



Chelmsford Motor Club Presents

The Preston 2022

10th/11th December 2022

The 44th running of the Preston Rally

Final Instructions

Sponsored by Preston's garages, Writtle,
Chelmsford.

Proudly supporting the East Anglian Air
Ambulance



Final Instructions

Welcome to the 44th running of the Preston Rally. Whether you are the driver or navigator please read these instructions IN FULL. You should also print these instructions and bring them with you to the Start.

Your Start Number is shown on the above entry list. However, please note that we reserve the right to alter the seeding should this be necessary. Your Start Number will be confirmed at the Noise Check.

The Preston is once again supporting the The East Anglian Air Ambulance which is a charitable trust. It covers one of the most spread-out populations of England and costs around £1m a year to run and is now a twenty four hours, seven days a week operation. Our Start venue is the Snetterton circuit which provides for the large entry this year with secure trailer parking and very smart scrutineering bays. The fact that The Preston supports The Air Ambulance (i.e., giving money!!) has been influential in many landowners making the decision to allow us to use their tracks. As you will know without the extensive use of private land The Preston would not run. **Therefore, a big plea! At the Start, even though Chelmsford Motor Club will be donating £10 from the entry fee for each crew starting the event to the Air Ambulance, there will also be collection buckets. Please put some cash in them, folding money is always best! Also please sign the Gift Aid form as this allows the Charity to reclaim the tax paid.**

Please note that as these finals are published on the Internet at chelmsfordmc.co.uk, more detailed information relevant to the event will be provided at signing on.

7. Details of Event

7.1 Time schedule

Noise / horn / wipers test: 18.00 – 20.00. Your due time is 18:00 + Car Number (see attached entry list). **Be on time! Not early, not late, but on time.**

Scrutineering: 18.30 – 20.30

Signing on 18.40 – 20.45.

Compulsory competitors briefing at **21:00 prompt** in the scrutineering area

Event Start, MTC1: 22:01 (Car '1')

7.2 Noise Test:

This is situated at the Start as shown on the attached plan.

7.3 Trailers:

Must be parked in the designated area as shown on the attached plan.

7.4 Fuel:

Fuel is available at the excellent new service station built just outside the circuit, and is approachable from either direction of the A11 using the flyover.

7.5 Start Venue:

Enter venue (from A11) with care. Follow the attached diagram precisely.

Toilets are available in three locations at the circuit. Hot Food and Drink will be available in Tyrells restaurant. Please make use of these facilities.

7.6 Cleanliness:

NO LITTER at Start, Petrol halts or Finish venues. PLEASE DO NOT LET US DOWN ON THIS. Breakfast is included in the entry fee. You will be given a 'breakfast ticket' upon arrival at the Finish in exchange for your Damage Declaration, even if you have retired you can still have breakfast which will be available from approximately 5:30 a.m. until around 9:00 a.m..

And finally, The Preston is a club level event run by, and for, true enthusiasts; it survives because of the support of the sponsor / organising club / event organisers / marshals / landowners and numerous others, so please remember, even if things go wrong, that everybody involved on this event is giving up their time voluntarily so you can have some fun.

8 Entries

8.1 Please advise the Entries Secretary as soon as possible of any missing details concerning your entry, or if you have to make any changes, or if you have to withdraw.

8.2 SR 4. Eligibility: **Eastwood & DMC, Kettering & DCC and Morecambe CC** replace Welsh Border CC, Loughborough CC and Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC.

9 Officials

Steward: Mike Biss

10 OTL

Maximum permitted penalty-free lateness will be 30 minutes & 59 seconds at **ALL** controls (i.e. 'OTL' time is 31 minutes).

11 Failure to stop at the Stop board for both Passage Controls and Time Controls penalty 1 minute. The procedure is to stop at the board and wait for the marshal to show the code board. This will be explained at the Drivers briefing.

12 Scrutineering:

Scrutineering will be efficient, so be ready and on time.

Vehicles will fail scrutineering unless presented in a clean condition. Bring your vehicle's MOT certificate and Registration document (V5) and make sure it is taxed for December! By signing on you are responsible for ensuring that your vehicle is correctly taxed.

All competitors are required to carry at least one sponge and a minimum of 1.5 litres of water for the purpose of cleaning car lights and registration number plates during the event.

Tarpaulin or ground sheet to be placed under car at finish to stop mud falling on to surface. This will be checked at Scrutineering.

All competitors are strongly advised to use knobbly tyres on this event.

NOTE:

Only the 2 signed-on crew members may be carried in each competing car.

Spectators are not at all welcome on this event; we are sorry to take this stance but we have good reason. There will be no spectator information whatsoever. Competitors, under no circumstances are you to bring or invite any persons to this event unless they are going to marshal. Competitors found doing so, or divulging route information, will be refused a start and excluded with no refund of entry fee.

Competitors receiving any assistance during the event from 'support crews' or 'service vehicles' WILL be excluded and reported to MSUK.

The use of in-car video equipment is banned, any competitor found in contravention will be excluded from the event. The equipment will be confiscated and any recorded material destroyed.

Use of headsets is only permitted by crews where a member of that crew has a letter of dispensation from MSUK.

The mileage to first petrol is 65 miles with 7 competitive sections.

1st Petrol halt is at the Norwich bound BP garage on the A11 at Thetford. You will have 40 minutes here to fill up your water container and get petrol, if required. There will be staff on duty serving hot drinks, hot food etc. Please make use of these facilities.

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Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday! **The Organising Team.**

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APPENDIX M - RESCUE & RECOVERY ARRANGEMENTS

In line with the unique nature of this event, we are doing our best to provide decent Rescue/Recovery arrangements... All of the following Rescue & Recovery Vehicles are 4WD off-road types. However please remember that this is a road- event, and if you have any difficulties, really it is up to you to sort yourselves out. This is NOT a medical or fire service. In the event of such an emergency, text/WhatsApp Rescue/Recovery Control 07930 378501 for medical assistance and they will dispatch MSUK Medical Technicians who will assess the incident and call on the regular, regional emergency services by the established method of phoning 999 if required, then inform the Clerk of the Course on 07768 420901 (do NOT contact the CoC for trivial matters).

1) Rescue Vehicles

There will be several of these vehicles (three to five) which if you get stuck or go off, AND are in a condition to continue with the event if rescued in time (i.e., have sustained little or no damage) they will, when safe to do so, come to your aid as quickly as possible. Rescue/Recovery Control's phone number is 07930 378501. Please try to extricate your vehicle yourselves first and call upon this service if you are definitely able to continue in the event, OR if your vehicle is blocking the route – in which case call them quickly!

You can also call Rescue/Recovery Control if you are definitely out of the event and they will inform the Recovery crew coming later; again unless your vehicle is blocking the route. These crews have been asked to report to the Organisers on all that they are called upon to do, so do not abuse this service.

2) Recovery Vehicle(s)

This vehicle(s) will be driving the entire route behind the field. Their job is to assist stricken cars that have retired. Should this fate befall you,

INFORM THE CLOSING VEHICLE BY TEXT MESSAGE to 07799 535190, STATING THE LAST CONTROL YOU VISITED
OR Contact RESCUE/RECOVERY CONTROL ON 07930 378501.

Then, if you do need assistance, please wait for the Recovery crew and they will help you. They may have a lot to do and therefore may be quite some way behind the event, but they will come; so, if you do need help, just wait. This crew has firm instructions to simply get you out of immediate difficulty, tow you to the end of section to await a trailer crew to recover you back to Snetterton. Sorry, that's the best we can do, so again please don't even ask for anything more from this crew. Remember they may have a lot to do and have a duty to everyone else too.

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If you need assistance

Dear Competitors,

In order to locate you should you need assistance during the rally we are using the What3Words system. This will identify which 3 metre square you are in regardless of where you are and does not need phone coverage to do this. (It does need it to install it and send the message).

Please install and test it before the event to make sure it's working and you know how to use it. If you need help during the rally please send us, by text or whatsapp, your what3words position and underneath it your car number and the help required.

To send your location:

Whilst you are with the vehicle (does not need phone signal to get your position).

Open the app and it will show you where you are with a little square linked to a text box with the what3words ref.

If necessary walk to a location where you have phone signal (if none available at the car)

Press the button at the bottom of the screen marked "Share"

Select Messages (or WhatsApp if installed)

Either select the help number from your contacts (if you have put it in already) or use "New" and enter the number **07930 378501**. Perhaps add that to your contacts now. The What3Words will be added to the message.

In the line under it, type your car number followed by the type of help required:

Tow (The car still rolls), Recovery (The car will not roll), Taxi / Trailer Taxi, Medical / medical technician

For example this is what the message system will show:

Here is a precise what3words address, made of 3 random words. Every 3 metre square in the world has its own unique what3words address.

///crawler.remarking.less

<https://w3w.co/crawler.remarking.less>

Add underneath, your car number and the assistance required. If your car is too damaged to continue at this point please also tell us that in the message as priority will be given to those cars who can carry on. The complete message will look like this:

Here is a precise what3words address, made of 3 random words. Every 3 metre square in the world has its own unique what3words address.

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Car 201 Tow (Retired)

You may then have to leave the vehicle and walk until you can get a phone signal, then press Send.

You will receive a message back from us confirming we have received your request.

Make sure you obtain the What3Words location BEFORE you leave the car to get a phone signal, if not the location you send us will be where the phone works not where the car is.

Before the event install the what3words app, use these links

I phone <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/what3words/id657878530>

Android https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.what3words.android&hl=en_GB

Follow the setting up procedure.

Test it (send it to us if you wish).

If you cannot use the What3Words (but please try as it makes the job much easier), then please text or Whatsapp your OS map reference (6 figures). If you cannot do this then a description of where you are (e.g. Position on which section) but chances are we may struggle to find you promptly.

Please text or Whatsapp in preference to a phone call as poor signals can make call quality poor.

