



Motorsport Club of Chelmsford Limited
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March Hare 12 Car Navigational Rally
Friday 20th March 2026

These supplementary regulations complement the generic 12 car winter series regulations published on the club website. Motorsport UK permit no 206208 has been issued for the event. If you intend to take out the Clubs Event Insurance Cover, please check that you comply with all the requirements contained in the Common Winter Series Regulations.

Entry fee is £10 and Insurance is £30. Entries must be made using the form on the club website.

For this event, to encourage beginner crews, Chelmsford MC are capping the insurance premium at £30 even though the actual premium is likely to be in the region of £65.

The event will **Start and Finish** at the Little Waltham Sports & Social Club Tufnell Hall, The Street, Little Waltham, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 3NY, **MR 167/709132**.

Results will be announced in the Sports and Social Club bar.

OS Landranger Maps 167 2016 or later will be required. Please note an earlier start time of 20:00 hrs will be necessary to enable the 47 mile route to be completed including 30 mins OTL by 22:15 hrs.

Closest Fuel: Is available at the Shell Petrol Station at the **Regiment Business Park** on the roundabout on the A131 2½ miles South East of Little Waltham Sports and Social Club at **MR 167/ 716 109** or alternatively at the **Chelmsford Serviced Station** on the B1008, Main Road, Broomfield 2½ miles south of the Little Waltham Sports and Social Club at **MR 167/ 708 094**.

Cars will leave at 1-minute intervals. Car 1 will leave at 20:01hrs.

Scrutineering: TBA in the "Final Instructions".

Signing on will be online with checks at the start venue.

The Officials of the event are as follows:

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MAJOR CHANGES TO COMPETING ON OUR 12 CAR RALLIES

The governing body Motorsport UK have introduced a requirement that all drivers and navigators need to have a competition licence for 2026, to compete on any event. Although the entry grade licence (RS Clubman) is **free**, anyone planning to compete on the 12 Car Rallies (Driver & Navigator) must make sure they obtain one in advance. It is very straightforward to do online (if you are 18 or over) at www.motorsportuk.org/2022-rs-clubman-licence/, or via a paper application form for under 18's and those that don't quite meet the basic requirements. *Please help the organisers by applying well in advance.*

When you apply you will be sent a 30-day temporary licence by email you can show us, which covers the whole of January.

Final regs will be published early in the week commencing 16th March 2026.

The event will run in accordance with CMC's 12-Car Common Regs Winter Series 2025-26. Please note the following extract:

'Beginners will be issued with their route card 60 minutes before their due start time. Novices will be issued with their route card for the whole event at the start. Experts [and Masters] will receive their route cards at each control or in envelopes at the start. Beginners will also be given the route on a printed map in a sealed envelope. They may open and use that at any time during the event, but will be penalised 6 fails for doing so. Beginners may ask to be given the navigation the day before to plot at home, with the same 6 fail handicap. They can then check their route against the marked map at the start, as there is no further penalty for that.' Beginners who would like the navigation the day before should contact the Chief Marshal who will forward the route cards by email. Please note the penalty for this.

Please note that entries will be accepted according to the series common regulations.

Please use the online entry system and pay by bank transfer or PayPal. Entries from experts will remain provisional until one week before the event, when they will become firm if spaces are available.

Cars will 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. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure the vehicle is taxed. The Scrutineer has the power to exclude any vehicle which fails scrutineering.

DRIVING STANDARDS

Following a number of complaints during the last season of 12 car rallies, we have been warned by the Essex & Suffolk 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. In addition there will be a number of DSOs on the route and also a 'drive-by' noise test may be in operation.

QUIET ZONES

To clarify, any part of the route which is designated as a quiet zone, either in the final instructions, in the navigation or by the use of Q or DIP boards should be driven carefully in high gear/low revs, and with NO SPOT LIGHTS. Dipped beams only shall be used in DIP areas.

STOP & GIVE WAY (SGW) Junctions

When joining a road of higher classification (e.g. a yellow to a B or A road) and at specific other junctions indicated by the acronym SGW in the final instructions or navigation, the car must come to a complete stop, with DIPPED HEADLIGHTS, before proceeding. Use of dipped headlights is a new requirement for this season in the light of the above. It is good practice to dip headlights at any T junction even if not specified as a SGW.

Please note that failure to comply with these requirements may lead not only to your exclusion from this and future events, but more stringent noise testing, the banning of spotlights, aftermarket induction kits and certain categories of car from future events or even the suspension or cancellation of the 12 Car Winter Series. By submitting an entry you are confirming that you have read and will comply with the above.

IT IS THAT SERIOUS PLEASE TAKE NOTE. WE ARE BEING WATCHED.
