

CHELMSFORD MOTOR CLUB

# The Preston 2023

**16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Sponsored by Preston's Garages, Writtle, Chelmsford

The 45<sup>th</sup> running of the *Preston*



*East Anglian Air Ambulance*



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**Cover: Last year's winners: Owen Turner/ Andy Ballantyne (MG ZR)**

**Photograph courtesy of Andy Manston**

**'Prestonaires' (Past Winners)**

2022	Owen Turner	Andy Ballantyne	MG ZR
2021	John Davies	Nick Bloxham	Ford Puma
2020	John Davies	Nick Bloxham	Ford Puma
2019	Keith Lane	Martin Lane	Ford Ka
2018	Owen Turner	Andy Ballantyne	MG ZR
2017	Mark Banham	Matthew Smalley	Rover 25 Gti
2016	Stefan Taylor	Adrian Gladwin	Proton Coupe
2015	Ian Ainsworth	Richard Hage	Proton Coupe
2014	Jamie Turner	Georgina Clark	MG ZR
2013	Owen Turner	Andrew Dadswell	MG ZR
2012	Owen Turner	Andrew Dadswell	MG ZR
2011	Simon Harrison	Paul Bosdet	Subaru Impreza 2WD
2010	Ian Ainsworth	Richard Hage	Proton Coupe
2009	Andy Baker	Adrian Gladwin	Peugeot 205
2008	Owen Turner	Andrew Dadswell	Rover 214
2007	Owen Turner	Andrew Dadswell	Rover 214
2006	Martin Betts	Richard Hage	Ford Escort MkII 2100
2005	Steve Monk	Pip Clode	Toyota Corolla GT
2004	Simon Harrison	Paul Holmberg	Ford Escort Mk II 2000
2003	Steve Webster	Roger Hage	Subaru Impreza
2002	Andy Baker	Lee Burgess	Peugeot 205
2001	Steve Webster	Roger Hage	Subaru Impreza
2000	Martin Payne	Alan Ogden	Audi 100
1999	Malcolm Russell	David Howe	Opel Manta
1998	Martin Self	Martin Smith	Toyota Corolla
1997	Mike Biss	Cath Woodman	Vauxhall Nova
1996	Sarah Harmer	Cath Woodman	MG Maestro
1995	Mike Biss	Cath Woodman	Vauxhall Nova
1994	Pete Gregory	Pete Tilling	Vauxhall Astra
1993	Dave Taylor	Jim Bowie	Mazda 323
1992	Mike Biss	Adrian Gladwin	Opel Ascona
1991	Dave Taylor	Jim Bowie	Opel Ascona
1990	Paul Wright	Brian Otridge	Ford Escort Mk I
1989	Brian Henderson	Brian Otridge	Ford Escort 2000
1988	Brian Henderson	Brian Otridge	Ford Escort 2000
1987	Dave Taylor	Dave Senior	Ford RS2000
1986	Mike Biss	Roy Hurst	Vauxhall Astra 1300
1985	Mick Shotter	Pete Turner	Ford RS2000
1984	Donald Fowler	Andy Berry	Sunbeam 2000
1983	Tony Wardle	Tom Bigwood	Ford RS2000
1981	Ian Rowles	Herman Ruijsenaars	Ford Escort RS2000
1980	John Powell	Bernie Baker	Opel Kadett GTE
1979	John Barlow	Nigel Booth	Ford Escort 1600
1978	John Powell	Bernie Baker	Ford Escort BDA

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You

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without whom 'The Preston' would not be possible.**



Lee Earthy and David Earthy ready for the 2018 Preston

# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 45<sup>th</sup> running of the **Preston Rally**, sponsored as always by Preston's Garages Ltd of Writtle, Chelmsford, Essex.

This year's event has a rather exciting fresh feel about it with a festive start and finish venue in the heart of the forest at the High Lodge visitors centre. We have unprecedented access to the Stanta military training area this year with some superb fresh sections where around 70% of the rally will be based. This will be split by some Preston favourites with first petrol at Snetterton. This really is one not to be missed.

In keeping with the last 25 years, this year we will once again be supporting the East Anglian Air Ambulance charity.

This year's **Preston Rally** will follow the established format. Timing will be similar to last year. We will continue with having make-up time between sections, this will ensure that other than mechanical failure all crews should stay within overall time limits.

The route will be around 180 miles of which over 110 will be on loose surface tracks. To cater for the demand for entries we have decided to keep the maximum number of entries to 90 following the last four year's successful events.

The entry fee includes two breakfasts and two photos courtesy of M&H Photography. Also included is a full colour printed road book.

The route itself will continue to be challenging, with the accurate timing used in previous years. . There will be around 20 sections with the 'mileage that counts' amounting to approximately 110 miles and as ever about 99% of that will be un-surfaced.

The Preston is a 'navigational rally' and as such the navigator will have a significant role. To aid navigators we will once again provide relevant section maps/diagrams within the road book.

As always you are all advised to prepare yourselves and your cars in the traditional 'Preston way'. Regulars will know what this means.

We require that all entrants carefully read and fully understand these Supplementary Regulations, especially SR 8 (concerning entries). Get your entries in quickly as they are sure to be in great demand as usual. Please note that Final Instructions will be published on the CMC website only, and not sent by post.

Competitors are reminded to read the instructions especially in relation to the use of 'Headsets'; we will need to see your Motorsport UK approval for the current year.

The Preston has around 20 recovery crews on the event, their safety is a priority. (See 17 xxiii)

In recent years we have received reports of one or more competitors using a 'chase car and/or external service crew'. We would hope this rumour is unfounded but just in case, anyone caught using the services of a chase car or receiving external service support will be excluded. This is not in the spirit of this event and the organising team are very mindful to keep this event within the rules of a navigational road rally. In particular trolley jacks appearing out of non-competing cars are not allowed. Official recovery crews will of course be able to assist recovering your cars if needed.

As always, we need many marshals, so if you cannot compete, please register as a marshal using the link on the Chelmsford MC website or contact Tony Hewitt, details are given later in these regulations. Marshalling is a vital role for any event and the Preston requires about 100, so you will be very welcome and very much appreciated. Those of you intending to enter, please try hard to get some friends to marshal.

Whatever your role, we look forward to welcoming you all on the big night!

*Dave Taylor, Clerk of the Course, on behalf of the Organising Team*









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# Supplementary Regulations

## 1. Status

Chelmsford Motor Club will organise a Clubman Navigational road-event on 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 starting and finishing at High Lodge, Thetford Forest, Brandon IP27 0AF, MR 144 81123 85184. The event itself is sponsored by Preston's Garages Ltd. of Writtle, Chelmsford.

## 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), these Supplementary Regulations and any other written instructions the organising club may issue for the event.

## 3. Authorisation

Motorsport UK Permit Number:	130879
DOE Authorisation Number:	TBA

## 4. Eligibility

The event is open to crews of two persons (in an eligible vehicle), who are fully elected members of clubs belonging to:

[Anglia Motor Sport Club](#), [Weald Motor Club](#), [Cotswold Motor Sport Group](#).

And the following clubs:

Mid Derbyshire MC, Matlock MC, Eastwood & DMC, Kettering & DCC, Morecambe CC, Teifi Valley MC, Loughborough CC, Clitheroe & DMC, Blackbird AC, Stockport 061, Boundless by CSMA, HRCR.

**Motorsport UK RS Clubman or higher Competition licenses are required – apply here:**

<https://rsclubman.motorsportuk.org/>

## 5. Proof of Membership

All participants must produce a valid club membership card, which will be inspected at signing-on. [H 22.1.1.-4] (electronically)

## 6. Championships

The event is not a round of any championships.

## 7. Details of Event

The Start and Finish is at High Lodge, Thetford Forest, Brandon IP27 0AF MR (144) 81123 85184 Total mileage will be approximately 200 miles on all classes of road (a high percentage being unsurfaced); the route will be divided into 3 legs. Fuel requirements for each leg will be advised at the Start.

Noise test will commence at 18:00 hours, followed by main scrutineering. Participants must report to the noise test first, at 18.00 plus their start number in minutes. Participants not signed-on one hour before their due start time may be excluded. A detailed briefing will be sent electronically prior to the event. Crews will start the event at one minute intervals at 21:00 + car number.

This time schedule will be confirmed in the Final Instructions.

The Final Instructions will be published on the Chelmsford Motor Club website only ([chelmsfordmc.co.uk](http://chelmsfordmc.co.uk)), on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023. These are deemed to be part of, and carry the same force, as these Supplementary Regulations. A copy of the relevant COVID-19 guidelines applicable at the time will also be distributed with the Final Instructions which will have to be adhered to.

The event will contain Standard, Transport, Regularity and Neutral sections on private land and the public highway. Cars will be identified by their registration number, and by 'start number' stickers supplied by the organisers.

The route will traverse O.S. Landranger Map 144, (latest edition). At the Start (MTC1) the organisers will issue high-quality colour map/diagrams, reproduced under licence, marked comprehensively for the off-road sections. This marking will be done by the Clerk of the Course personally, who is an experienced road rally competitor.

In addition to the requirements of the GRs, participants are advised that for the sake of maximum possible safety, given that much of the event traverses rough unsurfaced roads, the organisers think it wise to use, and recommend the use of, a vehicle fitted with safety equipment such as a 'roll cage', 'bucket' seats, 'harness' seat belts etc., to carry suitable fire-extinguishers, and mobile cellular telephones for communications in the event of emergency. Competitors will be required to carry water and a cloth/sponge to ensure that lights, number plates and windscreen are clean when travelling on all neutral and transport sections.

**We would like all crews to bring Hi Viz vests and wear them if they are out of the vehicle for any length of time during the event, especially if they are stuck or broken-down awaiting recovery. We will be issuing advice as to keeping recovery crews and competing crews safe in the final instructions.**

## 8. Entries

The maximum number of entries is 90, the minimum is 47. Should this figure not be reached, the organisers reserve the right to cancel the meeting.

The entry fee is £225. This includes This includes two breakfasts, a full-colour map/diagrams, and free 'on-event' photograph, courtesy of M & H Photography. Chelmsford Motor Club will also be donating £10 per entry to the East Anglian Air Ambulance charity.

Entries open at 9am 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 via the website at ([chelmsfordmc.co.uk](http://chelmsfordmc.co.uk)). Entries will only be accepted with payment in full. Payment must be by bank transfer. Entries close at 12:00 on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Accepted entries cancelled before 12:00 on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023 will be refunded in full. A refund of the entry fee after this date will be at the organisers' discretion and after deduction of all costs incurred.

Seeding will be primarily based on Preston results over the past 3 years and the Organiser's subjective consideration.

## 9. Classes

The event will consist of three classes as follows:

- a) Experts: Either crew member having finished in the top 5 of a similar or higher status event.
- b) Semi-Experts: Those crews not eligible for classes a) or c).
- c) Novices: Neither crew member having won an award other than a team, marque or finisher's award, on an event of National B or higher status.

## 10. Awards

These will be as follows:

Overall	1st Driver	The Preston Trophy & replica
	1st Navigator	The Cowing Trophy & replica
	2nd Overall	Two awards
	3rd Overall	Two awards
	4th Overall	Two awards
Semi-Experts	1st Semi-Expert	Two awards
	2nd Semi-Expert	Two awards
	3rd Semi-Expert	Two awards
Novices	1st Novice	Two awards
	2nd Novice	Two awards
	3rd Novice	Two awards

Participants may only win one of the above awards.

Best on the Forestry Sections	The Mike Taylor Trophy
Spirit of the Rally	Spirit of the Rally Trophy (donated by Dave Taylor)
Total Commitment Trophy	The Ray Heathcote Trophy
Best Chelmsford Motor Club Driver	The Bernard Ward Trophy & replica
Best Chelmsford Motor Club Navigator	The Eileen & George Trophy & replica

To be eligible for Best Chelmsford awards the Driver and Navigator (do not have to be crewed together) must enter as Chelmsford Motor Club only. Other awards may be announced in the final instructions at the organisers' discretion.

All named trophies remain the property of The Motorsport Club of Chelmsford Ltd. and are retained for eleven months, or until such time as the Club requests their return. Awards will be presented at the end of the event as soon practicable after the results are declared final.

## 11. Officials

The officials of the event are as follows:

**Please do not phone officials after 9pm.**

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Results Officer / Timekeeper	Tony Michael	<a href="http://MTC1.uk">MTC1.uk</a>
Chief Scrutineer	Rob Dominy	
Environmental Scrutineer	Paul Brewerton	
Public Relations Officers	Geoff Lobb	
Equipment Officer	Geoff Lobb & David Lobb	
Gate Opening Car	Simon Howlett & Bradley Howlett	
Safeguarding Officers	<a href="mailto:safeguarding@chelmsfordmc.co.uk">safeguarding@chelmsfordmc.co.uk</a>	

## 12. Results

Provisional results will be announced in accordance with H35 and R15. Protests must be made in accordance with H 35.1.6-7 and C 5.1 and C5.2. Final results will be posted on the Chelmsford Motor Club website within seven days.

## 13. Route Definition

Time cards for the whole route will be issued at the start, together with petrol halt details, and time schedule.

Route information will be issued to all participants in the form of a Maps/Diagrams and map references (144) at MTC1 at their scheduled time. These documents will enable participants to comply with R 14.1 and R 33.1. Participants will be required to make up lateness at the rest halts and possibly at other points along the route, as indicated in the Timecards. Manned controls will have a board at the control location. In the event of a control or passage check being unmanned, it will be replaced by a code-board, which should be entered in the appropriate space on the time card. Code-boards at TCs automatically convert them to route checks. It is the responsibility of the crew to correctly record all code-board letters.

## 14. Give Way Junctions

At all junctions so notified to participants, the car must have ceased forward motion *within* a 3m distance *prior* to the white line (or where the white line would normally be positioned). Judges of Fact will be on duty at some Give Way junctions to ensure compliance.

## 15. Timing

Timing will be from marshals' clocks using the scheduled time system, as per R 12.2.1 and R 12.2.2). Timekeepers will be judges as per R 24.7. There will be five types of sections as follows:

STANDARD:	As per R 10.2	NEUTRAL:	As per R 10.3
REGULARITY:	As per R 10.4 & R 11.1	TRANSPORT:	As per R 10.5

All Regularity sections will contain one Intermediate Control at which participants are required to stop to record a time.

## 16. Boards

The following boards will be used during the event:

'NO'	To define a barred route.
'Q'	To define the start of a Quiet Zone.
'Q'	To define the finish of a Quiet Zone.
'!	To warn of an unmarked hazard.
'->'	To advise keeping right.
'<-'	To advise keeping left.
DIP	Means DIP lights, not dip in road
'Control'	To define the entry to a time control, passage check, or secret check.
DSO	Driving Standards Observer

## 17. Modifications of GRs

All GRs of Motorsport UK apply as written except for the following, which are modified or additional:

- (i) It is a condition of entry that participants carry any advertising material so supplied by the organisers.
- (ii) Competitors will be required to display competition plates.
- (iii) The organisers reserve the right to establish undisclosed checks during the event for the purpose of observing maintenance of time schedule and route.
- (iv) Controls will open 30 minutes before the scheduled time of the first car and close 31 minutes after the scheduled time of the last car. Maximum permitted penalty-free lateness will typically be 30 minutes & 59 seconds at all controls (i.e. 'OTL' time is 31 minutes). This will be advised in the Final Finals and Timecard
- (v) Participants will be required to reduce lateness at any fuel / rest halts.
- (vi) To be classified as finishers, both crew members must report to each main time control and the final finish control within their time limit, and in the car in which they started.
- (vii) Four-wheel drive vehicles are not permitted. Off-road vehicles are not permitted. **Vehicles with forced-induction engines are permitted if they meet R18.2.5.** If clarification is required, please contact the Clerk of Course whose decision is final.
- (viii) All vehicles must have a fully protected driver/passenger compartment with conventional roof, doors etc and wings to cover wheels as opposed to mudguards. In essence, they must give the external appearance of being a standard road going car as anything else may give the wrong impression to landowners and residents along the route who have been told the types of vehicles that will enter. Vehicles must have interior trim and seats as when first made, although carpets can be removed.
- (ix) 'Sun-strips' bearing any writing or markings WHATSOEVER will not be permitted on either front windscreens or rear windows of participating vehicles; PLAIN 'sun-strips' (i.e. with no writing or markings whatsoever), are permissible.
- (x) 'Gas-discharge' or LED lights are not permitted. 'Under-body' lighting (such as neon) of any kind is not permitted except in the engine and boot compartment for use whilst stationary.
- (xi) All participants must carry an 'OK / SOS' board and 'spill kit'. (R18.6.5)
- (xii) Cars must be taxed and where applicable have a current MoT certificate.
- (xiii) All participants are required to carry water and a cloth/sponge for cleaning lights, number plates and windscreen.
- (xiv) Competitors approved by Motorsport UK to wear headsets on a road rally MUST bring a current Motorsport UK authorisation acknowledging a medical condition and present it at signing on. (R7.2.3)
- (xv) Use of Chase Cars / External Servicing is not permitted.
- (xvi) Self-servicing outside or opposite occupied housing where it is possible that residents could be woken or within Quiet Zones within competitive sections is not permitted.
- (xvii) Starting regularity section before time recorded on section start clock (Jump Start).
- (xviii) Verbal abuse to any event official likely to cause offence is not permitted.
- (xix) Infringements within Quiet Zones, excess noise, dirty screens or lights may result in any Event Official or Marshal seizing time card.
- (xx) Competitors should dip all lights at the approach to manned controls if safe to do so.
- (xxi) The results preparation area (not the displayed results board) at the Finish venue is an event Blackspot.
- (xxii) Competitors should ensure towing eyes are already attached to vehicle to aid recovery if required. **Webbing tow loops tied high up for easy access are recommended to make your recovery quicker.**
- (xxiii) Cars MUST be one colour unless manufactured in two colours, example Mini Cooper with white roof.

## 18. Penalties - The time system will apply, modified as follows:

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| (e)     | Arrival before scheduled time at any control   | 5 minutes per minute                                   |
| (i)     | Driving a neutral or transport section with number plates and lights that are not visible as per the Road Traffic Act or a dirty windscreen or rear screen that <u>may</u> impair driver vision. | 30 minutes<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence Disqualification |
| (ii)    | Entering a Black spot  | Disqualification                                       |
| (iii)   | Use of a 'chase car' (R 7.2.4)   | Disqualification                                       |
| (xvi)   | Servicing likely to disturb residents  | Disqualification                                       |
| (xvii)  | Jump Start   | 1 Minute   |
| (xviii) | Verbal abuse towards any event official  | Disqualification                                       |
| (xix)   | Infringements within Quiet Zones   | Disqualification                                       |

(xxi)	Entering Finish Results preparation area	Disqualification
(xxii)	Cars more than one colour	Will not be allowed to start
(xxiii)	<b>Driving without due care near recovery vehicle</b>	Disqualification

## 19. Photographs

The official photographer for the event will be M&H Photography [www.mandhphotography.co.uk](http://www.mandhphotography.co.uk)

Photographs will be sent by email directly.

## 20. Scrutineering & Noise

Cars will be tested for noise, roadworthiness, eligibility and vehicle regulations [J 5.17]. At least two noise checks will be established in accordance with R 4, one of which will be at the start of the event. Cars exceeding 98dB at 0.5m at 2/3<sup>rd</sup> max engine rpm will be excluded. [J 5.18] Parts of the silencing system of a temporary nature will not be allowed.

**Tyres suitable for mud/gravel/grass/fields are needed for this event.**

Motorsport UK rules state that “**Tyres marked for "competition use" are not permitted with the exception of tyres on List 6**”.

List 6 is forest rally tyres – see here: [https://chelmsfordmc.co.uk/files/cmc/Preston/23/2023 Permitted Tyres List6.pdf](https://chelmsfordmc.co.uk/files/cmc/Preston/23/2023%20Permitted%20Tyres%20List6.pdf)

Tyres such as Maxsport RB1 are still OK to use as they do not say "competition use" on them.

## 22. Damage Declaration

Having finished or withdrawn from the event participants will be required to complete and sign a Damage Declaration form, supplied by the organisers **together with the maps/diagrams supplied at MTC1**. Any information given will not incur a penalty, but failure to hand a duly completed form and the maps/diagrams issued at MTC1 will be penalised with exclusion. **Participants will not be classified as finishers unless the declaration is submitted at the final time control along with their time card** (inside the finish venue). Those who do not complete the event are required to forward their completed declaration and timing equipment (R 15.1.3) to the Entry Secretary within 72 hours of the finish of the event.

## 23. Judges of Fact

Judges of fact will be defined at the start of the event, and will adjudicate in accordance with R 24.7. All signed-on marshals will be judges of fact, expressly for checking cleanliness of lights, number plates and front and rear windscreens on transport and neutral sections and can therefore apply the penalties in 18(i) above.

## 24. Driving Standards Observer (DSO)

The official DSO will be identified by means of a plain white decal on each side of the car. In accordance with the GRs of Motorsport UK, they will be deemed a Judge of Fact, and a DSO as per R 8.3 With regard to the former, and at his absolute discretion, the DSO shall be empowered to exclude participants, either by immediately withdrawing their Time Cards and instructing him/her not to proceed, or by informing the Clerk of the Course at the earliest practical opportunity.

The DSO shall exercise such powers in respect of any participants employing auxiliary lights in a Quiet Zone (other than in conditions of fog or falling snow), undue noise, damage to vehicle, speed, or failing to stop at a give-way junction, or the wearing of crash helmets on the public highway, or any behaviour deemed detrimental to good public relations during the event.

## 25. Reconnaissance

If you are seen on **any** private land used on this years' Preston, whether driving or otherwise, you will be refused a start with no refund and will be reported to Motorsport UK. If you are not sure what is public and what isn't then DO NOT RISK IT. We feel we must take a firm stance on this as a huge effort goes into organising the Preston and we will not tolerate anyone jeopardising any part of it. We have alerted the landowners to this potential problem.

## 26. Servicing

Servicing by anyone other than the crew and fellow competitors is not permitted on the Preston. Any competitor observed with a servicing vehicle on the event will be excluded. All towing and any other vehicles accompanying competitors must be declared to the entry secretary before the event, with the names of the occupants and the registration details of the vehicle.

All supporters attending the event can assume they will be invited to marshal and if eligible will qualify for a free breakfast!

## 27. Insurance

Vehicles must have a valid motor insurance policy which provides as a minimum, Third Party Liability cover that complies with the Road Traffic Act. This can be either, by extending an existing motor policy to cover the event, or, by purchasing additional cover, providing under the Event Road Section Scheme as an adjunct to an existing motor policy. If a competitor has an extension to their 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 Road Section cover via the organisers then they can do so prior to the event providing they comply with the following:

- is aged 19 years or over
- has held a full driving licence for a minimum of 6 months
- has no more than 6 points on their licence
- has had no more than 1 fault claim in the last 3 years is named on a valid motor insurance policy for the vehicle they are driving
- do not have the Third-Party Extension cover on their existing motor policy
- the vehicle has a valid MOT and taxed for the road, unless exempt from doing so

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 parameters may be offered cover at equivalent terms or an agreed price, if approval from the Appointed Insurance Broker has been obtained by the event organisers, prior to the event. Approval can be sought by sending an email to [teresa.knight@reis.co.uk](mailto:teresa.knight@reis.co.uk) and provide the Drivers' name and date of birth, the date they past their driving test and details of any motoring claims and/or convictions.

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 event organizer(s). Cover will cease immediately if you are precluded, excluded or retire from the event.

The Event Road Section scheme is provided by Reis Motorsport Insurance and underwritten by Slipstream Underwriting a trading style of First Underwriting Limited.

The basic rate per driver for the Insured event, before any loadings will be **£29.00** including insurance premium tax at 12%, and £1.50 policy fee.

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### Marshals

As always, we need many marshals, so if you cannot compete please register as a marshal using the link on the Chelmsford MC website or contact the chief marshals, details are given below. Marshalling is a vital role for any event and the Preston requires about 100, so you will be very welcome and very much appreciated. Those of you intending to enter, please try hard to get some friends to marshal.

Register online at <https://chelmsfordmc.co.uk/Preston>

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