DF, MR 155/867½468½ where our sponsor, Simon Howlett, has laid on some post-event refreshments for competitors, officials and marshals.

Total mileage will be 45 - 50 miles through the lanes of South Suffolk.

Fuel is available at several petrol stations on the A134 Sudbury bypass if approaching from the south, and at Bury St Edmunds if approaching from the north.

Noise and scrutineering will be at the start venue.

Cars will leave MTC1 at one minute intervals starting at 1931 hours. Cars not signed on by 1900 may be excluded, or their place offered to a reserve crew. **Please note the earlier start time compared with the published regulations.** This is at the request of the finish venue.

OS Landranger series maps 155 (any recent edition) will be required.

The Officials of the event are as follows;

Clerk of the Course - Paul Brewerton 07702 113684 paulbrewerton1950@gmail.com

Deputy Clerk/Event Sponsor - Simon Howlett simon@howlett-garage.co.uk

Entries Secretary - Tony Michael arm@chelmsfordmc.co.uk

Steward - Paul Barrett paulbarrett@chelmsfordmc.co.uk

Chief Marshal - Jim Bowie jimbowie555@gmail.com

VERY IMPORTANT

Cars may be subject to scrutineering and noise testing. Particular attention will be paid to auxiliary lighting and other PR sensitive factors, as well as vehicle safety factors.

Please be ready to produce V5 and MOT certificate, or electronic evidence thereof.

The Clerk of the Course has the power to exclude any vehicle which fails noise testing or scrutineering, or which is deemed to be outside the spirit of the event.

DRIVING STANDARDS

We have been warned by RLOs that we need to drive with consideration for the general public, especially residents along the route. In particular we should try to drive in as high a gear as practical and avoid heavy acceleration in low gears which causes unnecessary noise. Stop, dip and pull over when meeting oncoming traffic. If you need to stop to plot make sure you are away from housing. Please remember this is a NAVIGATIONAL rally. All marshals will be deemed judges of fact and may retain the time card of any crew which is seen to drive in an inconsiderate way.

QUIET ZONES

The following quiet zones will apply. Drive in high gear, low engine revs, no auxiliary lights.

All 30 mph and 40 mph limits; 100m radius of time controls; GS9143(west half); GS8944(north half); STC4 to NTC5; GS7951(west half); GS8050; GS8352; GS8449(west half). 100m radius of the following map references: 828446½; 823½504¼; 814¾519¼; STC9 to MTC10.

and anywhere where you encounter housing close to the road especially at bends where main beams or spotlights might be intrusive.

BLACK SPOTS

Do not enter on pain of exclusion. NONE.

STOP & GIVE WAY (SGW) Junctions

When joining a road of higher classification (e.g. a yellow to a B or A road), or where indicated by road signs or white lines or at specific other junctions indicated by the acronym SGW or GW in the final instructions or navigation, the car must come to a complete stop, with DIPPED HEADLIGHTS, before proceeding. It is good practice to dip headlights at any T junction even if not specified as a SGW.

Amendment to SR 15

The OTL time for some controls will be less than 30 minutes to enable marshals to run two controls.

Specifically OTL for MTC1, STC2 and STC3 will be 15 minutes. All later controls will have 30 minutes OTL.

To qualify as a finisher you must report to MTC10 within your maximum allowed time. There is no penalty for early arrival at MTC10.

Neutral Time Control 5

Please note that for practical reasons, and because the preceding section is non-competitive, there will be no marshal at this control, although there will be a control board to mark the location. Your time at this control will be deemed to be **exactly 7 Minutes after your STC4 time.**

MAKE-UP

The allowed make up time is specified on the time card. Crews who are getting close to OTL are strongly advised to cut route (but not time controls) to ensure they remain within OTL. There is no make up allowed on neutral sections.

NAVIGATION

The route is defined on coloured roads only (CRO) throughout. No through roads are excluded from the navigation unless specifically mentioned in the navigation instructions. Items in brackets () are to be avoided. LWR means long way round a triangle whether marked on the map or not.

Beginners will receive their navigation instructions at signing on. They may also ask for it the previous day for a penalty of 6 fails. They will also receive a marked map of the whole route in a sealed 'panic' envelope which should be returned at the finish unopened. Penalty for opening the 'panic' envelope is 6 fails.

Novices will receive navigation instructions for the whole route in a sealed envelope to be opened at MTC1 at their due time. This envelope should be shown unopened to the start marshal.

Experts and Masters will receive their navigation instructions in sealed envelopes marked with the TC at which they are to be opened. Each envelope should be shown unopened to the marshal at that control.

Code Boards - There will be code boards with two black letters on a reflective background. These should be recorded legibly in ink in the appropriate boxes on the time card. Marshals have been asked to strike through any empty boxes. THE NUMBER OF CODE BOARDS FOR EACH SECTION WILL BE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF BOXES, so there may well be blank boxes. CREWS SHOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES RETRACE THEIR STEPS AGAINST RALLY ROUTE TO 'PICK UP' MISSED CODE BOARDS.

PENALTIES

Lateness at time controls - 1 minute per minute

Early arrival at time controls (after taking allowed make-up into account) - 2 minutes per minute

Failing to accurately record a code board - 1 fail per occasion

Missing, OTL or wrong direction at a time control - 3 fails per occasion

Missing or OTL at the final MTC - exclusion

Early arrival at the final MTC - no penalty

Beginner-specific penalties as per the NAVIGATION paragraph above.

ENTRY LIST

	Driver	Navigator	Make	Model	cc	class	year	reg
1	Richard Hill	Doug Hill	Volvo	V50	1600	B	2012	CP12CCD
2	Anna Baker	James McDougall	Rover	25	1396	B	2002	MM02FEP
3	Andrew Williamson	John Millington	BMW	520D	2000	B	2013	YK63ZWX
4	Tom Dunstan	Charlie Richardson	Skoda	Octavia	2000	B	2019	YE19UUD
5	Julie Skuse	Nick Skuse	Volvo	C30	1997	E	2009	LS59ZVJ
6	Ben Cutting	Steve Cumbers	Nissan	Micra	1348	E	2002	WK02HXE
7	Jim Drake	Graham Robinson	MG	ZR	1800	E	2004	EJ54KNR
8	Oscar Portway	James Portway	BMW	318Ti	1895	E	1997	M44GUT
9	Paul Hernaman	'Crow'	Toyota	Yaris	1618	E	2021	AK21HZU

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