

Chelmsford Motor Club Presents

The Preston 2025

13th/14th December 2025

The 47th 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 47th 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 once again High lodge visitors centre, where hot food and snacks will be available. 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 www.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: 17:30 – 19:30. Your due time is 17:30 + Car Number (see attached entry list). **Be on time! Not early, not late, but on time.**

Scrutineering: 17:31 – 20:00

Signing on 17:30 – 20:15 at Oak Lodge, see diagram.

Compulsory competitors briefing at **20:15 prompt** outside cafe area.

Event Start, MTC1: 21:31 (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 on the A11 Thetford bypass.

7.5 Start Venue:

Enter venue (off of B1107) along the forest drive, sign posted High Lodge. Please drive with care. Toilets are available on site. Hot Food and Drink will be available in High Lodge Cafe. 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 06:30 a.m until 08:30 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.

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 at finish controls is to stop at the board and then pull forward to the marshal. This will be explained at the Drivers briefing.

Route checks are preceded by a reflective route check board, 50 metres before. The route check code board will be at a right angle to the road, marked with an orange downward arrow on the same stake.

Route checks being visited twice will use the following procedure; 1st time approach left, code board on the right. 2nd time approach right, code board on the left. This will be explained further 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.

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 the MSA.

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 the MSA.

The distance to first petrol is 89 miles.

After section 5 there is an assistance area where you may make repairs to your vehicle. Please hand in time card 1 to results crew here. If no crew present, please hand in at petrol 1 RPC20

1st Petrol halt is at BP Thetford bypass southbound on the A11. You will have 30 minutes here. Please refuel then hand in time card 2 at RPC20.

The distance to second Petrol is 49 miles.

2nd Petrol halt is at BP Thetford bypass southbound on the A11. You will have 30 minutes here, please hand in time card 3 at RPC32.

After section 15 there is another assistance area.

Please hand in time card 4, take to the finish control MTC46 at High Lodge café.

The distance to the finish is 81 miles.

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

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Start/Finish Venue Information

The Start/Finish Venue is

High Lodge Visitor Centre

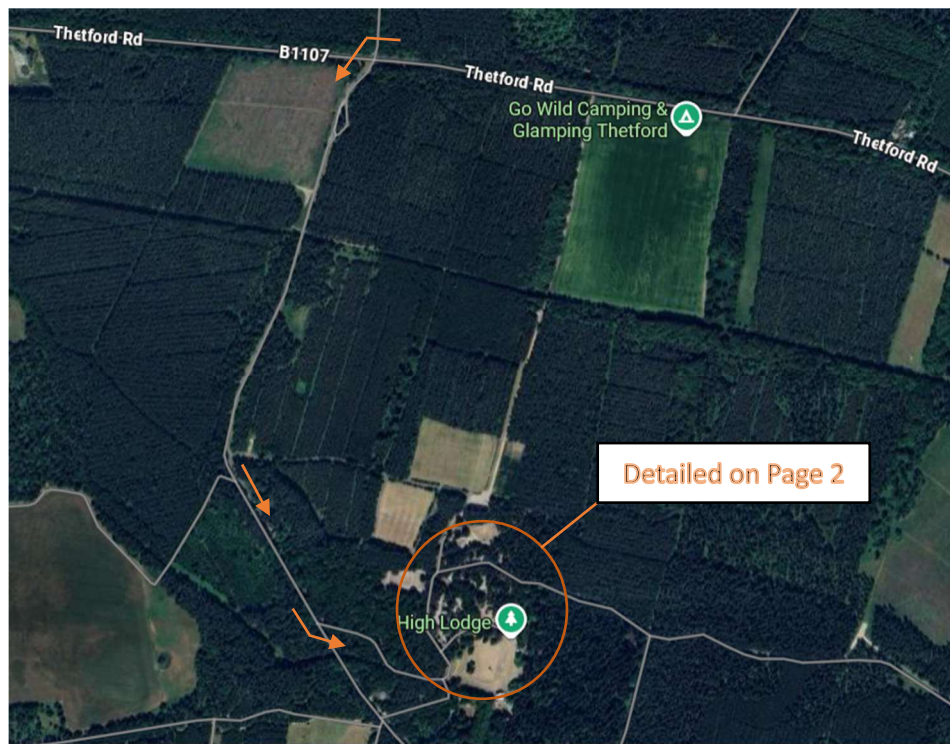
Thetford Forest, Brandon

off the B1107 between Brandon and Thetford

Sat Nav Postcode: IP27 0AF, Thetford Forest, Brandon

What three words for High Lodge Visitor Centre entry road off B1107: Eclipses.cheaply.riskiest

OS Grid Ref: TL 807 864

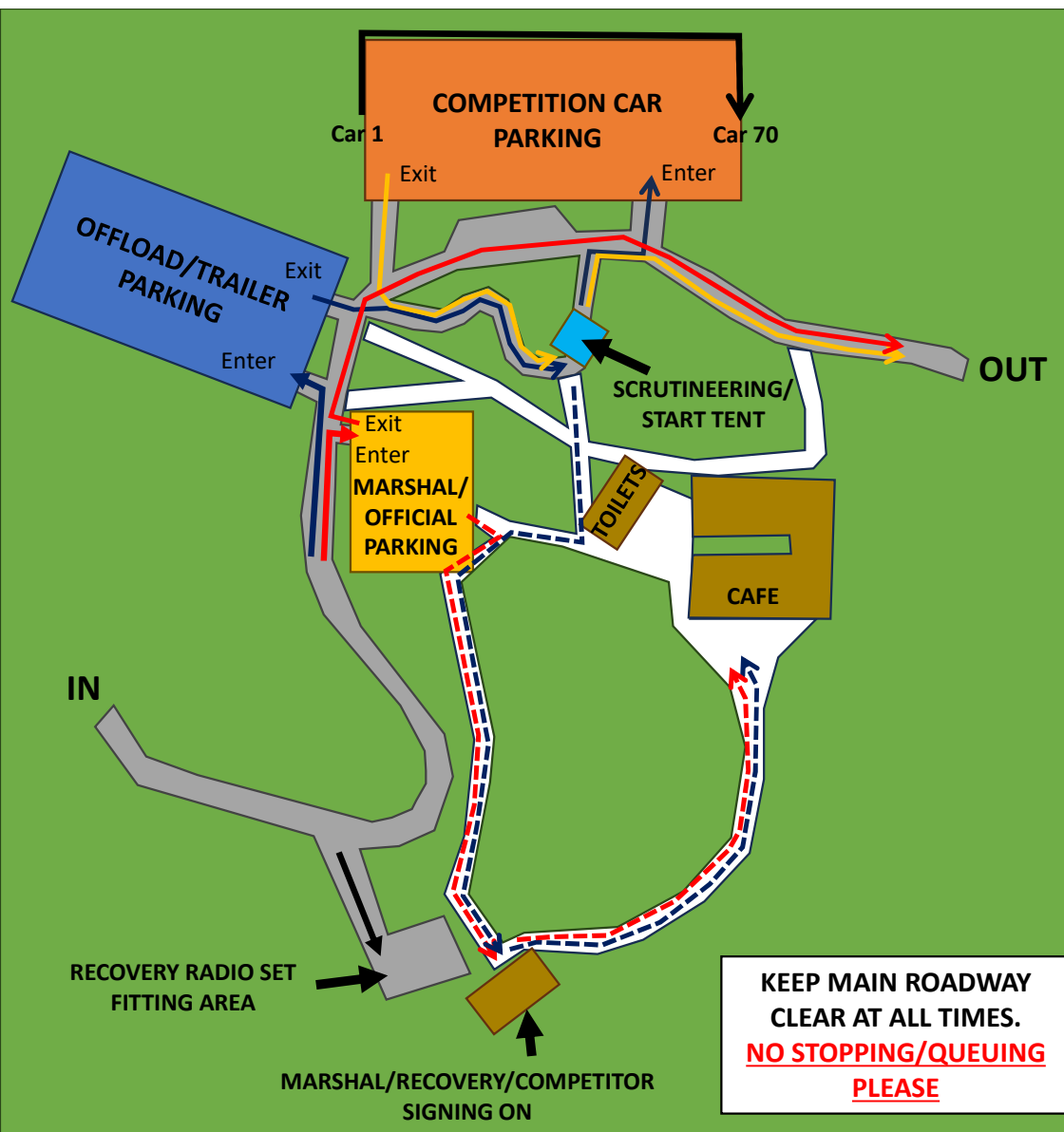


Signing on building will be open from 1730hrs

There is also a café on site serving hot/cold food and drinks open until approximately 2030hrs.

Many Thanks

Preston Rally 2025 Organising Team



HIGH LODGE - START VENUE PLAN

Marshals/Officials/Recovery :

- Arrive and follow **Red Route** to Marshals/Officials Car Park.
- Follow **Red Dashed Path** on foot to Signing On
- Follow **Red Dashed Path** to the Café/Toilets area. Plenty of seating available for those who have time/want to mingle
- Return to car park and follow **Red Route** to leave via main exit route

Competitors :

- Arrive and follow **Blue Route** to Offload/Trailer Parking (**Please enter this area even if you have driven your competition car to the venue as this will be where you need to queue from for scrutineering**)
- Exit in competition car and follow **Blue Route** to queue for scrutineering keeping main roadway clear.
- Exit scrutineering and follow **Blue Route** to Competition Car parking. Please park in number order with car 1 nearest to the car park exit
- Walk over to the paths and follow **Blue Dashed Path** to Signing On
- Follow **Blue Dashed Path** to the Café/Toilets area to mingle.
- When your start time is near, return to competition vehicle and follow **Yellow Route** to start line tent keeping main roadway clear.
- Follow **Yellow Route** to main exit route



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